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Rest peacefully, Duke

Duke rests after his last demonstration before retiring last September.

Former Farms K-9 officer passes away

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — “I was in Grosse Pointe Park’s conference room getting ready to eat lunch and I see this big, all-black

German shepherd, beautiful dog, come running in and I’m like, ‘What the hell? Who’s dog is this?’” recalled Paige Thomas, who around 2016 was a Park ordinance enforcement officer. The “beautiful dog”

was Duke Ellington, a Farms K-9 officer named for the jazz musician. His handler, Sgt. Tim Harris, now plans to marry Thomas next month.

“It’s funny, because I met Duke before I even met Tim,” she said.

Duke, who retired last September, was born April 3, 2013, and unexpectedly passed away in his sleep Saturday, July 1, at 10 years old.

His loss further illuminated innumerable lives touched in the last decade: perhaps no one

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One’s gotta go

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Coordinating pre-election stories can be like herding cats.

Candidates often go their own way and on their own time. It’s understandable on the municipal level where most members of and candidates for elected bodies are volunteers. They’re wedging campaigns into schedules already packed with family and professional obligations.

The group on the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary ballot for Park council city council, however, bucks the trend.

All seven candidates responded to a request for information by deadline or, unable to meet it,

sought with good reason and adequate notice for schedule adjustments to be made without a problem.

Voters in the primary election are tasked with culling the seven-member field by one candidate. The remaining six proceed to the general election Nov. 7. Voters then choose three winners.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the:

◆ **Tomkins Community Center** at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, for voters living in precincts 1 and 2; and

◆ **Lavins Activity Center** at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, for voters living in pre-

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Section C

Valentine to become next city manager

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Decades after working five years as an assistant harbor master at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club during college, Joseph Valentine is set to return to the east side — he also grew up in St. Clair Shores — as the new city manager for the City of Grosse Pointe.

Currently the assistant city manager for Farmington Hills and a father of three, Valentine also has a 24-year history with Birmingham, starting as an intern and serving his last six and a half years as its city manager.

“The connection for me, I think, was (that) Grosse Pointe has a warm residential charm with a very special downtown,” Valentine said, “and coming from another community that shared that same dynamic, it’s exciting to come back to that, because I do miss that



Joseph Valentine

and look forward to bringing a strong customer service focus to the existing great services that the city already provides. That was very appealing to me when I saw this opportunity.”

Valentine was selected out of 25 applicants who were narrowed down to 10 by a search firm and then down to four by the city council’s search committee. Search committee members were Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and councilmen Terence

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Shores still waiting for census answers

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City Manager Steve Poloni said he’s still waiting to hear from the U.S. Census Bureau about his appeal over the 2020 headcount.

According to the federal government, the Shores was the only one of the Pointes to lose population from 2010 to 2020, a reported 12.3 percent decrease from just over 3,000 residents to 2,570.

“I haven’t heard one word back,” Poloni said.

“I don’t think we’re in the ballpark. I sent our data in but got zero response.”

The city in early 2022 encouraged all residents to thoroughly fill out park pass applications, including listing minors in the household who

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80 artists set for Pointe’s Art Festival

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Returning for its third summer, the Pointe’s Art Festival is back and truly better than ever, switching it up by inviting more than double the artists from previous years to set up shop along Kercheval Avenue on The Hill rather than the municipal lot.

Also for the first time, the festivities will be free to the public and con-



finied to a single day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

“We have a lot of artists who are at-home businesses that are members of the chamber and

it allowed us one avenue to help promote and showcase their talent,” said Jenny Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, which puts on the art festival, of its humble beginnings. “... Each year it’s grown bigger and bigger, so there’s really a need for it.”

Exploding from 27 artists last year to a sold-out lineup of 80 artists set for August, “Next year we’re

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Liggett alum looks to be
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more than Riley Slattery, who is chronically ill and built a relationship with Duke and Harris after receiving a police escort parade home from school before an extensive leg surgery at 6 years old.

Only a percentage of the ways Harris and Duke supported Slattery throughout the years include showing up at her home in reindeer ears and a Rudolph nose one Christmas Eve; and when, upon learning Slattery was going as Batgirl one Halloween, Harris made Duke a Batman costume from JOANN Fabrics and joined her for trick-or-treating.

"I had my double-digit birthday during COVID," said Slattery, now 13, "and I remember Officer Harris drove in his car with Duke and had 'Happy Birthday' going on the radio, playing on a loud speaker and he came down the court ... and Duke and him brought a stuffed animal unicorn for me and I still have it."

Just as Harris' 2-year-old daughter, Becca, still has the blanket gifted to her by Riley and her mother when they were invited to the baby

shower.

"I think Riley was the one that picked it out and Becca, still to this day, it's her favorite blanket," Thomas said. "And Duke brought that into Tim's life."

As the parent of a suffering child, it's a different memory that stands out to Slattery's mom, Heidi.

"A couple years ago, Riley was doing hyperbaric treatment out in Troy and she had to sit in this hyperbaric chamber for an hour and a half every day for 40 days," she explained, "and so one time, Duke came out to the hyperbaric treatment and he put on his oxygen mask, too, and Officer Harris proceeded to tell Riley jokes for a solid hour with Duke just sitting there waiting patiently for her to get out."

On all occasions, Harris and Duke were a package deal.

The officer simply didn't go places where Duke wasn't welcome. His go-to neighborhood bar, and even his gym, allowed his partner to come along.

"He slept in bed with me," Harris said. "We did all the things you're not supposed to do. It worked for us."

"I can count on one hand the number of times



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Duke never ceased to be a big hit with children at community events, particularly the annual Racing for Kids on The Hill.

that we weren't together," he added.

Although Duke's success record and unyielding determination built a reputation known statewide — on multiple occasions officers from other jurisdictions started clapping in victory when Harris and Duke pulled up to a scene — he, too, was once an untrained puppy.

"It was (at the training academy) that I learned the thing that goes over the bed is called a bed scarf and it cost \$80," Harris said. "It was a long day and I wanted to bond with my dog, so we had our kennels in our rooms, but I fell asleep with him on the bed with me and I woke up to him (chewing) and I'm like, 'What the heck?' and I look and this thing's all shredded."

Even as Duke grew into his full K-9 potential and began tracking down bad guys hiding in abandoned Detroit homes and sniffing out a semi-automatic gun tossed during a getaway into a field near a neighborhood filled with children, he kept a somewhat remarkable balance with his off-duty playful side.

"He was very disciplined and serious when it came to work, but he was still a puppy at heart and would show that puppy side of him when he came to the station and got to socialize with myself and the other officers," said Holly

Krizmanich, who retired from the Farms as a lieutenant in 2021, and fondly remembers teaching Duke how to give her a kiss for a treat.

Even for Dan Jensen, the Farms director of public safety when Duke was brought in and for most of his career, his favorite memories of Duke have nothing much to do with his time on duty.

"He would stand on the drinking fountain and knew how to hit the button and drink from the drinking fountain," Jensen said. "Like a human, he'd stand on his two hind legs, hit the button and drink out of the drinking fountain. Then someone said, 'That doesn't look great if you're next in line,' so we then put pans on the floor with water."

Duke knew, mostly, how to help himself to something he liked probably a bit more than water, too.

"He'd come in the backdoor with Tim and he'd take off and come down right across my office, where my administrative assistant Kristin's desk is, and he knew she had treats in there," Jensen said. "And he knew how to open the desk drawer with his paw and then his nose and grab the bag of treats. He couldn't figure out how to do the Ziploc though. So I would catch him time and time again and

go, 'Hey Duke, Duke, what are you doing?' I'd go in there, open the thing, give him a couple of treats and he'd take off down the hallway."

Among many contenders, Thomas' favorite memory of Duke is when she and Harris brought him up north to the family cabin for the first time.

"That was the first time he had ever experienced water," she said, "and at first, because Tim went to throw him on the foam board, he just was fighting it and fighting it and fighting it, so (Tim) took out his lacrosse ball to lure him in and after that moment, it was like you could not get him to not go in the water."

"It just seemed like he was his happiest every time we were there," she added of the family cabin, where Duke's final resting place is among those of family pets throughout the years.

Duke now joins Gretchen Valade, the granddaughter to the Carhartt fortune who funded Duke's program and owned the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe; Valade passed away last December.

"She loved her dogs and especially Duke, because he helped protect the community she loved," her son, Mark Valade, said.

What made Duke so special, so unique even among other police dogs, in part may have been genetics, but just as

Harris so openly declares Duke brought him everything he has, Duke would not have been "the community glue," as Mayor Louis Theros said, without Harris being who he is.

"Duke and Tim were paired to be together," said Ed Arnold, team leader of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods SWAT team while Harris and Duke were operators on the team. "A higher calling, whatever it was, the two of them were meant to be partners."

Shores resident Sharon Peters met the pair in 2015, when she donated a K-9 ballistic vest in memory of her father, who was a police officer.

"He was my first big donation," Peters said, "and as soon as the vest came in, Tim was like a kid in a candy store, because it was a very important piece of equipment and not too many of the K-9s had them."

The relationship she formed with Harris and Duke spurred her to donate to nearly 300 K-9 units since then.

"To me — and I've met a lot of them — Tim is way up there on top as a K-9 handler, way up," Peters said. "Like the nosebleed section."

Duke was able to build his reputation and make use of his gifts, because Harris always was willing to take him out to a scene to track, no matter how much time had passed or how unlikely a successful outcome was. The officer simply never said no.

"Tim would always be so eager to help other departments," Krizmanich said. "If they had called for a K-9, Tim always volunteered his services with Duke and that came out of his confidence in knowing how good of a K-9 that Duke was."

"Tim put in countless hours of training," she continued, "and just always aspired to be one of the best dog handlers in the state, if not the country, and you could

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Duke makes sure Riley Slattery doesn't feel alone while spending an hour and a half in a hyperbaric chamber due to chronic illness in 2018.

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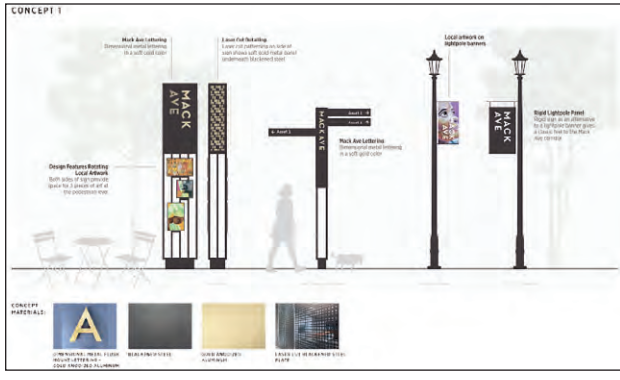
Voting open for Mack streetscape designs

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & DETROIT — With conceptual options now developed for a redesign of the Mack Avenue corridor intended to bring both sides of the street into greater unity, the Eastside Community Network is seeking community input ahead of developing its final design recommendations.

“We’re now at a point where we have some concepts to show the public (and) get some feedback on what the community wants to see,” said Eric Dryer, project manager with OHM Advisors, the consulting firm on the project.

The study area consists of Mack Avenue from Connor to Moross and has been broken down into three segments



COURTESY RENDERING

The first concept of four proposed options for unifying the Mack Avenue corridor’s identity and way-finding signage.

based on where the roadway changes.

From Conner to Balfour, the proposed options consist of:

- ◆ adding curb bumpouts and striped, on-street parking;
- ◆ adding curb bumpouts, a landscaped median and parking lanes;
- ◆ or transitioning to three driving lanes with a raised mobility lane and

curb bumpouts.

From Balfour to Cadieux, the proposed options consist of:

- ◆ adding curb bumpouts and striped parking lanes;
- ◆ three driving lanes with parking on both sides and landscaped crossing islands;
- ◆ or three driving lanes with parking on one side, a raised mobility lane and crossing islands.

From Cadieux to Moross, the proposed options consist of:

- ◆ adding curb bumpouts and striped parking lanes;
- ◆ or adding curb bumpouts, striped parking lanes, midblock crossings and widened sidewalks.

Aside from on-street parking being considered a high priority, the designs also focus on traffic calming.

“How can we essentially get cars to drive the speed limit?” Dryer noted. “We’re not trying to really slow people down, but the speed limit’s 30 miles an hour and people drive 50.”

Feedback also is being sought on four separate concepts regarding unifying the corridor’s identity and wayfinding signage.

Each features rotating artwork on street lights, but varies in its use of

material for lettering and poles.

“These are based on what the community had told us in the first round,” Dryer said. “Really what they wanted to see was something that was classic with some natural touches, so a lot of these include wood, like cedar, with a protective coating, a lot of black metal with gold lettering and then the idea to include public art within each of the concepts was a big thing.”

“The goal with this is to



have a little bit of (a) classic touch and match the existing architecture and design that’s out there.”

To see designs of the concepts or take the survey, visit survey123.arcgis.com/share/ebe6ecfcd483479fbd59c76a645044cc or via the QR code.

Park construction update

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Five construction projects in the city are underway or about to start.

Parking lots

Two parking lots behind businesses south of a two-block stretch of Kercheval between Maryland and Beaconsfield are closed due to construction of, yes, two parking lots.

The project involves building

landscaped lots through a public-private venture by the city Tax Increment Finance Authority and privately financed Grosse Pointe Park Business District Improvement Foundation. The owner of the Grosse Pointe News is involved with the foundation.

During construction, the city offers free parking behind the Corewell Health (formerly Beaumont) building on Kercheval

between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield. Park officials warned motorists not to test fate by parking in the health facility’s lot. Towing may result.

Meanwhile at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church on Mack between Three Mile and Whittier, preparations are underway for installing a new water main under the campus parking lot between Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

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going to have to find a bigger street,” joked Abigail Turnbull, the chamber’s membership and event coordinator.

The creative lineup runs the span of painters, mixed media, pottery, woodworking, metal fixtures, clothing, purses, jewelry, candles, succulent arrangements, stuffed pets and custom pet portraits.

The fun also will include therapy ponies, which can be pet and fed — “They like licorice,” Boettcher noted — a painting robot, courtesy of Botmasterz, the Grosse Pointe all-girl robotics team; face painting and a glitter station with Part of Your World Princess

Company; a giant snake from 2 to 4 p.m. from the Repertorium in Utica; caricatures; a kids corner featuring rock art; and a poetry station, where poems will be written based on clients saying a word.

Onstage will be performers The Reason You Came, with Bobby and Naomi McManus from 10 a.m. to noon, Hannah Francis from noon to 3 p.m. and Laurie and the Lefties from 3 to 6 p.m.

“People are encouraged, because there is going to be music all day, to bring their folding chairs if they’d like and enjoy the entertainment,” Boettcher said.

While there will be snow cones and a beer tent, food trucks intentionally will not be gracing Kercheval.

“We decided, because

there’s so many restaurants up here, that we really wanted to give them the business instead,” Boettcher explained. “... Even the (retail) businesses are excited we’re coming up on the street, because it allows them to open up their doors and have the thousands of people that are coming to the event bringing foot traffic to their business as well.”

Attendees are welcome to park in the municipal lot behind The Hill, as well as in the Richard Elementary

School parking lot.

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TUESDAY, JULY 25

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Public Relations Committee meeting, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Synchronized Swim Show, 10 a.m. at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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Thomas and Chris Walsh.

The committee recommended Valentine to council during a special meeting Thursday, July 13, during which council unanimously voted to accept his application, conduct a background check and then empower the city attorney and mayor to negotiate a contract.

“He has everything that we need,” Tomkowiak said of Valentine’s selection. “He comes from a community that’s commensurate in terms of age and size. He understands the infrastructure. We have a very small staff, so we need a city manager who can be hands-on and very active in working on a lot of the issues.”

“In Birmingham, he started as an intern, he was human resources

director, he negotiated contracts,” she added. “Just about everything that we need done, he has done, so it was a pretty easy answer.”

Valentine is looking forward to contributing his professional skills and experience to the various economic development initiatives ongoing in the city, as well as to the continued success of the downtown district and in keeping the momentum of initiating efforts from the new master plan.

“I think the city council’s done a great job at managing the city,” Valentine said, “and I look forward to working with them and all the community stakeholders to continue the great work moving forward.”

While an official start date is not yet determined, “We’re hoping we will have a final contract for council to approve at the August meeting,” Tomkowiak said.

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Pointer works toward NBA dream at Summer League

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Years from now, people might be hearing about how NBA general manager Mac Katz orchestrated the latest big trade or free agent signing. That is what Katz, a recent graduate of University Liggett School, hopes will one day be the case — and is why he is putting in the work now to get there.

The past few summers, Katz has spent time in Las Vegas working toward his dream of one day working in basketball by working at the NBA Summer League. He made the trip again this July and spent the last few weeks serving as a team attendant for the Miami Heat.

“I go to practices and games and set up the locker rooms,” Katz said. “I get to be behind the bench doing stuff like filling up waters, helping the physical therapists.

... I served as a ball boy for two years and got promoted and assigned to the Miami Heat last year and this year they asked for me back. It's been really fun.”

While it may not be the most glamorous position, Katz knows it is the kind of work needed in order to reach his goal of being in an NBA front office some day. It also simply comes down to his love for the game of basketball.

Katz enjoys being on the court and played varsity basketball at Liggett, one of four varsity sports he participated in over the years. His real passion when it comes to basketball, however, has evolved into enjoying what goes on behind the scenes. Some might consider Katz a basketball analytics guru, but that knowledge did not necessarily come from his time on the court, rather his time spent with an Xbox controller.

“I got the Xbox One for Christmas when it first came out and it came with NBA 2K14,” Katz said. “I became obsessed with the GM mode where you get to run a team and trade guys and sign players and all that stuff. I was playing so much and I kind of memorized every guy in the NBA at that point and where they played and how much money they made. ... It really fascinated me and made it my dream to work in an NBA front office or just be involved in the game of basketball.”

His dream is to work in basketball, but Katz made sure he got to try his hand in as many sports as possible. Each fall, Katz played on Liggett's varsity boys soccer team and threw



COURTESY PHOTOS

Katz played varsity basketball at Liggett and is continuing to work in the game by being a team attendant for the Miami Heat at this year's NBA Summer League.

on the pads during weekends as kicker for the Knights' football team.

Then it was on to basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring.

“I was always playing multiple sports at a time from a young age,” Katz said. “... I think my favorite sport to play was soccer. Coach (David) Dwaihy is such a great person and coach. ... And my favorite team was this year. We're all great friends and grew up playing baseball together. Even though we came up short in the end, it was great to have one last ride with those guys.”

Katz is not going to play sports in college, but is looking forward to focusing his academics on helping him reach his dream career. He soon will make the move to central New York to begin his freshman year at Syracuse University. Katz has not settled on a

major yet, but plans on working his way into business school.

Even before Katz takes a seat in his first college class, his resume already is impressive. Few of his classmates likely will have had the experience Katz has gotten working at the Summer League. Even better, in Katz's eyes, are the people he has had the opportunity to meet. Brushing elbows with his heroes is not only pretty cool, but also can establish connections that might one day help him take the helm of an NBA franchise.

“I get to talk to people like Duncan Robinson after a game and I'm a huge Michigan fan, so I couldn't let that opportunity go by,” Katz said. “It's so cool just seeing some of these guys walk by and be able to say ‘What's up?’ to them.”



Above, football was one of four varsity sports Katz participated in at Liggett, serving as the team's kicker. Right, Katz's senior year with the Knights ended in a trip to the Division 2 baseball state championship game.



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definitely see that in Duke's working style.”

Harris wasn't just quick

to bring Duke to the aid of law enforcement. The K-9 became a staple at community events, easy to spot simply by the crowd of kids always huddled around him, as

Harris passed out custom Duke baseball cards.

The two were bonded in a shared desire to help in any way they could.

“When we lost our (dog) Charlie, our Charlie

used to leave her nose prints on the glass at the front of our house and we had window washers coming to wash them and Riley was so worried,” Heidi Slattery recalled, “so I asked Officer Harris if there was a way to preserve the nose prints and he came over with a fingerprinting kit and preserved Charlie's nose prints for us.”

Harris, and others who knew him, often described Duke as so much more than a pet, or even a dog. He was intelligent, hard-working, kind and loved his partner more than anything else in his world — with only the possible exception of his lacrosse ball.

“Obviously, he wasn't a human,” Thomas said, “but he was better than that, because of just how well they complemented each other and the teamwork that they did with one another.”



Above, Duke in the early days of his career with Sgt. Tim Harris and Gretchen Valade in 2014. Left, Duke has all his attention on his partner Sgt. Tim Harris during a demonstration at Kerby Elementary School's 2022 end of year carnival.

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Stolen from car

A pair of Persol sunglasses and a phone charger were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Lincoln between 6 p.m. Monday, July 10, and noon the next day.

Youths

Two teenage boys rummaged through an unlocked 2021 Jeep Cherokee in the 900 block of Rivard at 4:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 11. Nothing was taken, but items inside were strewn around the vehicle.

Fraud

A Grosse Pointe man discovered Tuesday, July 11, a fraudulent account was opened in his name at a Chime Bank in California.

Suspicious van

A white Ford transit van was reported Tuesday, July 11, for parking multiple times on private property behind a Cranford Lane residence.

Is py

A suspect attempted to steal a large amount of Monster Energy drinks from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, but abandoned the items near the exit when he noticed the manager and other store personnel watching him.

He is described as a 25-year-old white man with light hair, driving a Chrysler four-door sedan.

Delivery

A Grosse Pointe man's credit card was used to deliver a pizza to an address on Chatsworth in Detroit at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

Authority figure

Officers responded to a patient refusing to leave a local hospital at 1:40 a.m. Friday, July 14. He left upon their arrival.

Account fraud

An unknown person attempted to make three online transactions from a Grosse Pointe man's credit union account Friday, July 14.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public

Swim finals next week

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A swim meet always breaks out when the Mutants, Warriors, Norbs, Sharks and Barracudas get together.

The biggest meet of the year is next week at Windmill Pointe Park at the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Lake Front Swimming Association Championships, better known as the swim finals, pits municipal teams from all five Grosse Pointes in a flurry of white water, flip turns and chants of "stroke, stroke, stroke."

Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Loss of life

A black 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 200 block of Hillcrest between 9:45 p.m. Monday, July 10, and 8:30 a.m. the next day. It was unlocked with the keys under the driver's seat.

The owner was able to access the vehicle's location through the Jeep app, but as officers approached, the vehicle struck an oncoming car near Kelly and Morang before overturning several times.

An unknown deceased male was found in the driver's seat.

Vehicle break-ins

Car thieves perused the Farms throughout the past week.

Incidents apart from the one above include:

◆ A Costco membership card, Detroit Athletic Club parking pass and Chase Bank debit card were stolen from a Jeep Grand Cherokee in the 100 block of Vendome between 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, and 8 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A would-be thief only was successful in smashing a window and causing interior damage to a gold 2015 Kia Soul parked in the 200 block of Fisher between 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Another would-be thief left a window smashed and the steering column cover detached from a black 2020 Kia Optima at some point between Tuesday, July 11, and 7:15 a.m. Thursday, July 13.

◆ A wallet was stolen from an unlocked black 2015 Jeep Cherokee in the 300 block of Piche between 11 p.m. Saturday, July 15, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Another wallet was stolen from an unlocked black 2011 Mercedes Benz in the 400 block of Hillcrest between 10 p.m. Saturday, July 15, and 8:56 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A wallet containing credit cards, as well as an iPhone 11 and AirPods, were stolen from an unlocked Jeep Grand

Cherokee on Calvin between 6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, and 6 a.m. the next morning.

◆ A wallet was stolen from a gray 2022 Lincoln Corsair in the 300 block of Hillcrest between 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15, and 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

◆ At 4:24 a.m. Sunday, July 16, home surveillance footage in the 300 block of Hillcrest picked up an unknown suspect checking the doors to cars in the homeowner's driveway. When he saw the doors were locked, he left the area.

A Nixle from the public safety department was sent to residents Monday, reminding car owners to lock vehicles, roll up the windows and not to leave valuables in the car or visible.

Stolen bike

A light blue Liv intermediate-sized mountain bike with flower saddle bags was stolen from the 100 block of Vendome overnight into Tuesday, July 11.

Made you look

Two men stole \$81.60 worth of cigarettes when the clerk at a business in the 19000 block of Mack turned his back to retrieve more packs at 1:38 p.m. Wednesday, July 12.

The suspects are described as two approximately 30-year-old black men. The first had long black hair styled in dreadlocks and was wearing a blue "Bathing Apes" T-shirt and ornate glasses. The second had short black hair, a mustache or goatee and was wearing a white T-shirt.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Car break-ins

Prowlers plus unlocked and unattended parked vehicles describe the setting in which at least three of four larcenies from autos were reported last week.

The first happened on Pointe Park Place between 3 p.m. Monday, July 10, and 7 a.m. the next day. The victim reported \$50 taken.

Then, during a two-day-and-night period starting 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, someone stole \$50 in currency from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Audubon.

In the 1100 block of Devonshire overnight Wednesday, July 12, someone took \$12 in currency from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway.

Lastly, during a 24-hour timeframe starting 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, someone entered a vehicle parked curbside in the 1100 block of Maryland and took \$5.

Nab thief

Police drydocked a buccaneering porch pirate at 6:42 a.m. Friday, July 15, in the 1100 block of Berkshire.

Officers said they found the 30-year-old Detroit male suspect in possession of packages he'd taken off the front porch of a nearby residence.

"Officers responded to the area on a report of a suspicious subject carry-

ing a package," according to police.

Plate taken

A license plate was reported removed from a vehicle parked between 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, and 3:30 p.m. the next day in the driveway of a house in the 1400 block of Berkshire.

Crashes stolen car

A bad guy came and went shortly before 3 a.m. Monday, July 17, in the 1300 block of Somerset near Charlevoix.

Officers responding to a two-vehicle crash spotted the unknown driver of one of the vehicles, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee, run away to a third vehicle and leave the area.

Records showed the Jeep to be stolen.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Unlicensed

A 63-year-old Detroit woman was ticketed for not having a valid driver's license or proof of

insurance after being pulled over for speeding on southbound Lakeshore near Provençal around 11 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Debit card debt

A resident in the 1900 block of Broadstone filed a report around 4 p.m. Monday, July 10, after a debit card was sent to his previous address. When he contacted the bank, he was told the card already had \$1,892 in charges on it.

Drinking & drugs

A 23-year-old Warren man was arrested around 6:15 p.m. Friday, July 14, after telling officers he'd been drinking and used crack cocaine when he was found in his vehicle on Allard near Harper.

Officers were sent to check on the man and found him sitting in his vehicle yelling and throwing things around.

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



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Best of the Best and more

Sunshiny summer is in full swing here in the Pointes, despite an air quality warning or five. The grass is green, the parks are full, lemonade stands are aplenty and here at the Grosse Pointe News, things are equally as fun (if we do say so ourselves).

In this issue you will find our third annual Best of the Best special section, presenting all of the winners of this year's contest. This is a fantastic tool to keep on hand at home and reference whenever you need a reminder of where to shop or find the best services in town.

Now, we know that all of the businesses around are top notch — because we are a picky bunch and only the strong survive — but the votes have been counted and these lucky few get bragging rights for a whole year. And regardless of who won or who did not, please be sure to shop local as much as possible.

My challenge to you for the summer is this: Delete your Amazon app and spend your hard-earned money in your friends' and neighbors' shops. Trust me, you'll find almost everything you could want and you'll feel good about doing it.

Today we are also kicking off our second annual Athlete of the Year contest. Readers will choose one male and one female winner, whom you deem most deserving of the accolades and a \$500 scholarship.

This year we had 44 impressive athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School. The choices will not be easy, but once you read about the talent and hard work these athletes put in, you will find yourself inspired about the talent that is in our own hometown.

Be sure to cast your votes (one per day, per IP address) at grossepointenews.com/athlete or fill out the form in this week's paper on page 3D.

And to cap off all of this good news, the Grosse Pointe News now has an app! Download it in the app store on your phone and take advantage of cool features like an easy-to-read e-edition and so much more!

To make it even easier, simply use one of these QR codes to take you straight to the app.

We are so happy to bring you innovative and on-the-go ways to stay informed and entertained, including your choices for GP's best businesses and most accomplished and inspiring athletes.

Is there something you would like us to cover? Let us know at media@grossepointenews.com. Happy reading!

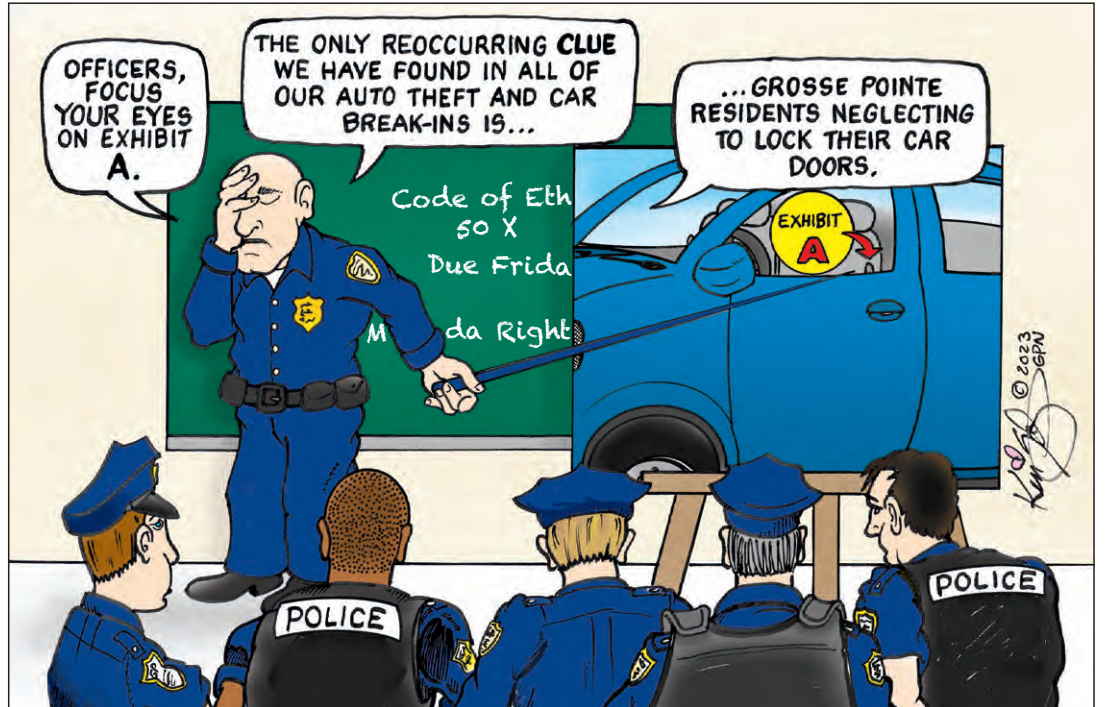


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GUEST VIEW By Dr. M. Jon Dean

An accurate update regarding Trombly site and building

Dear GPPSS community, I am aware of information being shared in the community regarding the future of the Trombly Elementary School site and building. The purpose of this guest column is to provide accurate information for our community regarding Trombly and to reduce unnecessary anxiety and worry caused by incomplete or incorrect information:

- ◆ Trombly is not and has never been for sale.
- ◆ Several months ago the Board of Education formed a committee that includes Trustees David Brumbaugh, Sean Cotton and Ginny Jeup; members of GPPSS administration; members of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, including Mayor Michele Hodges; as well as members of the Park administration to review options for the Trombly site that would be mutually beneficial for GPPSS and the community. This committee continues to meet.

- ◆ Any final decision regarding Trombly would be made by the Board of Education. Trustee Cotton has shared publicly, "I did not run for the BoE with the long-term plan to sell Trombly to a charter school or to sell Trombly to anyone. I am not affiliated with Hill Pointe and neither is anyone in my family. ... I am all in for the GPPSS."

As stated by our Board President Ahmed Ismail, "The Board of Education must act as a wise steward of the funds and assets entrusted to us, such as the Trombly building." He added, "That is why I formed a committee last winter to study what would be the best use of that site for our schools and the broader community."

The best use of Trombly is one that provides value to both the Grosse Pointe Park community and the Grosse Pointe Public School System. A charter school is neither needed by our community, nor appropriate for Trombly.

Our administration and board agree that enrollment is a focus. As you know, since Proposal A passed in 1994, the vast majority of our school funding comes from the state of Michigan in a per-pupil allocation. Why would we sell or lease a building to a competitor that could exacerbate declining enrollment? The Hill Pointe leader-

ship's assertion that such an arrangement would be a win-win is a fallacy.

Our district will continue to study the root cause of enrollment changes through exit surveys, interviews and listening sessions as we have consistently done the last three years. We know the primary causes of our enrollment loss include declining birth rates, limited housing stock on the market and families choosing other options due to COVID and masking policies. We were pleased that for this past school year our enrollment exceeded projections provided by Plante Moran

CRESA.

GPPSS has worked hard to win students back and show them the depth and breadth of offerings we provide. GPPSS is an amazing place for students to grow and learn. Compare our 126-page high school program of studies, including 27 Advanced Placement classes and a growing Career and Technical Education program, our 30 varsity sports, our fine and performing arts, and our Grammy Award-winning music programs to the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular offerings elsewhere, or lack thereof.

Leaders make difficult decisions that keep funding focused on our core mission, which is student learning. I continue to be proud of the educational opportunities provided to all of our students.

Dr. M. Jon Dean is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Appalled

To the Editor:
As a retired nurse I was appalled to read a public safety report (July 13, 2023) stating that a police officer was bitten by a suspect and subsequently was refused treatment by a nurse at a local hospital because he was armed. In the nursing profession, nurses do not get to choose which patients they treat. As Florence Nightingale said, nurses should "zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need." This "nurse" would perhaps be better off in a different kind of work. My thanks to the officers who also don't get to choose the people they encounter every day.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

When you give a girl a best buddy



When you give a girl a best buddy, she gains another friend rather than losing her sister to motherhood. And — if she's re-

ally, really lucky — she gets an older brother out of the deal too.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she thinks videos of the little guy cooing in the middle of the night are cute as heck — until she's stuck up north in the same room as him and it's 4 a.m.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she finds she doesn't care all that much when her nice white blouse gets a giant pee stain down the front before the family even sits down for

Thanksgiving dinner. She's not quite up to his parents' level of catching vomit in her hands because it's easier to clean than the carpet, though.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she gets more enjoyment out of walking the hotel hallway rocking him to sleep than she would joining the other travelers to chat over a continental breakfast. She'll even happily leave a wedding reception to put him to bed — even if he ends up screaming for a good,

long time and his mom comes back to her failure.

When you give a girl a best buddy, her iPhone storage quickly skyrockets to a grand total of 14,513 photos. Only about 3,000 are screenshots of things she swore she would need to remember and never looked at again.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she unleashes a menace on anyone with muscle pain by teaching him that every crouched back is an invitation for a piggy-

back ride.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she'll find herself crawling into a mini ball pit, a leftover cardboard box and hiding behind a crib with open slats during hide-and-go-seek.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she'll rewatch the video of his limp-armed wave about 100 billion times, because she was the first person he ever waved goodbye to by himself.

When you give a girl a best buddy, if she's wise, she'll spend every

chance to rock him to sleep praying over the little guy's future.

When you give a girl a best buddy, she'll marvel over his intelligence, over his desire to help out with tasks that he proves time and time again aren't actually too big for a 14-month-old, and over his cute little nose.

And, when you give a best buddy a girl, he gains someone who has his back for life — even if he goes through an awful teenage boy phase.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

PARK COUNCIL RAPS AUTO CLUB:

The Commissioners of Grosse Pointe Park are far from pleased with the dilatory tactics displayed by the Automobile Club of Michigan in connection with the planned erection of a new clubhouse at Somerset and Jefferson, permission for which was given by the village more than two and one half years ago. ... Club officials stated that they intend to build the new structure (but) they were still adhering to their excuse of waiting until building costs come down.

SHORES GETTING READY TO FORM PLAN COMMISSION:

At the meeting of the Village Trustees of Grosse Pointe Shores, there was a general discussion of the proposal to provide a planning commission for the village. It was believed this matter should no longer be neglected and that a commission should be provided for based on the state law.

BALL DIAMOND PLAN OPOSED:

A vigorous protest was lodged

with the Park Village Commissioners by Earl R. Perkins against the development of a baseball diamond on the municipally owned property at the foot of Three Mile Drive. Mr. Perkins is spokesman for a group of residents opposed to any diamond. Their objection is on the score of noise and the general disturbance of the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.

1973

50 years ago this week

FARMS ADOPTS ZONING LAW:

A group of Farms residents, a majority from Beverly Road, packed the Farms council chambers, apparently concerned with the proposed enactment of a newly revised zoning ordinance which has been in the making for the past nine months. It appeared that the prime concern of the citizens was that such an ordinance would permit the subdividing and building of townhouses and condominiums on the Rose Terrace estate of the late Anna Thompson Dodge.

FARMS LIMITS PARKING AROUND

SCHOOL BOARD

COTTAGE HOSPITAL:

Signs limiting parking to only two hours during the period from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, have been posted in areas surrounding Cottage Hospital. The signs were installed after petitions were received from residents of streets in the vicinity of the hospital who had complained to the Farms council that visitors and hospital and Hill business personnel have been monopolizing parking in front of their homes, leaving vehicles parked all day.

1998

25 years ago this week

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LANDS CIRCA 1850 CABIN:

A piece of Michigan history has found a new home on the grounds of the headquarters of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. A log cabin dating circa 1850 and billed to society president Charles Berschback as the oldest building in Macomb County will be erected in the back yard of the Provençal-Weir House on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. The 10-by-14-foot cabin was donated to the society by Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

SCHOOL BOARD

INFIGHTING AND KONRAD SWORN IN:

Although the Grosse Pointe public school board internal elections were completed at the July 7 organizational meeting, the internecine fractiousness between what appears to be a minority split and majority coalition will most likely continue throughout the upcoming school year. Board member John Mills dramatically declined nomination for treasurer, accusing his colleagues in a short but emotional monologue, "I hear a lot about ending this divisiveness and 'coming together' to work as one board. But it appears that the results of this (trustees) election were predetermined."

LIBRARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$10,000 GIFT:

Don Sweeney is smiling. As president of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Endowment, he recently

received an unsolicited check for \$10,000 donated by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Stephen R. Vartanian. "All he asked for in return were three things," Sweeney said. "A plaque in the audio-visual room of the central library with name of donor; a formal gifts campaign to solicit matching funds; and an article in the Grosse Pointe News."

2013

10 years ago this week

WORSHIPPING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

The name "Trinity Terrace" came to Maureen and Joseph Kaiser of Grosse Pointe Farms while they were flying. Was it divine inspiration by the nature of their venue? As benefactors of

Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church's new outdoor worship space, Trinity Terrace, the couple modestly says, "We have been blessed." Trinity Terrace transformed the green space where years of summer services were held into a designated gathering site to be used not only for worship services but picnics, classes, weddings and memorial services.

MR. BASEBALL:

Grosse Pointe South senior Carmen Benedetti was named co-Mr. Baseball 2013 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, along with Temperance Bedford pitcher Jackson Lamb. Benedetti hit .500 this season with six home runs, 33 RBIs and 32 walks. He set the school record for career home runs with 22. Benedetti is playing baseball for the University of Michigan this fall.

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For pre-primary coverage, each candidate was asked the following questions: name, age, education background, employment if any; and

◆ If elected to council, what do you want to accomplish in your first term?

◆ What do you think the current council is doing correctly, if anything?

◆ What would you do differently than the current council, if anything?

◆ Here's the last and best part. Add anything you want.

Candidates were asked to cap answers at about 15 column inches of copy. Responses appear alphabetically.

Brent Dreaver

◆ Age: 38
 ◆ Education: MBA, University of Michigan Ross School of Business (corporate strategy and operations management); Lean Six Sigma, University of Michigan; BA, University of Michigan (philosophy).

◆ Employment: I am a senior business analyst at Rocket Central, and have worked for the Family of Companies since college, for over 10 years. Before



Brent Dreaver



Jay Kennedy



Tim Kolar



Marty McMillan

college, I served in the Marine Corps, including as a crew chief and Sergeant of Marines for Marine One. I served for six years over two presidential administrations.

Principally, I want to increase transparency and give residents a greater view and voice. Council's decisions and consideration will be more robust, well-considered, and thoughtful with more resident input; they will also be better accepted by the community when community member voices have been included, and council will enjoy better community trust when it offers transparency in return.

My first term, I will work to improve access to meetings, minutes, and upcoming decisions.

I admire council's tireless work to improve our city while balancing complex budgets and implementing plans that are even more complex than the budgets.

In addition to the above points about transparency and participation, I would apply my strategy and operations management background to implement accountability measures to proposed plans in order to keep them (1) on track with timelines to the extent possible, and (2) faithful

to the plans initially proposed to the community and approved by council as they reach completion.

In particular, we are overdue for a comprehensive infrastructure financing plan.

I enthusiastically invite anyone who wants to learn more about me or my campaign platform to go for a coffee or beer around town. I love learning about the issues that are important to my neighbors and bouncing ideas around. Just don't ask me about my kid or my car if you have plans immediately afterward.

Jay Kennedy

◆ Age: 68
 ◆ Education: BBA in accounting with honors from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration (now the Ross Business School); Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School.

◆ Employment: Attorney at Warner Norcross + Judd LLP in Detroit.

If elected to council, my overall goal is to maintain Grosse Pointe Park as a city of choice for young families. My top priorities for my first term are public safety, completing the EERV, reviewing other infrastructure needs and help-

ing shape the best possible outcome for Trombly School.

I believe that the current council is properly focused on maintaining a balanced budget. However, there should be more emphasis on strategic, long-term planning that recognizes public safety and infrastructure as top priorities.

I have been a resident of Grosse Pointe Park for a total of over 50 years. I grew up on Trombly Road and later lived there with my wife Laura and children John, Alexander and Emily. My children and I attended Trombly School, Pierce and Grosse Pointe South High School. I am a 30-year trustee and past president of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. I am also a past chair of the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section and was the 2019 Best Lawyers Detroit Tax Lawyer of the Year.

For more information, please visit my website at jkennedyforgppcitycouncil.org.

Tim Kolar

◆ Age: 42
 ◆ Education: MBA — Gies College of Business, University Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Bachelor's in accounting, finance, international studies — Kelley School of Business; Indiana University Bloomington.

◆ Employment: State Office Administrator — State of Michigan.

Early in my first term, I will create a clear communication framework. This will allow for expanded community engagement and direct communication between

the council and Park residents. This direct communication and transparency will allow me (and the council) to better address continuing concerns regarding public safety, our city budget and our city's infrastructure needs.

Most of our council members (and our mayor) claim they are "getting things done." I believe that their version of "getting things done" at best falls short.

The lack of transparency, lack of appropriate community engagement, and all-around bad decision-making (particularly with land deals) has been documented.

And where are we now?

The city removed the previous director of public safety solely for budgetary reasons and has left our public safety department short-staffed. The key crime metrics are up 61 percent year-over-year.

The city has begun to address the needs of our aging infrastructure systems, but where is the comprehensive plan to address the \$91 million in infrastructure needs the city manager identified when selling last fall's tax increase to the community? How many lead pipes have been replaced as required by state law?

The city has also failed to capitalize on the grant funding opportunities our neighboring communities have received.

The city ran a budget deficit which saw them sell a city-owned property at a significant loss in order to get the current budget back into the

black.

The city allowed bulldozers to show up unannounced feet from our citizens' homes as neighboring homes were leveled to make way for parking lots.

Our relationship with our neighbor, Detroit, has soured and the city has been subject to negative publicity because of failures of communication.

The diversity and sustainability committees were abolished. Having such committees should be standard practice for a vibrant community.

I am a forensic accountant by background, with advanced degrees in strategic leadership and operations. As a council member who is frustrated with our current situation, I will focus on civic responsibility and transparency. Two key initiatives to do this are a balanced budget with proper forecasting and a clear communication strategy.

The budget should indicate first, our community priorities; and second, our plans for the future. A clear communication strategy allows the city council to get a firm grasp of community priorities and to then communicate clearly back to the community.

My role and responsibility as a member of the city council is to represent the needs and desires of residents of Grosse Pointe Park. I am a father of two young girls and believe there is no better place to create your own family haven than in our wonderful Grosse Pointe Park community.

If you are searching for a councilperson who is accessible, has leadership experience, a strong understanding of finance; is focused on fiscal responsibility and communication, and excellence, then please vote for me on Aug. 8 and then again on Nov. 7. Thank you.

Marty McMillan

◆ Age: 66
 ◆ Education: Wayne State University.

◆ Employment: Retired owner/vice president Office Furniture and Supply Company.

Grosse Pointe Park, like many communities, faces serious future fiscal challenges and the council must set priorities and make strategic decisions that support our tax base, provide superior amenities, and keep our community safe and secure.

The safety and security of the Grosse Pointe Park community is my highest priority. On council, I will work tirelessly to ensure that our public safety officers have the equipment and resources needed so they can continue to excel at their work.

Also, the city's two spectacular parks, marina and recreation programming are what

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set our community apart. I will continue to support fiscally responsible recommendations from the Recreation Commission and city administration.

Finally, we must build a strong tax base by encouraging business growth and improving our property values. We cannot allow blight in our city and that means ensuring our ordinances are up to date and followed by the administration. It also means finding the best result for the current vacant Trombly School, through positive and constructive dialogue with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and restoring it to being a vibrant educational asset for the community.

The city is currently working with a balanced budget, which is a vast improvement from last year's deficit budget. The city was able to sustain essential services and make required improvements during record inflation and a worldwide pandemic.

While we are headed in the right direction, we must be vigilant in making fiscally responsible decisions going forward. The city must run an efficient operation and set spending priorities that rank public safety first. Rising pension and employee benefit costs will require effective and appropriate collective bargaining negotiations. The budget must effectively forecast future operating costs and delineate required improvements versus desired improvements.

Also, Grosse Pointe Park city council has made significant progress in addressing the flooding issue that affected hundreds of homes in June of 2021, but the work is not done. Together with my colleagues on council, I will continue providing leadership in making substantial, proactive, and fiscally responsible upgrades to our infrastructure along with required replacement of lead service lines.

While not necessarily different than the current council, I believe the council must lead by example and work together in an inclusive, respectful, and cooperative manner.

Council members must come to meetings prepared, ask constructive questions of the administration, listen to our residents, and make decisions that benefit the full community. Lively, respectful debate is and should be encouraged; however, once decisions are made, I will work to support those decisions to insure the best outcomes for our city and our residents.

I am passionate about Grosse Pointe Park and feel lucky to have met and volunteered alongside thousands of Park families in my leadership roles at Grosse Pointe Park Little League, St. Clare of Montefalco, and the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe to name a few. I know how to listen to and engage community members to achieve a common goal.

With a calm, cooperative, professional approach, I hope to continue the positive momentum gained on city council since joining



Kirk Merametdjian



Elvis Torres

in 2021, and I ask for your vote on Aug. 8. Please visit my website at martycmillan4gpp.council.com for more information.

Kirk Merametdjian

- ◆ Age: 55
- ◆ Education: BSB Finance, MBA.
- ◆ Employment: Booz Allen Hamilton; Department of Defense Consultant, Project Management, Prototype Technology Test & Evaluation. U.S. Marine Corps Retired.

The most important issue currently pertains to our critical shortfalls in public safety staffing due to improper budget allocations.

A noteworthy consequence of this shortfall is the recent decision to contract with MedStar for our residents' emergency medical response.

We have enjoyed having our public safety personnel respond to our medical emergencies anywhere in the city

within two minutes or less. We now will settle for much longer response times from a contracted service that will not consistently have a point of departure from within our city. Moreover, our taxes already support our public safety EMT personnel and equipment.

This is a correctable problem and need not be permanent. MedStar services should only be a stop-gap measure until there is a serious commitment for course correction and disciplined execution.

The Schaap Art Center and future purpose of the Trombly School site can and should be enhancements to our community and to the region. Metro Detroit visitors should enjoy our community and contribute to our thriving downtown businesses and dining. These projects should be self-sustaining for operating costs and not burden the city financially.

The city's role is to dili-

gently plan and ensure that projects such as these are in harmony with our community's residential areas: parking, noise, aesthetics, and ordinance enforcement. These endeavors should be a net positive for the city and residents, and I support the continuing thoughtful and responsible planning.

The city administration and city council need to make difficult decisions with limited resources.

Robust debate and discussion, and thorough analysis of infrastructure projects is lacking. Available grants and state and federal funds have not been leveraged or were neglected to be applied for. The residents have previously approved millage increases for specific initiatives, but better allocation and prioritization of current budget funds must precede any continued requests for higher taxes from our residents.

Transparency in decision making with the residents will foster support and trust as we work through our city's challenges.

I am dedicated to family, community, and country. My well-rounded professional and U.S. Marine Corps experiences in finance, project management, logistical and operational planning, and responsi-

ble leadership would enable me to serve on the Grosse Pointe Park city council with integrity and passion.

My focus would be resource management, problem solving, and implementing solutions within the confines of cost, schedule, and performance.

Elvis Torres

- ◆ Age: 41
- ◆ Education: Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan, Bachelor of Sciences in Electronics Engineering Technology from the University of Puerto Rico Bayamón, Diploma Signal Officer Basic Course from the U.S. Army Signal School, Diploma Radio and Communication Security Repairer from the U.S. Army Ordnance School, Certificate of Project Management Institute and Certificate of Industrial Electronics

Antonio Luchetti

Vocational High School.

◆ Employment: Infrastructure Consulting Services business owner.

In my first term on the council, my primary goal is to provide continued support for the enhancement of our city's infrastructure and the public safety department.

By prioritizing infrastructure improvements, we can ensure our community has modern and efficient systems in place. Additionally, by investing in our public safety department, we can work toward a safer and more secure environment for all residents. These initiatives are vital for the overall well-being and prosperity of our community, and I am committed to making them a priority if elected.

I believe the current city council has demonstrated positive efforts in addressing our community's major challenges. They have shifted their focus toward these issues

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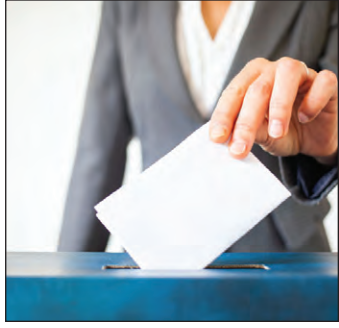
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No primary in the Farms

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms and Park are the only two Pointes whose charters call for the potential of a primary election, but the latter will be conducting one alone this election season.

With all candidates in the Farms running unopposed as incumbents, they will skip right to the November ballot. To necessitate a primary in the Farms, at least three candidates for mayor and seven for council would have had to run.

With the mayoral seat and



three council seats up for election, remaining on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council come November will be Mayor Louis Theros and council members Joe

Ricci, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood.

Theros has served as mayor since 2017, with 16 years on city council prior to that.

Wood and Ricci will enter their fourth terms, although the latter's first term was a partial, and Sroka will see a second term.

Filing deadlines in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods are 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

— Laurel Kraus

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Construction consists of the city paying \$179,000 for the water main. St. Clare pays to disconnect the lot's storm drains from the municipal sewer system.

Kercheval

Kercheval between Balfour and Bedford is closed for resurfacing. Work is supposed to finish early October, if not before the start of the school year. Access to Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools parking lots is maintained.

Garbage collection and mail delivery in the area aren't being

impacted by the work, according to city officials.

Flood valve

Components of the extreme emergency relief valve should arrive soon for staging near the work site at the intersection of Three Mile Drive and Essex.

Installation of the valve and piping is supposed to start late this month or early August. Completion is anticipated eight weeks thereafter.

Piping runs underground to a storm water holding tank near the head of the park's driveway, which is to remain open during the project, and from there to Lake St. Clair.

— Brad Lindberg

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and have made notable progress by implementing swift plans to improve various city services and responsibilities. Their proactive approach in tackling these matters shows a commitment to enhancing the well-being of our residents. Building upon their achievements, I aim to work collaboratively with the current council members to advance our community's interests further and achieve even greater results.

While I appreciate the current council's efforts, I would prioritize finding



Heather Ulku

long-term solutions to our fiscal challenges. By carefully examining our budget and exploring innovative strategies, we can sustainably address these challenges. This, in turn, would allow us to allocate resources towards important areas, such as increasing the

number of public safety officers on the road.

I believe it's essential to balance short-term needs with a forward-thinking approach to ensure the continued growth and safety of our community. I am committed to working toward these goals and bringing fresh perspectives to the council.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to share more about my candidacy and vision for our city council.

If elected, I am committed to fostering open and transparent governance, where community input is valued and decisions are made in the best interest of our residents. I aim to promote sustainable and responsible development that respects our unique character and preserves our natural resources. Furthermore, I will advocate for initiatives that promote inclusivity, diversity and equity within our community.

Together, let's build a brighter future for Grosse Pointe Park that reflects

the aspirations and needs of all its residents.

Heather Ulku

◆ Age: 52.

◆ Employment: Realtor Higbie Maxon Agney.

Q. What do you want to accomplish in your first term?

A. To do what the council is intended to do: provide support and counsel to the city administrators to ensure that the city continues to operate at the highest level. Working together as a team to identify and set clear goals and priorities to ensure fiscal responsibility in the day-to-day operations as well as the long-term stability of the city.

Leveraging our relationships with stakeholders and donors, like the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, is a key component to our long-term success. It's critical to support retention and recruitment of public safety officers. As a council member, we can encourage residents to support our public safety

department in ways that will boost morale, such as the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation. And finally encouraging economic growth and strengthening community engagement are key to a healthy community.

We also need to advocate to the Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education to ensure that our students are being served equally and demonstrate the need for Trombly to be reopened.

Q. What do you think the current council is doing correctly?

A. Tackling infrastructure projects that have been deferred for many years, including our aging sewer/water line systems, which in my opinion pose the biggest threat to our property values. The re-pavement of our alleys and parking lots along with balancing the challenging budget are just a few things that I think they have done well.

Q. What would you do differently than the current council if anything?

A. Encourage city administrators to provide council packets and an agenda at least seven days in advance so that council has the opportunity to engage with key members of city staff and come to meetings informed, prepared and ready to take action.

My goal is to make Grosse Pointe Park an attractive place to live, work and play. There's a delicate balance between quiet enjoyment and economic growth that we can achieve through proper review of ordinances, zoning and strong committees including the planning commission, Downtown Development Authority, Tax Increment Finance Authority and, most importantly, active community engagement.

We have a wonderful community, that I have had the privilege of being a part of for most of my life and I appreciate the values and traditions of our community while understanding the challenges we have ahead.



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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Audrey Smihal of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Northern Michigan University.

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Cassidy Kline and **Allie Lowenthal** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List at the University of Alabama for the fall 2022 semester.

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Lloyd D. Dennis of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Fairfield University.

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Paul Gusmano of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from Cedarville University this spring with an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering.

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Joelle Reich and **Meredith Wenzler** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated this spring from the College of Charleston. Reich graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, while Wenzler graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication.

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Jack Michaud of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in international affairs.

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 The following students were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Albion College:

◆ **Dylan Cardinale**, **Louis Cardinale**, **Rory Angott**, **Katherine Flynn** and **Owen Schaaf** of



Audrey Smihal



Cassidy Kline



Lloyd D. Dennis



Paul Gusmano



Joelle Reich



Jack Michaud



Nicholas Miller



Sarah Stovall



Jennifer Crowley



George D. Burke

Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ **Katie Woerner** of Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ **Nicholas Miller** and **Sarah Stovall** of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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 Grosse Pointe Farms student **Skyler McCrindle** graduated with a degree in sociology from Albion College.

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 Grosse Pointe Woods student **Louis Cardinale** graduated with a degree in kinesiology-exercise science with a minor in sports communication from Albion College.

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Mariam Alboustani of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Shenandoah University

with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

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 The following students were named to the President's List at The University of Alabama for the spring 2023 semester: **Ann Sullivan** of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Cassidy Kline** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Rebecca Moin** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Rachel Rybicki** of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Allie Lowenthal of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List at The University of Alabama for the spring 2023 semester.

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Jennifer Crowley of

Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at John Carroll University for the spring 2023 semester.

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Morgan Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from Kettering University with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering.

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George D. Burke of Grosse Pointe Farms was among 42 members of The University of Scranton's class of 2023 who graduated from its Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program (SJLA), which is one of Scranton's programs of excellence. Burke, graduated as a political science

and philosophy double major.

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Brynn Spicher of

Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Findlay.

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Soon to celebrate her one-year anniversary as the newest member of the well-established practice of Dr. Parveen Siddiqui and Dr. Julia Tesch, Khamoshi Patel, D.O., is excited to continue serving Grosse Pointe patients as a primary care physician conveniently located in the heart of Grosse Pointe.



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Khamoshi Patel, D.O., is excited to continue serving Grosse Pointe with the Ascension Medical Group family.

Trained in internal medicine and passionate about preventative care, Dr. Patel enjoys a teamwork approach with her patients to find the best health outcome. She also employs the philosophies and principles of osteopathic medicine on a daily basis, focusing on the whole person rather than just a part of the body in question.

"Throughout my life, I think what I've seen is doctors have such a huge influence on patients," Dr. Patel said. "We do see people at their most vulnerable states and now that I'm in my first year of primary care, the transformations that I see on a daily basis are just incredible, very rewarding and very fulfilling. This is definitely the right path that I've taken in life."

Her practice — Ascension St. John Hospital St. Clair Adult Medicine Specialists, PC — is located at 17141 Kercheval.

In a shared suite with an all-female physician team, Dr. Patel's patients also have access at the location to bone density, imaging, a blood work lab, mammography, physical therapy and ultrasound technology.

"Coming from New Jersey, where I was serving a population that was underserved, I will say this community does provide incredible, incredible resources and options for patients," Dr. Patel expressed, "and I would encourage the patient population here to really take advantage of those resources to better their health. This is the best place to be."

Since moving to the state so her husband could take a job at Children's Hospital, she has found Michigan "gels well with my personality," she said.

In their down time, the couple enjoy painting acrylics of scenery together.

"We both like to do acrylic painting as a way to destress," Dr. Patel said. "Usually on the weekends we will sit on the porch and just paint sunsets. Our inspiration largely comes from our travels and the last thing we painted was a Hawaii backdrop that we took a picture of."

Dr. Patel currently has availability for new patients in person and virtually Monday through Friday, with later hours Mondays and Tuesdays.

To schedule an appointment, call (313) 642-4990.

"My whole goal is to build a community," Dr. Patel said. "We are available as doctors. We want to be available to our patients with anything they require and give them really the best care and eliminate those additional residual factors that could be affecting health outcomes."

'Mr. Customer Service' retiring from Merit Woods Pharmacy

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — If you've been a customer at Merit Woods Pharmacy for any length of time over the last 50 years, chances are Howard Lettner greets you by name when you enter.

Lettner, who is retiring Wednesday, July 26, said everyone calls him Howard in return.

"Funny thing is, that's not my name," he laughed. "My given name is actually Patrick. My older brother started calling me Howard when we were kids."

And it stuck.

"My parents called me that, all my siblings call me that," he said. "Only a handful of people know my real name. But he said I didn't look like a Patrick, I looked like a Howard."

That personal touch is what has made Merit Woods a staple in the community for decades.

"I call him 'Mr. Customer Service,'" longtime customer and friend Bob Grosscup said. "Anything you need, they have, and if they don't, Howard can get it for you. It's old-fashioned customer service. He knows everybody by name and is always so friendly."

Kevin Elsey, another customer and friend, agreed.

"I've been going there as long as he's been there," he said. "I started out as a customer and we developed a friendship."



From left, Joseph, Alex, Sarah and Howard Lettner.

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We have lunch occasionally with our wives and we'll continue to do that."

Lettner started at the pharmacy in 1974, the same year he graduated from Finney High School in Detroit.

"I guess I didn't plan on being here 50 years, but as it turns out it happened," Lettner said. "It's such a great place and allowed me to raise my family."

He and his wife of 40 years, Sarah, live in St. Clair Shores, where they raised two sons, Alex and Joseph.

"Alex is a physical therapist in Atlanta and he's getting married in October," Lettner said. "If there are grandkids down the road, we'll probably be leaving Michigan."

Joseph recently graduated with a teaching degree and has been applying for jobs.

Lettner agrees that customer service helps make Merit Woods unique.

"There aren't many independent pharmacies left," he said. "You go into a chain and they don't

know you. They aren't personal like we are."

Lettner said retirement was a hard decision to make because he enjoys the customers and co-workers alike and is thankful to them.

"I worked for Sheldon (Weisberg) all those years and the new owner (Louis Zawaideh) has done a bang-up job," he said. "I'm going to miss everyone, but I'll stop in once in a while to visit."

Linda Koenig, who first knew Lettner as a customer and has been a co-worker for 20 years, said she hates to see him go.

"He's the backbone of this place," she said. "He made everyone feel like they belong and we'll carry on his legacy."

Lettner said he'd been thinking about retiring for a while and finally decided Sunday, July 16.

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That's why the new Level II pediatric emergency department will be completely separate from Ascension St. John's Level I adult trauma emergency center. It will have its own entrance, waiting room and treatment areas to

help enhance privacy, comfort and wait times for young patients and their families.

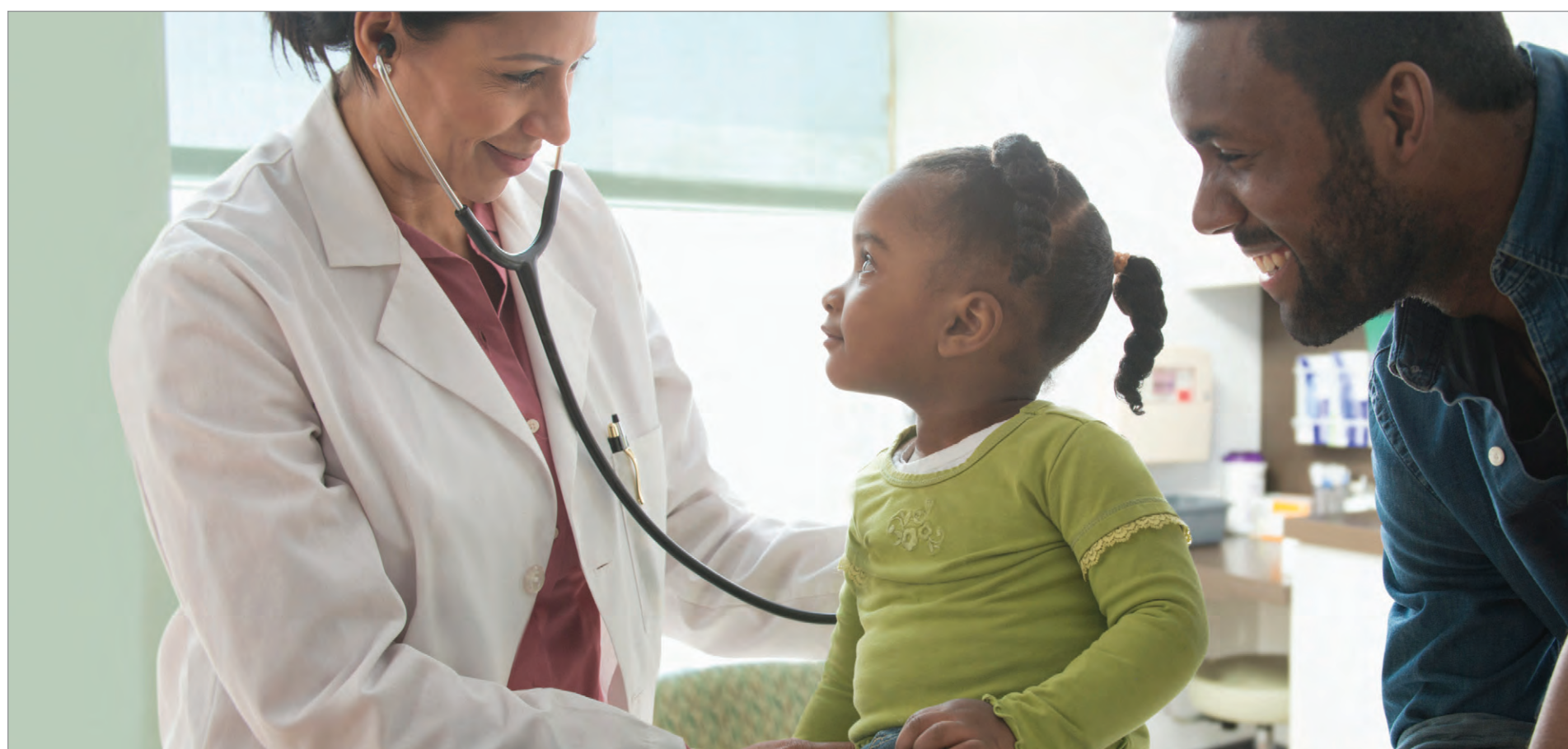
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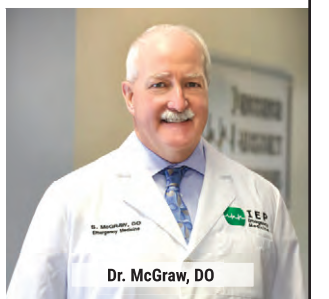
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Chaundy Art Gallery owner retiring

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's been a wonderful 35 years for Carole Chaundy, owner of Chaundy Art Gallery in Grosse Pointe Woods.

But after decades of traveling the world to curate an exquisite collection for her clientele, she's ready to set sail on the next chapter of her life.

Chaundy announced her retirement several months ago and plans to make it official by the end of the year.

"I've had wonderful clients," she said, reflecting on the success of her business. "My greatest job was bringing beauty into everyone's home. It was a joy to me to see where these paintings landed."

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident said finding affordable art was the secret to the gallery's success. She hopes now the remaining artwork — which is being offered at discounts of 50 to 75 percent off — will be sold by year's end.

"I also own the building, so I'll sell that too," she said.

Chaundy's selection isn't limited to paintings. Sculptures, bronzes, jewelry and other items have been featured at the gallery.

"They're gorgeous and affordable," she said. "And everyone likes a nice, fresh piece of art."

Chaundy commissions international artists to hand-paint copies of masterpieces by world-renowned artists like Monet and Renoir. The paintings are then matched with hardwood frames that reflect the period and resemble those found in European museums.

Extensive travels, as well as years volunteering at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Symphony Orchestra helped establish Chaundy's keen eye for excellence.

"I've done total homes," she said. "Thousands of paintings in Grosse Pointe are from here."

And at least 20 paintings each year have been donated to charities, she



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Carole Chaundy of Chaundy Art Gallery will retire and close the business at the end of this year, after 35 years of operation.

added, noting giving back to the community is a joy that always comes back to bless her.

Through the years, Chaundy has enjoyed bringing up her children and grandchildren in the family business. Her son, Ken Hawk, is her business advisor. Her sons, Paul Hawk and Tony Volpe, are art consultants. She also has nine grandchildren who customers no doubt have come to know.

"It's been a pleasure being able to raise my grandkids here," she said.

Her children and grandchildren haven't been the only youngsters welcome at the gallery. From the start, Chaundy has made it a point to make the gallery accessible to all ages.

"I didn't want it where it was a cold, sterile, 'don't touch' environment," she said. "I've had kids in here, dogs in here. I wanted it to be for family and friends. I kept candy in a dish, gave out dog treats."

Her efforts paid off, evident by the return of people who felt her impact.

"I've had kids come back after years who say, 'I remember coming here when I was a kid,'" she said. "One kid said, 'You inspired me.' I told him, 'You can do anything you want to do.' Now he goes

to museums all around the world, because he said I inspired him to do it. Things like that are priceless."

Another young boy, she recalled, came in, pointed to a Van Gogh and said, "I can paint that."

"The next week, he came in with this painting; it was beautiful," Chaundy said. "It inspired him so much and I encouraged him. I gave him \$50 and put it in the front window."

Return customers are just a small part of what Chaundy has enjoyed these past 35 years and she thanks the community for the support.

"I've had wonderful customers; a lot of them became really good friends," she said. "I want to thank them so much for supporting me. It's been a joy to put paintings in their homes, to bring beauty into their homes."

"Thank you so much for 35 wonderful years."

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Reunited and it feels so good

Childhood pals rekindle friendship after 67 years

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jim Profeta has fond memories of growing up on Detroit's west side. He remembers going to kindergarten at Monnier Elementary School, taking First Communion at St. Brigid Catholic Church, riding one of his favorite toys — a red tractor — up and down Meyers Road and playing with his twin brother, John.

But most of all, he remembers his best friend, Robert Stewart, who lived two doors down.

"My dad was best friends with Bob's dad and our moms were best friends," Profeta recalled, noting the three boys were inseparable, as evidenced by a stack of black-and-white photos revealing toothy grins and knowing looks; twin brothers dressed identically and their pal, sporting white shoes in every shot, not hard to spot.

The boys only attended kindergarten together before the Profetas were sent to parochial school, but they stayed neighbors until 1957, when the

Profeta family moved to St. Clair Shores; the boys were 9 years old. The Stewart family moved to Warren soon after and, although there were a handful of phone calls and a couple of visits to each other's homes, the connection soon was lost.

There may have been a falling out, Profeta said, adding he was never clued in to why their families lost touch. He has a few conjectures, he admitted, including the Stewart matriarch, Dora, frowning upon a budding relationship between another neighbor and Profeta's mother, Patricia, after she was widowed at age 33.

Though the relationship didn't last, the friendship still fizzled.

"In the back of my mind, I found it puzzling why my mom and his mom never stayed close," Profeta said. "... It was not like my mother to let a friendship like that die. That was something I always wondered about. I thought Bob might have some information about it."

Fast-forward more than six decades and Profeta set out to find some answers. He signed up for MyHeritage, an online genealogy platform, to see if he could track down his childhood pal.

"He has a common name — Robert Stewart — so I thought I'd probably never be able to find him," he admitted. After plugging in information he



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John Profeta, right, FaceTimes with childhood friend, Robert Stewart, last week.



Robert Stewart, Jim Profeta and John Profeta dressed up for their First Communion.



The Profeta and Stewart families on a picnic in the 1950s.



From left, Jim Profeta, Robert Stewart and John Profeta holding hands on their way to their first day of kindergarten.



The Profeta twins and Stewart were born six days apart in 1948; their mothers were best friends and neighbors.

found from Stewart's brother's obituary, "In less than 20 minutes, I had the name and address of his son."

Profeta recalled the awkward phone call he made to Robert Stewart Jr., last fall.

"I said, 'Bob, are you sitting down? I have something to tell you,'" he laughed. "I mentioned Meyers Road, the west side of Detroit, living two doors away."

"I didn't tell him how old I was and he didn't tell me right away it could be his dad (I was looking for)," he added, noting father and son live in the same city in Georgia. "I think Meyers Road may have clicked. Then I told him I'm 74 and he said, 'I think you may want to talk to my father.' He did not want to

take my phone number. He said, 'You call my dad; he'll want to talk to you.'

"... My wife (Christine) had to convince me to make that first call," he added. "I was afraid he would not want to meet. ... I thought maybe he knew why we never continued the friendship. But when I called, I got a warm reception from his son and then called him that night. He answered right away, almost like he was waiting for my call."

"The funny part is," Stewart said, "he called me and his name appeared (on caller ID), so I knew it was him. I said, 'Carol, you're not going to believe it.' I acted like I didn't know it was him, but I was excited."

Despite nearly 67 years apart, they were quick to catch up and noticed many similarities in their lives.

"We're both family-oriented; we both live close to our children," Profeta said. "We had similar careers (in finance). Even though there was no contact, there were these common threads."

Profeta graduated from Lakeview High School and got married in 1972. Stewart graduated from Warren High School and got married in 1973. They both had families; Profeta has two sons and six grandchildren, while Stewart has three children and five grandchildren.

When they reconnected, they also discovered that after their friendship ended, they both were skittish about making new friends; both said they were shy until adulthood.

In 1996, Profeta became chairman of Lakeview's Class of 1966 reunions and has hosted five so far.

"I've developed relationships with these people from high school I didn't have when I was going to school," he said. "(Reconnecting with Stewart) is an offshoot of that, because I found it to be very rewarding."

The friends attempted to get together last fall and again in the spring, but were unable to plan a successful outing. A memorial for Stewart's mother-in-law last month brought him and his wife, Carol, to the area.

"He came up June 23, and we celebrated our 75th birthdays together," Profeta said. "Mine is June 24, and his is June 30."

Their wives also hit it off during the meeting.

Though 67 years went by with no communication, the friends aren't making the same mistake these days. A fall get-together is being discussed, but Profeta's "minimum tentative plan" is to stop in Georgia for a visit next spring on his way to Florida.

"I hope he gets up here more often," Profeta said.

"I think he would agree our communication has been so comfortable, so relaxed," he added. "It was like we had never not been talking. I don't know why I waited so long."

Stewart shared the sentiment.

"Sometimes it feels like years haven't passed," he said. "It's sad we missed all these years."

"It's been real exciting," he added. "There are a lot of things I wanted to bring up

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'EVs: Then and Now' exhibit is July 28-30 at Piquette museum

In the early 1900s, the city of Detroit was a hotbed of production for electric vehicles. The fascinating history of EVs in the Motor City is not widely remembered today, mainly due to the success and dominance of gasoline-powered vehicles.

In Detroit's Milwaukee Junction neighborhood, known as the "cradle of the automotive industry," where the Ford Piquette Plant is located, the Anderson Electric Car Co., began manufacturing Detroit Electrics in 1907. Later changing its name to the Detroit Electric Co., this enterprise made more than 18,000 battery-operated vehicles through 1939. Electrics were espe-

cially popular with women and physicians who preferred the easy automatic start to hand-cranking a Model T. Henry Ford even purchased a Detroit Electric for his wife, Clara Bryant Ford.

Spotlighting the early history of EVs in the Motor City, the Ford Piquette Plant Museum will display antique electric vehicles from the 1900s through the 1920s from July 28 to 30.

"EVs: Then and Now" will explore the history of EV automotive technology with examples from the Baker Automotive Co., Detroit Electric, Edison Electric, Milburn Electric, Riker Electric Vehicle Co., and others. The exhibit and EV edu-

cational events are sponsored by Emily and Henry Ford III.

The antique EV exhibit will be located on the first floor of the museum, an area of the National Historic Landmark building that has not been open to the public for many decades. The original location of Ford Motor Co.'s administrative offices from 1904 to 1910, this space recently was revitalized for temporary exhibits, special events and other activities. Visitors will be able to see the site of James Couzens' office. Couzens was Ford Motor Co.'s legendary general manager, who later became mayor of Detroit and a U.S. senator.

"EVs: Then and Now" will feature activities throughout the weekend. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

On Friday, July 28, "Under the Hood Day" will feature EV owners onsite to explain their vehicle's unique operating systems and provenance. Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m., an exhibit preview reception will feature remarks by Henry Ford III, museum trustees and event chairs, Robin and Bill Heller of Grosse Pointe Farms.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, the museum will present the talk, "Henry Ford, Thomas Edison & Their Electric" by museum trustee and Ford historian Mike Skinner. Skinner will delve into the relationship between these industrial titans and their experiments with electric vehicles.

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Mike Skinner takes a ride in a Model T.



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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robin Heller and her 1918 Anderson Electric.

Question of Power: Pioneer-Era Motorcars" will take place at 2 p.m., featuring automotive historian Jay Follis, curator at the Gilmore Car Museum. Follis will explore how the competing technologies of steam, electricity and gasoline unfolded in early automotive history.

Sunday, July 30, a discussion called "EVs in History" will take place at 10 a.m., hosted by Carol Cain, a 13-time Emmy Award-winning senior producer and host of "Michigan Matters" on CBS 62. Cain will interview special guest, Matt Anderson, curator of transportation at The Henry Ford. Anderson is one of the nation's foremost historians on anything with wheels or wings.

A panel discussion will follow at 11 a.m. titled, "EVs: Today and Tomorrow," with EV and

OEM experts talking about today's EV technology and trends. The event will be moderated by John McElroy, one of the most influential thought leaders in the automotive industry and host of the Emmy Award-winning program "Autoline."

Panel guests include Dave Pericak, director of EV Truck Programs for Ford Motor Co.; Mujeeb Ijaz, founder and CEO of ONE (Our Next Energy); Pina Vyas, business transformation leader for DTE Energy; and Michael Tercheck, E-mobility OEM sales director for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies.

The Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is one of the oldest surviving automobile factories in the world. Built by Ford Motor Co., in 1904, it is the birthplace of the revolutionary Model T, the car that put the world on wheels. Today, the museum is a

501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the interpretation and celebration of Detroit's automotive heritage and spirit of innovation. The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Michigan State Historic Site. The museum is not affiliated with Ford Motor Co.

Museum admission tickets July 28 to 30 are \$25 and include all daytime events. Student tickets are \$15. Friday night's exhibit preview reception tickets are \$40 for members, \$60 for the public. Event proceeds benefit museum preservation initiatives and educational programs. Tickets may be purchased online at fordpiquetteplant.org/events or by calling (313) 872-8759. Seating is limited for speaker events, so guests should rsvp to piquetteplant@gmail.com for reserved seats.

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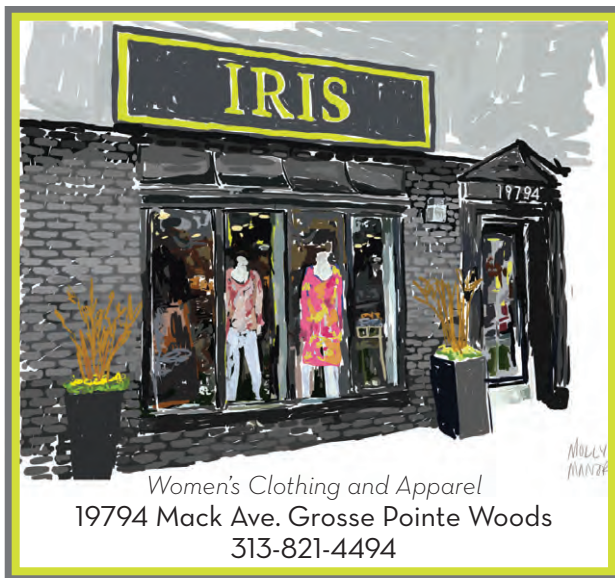
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Pointe native to compete in Miss International competition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Born and raised in the City of Grosse Pointe, Jade Lun may have physically left her hometown in 2012, to pursue a degree and then a career, but her Grosse Pointe roots still linger in her heart as she prepares to compete in the Miss International competition.

The reigning Miss Hawaii International will represent the Aloha State in the competition, which takes place July 24 to 29, in Kingsport, Tenn., and includes more than 30 contestants from throughout the United States and other countries.

Lun is no stranger to the pageant world, though it may have been a strange world to her in the beginning.

"I had my ideas about what pageants are like," she said. "I never wore heels, I never wore makeup, but I was a com-

petitive figure skater for 18 years. ... That's in the realm of pageantry — it's competitive, like ice skating."

The 2012 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in advertising art direction with a minor in marketing from Columbia College in Chicago. She stayed in the Windy City a few years while working at Leo Burnett, FCB and Weber Shandwick, on accounts such as Budweiser and Coca-Cola.

While in Chicago, she first dipped a toe into the pageantry pool.

"I was intrigued by the community service aspect," she said, noting her upcoming pageant will be her sixth. "I love it. I'm able to be a good spokesmodel and role model to young ladies."

In 2020, Lun moved to Hawaii, which "had always been my big American dream," she said. "I wanted to come

here to start my own ad agency. My father used to live here before I was born and we visited four or five times."

She recalled early visits to Hawaii's International Market Place, which featured local businesses selling their wares under white tents. During her last visit, the tents were gone and replaced with a big building that featured high-end shops like Louis Vuitton.

"I was disheartened," she said. "I thought, 'Where are all the local businesses?' That put a seed in my mind that I wanted to come back and help small businesses."

Lun formed the Jade Agency Hawaii in 2022 — a bit sooner than she had anticipated.



Lun at her 2012 graduation from Grosse Pointe South High School.



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Grosse Pointe native Jade Lun will compete for the title of Miss International next week.

"It's been great," she continued. "I've been able to meet a lot of people in the community through the boards I'm on — Make-a-Wish Foundation Hawaii, Asian American Foundation, Honolulu Chinese Jaycees. I can

connect with the right people in the room."

Her current clients range from Olive Garden and IHOP to local car dealerships, restaurants and Realtors.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Posterity

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a mixed media art class with Carol Bueno from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Visit posterityartgallery.com to register.

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:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 nonmembers. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

GPAA

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

- ◆ "Imitating the Masters — 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.

Library

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

- ◆ Phoenix Freerunning, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 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.
- ◆ Craft to Go: Glow Worm Bracelet, all day Monday, July 24, all branches.
- ◆ Comedy Magician Cameron Zvara, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Summer Smash, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ In Cold Mug Book

Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Howlers & Growlers, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Park Visit: Lake Front Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Summer Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Makey Makey Day, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Little Learners Coding, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Youth Coding, 2 to 3

p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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OBITUARIES

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

Richard Thomas Vroom

Richard Thomas Vroom, 65, of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away Monday, July 3, 2023, after a brave battle with cancer.

Rich, a gifted athlete and artist, was born Dec. 22, 1957, in Detroit. He was the first of a set of twins. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. Rich competed in many sports but was a notable cyclist. He raced for the Wolverine Sports Club and Cadieux Cafe.

Rich attended Michigan State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in package engineering in 1980. While at MSU, he trained and raced with some of the nation's best athletes. After college, Rich moved to Colorado with his best friends to ski. He spent the next two years skiing A-Basin in the winter and hiking, climbing and cycling in the summer.

In 1983, Rich moved to Salt Lake City with Jane, who became his wife in 1992. There, Rich had a career in finance, but this always came second to his athletic and artistic passions. In Utah, he loved skiing at Alta and Snowbird, cycling trails and roads, hiking and camping in the mountains and desert. He continued to race for 40 years and became a nationally recognized cyclist. Rich was a nordic skier, played golf, basketball and soccer and sailed whenever he got the chance. He loved traveling, seeing history firsthand, learning about other cultures and regions and fine art.

Rich's artistic abilities were evident at an early age. He became a masterful watercolor artist, spending 25 years painting and teaching classes. His art hangs in many installments in noteworthy restaurants and businesses.

Rich's greatest joy was his children, Molly and Peter. He loved that they shared the passion of skiing, cycling, playing soccer, traveling and living life with no limits.

He was a remarkably exceptional father, husband, son, brother, uncle, mentor and friend.

Rich will be dearly missed by his children, Molly and Peter; wife, Jane; parents, Tom and Lorna Vroom; twin brother, Dave Vroom (Kelli); sister, Nancy Mallon (Paul); sisters-in-law, Eileen and Carole (David); numerous loving nieces and nephews; and his extraordinary friends and students.

A celebration of life will occur at a later date.

Roy D. Koeppe

Roy D. Koeppe, 74, of New Hudson, passed away peacefully Monday, July 10, 2023, surrounded by family. He was born Dec. 26, 1948, in Osaka, Japan, to Nobuko (nee Mary) and Dean Koeppe.

Roy graduated from Sioux Rapids Community School in Iowa in 1967. After a couple of years at the University of Iowa, he entered the U.S. Army and served two tours in Vietnam. When he completed his service, he achieved his bachelor's degree in data processing from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona.

Roy met his wife, Linda, in Southern California, while living there for a few years before moving to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they worked and raised their two daughters. Roy worked in computer programming for 30 years before ending his career and retiring from Ford Motor Co. He dedicated his time to raising his daughters and volunteering at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Roy was an avid golfer and shared many memories with his friends on the course. Aside from his family, friends and faith, one of his greatest honors in life was serving his country and keeping close contact with his fellow veterans.

Roy will be remembered by his family, friends and fellow veterans for his generosity, sense of humor and the many ways in which he

earned the nickname, "Dealmaster."

Roy is survived by his wife, Linda (nee Perfil); his beloved daughters, Dana Koeppe and Lauren Koeppe; sister, Diana Brunner (Michael); brothers, Bill (Sheri) and Mick (Brenda); and many loving nieces and nephews. A funeral service took place Friday, July 14, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Joan LaVoie Hines

Joan LaVoie Hines, 91, of Grosse Pointe, died peacefully at home Thursday, June 1, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Detroit in 1932, Joan embraced life with warmth, compassion and an unwavering spirit. Joan had life figured out; she was happy, humble, accepting, inclusive and full of love. She had the exceptional ability to find the good in everyone.

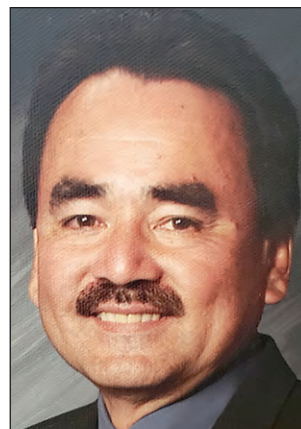
In her youth, Joan was a Camp Fire Girls leader and developed a lifelong love of nature, including hiking, canoeing and birding, which she shared with her family. She loved to walk the beach at Lake Michigan and watch the night sky. Joan also was an avid gardener. Every garden she tended thrived and served as a beautiful testament to her connection with nature.

Throughout her life, Joan served her community. She gave freely of her time, abilities and resources. Joan was the reliable one who got the job done. For many years Joan sat on the board of directors for Franklin Wright Settlements. Her most well-loved project was ensuring that underprivileged inner city youth were given the opportunity to attend summer camp for two weeks every year, where they could reap the benefits of being in nature.

Joan also served Grosse Pointe Unitarian Universalist Church in nearly every capacity, including as president. She was a part of the Women's Alliance, did fundraising and, of



Richard Thomas Vroom



Roy D. Koeppe



Joan LaVoie Hines

course, tended the grounds.

Joan was an excellent bridge player. She enjoyed the game, the friendly competition and the camaraderie. She also loved to travel. As members of the Nomads, she and her husband, along with many dear friends, traveled the world extensively. Joan was a quiet philanthropist and an avid supporter of the arts.

Joan graduated with honors from Southeastern High school in 1949, and then attended Wayne State University. She married her high school sweetheart, Don Hines, and together they had three children. Joan was a vibrant person: energetic, athletic and above all, kind. She cared deeply for those she loved, especially her children and grandchildren, who were a source of immense pride.

She was predeceased by her parents, Gerald and Caroline LaVoie; her husband of more than 60 years, Donald W. Hines (2011); her second husband, Peter Higbie (2015); and her niece, Debra Burton (2022).

Left to mourn her loss is her husband of six years, Dr. L. Carl Sultzman and his family, including Carl Jr. (Irene), Marjorie Sultzman, David Sultzman (Linda) and Nancy Sutton. Also grieving are Joan's sisters, Patricia Cech and Beth LaVoie; children, Carol Ann Hines, William Hines (Melissa Fiones) and Nancy Hines Bailey; grandchildren, Stephanie Hines Richards (Dennis Richards) and Isaiah Hines Bailey; great-grandson, Jacob Sullivan; and nieces, Kerrie Burton (Mark Bargowski) and Paris Burton.

Her family will always remember her dry humor and blithe spirit. Joan was quick-witted to the end. Though her body grew weak, her

spirit is strong, her legacy powerful and her love everlasting.

A memorial service honoring the life of Joan LaVoie Hines takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Dr. Herbert Krickstein

Dr. Herbert Krickstein, 89, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Born April 28, 1934, in Salt Lake City, Dr. Krickstein was the son of Rabbi Joseph and Myrtle Krickstein, and the brother of the late Bette Jean Goldblum (Raymond).

Herb attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate degree and medical school. He served as chief of pathology and director of labs at St. John Hospital in Detroit and was elected president of the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

Herb's passion for sports began in his youth. He played tennis in high school and earned a tryout with the Detroit Tigers. He later found joy in coaching and sharing his passion for sports with his children and grandchildren, including guiding his son, Aaron, and granddaughter, Morgan, to successful careers in professional tennis and golf, respectively. In his later years, Herb dedicated his time to the Morgan Pressel Foundation, honoring the memory of his eldest daughter, Kathryn Krickstein Pressel.

In addition to his love for his medical profession and sports, Dr. Krickstein will always be remembered by those who knew him for helping others, giving great advice and most importantly, his love for his



Dr. Herbert Krickstein

wife, Evelyn, his four children and beloved grandkids.

Herb is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children, Rachel Schulz (Mark), Renee Kay (Gary) and Aaron Krickstein (Bianca); grandchildren, Morgan Pressel, Madison Kozlowski (Ryan), Stanley Kay (Rebecca), Mitchell Pressel (Alayna), Marissa de Paula (Rodrigo), Mikaela Schulz, Jade Krickstein, Kendall Schulz and Joseph Krickstein; great-grandchildren, Zayn and Elliott Pressel; niece, Tracey Goldblum; nephews, Philip Goldblum (Lauren) and John Goldblum (Asmita); and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Morgan Pressel Foundation, morganpresselfoundation.com/pay-tribute, or the Parkinson's Foundation, bit.ly/3XSOSY1.

Memorial

Mary Frances Griffith (formerly Galvin)

Mary Frances Griffith (formerly Galvin), 96, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023. A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 24, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kercheval After 6 this Saturday

GROSSE POINTE PARK — If this Saturday evening's Kercheval After 6 family-oriented street festival were taking place in Phoenix during the 110-degree heat wave, it would be a scorcher.

Even so, based on large attendance at last month's After 6, this coming edition promises to be a hot time.

Temperatures in the mid-70s with little chance of rain are forecast during the free summer celebration, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 22, on Kercheval between Maryland and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Six food trucks join local vendors. Live music is by Moodswitch, the four-member rock band from the Pointes.

"I wouldn't miss it," posted a fan on the Park Facebook page. "This will be a great show and awesome venue."

Activities are:
◆ bungee jumping,
◆ BMX bike and skateboard demonstrations,

◆ meet-and-greets with fantasy characters from the Part of Your World Princess Company; and

◆ a dunk tank with proceeds benefiting the GPP Southsiders baseball club.

Kercheval After 6 is held three times per year. Presenters are Red Crown restaurant, The Bricks Pizzeria, Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, LeRouge Boulangerie, Brine Oyster House and Corner Active & Leisure.

Additional sponsors are Brosnan Builders, Pointe Alarm, Atwater in the Park, Donald K. Pierce & Company, and Harvey Animal Hospital.

Parking always overflows into surrounding neighborhoods. Attendees also can commute on the K Line Trolley along Kercheval from Stephens in the Farms with stops along the way.

The final Kercheval After 6 of summer is Saturday, Aug. 26.

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'Impressions: Printmakers' opens at Arts Ministry gallery

"Impressions: Printmakers," an exhibition of works by 11 artists, will be on display now through Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church's Arts Ministry gallery. An opening reception takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, with light refreshments and live music presented by the Matthew Daher Trio. The reception is open to the public.

Japanese woodblock, linocut and intaglio are some of the printmaking techniques used by artists Nobuko Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Shores; Tudi Harwood, Kathleen McNamee and Mary Stebbins Taitt of Grosse

Pointe Farms; Joan Albert and Deborah Maiale of Grosse Pointe Woods; Cindy Sommerville of Grosse Pointe Park and Lori Zurvalec of the City of Grosse Pointe. Other artists in the exhibition include Mady Chen of Clawson, Theresa Moore of Ann Arbor and Marat Paransky of Farmington Hills.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays. For additional hours, call the church office at (313) 884-3075.

For more information, email arts@gpccong.org.



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Tudi Harwood, left, and Lori Zurvalec flank a scroll printed by Nobuko Yamasaki.

Free July 25 carillon concert at GP Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church presents the final concert in its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, July 25. The recital is 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 this

final concert is Wesley Arai, who serves as university carillonist at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He studied carillon at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received undergraduate degrees in mathematics and statistics with a minor in music. Arai has performed extensively across the U.S. and abroad, including a recital tour of Europe last summer and recent recitals in Australia. He is a frequent recitalist at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. He also plays piano and trombone and is a singer. His "day job" is as an actuary.



Grosse Pointe Audubon Society president, author to speak July 25

Bill Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon Society, will address the Grosse Pointe Men's Club Tuesday, July 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The meeting begins at 11 a.m., includes a buffet lunch and concludes at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Bill Rapai

Rapai has traveled across North America and to Cuba, Iceland and Thailand, to view and research birds. He was an award-winning reporter and editor for the Grand

Forks Herald, Detroit Free Press and Boston Globe. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan.

Rapai has written three books, all of which were awarded the Michigan Notable Book Award: "Brewed in Michigan: The New Golden Age of Brewing in the Great Beer State,"

"The Kirtland's Warbler: The Story of a Bird's Fight Against Extinction and the People who Saved It" and "Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes."

Grosse Pointe Audubon is a chapter of the Michigan Audubon Society, the state's oldest conservation organization. It serves the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities to promote the awareness, understanding, enjoyment and stewardship of the environment with an emphasis on birds, their habitats and their critical role in the earth's ecosystem. Guests are welcome to attend Grosse Pointe Audubon meetings or bird walks.

For reservations to the Men's Club meeting, call Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or email gpmcatendance@gmail.com. Tickets are \$20 and include the buffet luncheon.

GP Symphony Orchestra concludes 70th season Aug. 2

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's 70th season concludes at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, with its annual outdoor concert of classical and pops music at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors in the ballroom.

The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Alexander Mishnaevski, who also will be featured as viola soloist in the orchestra's performances of Georg Philipp Telemann's Viola Concerto and Dmitri Shostakovich's Romance. The orchestra also will perform the Bacchanale from Camille Saint-Saëns' opera, "Samson and Delilah," as well as the Ferdinand Hérold Overture to the opera, "Zampa."

Rounding out the concert is a "Medley of the Music of Duke Ellington" and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever March."

A longtime supporter and occasional performer, soloist and guest conductor of the orchestra, Mishnaevski began studying violin at age 6 at the renowned Central Music School of Moscow's Tchaikovsky Conservatory. He emigrated to the United States in 1973, lived in New York City and graduated from Juilliard School of Music while studying with the legendary Dorothy Delay.

At Juilliard, Mishnaevski changed from violin to viola at the suggestion of Isaac Stern. He became an American citizen in 1983, and joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as

principal violist in 1986. Mishnaevski has appeared as a soloist with the DSO, New York City Symphony, Oklahoma Symphony, Queens Symphony Orchestra (New York), New Jersey State Symphony, Orquestra Sinfonica de Xalapa, Taipei Symphony and Singapore Symphony.

Tickets are available at the door and online at gpsymphony.com. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free to K-12 students.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing local professional and accomplished amateur musicians with the opportunity to perform the classical symphonic repertory for the community at large.



COURTESY PHOTO

Guest conductor and viola soloist Alexander Mishnaevski.

It's never too early to think Christmas

Those looking for a place to get away can leave the planning to The Helm, as Premier World Discovery Presents visits from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, to detail two upcoming trips: a December trip to the Christmas markets of Montreal and Quebec City, as well as an April 2024 trip to Savannah and Charleston.

The five-day, four-night trip Dec. 7 to 11, features two days in Montreal and two in Quebec City where, in addition to the Christmas markets, travelers will tour each city and visit top attractions, like Notre Dame Cathedral, the lookout atop Mount Royal and the

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The Rotary International

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. Belle Isle Conservancy President and CEO Michele Hodges speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lun was a member of the varsity Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South ice skating team.

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Underground City in Montreal, as well as Old and New Quebec and Montmorency Falls in Quebec City.

The seven-day, six-night spring sojourn to the South takes place April 26

to May 2, and includes two nights in Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Jekyll Island, Ga. During the day, travelers will explore the historic cities and their pristine gardens, cobblestone streets, Civil War-era mansions, elaborate cottages and sandy beaches. Both tours include air-

fare, motorcoach transportation and hotel accommodations. Learn more about the itineraries and costs at the July 26 presentation.

The presentations and trips are open to all. Call The Helm at (313) 882-9600 to register for the presentation and learn more about the trips.

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“This is my dream job,” she said. “I love what I do; it doesn’t feel like work.”

Lun discusses her career with enthusiasm, but is even more passionate about her platform, Rise Strong Now, a “sober curious community.”

“I had a bad relationship with alcohol, because of the people I associated with,” she said. “I used it as a tool to navigate the pressure I had growing up, of always having to succeed, having a perfectionist mindset. For example, I graduated college in three years. With alcohol, I could let loose, set myself free — and people liked me like that.”

“In 2022, I was binge drinking alcohol and I couldn’t stop,” she con-

tinued. “I tried multiple times, but I thought because I still had my business ... I was doing fine. It eventually came down to my health and a few dangerous instances I got myself into.”

Lun said she found it in herself to quit drinking alcohol cold turkey and, as of July 20, is 415 days sober.

“Pageants have allowed me to get my message to the younger generation, to Millennials and Gen Z,” she said. “With societal norms now, drinking is everywhere. It’s harder for them to stop because they have friends in those circles. My Instagram platform, Rise Strong Now, allows me to speak about my struggles with alcoholism. It’s a safe space for me to talk about it and share my truth.”

Lun will share her truth as part of her run

for Miss International. She said she was scouted for the pageant due to her past pageant experience and the multiple titles she carries, including Miss Asian Global 3rd Princess, Miss Talent, Miss Social Media and others.

“I’m blessed and excited,” she said. “This is truly an opportunity for me to share the important message I have, taking along everything I’ve learned, from growing up in the small town of Grosse Pointe to living in Chicago to becoming a free bird. I talk a lot about the phoenix in my platform. To rise above the ashes, you have to burn first.”

Lun currently is writing a mocktail recipe book as part of her Rise Strong Now platform.

Follow her journey on Instagram @JadeLun and @RiseStrongNow.

REUNITED:

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with him. I wanted to find out what his life was like. When I saw his name, it was kind of a relief, a warm feeling.”

Reliving old memories and catching each other up on their years apart, the friends chat via text or FaceTime two or three times a month.

“It’s always fun reminiscing on old times,” Stewart said. “My times in Detroit were really good times. Detroit was good to us.”

Added Profeta, “Our relationship was a friendship that had kindled very strongly our first eight years, but the fire never quite went out. It was flickering for a long time and we



COURTESY PHOTO

The kindergarten class at Monnier Elementary School in June 1954. One of the twins, second from left, peers down the line to find his buddy, in the white shoes, second from right.

fanned that fire in October when we connected. It’s probably stronger now than it’s ever been.

“This story is any-

thing but over,” he added. “I hope there’s still a long life to this story. If we have anything to say about it, there will be.”

CHORUS:

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The fall session for the chorus’ Christmas concert begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Rehearsals thereafter continue at 7:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 11, at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 22360 E. 13 Mile Road, at Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

Those interested may register online at scscommunitychorus.org/registration.

For more information, visit scscommunitychorus.org or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

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PETS

Choosing the perfect family pet for you

Get the right fit by researching personality, care and more

There are so many great reasons to welcome a pet into your family. Companionship, unconditional love and protection are some of the top reasons people seek the perfect pet to join the household. Parents also may want children to have pets so they can learn to develop a sense of caring and responsibility for someone other than themselves.



Yet when considering the adoption of a new pet, taking the time to ensure the right fit can make all the difference between heartache and happiness. There is nothing sadder than falling in love with a pet, only to discover a dealbreaker. Before bringing any animal into a household, it is important to ask a few pointed questions and conduct an honest assessment of various factors that can affect the animal's and your family's well-being.

Assess budget first

Pets require different financial commitments. For example, a beta fish in a small tank will cost considerably less than a pet dog. Adults must consider what they can afford when it comes to pets, as each animal

comes with a separate initial price tag and subsequent food and care costs. Planning for the future, such as purchasing pet insurance can be a smart way to be prepared for any medical issue that might occur -- just like with humans. Be totally prepared for potential financial costs, because once you love a pet, you'll want them to have the best all around care you would want for any member of your family.

Consider the developmental stage of your children

Children younger than age five or six may not be mature enough to view the pet as something other than a toy or play-

thing. Before committing to a pet, particularly one that will serve as a child's companion, be honest about the child's maturity level. Some pets may have easygoing temperaments, like family-friendly dog breeds, including beagles and retrievers. Toy breeds could be injured by a small child but may be ideal once the kids are more mature.

A skittish cat may not be the best fit until children are older, so look for a cat with a more laid-back personality for younger children or toddlers.

Safety first, for animals and people, should be the motto.

Look at family lifestyle

Families that go on frequent vacations or are involved in many after-work or extracurricular school activities may not have enough time to devote to pets that thrive on interaction. It's not kind leave a pet to be left alone too often.

Dogs need frequent walking and fresh air, so therefore require families that can meet that activity level. More sedentary families should pick pets like cats, rabbits and hamsters, but sometimes a pet who requires exercise can en-

courage its people to move more too, if they are able.

Think about allergies

Dander, hair and feathers can trigger allergic reactions in children and adults, so certain pets may need to be avoided. Speak with a pediatrician or a veterinarian and ask for suggestions on which hypoallergenic pets may work best if anyone in the house suffers from allergies.

Research, research, research

Before making the lifetime commitment a pet requires, families should do adequate research on the precious pets they are considering. This way there will be fewer surprises, and no disappointments.

Make it a family affair to look at information regarding pet/breed temperament and personality, genetic predispositions, grooming needs, exercise requirements, vet checkup schedules and lifespans, among other factors.

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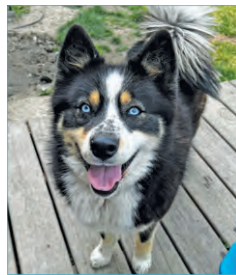


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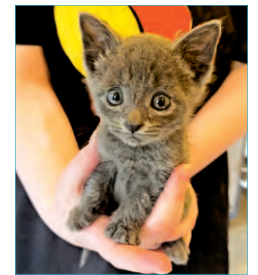


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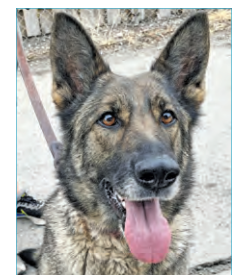


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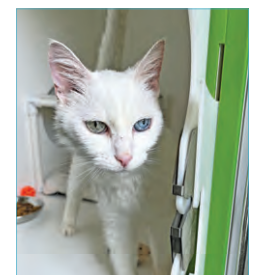


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The artist, **Reni Stephan**, sits near a self-portrait. His work will be displayed at **Posterity Gallery** through **Aug. 15.**



COURTESY PHOTOS

'Art + Design' features work by artist Reni Stephan

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts the exhibition, "Art + Design," featuring the artwork of Reni Stephan, now through Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Stephan was born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1981. In hopes of a brighter future, his family decided to leave their home country when he was 10 years

old. This dream was made a reality as they entered the United States in 1993, and Stephan was immediately enrolled in elementary school. At an early stage of his life, Reni discovered a profound love for drawing. His undeniable talent was noticed by his teachers.

During his high school years, art became

Stephan's priority. Taking many classes in this field, his artistic interests swelled and he began to realize he could fuse his passion for art with the dedication he had for his ancestors' culture he'd left behind.

Stephan further pursued his college education in creative studies in 2005, where he furthered his reach and began painting and sculpting. Inspired by Western art, as well as legendary artists, he dedicated his life to his crafts.

Opening reception, in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Lifestyle Magazine, takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 27, and includes complimentary wine tasting and design features.

Visit posterityartgallery.com for more information.



The artist with another of his works.

Art Takeover Project deadline nearing

The Art Takeover Project, created by Posterity Art Gallery owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley, is centered around the concept of better connecting the community and other communities through art.

Artists are invited to submit artwork for this walkable exhibition, which will span the entire City of Grosse Pointe downtown business district. Participating local shops will share their space with artists for this month-long event, created to connect and provide visibility to local artists and storefronts.

Submitted art can be two- or three-dimensional, which can include wall art, sculptures, installations and interactive displays.

Throughout this event, visitors will be able to vote for best in show, participate in special event days such as art-themed scavenger hunts, an opening day kickoff and a chance to meet many of the artists. Businesses and artists will be paired based on the information each provide.

Best in show winners will be announced at a closing event. Prizes can include cash, a solo-show at Posterity Gallery and/or other local

businesses.

The exhibition is a spinoff of last year's Art Collab Project, which challenged artists to step out of their comfort zone by collaborating with another artist working in a different medium or practice. Artists were paired together, completely at random, then challenged to create something new together and share their experiences.

This year's event will take place throughout The Village and the "collaborations" will be between artists and businesses. An illustrated map of participating businesses and artists will be available for visitors to see all of the displayed artwork and vote for their favorites.

The submission deadline is Saturday, July 22. Businesses and artists will be paired the first week of August and installation will occur the last week of August.

The exhibition takes place the entire month of September.

An opening day kickoff event is planned Thursday, Sept. 7.

For more information, visit posterityartgallery.com/arttakeoverproject, email gallery@posterityartgallery.com or call (313) 884-8105.

2nd annual Lost in the Woods art festival is Aug. 5 at Salter

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

On the back of last year's inaugural success, the city of Harper Woods and artist Amadeus Roy are teaming up for the second annual Lost in the Woods Fest, planned from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Salter Memorial Park, 19430 Harper, Harper Woods.

It promises to be bigger and better than last year's event, which drew around 500 guests.

"Last year, we had 15 artist vendors, we unveiled the city's first mural, there was a DJ and food trucks," said Roy, who was instrumental in organizing both events. "A major addition this year is including a festival-style lineup of seven hours of live music, featuring local talent and up-and-coming artists. They'll play mostly hip-hop, dance and house music."

The lineup includes JMT, G Thirteen, Fat Ron the Dank God, Stoop Lee, Daniel Hex, 47 Chops, GriffyORO, Sprng4Evr, Sheefy McFly, DJ Killa Squid, New Age Hero, LiveFromMARS, DJ Insomniak, Tokage Ozu, Danny M., malikdoesyoga and SRCH ENGN.

Apart from live music, another major change in this year's festivities includes an increase in vendors. Forty local fine artists, independent food vendors, businesses and community organizations — providing information on sustainable gardening, ecology, voters' rights and other topics — will be on hand.

Roy said he hopes the event helps promote a love of education.

"Outside of arts and music, I'm also

big on positive momentum — in society and as a people," he said. "They'll come and see cool art and hear cool music, but I want them to leave with a knowledge they didn't have before."

Food trucks will return this year, as will a beer tent run by the Harper Woods Public Safety Department and live painting demonstrations by local artists. Guests also will have a chance to participate in an interactive art installation.

"I'm making a six-by-six-foot installation that's a wood-cut logo for the festival," Roy said. "The back of it will be painted white. We'll be providing paint supplies and for a donation, people can paint 'whatever they'd like' on the back," though words or images should be appropriate, not profane, he added.

Funds raised through the installation will benefit the Harper Woods High School arts program.

"I want to promote interactivity with the community and experience with the fine arts, which is not as prevalent these days," Roy said. "There's so much focus on graphic arts."

The event welcomes guests as early as noon, but officially kicks off with opening remarks from Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle at 12:30 p.m.

"I'm expecting around 1,000 people this year," Roy said. "It's something the community values, that spreads positivity and spreads community. I want to provide an opportunity for people to get out of the house and back together."

Find more information about Lost in the Woods Fest on Facebook, Instagram or amadeusroyart.com.

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Summer Concert
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The Pulse Of The Pointes

Are fourth graders ready for their own cell phone

Dear Gabby: My son is telling me he really needs a phone and that it's not "fair" that all his friends have one and he doesn't. I am not ready to take this step yet, I don't think.

He is in 4th grade and I don't see the upside. I'm surprised that all of his friends have already been trusted to take care of an expensive phone with access to everything that's out there. Am I alone here?

— Phone Shy in the Farms

Dear Phone Shy,

You are the parent, and therefore what you say goes. As far as others (which doesn't really matter, but for what it's worth) 42 percent of kids have a phone by age 10. By age 12, it's 71 percent. By 14, it's 91 percent, according to Common Sense Media.

In my personal experience, phones start to become somewhat necessary when they are alone at sporting

events, get out of school late and need to let you know at the last minute, and so on.

It's also helpful for them to keep you informed of where they are — especially in the summer when around here they are roaming all over town all day long!

All of that said, let me repeat: you are the boss. What you say goes and they must respect that.

My final piece of advice is if the concern is around

the expense, have your child save and pay for the phone themselves (if it's not the full amount that's OK, but it has to be enough for them to feel true ownership).

You'll be amazed how much more careful and responsible they will be when it's their own investment.

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Spouse's social media fame is straining our marriage

DEAR ANNIE: My spouse has become a viral social media sensation. They have been quite popular, and I recently learned of many "friendships" that have developed with members of the opposite sex. One in particular has become, and I quote, "the best friend I have ever had."

The last year has been filled with many strug-

gles on my end, and I fell into a very deep depression. My spouse chose to ignore this and reach out to these "friends." They claim they are all platonic.

We have been trying to work on our marriage, but I am really hurt by this. I love this person with all of my heart and really want to make our marriage work. We have

had some amazing heart-to-heart conversations recently, and I think they are starting to understand how badly I am hurting by the way they have behaved.

I just don't know if I can trust the words they say. My intuition says yes, but my head makes me cautious.

Social media is not positive for our mar-

riage, but they won't give it up. Please help. I am already so heartbroken. — LONELY AND SAD

DEAR LONELY AND SAD: Social media, or any online connection, doesn't hold a candle to the real heart-to-heart conversation you have had with your spouse. Continue to be open with your feelings and listen to your intuition.

If the social media is part of your spouse's job,



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

then asking them to give that up is not the solution either. The solution is to have personal boundaries on what your partner can and cannot allow on social media.

Talk about what you both feel comfortable with. Healthy communication and trust are great muscles to work in a marriage, and your spouse's newfound social media fame is certainly giv-

ing you the opportunity to do just that.

Best of luck to you. In addition, I would encourage you to seek the help of a professional therapist if you are suffering from depression. Try to surround yourself with friends and family when you are feeling down.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I have been on the hunt for the perfect overnight bag to bring with me on road trips. Something for short to medium jaunts either up north, to kids' sporting weekends or the occasional girls trip.

At some point, this Hulken bag ad kept coming up on my social media feed. It looked pretty cool, but was billed as more of a grocery-schlepping bag for people in New York City. Still, it got my interest enough to click on it and I started investigating.

It occurred to me I could use this grocery-type bag on wheels for my overnights. And the price was right — only \$89. To me, that's a pretty good price for a suitcase.

The bag is made of really strong material, kind of like an Ikea bag. The colors are nice — there's a cool shiny black, metallic rose gold and metallic silver. I went with black, a classic.

The bag is outfitted with handles you can put around your shoulder and carry, as well as a large handle on the front with which you can pull the bag like a wagon (for lack of a better way to explain it).

It's so easy. It's perfect for what I was looking for. You can just throw all of

your stuff in there — towels, clothes, makeup, even a cooler, shoes and whatever else you need.

It's a very large bag and I ordered the medium. According to the Hulken website, the medium can hold two to three full grocery bags; the dimensions are 16-by-12-by-20 inches.

The large can hold five to six grocery bags. I cannot



imagine ever needing the large, unless I wanted to pack for my whole family for a trip. Hmm, maybe I should consider that.

I love the bag mostly because it's perfect for last-minute packers like me. I'm always throwing in everything but the kitchen sink right up until the minute I leave the house. Chargers, water bottles, books, a football — you name it.

I love how it's tall and has so much space. If you go to a hotel, just pull it behind you with pillows and blankets or whatever else you brought on top of

it. And even better, it's easy to see what is in the bag and on occasion I don't even really unpack because it's organized in there and easy to find.

All in all, I think this bag is a great choice for someone like me who is always on the fly and has their hands full. The newer Hulken bags have been improved and have a zipper top (mine is open). This is a major upgrade and I'm bummed mine doesn't include that feature, but I'm still giving it a 4-alligator rating. If I ever have to give a gift for a city-dweller, I know what I'll be getting.

This would be so key for lugging around groceries, plants, purchases from the hardware store and even as a work bag for commuters who have a lot of stuff. You can find yourself a Hulken bag online at hulkenbag.com or by visiting its social media pages. The website is not the most user-friendly — it has a lot of photos, but not a lot of info.

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A lemony pasta

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Summer is all about recipes that are easy, seasonal and fresh. It never has to be about an abundance of ingredients or excessive labor to prepare something that's just OK.

Instead, make it original and genuinely great. The pleasure of cooking should come with making something that you are proud of and happy to share. Stress can find us all in October.

This recipe is simplistic but so lovely. Pasta that is dressed with humble vegetables, olive oil, and lemon, then tossed together with great cheese.

I use the juice from a whole lemon and zest as well. The brightness of the lemon just screams summer breeze on a warm evening. Hot off the stove or packed away for a picnic, you can't go wrong.

The art of good home cooking is solely in your pocket if you just look around to seek it. Find

inspiration in farmer's markets, restaurants and family. That's what they are there for. My favorite part is making up my own. This recipe isn't rocket science but it sure is great.

Cheers, Mombeau

Spaghetti with Zucchini, Squash and Lemon

1 medium zucchini

1 medium yellow squash

2 minced garlic cloves

½ tsp red chili flakes

½ lb spaghetti

4 tbsp olive oil

1 lemon, zest and juice

Parmigiano Reggiano, to taste

Start by boiling a pot of water for the pasta. Using a vegetable

peeler, make ribbons from top to bottom of the zucchini and squash. Stop when you get to the seedy core. It should yield about 4 cups. Set aside and heat a skillet on medium heat.

Add 2 tbsp of olive oil and saute the garlic and chili flakes and be careful not to burn, about 20 seconds. Add in the squash and zucchini and cook until soft, about five minutes.

Once the water is boiling, drop in the pasta and cook according to the box's direction.

If the veggies are done prior, turn the heat off because it can wait. Once the noodles are cooked, reserve ½ cup of the pasta water. Strain and add the pasta to the pan with zucchini and squash. Add the pasta water, lemon juice and zest.

Let the flavors come together for a few minutes. Season with salt and pepper and finish with lots of shavings of parmigiano reggiano.



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How sweet it is

The wine shop clerk told me the wine was very dry, but when I took my purchase home and pulled the cork, I found it to be too sweet for me.

Yet again, I learned that taking the advice of wine store clerks can be a mixed bag, and often leads to an inappropriate purchase — or worse, an awful wine.

It is one reason that I rarely ask for advice in a wine shop. It usually has to do with the fact that I prefer to pucker after I sip a white wine. Clerks assume I'm like most Americans, for whom a slightly sweet wine is fine.

In most cases, I want wines that are completely dry, including wines that

some clerks would assert are dry, but are not.

How can there be such a wide disagreement? Part of it may be attributed to a lack of education on the part of the clerks. And part of it may well be related to the fact that a wine without any residual sugar still can come across as slightly sweet if the acidity is particularly low.

We all taste things differently. I may say a hot sauce is too spicy, while another person says it isn't spicy enough. Some people like salt added to everything they eat; others don't like salt at all.

Wine is pretty much the same way, and when

it comes to acidity and sugar, there are so many differences of opinion that no one can be absolutely certain whether your dry is my sweet or vice versa.

All of us have had wines that were identified on their labels as being "dry," but are so soft that they have no appeal with food. When this occurs, there are a few things we can do to correct the situation, even though purists would frown on such notions.

— Add citric acid to your glass.

A couple of drops of lemon juice would also

help to restore the balance of a sweet wine, but lemons have flavors that alter the taste of the wine, often in strange ways that may be unappealing.

Citric acid, which can be found in stores that carry canning supplies, has no aroma or taste. A quarter teaspoon added to a five-ounce glass of wine may help its balance. Experiment with an eighth of a teaspoon first.

— Add a few drops of spring water to your glass.

I don't like adding water to my wine because it tends to upset the structure, but when a wine is too sweet, a teaspoon or two of water can help to lower the alcohol level, which has a slight sweetness all its own. This really works well for red wines



that have alcohol levels near or higher than 15 percent.

— Chill the wine a bit.

A well-known tactic to deal with soft, slightly sweet wines is to chill them so the cold can emulate the acid. I realize that red wine is not supposed to be served cold, but sometimes with sweeter red wines, the best tactic is to chill them.

— Seek lower-alcohol wines.

As previously noted,

alcohol can have a sweet-imparting character, so to get drier wines, seek wines whose alcohol levels are below 14 percent. The lower the alcohol level, the better your chances of finding a dry wine.

No wine of the week.

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GPPL Together @ your parks

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Public Library librarians are visiting different parks this summer, offering activity challenges, games, the Book Bike and more, allowing guests a chance to check out a book, make a craft or wander along a story walk.

Edward Rempert shows his son, Edward Rempert, how to braid a friendship bracelet while his other son, Henri, wears the friendship bracelet he made earlier.



Odessa Stevant looks through the books in the Book Bike so she can check one out and take it home to read.



Henry Picek and his sister, Rose Picek, talk to each other through the telephone tube.

Maddy MacKinnon and Gemma Studders get some air under their feet before they stomp on the pad of the Stomp Rocket to make the rockets go flying.



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FISHING CONTEST

CLASSIC GOOD TIMES



Recapping all the 2023 fishing competition fun

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic proved to be a big success once more! Area fishermen and women took to the shoreline in droves to catch some rays along with largemouth and smallmouth bass, pike, walleye and muskie.

Every division was well-represented and the fish participants reeled in were nothing short of spectacular. The contest brought out the very best local anglers and they did not disappoint.

Seasoned fisherman Andy Hauswirth, of Grosse Pointe, took the top prize for longest fish overall for his 34" pike, caught at Farms Park. Hauswirth was a steady contender and category winner throughout the contest. We congratulate Andy on his win and thank him for his active participation. For the full list of 2023 contest winners see the compilation on the facing page.

The Grosse Pointe News extends its genuine thanks to Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe for the winners' generous cash awards and much gratitude to raffle sponsors Fishbones, Lakeside Fishing, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy and the anonymous donor of the great high-tech electronics prizes.

Enjoy your summer, keep on fishing and we look forward to next year's Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic!

TOP RIGHT: Parker Crandall, age 7, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught his amazing 18" largemouth bass at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Well done, Parker.



Victoria Whittingham, right, age 6, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was very active in the contest this year. She displays a nice 13" smallmouth bass she caught at Pier Park.

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Congratulations to all the contestants of this year's Fishing Classic! Enjoy the rest of the summer with some fantastic fishing and stop by to see us!

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WINNER'S CIRCLE

A WHOPPING Congratulations

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WINNERS - JUNE 8, 2023

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

BASS Reid McGucken, Grosse Pointe Farms, 21" bass
MUSKIE N/A

PIKE Sam Wakefield, Grosse Pointe Shores, 24" pike

WALLEYE Asher Chin, Grosse Pointe Farms, 17" walleye

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

BASS Liam Gilmour, Grosse Pointe Farms, 22" bass
MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

BASS Dan Whittingham, 20.5" bass, caught fly fishing
MUSKIE N/A

PIKE Tom Kolojeski, Grosse Pointe Farms, 33" pike

WALLEYE Andy Hauswirth, Grosse Pointe, 20.5" walleye

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Joseph Miller

\$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Teddy Whittingham

Lakeside Fishing gift card - Daniel Shanle

Electronics prize - gaming mouse - Andrew Phillips

WINNERS - JUNE 15, 2023

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

BASS Malcom Richards, 17" smallmouth bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

BASS Andrew Phillips, 16.5" largemouth bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

BASS Joseph Miller, 21.5" smallmouth bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE Andy Hauswirth, 34" pike

WALLEYE N/A

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Tom Kolojeski

\$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Sam Wakefield

Lakeside Fishing gift card - Gabriel Kuzma

Electronics prize: speaker - Alex Blyth

WINNERS - JUNE 29, 2023

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

BASS Sam Wakefield, 12, caught a winning 18" bass in GPS

MUSKIE Reid McGuckin got the winning 15" muskie in GPF

PIKE Reid McGuckin also landed the winning 15" pike in GPF

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

BASS Sam Andris, 13, a winning 13" smallmouth bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

BASS Joseph Miller caught the winning 20" bass in GPP

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - John Leverenz

\$25 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Jake Wittwer

\$25 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Kate Andris

Electronics prize - Ashley Andris



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Andy Hauswirth, left, overall winner of the Classic, is congratulated by Kyle Hecht, Branch Leader at Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, with son Hunter. Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe is the top sponsor of the Classic, providing cash prizes for all winners in each category and division. Congrats, Andy!

2023 OVERALL WINNER - ANDY HAUSWIRTH



Hauswirth's winning 34" pike, above, caught at Farms Park.

WINNERS - JUNE 22, 2023

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

BASS Parker Crandall, 18" bass

MUSKIE N/A

LONGNOSE GAR Malcom Richards, 32" gar

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

BASS Daniel Shanle, 13, 16" bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

BASS (TIE) Steven Kujawski tied with a 16" bass

BASS (TIE) Joseph O'Laughlin tied with a 16" bass

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE Matthew Fabry, 24" walleye

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Patricia Kolojeski

\$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Clara Milne

Electronics prize - Brooke McMillan

WINNERS - JULY 6, 2023

DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

BASS Anna Skowronski, a 17" bass at Pier Park

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE Malcom Richards, 20" pike off Harsens Island

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

BASS Sam Andris, 16.25" bass at Pier Park

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE N/A

WALLEYE N/A

DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

BASS John Leverenz reeled in a 18.25" bass at CSYC

MUSKIE N/A

PIKE Andy Hauswirth, 27" pike at City Park

WALLEYE Patrick Cavera, 22" walleye at GPYC

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Chace Wakefield

Lakeside Fishing gift card - Luke Skowronski

Electronics prize - Sam Wakefield



A Great Northern Adventure: Part 2

By Brian Owen



PHOTO BY CRAIG WEINHOLD

Jerry Weinhold holds his trophy pike, caught on the fishing expedition to Manitoba, Canada.

DETERMINED FRIENDS GET MANITOBA TO DELIVER

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

I recently returned from a fishing adventure in Northern Manitoba, Canada, and while there were so many fish caught, I'm still thinking about the one that got away. If I take a deep breath and close my eyes, I can still feel that connection to the great northern and let go knowing it was never mine to lose, long enough to finish this story.

When Jerry, Craig, Brad and I met up in Minneapolis, we almost immediately agreed this would be our last adventure with our outfitter, Sham Frett, but not our last to Manitoba. We would agree later that it might be time to stay at a lodge and have most of the creature comforts of home, minus the creatures.

I must not have noticed the flies and mosquitoes in the sweltering heat of that first night at our outpost. The exhaustion and adrenaline of the additional flights and layovers to get there had us running on fumes. The adrenaline won out that night and I stayed up early into the morning. I built a bonfire, gyotaku printed my first pike along with a walleye I had caught earlier, and prepared both to eat as a neon moon set on the other side of the bay.

I wasn't sure how to operate the stove or if it even worked and the generator was off, so I cooked the pike whole in the fire. I had brought a few lemons and some fresh garlic used those for a walleye ceviche, seeing as we had no ice or refrigeration yet. The pike was flaky and delicious. Very clean. I never got around to trying the ceviche as I didn't trust the process without a way to keep it cold.



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Jerry and Brad Weinhold head out to get some fish.

Once the moon was gone, there was complete darkness and I was finally ready to sleep. The sun rose 90 minutes later and my nap was over. Time to fish again. The trip was already halfway over so we fished nonstop and only took a few breaks. Sham arrived at one point to drop off some supplies and ice and do some maintenance and repairs. The net effect of that was Brad missing two hours of fishing because he had to tow Sham and one of the rundown fishing

boats back to the launch site. We did get running water and enough ice to keep the beer cold for the remaining 36 hours.

That night I got no sleep. The flies, mosquitoes and stifling heat in the cabin would only allow me to doze off for a few minutes at a time. The longest stretch of sleep I could find was for maybe 15 minutes sitting at the kitchen table where there was a little more air flow. The outside temperature was dropping, but opening the windows would have invited even more mosquitoes and flies inside. We tried to find screens or a fan, but there was nothing to get the air moving inside.



Exhausted, the group pauses for a selfie to commemorate the exciting adventure.

I was happy to see the sun rise and excited to get back on the water for our last day of fishing. A little sunlight and adrenaline were just what I needed to compensate for lack of sleep. Brad and I were up first and went fishing almost immediately. About an hour later, we decided to head back to find Craig and Jerry. As we got closer, Brad and I could see that Jerry's rod was doubled over. The wind was blowing slightly off a rocky point and Jerry was hooked up with a monster northern. I grabbed my camera and snapped some pictures.

Jerry reeled the fish closer and closer to the boat. It decided to make a run, digging deep into the water and pulling drag. You could hear the zip of the reel as it darted away from the boat. Craig was ready with the cradle, but this great fish was not ready to be caught. Several times it seemed as though the fight was over and the pike would quickly take out line again, determined to stay away from the boat.

Jerry's patience and persistence paid off as he lifted the head of the pike into the cradle. Craig cinched the cradle shut, secured the fish and lifted it into the boat. It would be the first and only trophy pike of the trip, measuring over 40 inches — just slightly smaller than the smile on Jerry's face. Craig handed the fish over to his dad, snapped some photos and took some video. I, of course, took photos of all of it. Jerry released the fish and it slowly disappeared into the lake.



Jerry displays his catch of "the big one" as son Craig captures the victorious moment.

With a trophy on the board and only a few hours left to fish, we decided to finish the trip with a last visit to the walleye honey hole that turned out to be one of the highlights of the week. Cast after cast, we continued to catch and release dozens and dozens of fish until we couldn't fish anymore. The boat ride back to the cabin was quiet and the boat ride from the cabin to our meeting spot with Sham was even quieter.

We made our way back to the lodge to settle the bill and begin our journey home. Jerry walked into Sham's storefront first and Brad and I followed behind. We pretended to shop for lures and souvenirs, but we were both eavesdropping on Jerry letting Sham know his disappointment in the communication, accommodations, supplies and more importantly, loss of days of fishing. Sham tried to offer compensation with a "free" trip back, but there is no chance we will ever return.

I'd like to say it was a great fishing trip, but it was not. We missed out on two days of fishing. On the days we weren't fishing, we were watching the clock the whole time and throwing out guesses as to what time we would be fishing. It was a great learning experience. It was a challenge that took me outside of my comfort zone both physically and mentally. I was with great friends who helped pass the downtime with stories and shared memories of our previous trip. They will also agree this was not a great trip.

On the flight back to Winnipeg, I finished "The Old Man and the Sea" and as I closed the book, I couldn't help but laugh out loud. In spite of the negative outcome of our trip, we were like four Santiagos, exhausted physically and mentally, and already excited to plan our next fishing trip.

Fish on!

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WHATTA WHOPPER

Check out the cool fish caught by Malcom Richards, age 12 of Grosse Pointe. Malcom reeled in the prize 32" longnose gar at Farms Park in June.



COURTESY PHOTOS

HAND-TIED FLY LURE



Dave Whittingham, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught the 20.5" smallmouth bass, above, using a fly rod at Pier Park. Whittingham also used one of his hand-tied flies to lure the impressive fish. It's always a treat to find success with your own unique spin!



Sam Wakefield, at right, of Grosse Pointe Shores, nabbed this beautiful 16-incher on a perfect summer day at Shores' Lake Front Park. Twelve-year-old Sam has been a very active participant in the Classic since it began in May. Way to go, Sam!

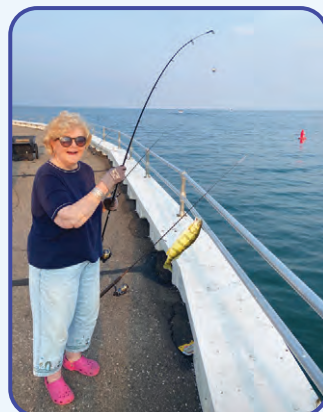
A GALLERY OF CLASSIC MEMORIES



Tom Kolojeski, from Grosse Pointe Farms, with his interesting catch at the Farms Pier.



Brooke McMillan, 11, of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Patricia Kolojeski, of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Ella Metry, of Grosse Pointe, at Farms Pier.



Kyle Hecht, Branch Leader at Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, and his 3-year-old son Hunter, on Lake St. Clair.



Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, reeled in a hefty 17.5" smallmouth bass, above, at City Park.



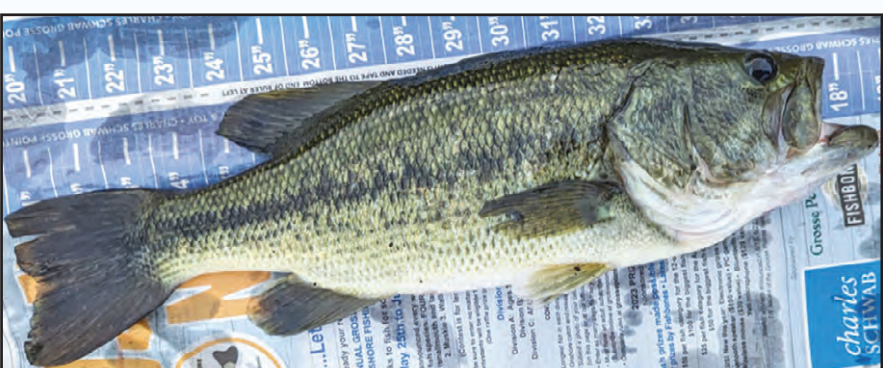
Andy Hauswirth, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 17.5" largemouth, above, at his yacht club pier.



Steven Kujawski, of Grosse Pointe Farms, snagged a nice 16" smallmouth bass, above, at Farms Park.



Chace Wakefield, of Grosse Pointe Shores, caught this 16" largemouth bass, above, at Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park.



John Leverenz, of Grosse Pointe Park, got this 18.25" smallmouth bass, above, off the dock at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club.



Patrick Cavera's day of adventure at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club paid off for him with the huge 22" walleye he caught, shown above.

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From left, Amanda Seyfried as Anne Sherman, Shirley MacLaine as Harriet Lauler and AnnJewel Lee Dixon as Brenda, in the 2017 movie "The Last Word," directed by Mark Pellington.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "The Last Word"
 2017 - Rated R
 1 hr 48 min
 ★★☆☆☆

Shirley MacLaine. What an amazing career. From her early films like "The Trouble with Harry" and "The Apartment" to more recent projects including "Steel Magnolias" and "Terms of Endearment," she's produced a formidable body of work.

She has a reputation for being a headstrong, determined, and demanding actor — a true force to be reckoned with. I have a sneaking suspicion that "The Last Word" parallels her life just a little bit.

The film is about Harriet Lauler (MacLaine), an 80-something woman we meet in her perfectly appointed and stately home. As we follow her around her home, we see she's a lonely and sad soul.

She goes outside and immediately chastises her gardener for trimming the hedges from the top down, instead from the bottom up as he's been instructed to do. It's no wonder she's lonely, since she's not only a perfectionist, she expects the same of others.

ple obituaries of people she knew, and were largely fabrications, she decides to do something about the way she'll be written about when she passes on.

She marches into the local paper, the Bristol Gazette, to have a word with Ronald Odom (Tom



Harriet (MacLaine) on the air.

As the story unfolds, we learn she founded a very successful advertising agency and left her business on less than ideal terms.

Everett Scott) the publisher. She did a great deal to help his father make the paper a success, so he owes her a favor or two.

After reading a couple obituaries of people she knew, and were largely fabrications, she decides to do something about the way she'll be written about when she passes on.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



work with the obit writer Anne Sherman (Amanda Seyfried), to craft a glowing and complimentary account of her life.

Here is where the film takes an amusing turn. Anne is given a long list of Harriet's acquaintances. As she tries to contact the various people, one after another hang up on her, and she crosses off just about everyone on the list.

who she takes an instant shine to. Harriet has a lot to offer her, and vice versa. (I think it was Brenda's use of f-bombs that garnered the film an "R" rating). Ms. Dixon really impressed me with her acting chops, and I feel we're going to be seeing a lot more of her in the not too distant future.

The three women played off each other naturally and it was

Note to parents: I'm not sure why this film is rated "R." About the only thing objectionable is some swearing, mainly by the young girl. I'd rate it "PG-13."

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

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone

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

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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

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



Anne Heche as Harriet's estranged daughter.

The few folks who are actually willing to discuss their relationship with Harriet, have nothing but negative things to say about her. One interviewee states, "I hate her. Absolutely hate her." The camera pulls out to reveal his Roman collar!

We also meet her ex-husband Edward, the late Philip Baker Hall. So Anne definitely has her work cut out for her.

It finally dawns on Harriet that she won't be remembered kindly unless she does some good in the world. So she begins to do something to reshape her legacy.

You get the sense the film is going to be a retelling of "A Christmas Carol" and Mr. Scrooge, aka Harriet Lauler is going to change into a kindly, generous soul. Well, in this case it's partially true. But her transformation is going to happen on her own terms.

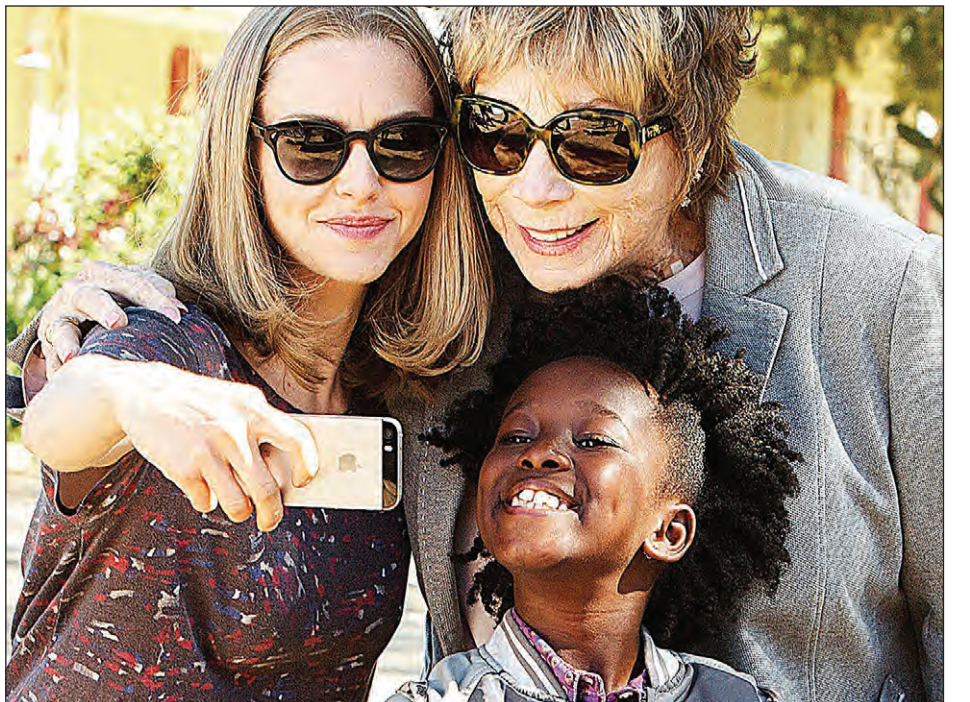
Harriet visits a home for at-risk youth. While giving a group of girls a lecture about being successful while being true to yourself, she encounters Brenda (AnnJewel Lee Dixon).

Brenda is a foul-mouthed, brash young African-American girl

great fun to see them interact. Each one learned from the other two to mature and become better people.

We also learn that Harriet has an estranged daughter Elizabeth (Anne Heche), who she hasn't spoken to in years. When it's arranged for the two of them to get together over lunch, the encounter is as awkward and uncomfortable as you'd expect. But it did represent Harriet's willingness to put the past behind her and get on with her life.

Overall, while the film was a little predictable, with fine acting, flawless cinematography, and a strong script from first time screenwriter Stuart Ross Fink, all came together to create an engaging and ultimately satisfying movie-going experience.



Anne (Seyfried), Harriet (MacLaine) and Brenda (Dixon) pose for a selfie.

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If I'd been born a sugar cube
I'd have the means to make
My life a truly sweet one,
A perfect piece of cake!

If I'd been born a sugar cube
How sweet my life would be
A world of simple syrup
Surrounding little me!

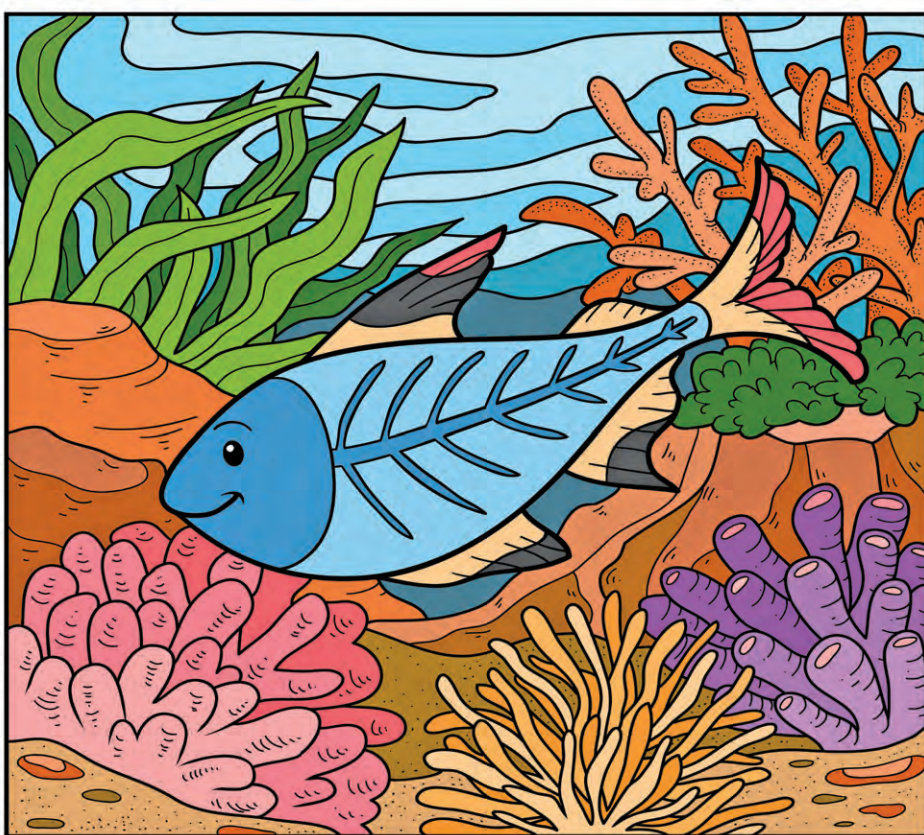
I'd be downright desirable,
A truly tasty treat,
And known as one sharp cookie
That's good enough to eat!

The syrup from the maple,
The honey from the bee,
The very sweetest things on earth
Could not compete with me!

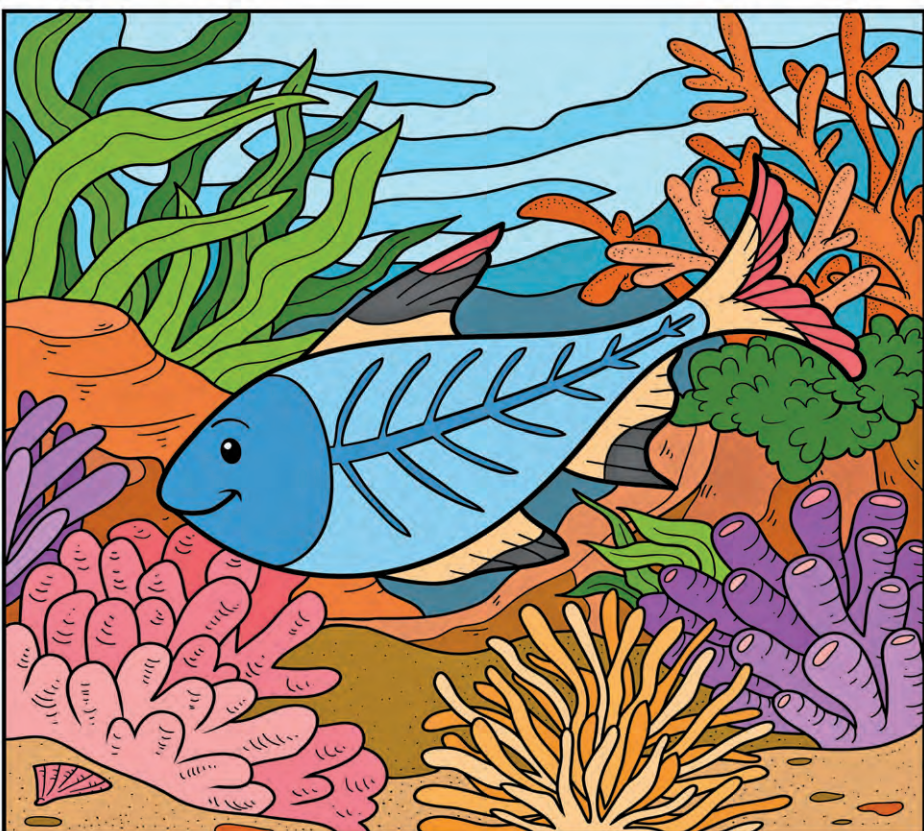
Alas, I'm more the saucy type
(My own degree of sweet),
Just Joanie, her bologna
Like a hunk of luncheon meat!
Oh, well ...

Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.



Find 10 Differences



Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT today (7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 20, 2023:

You thrive on movement, change and activity. Your friends love hearing about your exploits. But it's also important to appreciate contentment. This year is about learning and teaching. Explore philosophies that will give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Expect challenges at work or with whatever task you set for yourself today. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Stay focused on your tasks and don't let issues get you down, especially ones related to bosses or older people who seem to know more. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is a tough day for romance. It's also a tough day for social activities and sports, because rules, regulations and certain people seem to make things hard for you. Don't push the river. You can't change what you can't change. Keep a low profile and be patient. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Family relationships might be strained today, especially with parents or older family members. This is because whatever you want to do, your efforts seem to be thwarted. This is not the day to ask for permission or approval. All you will get is, "Talk to the hand." Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

It might be difficult to navigate and do what you want today, especially if you're taking a short trip, studying or driving around for errands or appointments. It's as if life is just hard for you today. Definitely steer clear of controversial subjects and arguments. Tonight: Conversations.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Financial matters look bleak today. You might feel broke. (Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?) You also might feel discouraged about something that you own, your wealth or your assets. Relax. This is a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Tonight: Count your money.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Relations with partners and close friends are discouraging today. You might even feel belittled or diminished for some reason, perhaps ignored. Don't take this personally. Everyone feels a bit like this today in varying degrees. It's a tough day. It's that simple. Tonight: Stay calm.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You like harmony in your environment. You don't like to rock the boat. Just accept the fact that today people in authority, along with rules and regulations, seem to create a situation where life feels difficult. Turn to a friend for support. You will get it. Tonight: Solitude.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Relations with others are very frustrating today. You might feel disappointed, even betrayed. You will certainly feel that you cannot express yourself to be understood. Likewise, some

kind of competitive sports or athletics also might discourage you. Tonight: Think goals.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a poor day to deal with authority figures — bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Definitely don't ask for permission or approval. Postpone this request for another day. Dealings with authority figures will be challenging and discouraging. Tonight: Be respectful.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a challenging day for travel, higher education, legal matters or anything to do with medicine. Authority figures or rules and regulations will seem to get in the way. Naturally, you will feel frustrated. Postpone as much as possible for another day. Tonight: Study.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a tricky day for finances, banking situations and anything to do with shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances. Your plans in these areas might suddenly change. Something could fall through. The rules of agreement might not work out. Double-check everything. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Relations with partners and close friends are difficult today, which is why you need to keep a low profile. Make no demands. Assume nothing. If things go wrong, don't get your belly in a rash. And don't overreact. This problem is temporary. Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sandra Oh (1971), musician Carlos Santana (1947), actress Judy Greer (1975).

Contract Bridge

A DEDUCIBLE DEDUCTION

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q J 9 4
♥ A 3
♦ 9 6
♣ K 9 8 7 2

WEST

♠ 6 2
♥ K J 7 5 4
♦ K Q J 10
♣ 10 3

EAST

♠ 7 5
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ Q J 6

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 8 3
♥ Q 6
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠		

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The most difficult part of declarer play is to determine how the defenders' cards are divided and where specific key cards are located. Fortunately, there are clues in almost every hand that should enable declarer to attain the best result possible if he puts forth a maximum effort.

Consider this case where South failed to take advantage of a significant clue. West led the king of diamonds, which held, and continued with the ten, won

by East with the ace. East returned the ten of hearts, covered by the Q-K-A. South later lost a heart and a club, and so went down one.

On the surface, it seems that South did nothing wrong. He had four losers, and he lost them. But it is not that cut-and-dried. The fact is that South missed his cue when he covered East's ten of hearts with the queen. He should have played the six instead!

Undoubtedly, he played the queen in the hope of finding East with the king. However, this was not a realistic view, since the defenders could have arranged for West to be on lead at trick three instead of East and would have done so if East had had the king of hearts. Their plays clearly indicated that West had the king.

Had South played the six on the ten, he could have made the contract by taking the ace, drawing trump, ruffing a diamond in dummy, cashing the A-K of clubs and then leading a heart to the queen.

West would take the king, but, with only hearts and diamonds left, he would be forced to return one or the other. This would allow declarer to ruff in dummy while discarding his remaining club, and the seemingly unmakeable contract would come sailing home.

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"Dogs are canines and cats are felines." "And planes are airlines."

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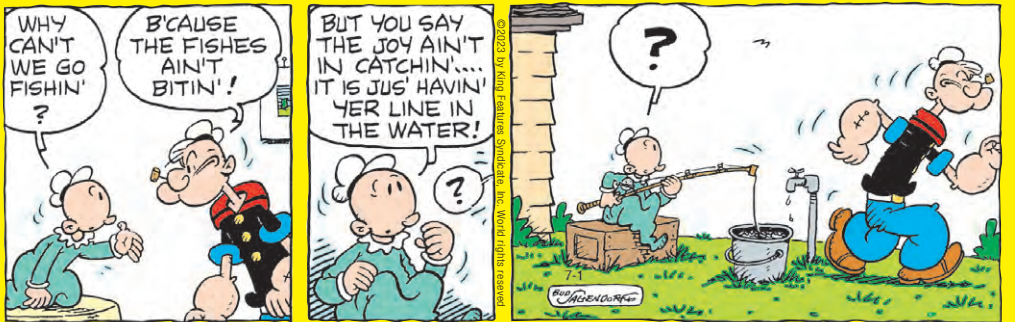
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Jim Davis



Popeye

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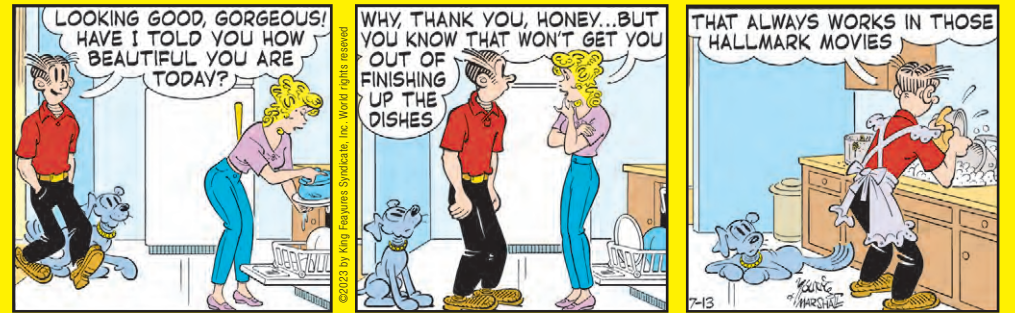
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Chris and Dean Young



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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



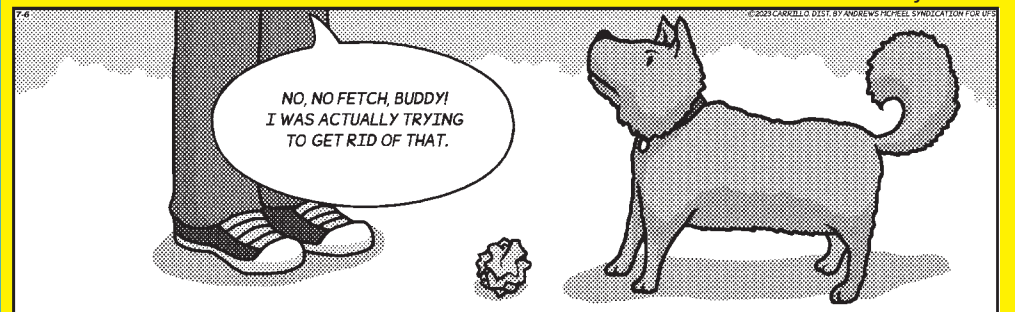
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F Minus

Tony Carrilo

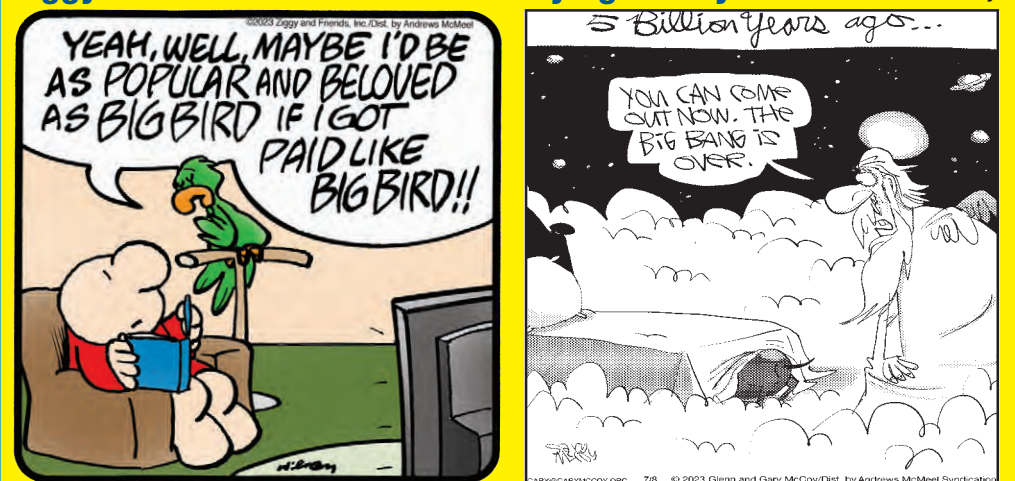


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

			9	5		1		
7	9							
	3	1		6	4			
		5	2	4				
	1	2		8		9	5	
				5	7	4		
			5	1		3	4	
							8	6
2		4	7					

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

4	9	5	8	7	6	3	1	2
7	8	2	1	3	5	6	4	9
6	3	1	9	2	4	5	7	8
1	4	9	5	6	8	7	2	3
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2	5	6	3	9	7	4	8	1
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5	1	8	7	4	9	2	3	6
3	6	4	2	5	1	8	9	7

7/20 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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7/13 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 20, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Edge of a canyon
- 4 Piece of food waste
- 9 Country singer Gibbs
- 14 2010 health law, for short
- 15 Smell from a bakery
- 16 Bothered constantly
- 17 "Service members since 1775"
- 19 Amusement park shuttles
- 20 Foul mood
- 21 Opening of a spy movie?
- 22 Operatic solo
- 23 Sprawling property
- 25 "Just OK"
- 28 Waterproofing, say
- 30 Coy response to a compliment
- 31 "Night" author
- 32 "Stop," on the seas
- 35 Female 58-Across
- 36 Online privacy tool to use on each starred clue's answer?
- 39 Homeric exclamation?

- 42 Let another car go
- 43 First word for some babies
- 46 As one
- 48 People who get to see movies early
- 51 "Certain guitars"
- 54 Unsurprised by
- 55 Stick a toothpick in
- 56 Through thick and
- 58 Bambi, e.g.
- 59 What a Brit watches
- 61 "Blackjack request"
- 63 Flaring to go
- 64 Actress
- 65 Bro's sib, maybe
- 66 Pokes
- 67 "Stop," formally
- 68 It's less powerful than dynamite

DOWN

- 1 Name of 11 pharaohs
- 2 "That's clear to me"
- 3 Nuptial
- 4 Diego
- 5 Zoo
- 6 Took, as a scooter
- 7 Revise legally
- 8 Computer command after copy

- 9 Bit of ink
- 10 Robinhood competitor
- 11 Bump from behind
- 12 More than bump
- 13 "The score's even"
- 18 Roma's home
- 24 Makes a colorful camp T-shirt
- 26 Whiskey barrel
- 27 Greek goddess of the hunt
- 29 Strong wind
- 33 Abbr. between + and -, on a remote
- 34 "Back in Black" band
- 37 Auction offers
- 38 Like a video game suited for ages 17+
- 39 Genre known for wobble bass
- 40 Hot, like an athlete
- 41 Central Mexican state
- 44 Focus for Al Jazeera
- 45 Had an IMDb credit for, maybe
- 47 Postponed talking about
- 49 Altercations
- 50 Most achy
- 52 Moral principle
- 53 Social media button
- 57 Concept
- 60 Twelve-mo. periods
- 62 Golf peg

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	B	O	V	E	A	N	N	A	C	H	E			
S	L	U	I	C	E	L	E	A	R	L	A	Y		
P	A	S	S	I	N	G	L	A	N	E	O	R	E	
I	N	T	E	G	R	A	O	N	E	U	P	S		
C	D	S			O	I	N	K	A	N	D			
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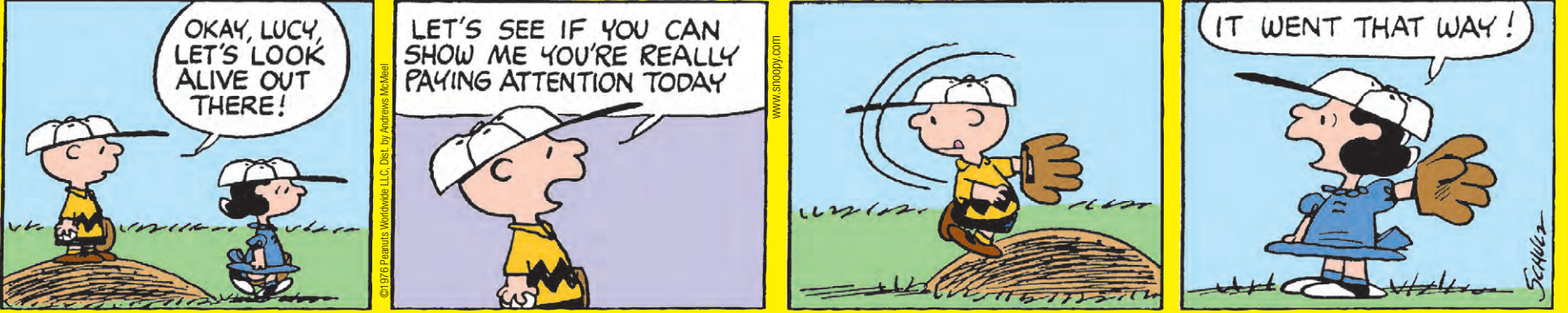
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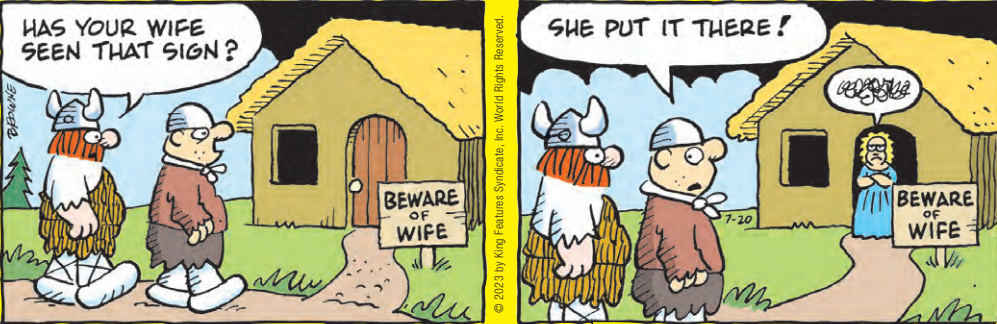
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Charles M. Schulz



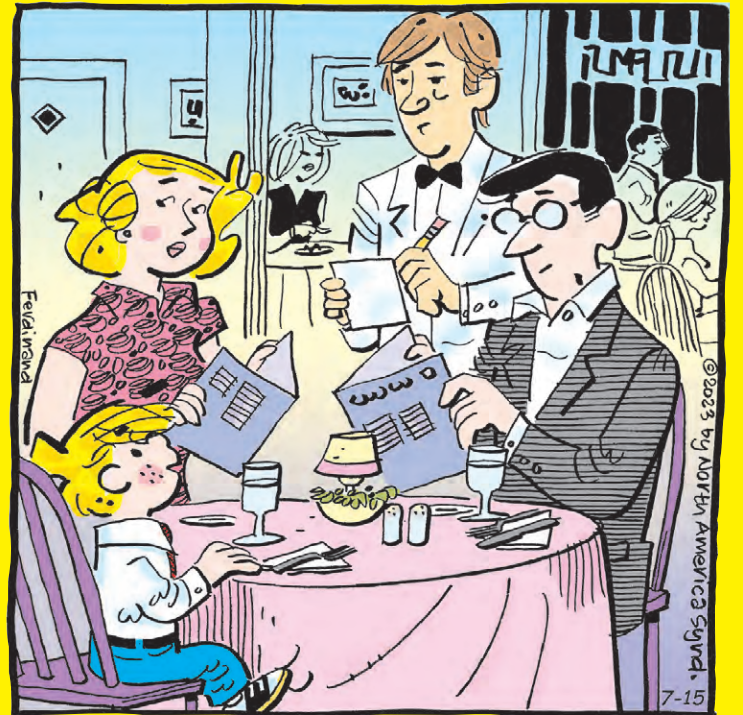
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Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



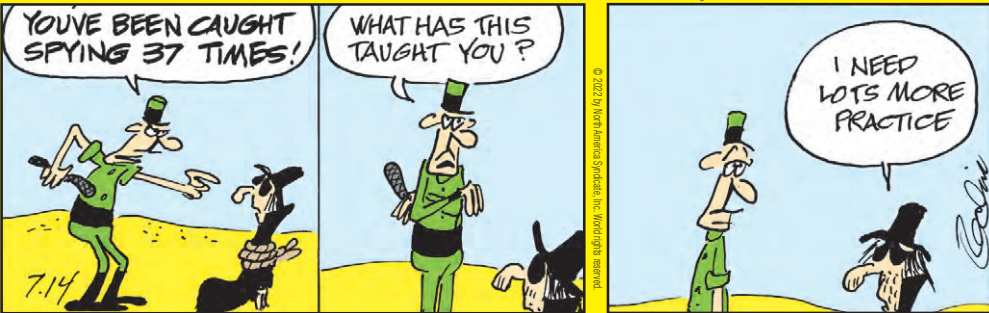
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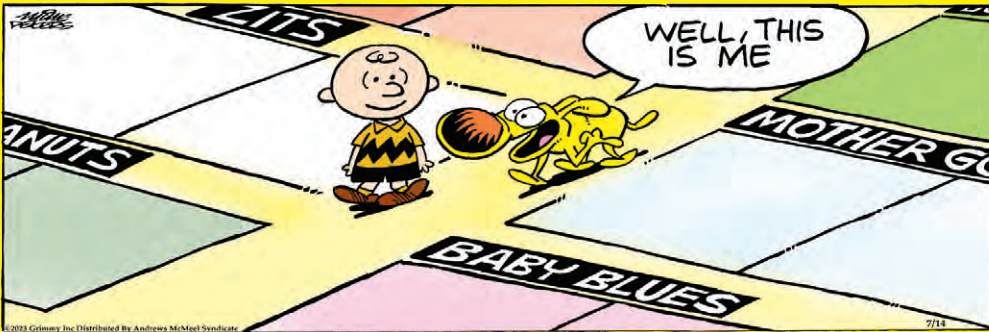
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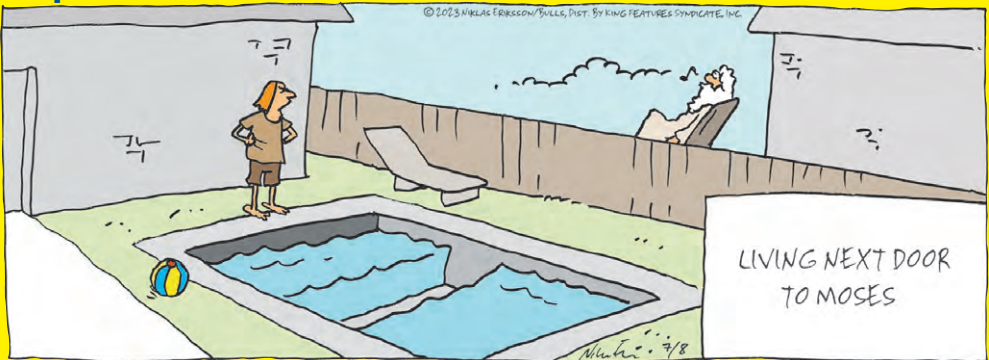
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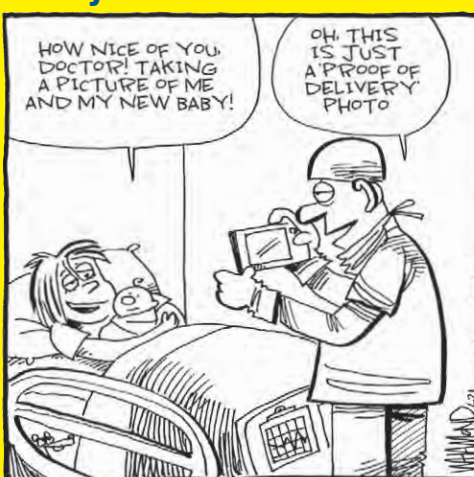
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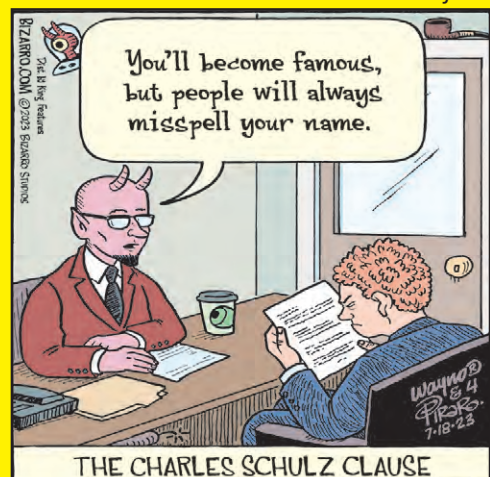
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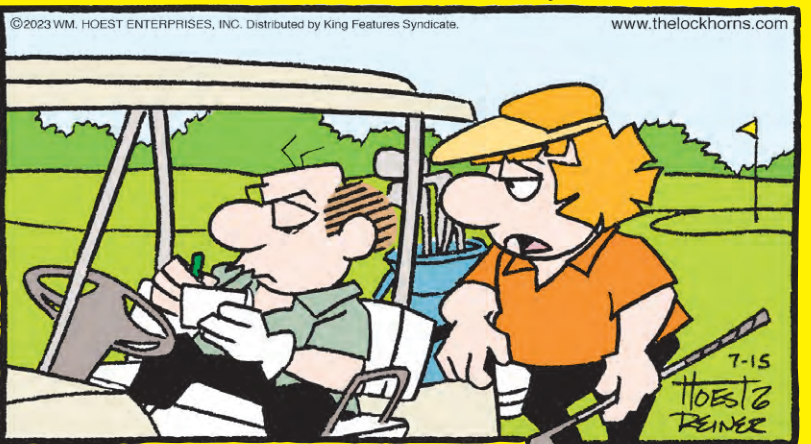
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

John McPherson



"Foolishly, Gerald relied on AI software to write his wedding vows."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke wants you to plant kibble."

CHILL OUT!

Would you like to splash around in some water on these hot summer days? Try this activity and tell your mom you are doing a science experiment!

How many drops will stay on a penny?

Stuff you'll need:

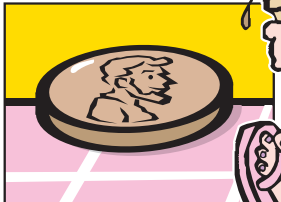
- a penny
- an eyedropper
- liquid detergent
- tap water
- paper towel
- a place to work that your parents won't mind getting wet!



Follow these steps:



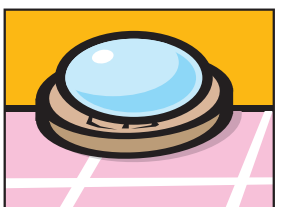
Wash your penny. Rinse it and dry it well.



Place the penny on a flat surface that's okay to get wet.



Fill the eyedropper with water and slowly drop water onto the penny, one drop at a time. Count how many drops you can add.



What shape does the water take? Repeat three times and find the average number of drops the penny can hold.



Repeat this experiment with cold water and then with hot water. Does the temperature of the water change the number of drops that fit on the penny?

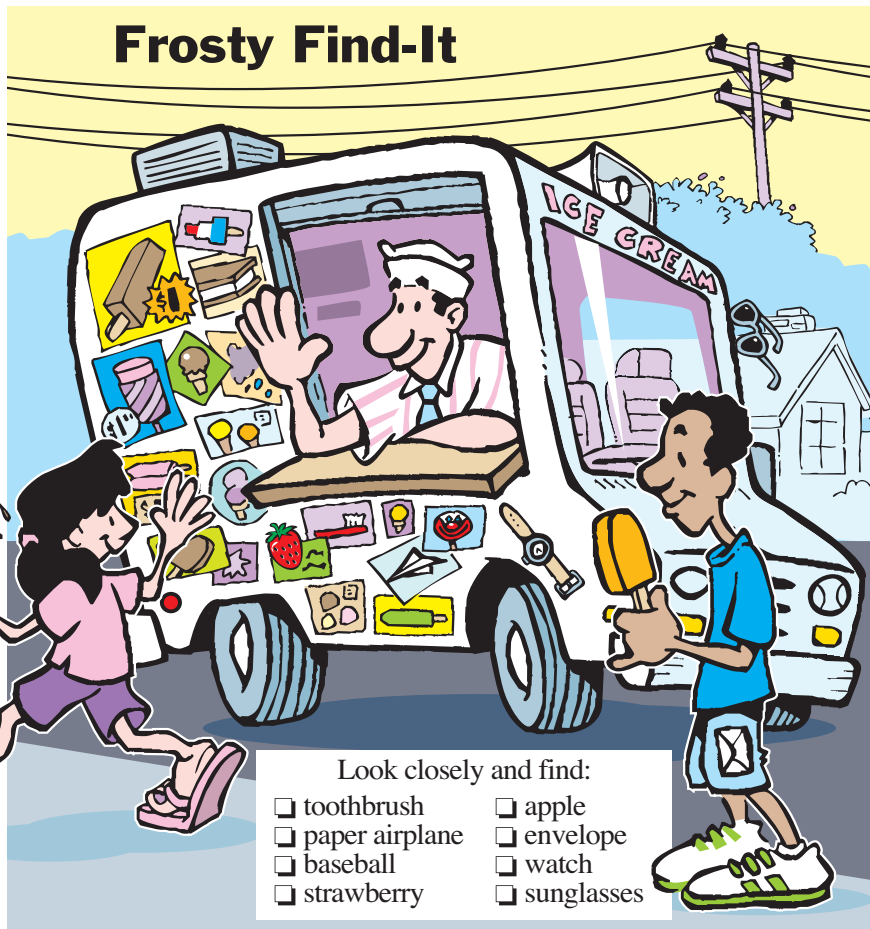


Add a drop of soap to the water. Does this change the number of drops that fit on the penny?

Try this same activity with different liquids such as cooking oil, rubbing alcohol, liquid detergent, salad dressing, etc. Compare how many drops of each liquid fit on the top of a penny.

Standards Link: Nature of Science: Students understand the nature of scientific inquiry (using tools, making observations, recording notes).

Frosty Find-It



Look closely and find:

- toothbrush
- paper airplane
- baseball
- strawberry
- apple
- envelope
- watch
- sunglasses

What's up?

As drops are added, they gradually mound into a dome instead of just flowing off the penny. Each drop raises the surface of the dome, until it gets too big and breaks.

The dome shape is caused by **surface tension**.

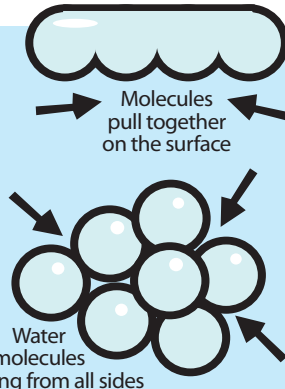
FRIGID FACTS!

The largest hailstone ever recovered in the United States, a seven-inch (17.8-centimeter) wide chunk of ice almost as large as a soccer ball, was found in Aurora, Nebraska.

Surface what?

Surface tension is caused by the grouping of molecules. Under the surface of the water, each water molecule attracts and is attracted to molecules on all sides of it.

The surface molecules are attracted to the molecules below and to the sides. But there is nothing above the surface molecules to pull upward. The surface molecules pull together and act like a "skin" on the surface of the water.



Extra! Extra!

Cool Search

Look through the newspaper and find:

- a temperature
- a measurement
- a date
- a time
- a number that tells how many
- a weight

Standards Link: Research: Understand that the newspaper has an organizational structure.

Jacob wants to earn \$38 to buy a house for his dog, Jacob Junior. He is willing to work, but wants to do jobs that keep him wet and cool on hot summer days. He only did the jobs on the list below that included water in the work. Check off the jobs he did. Did he raise his \$38?

HINT: Underline each word that gives a clue that the job included water.

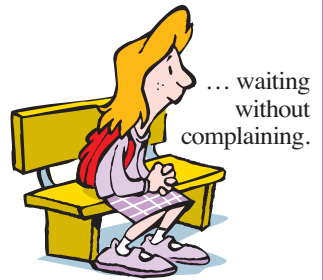
- Washed Mr. Thompson's car \$12
- Watered Mrs. Toya's houseplants \$3
- Rinsed Grandma's porch off with the hose \$5
- Walked Aunt Jenny's dog \$6
- Washed Aunt Barbara's dog \$8
- Returned mom's books to the library \$3
- Washed Uncle Bill's new car \$10



Standards Link: Number sense: Calculate sums using money.

What a Character!™

Patience is ...



... waiting without complaining.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Solve this chilly puzzler before it melts away!

Fill in the blank blocks of ice to make the sum of each side and each diagonal add up to 15.

HINT: The numbers 1-9 are each used once.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- MOLECULES
- TENSION
- SURFACE
- WATER
- DROPS
- SKIN
- FRIGID
- BLANK
- WEATHER
- LIQUID
- WET
- DOME
- CHILL
- MELTS
- SALAD

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

Science News

Look through the newspaper for three examples of news articles related to science. Tell which science(s) the article relates to. For example, a weather story is related to the science of meteorology.

Standards Link: Scientific Enterprise: Students know that although people using scientific inquiry have learned much, science is an ongoing process.



What kind of shorts do clouds wear?

ANSWER: Thunderwear!

Write On!

Favorite Jokes and Riddles

Get your Kid Scoop reader pals laughing. Send us your favorite jokes and riddles.

SPORTS



2D-3D ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES | 4D JUNIOR SAILING | 6D CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

2022-23 Athlete of the Year contest voting is now open

By GP News Staff

Last year, during our inaugural contest, an impressive 3,512 votes poured in, demonstrating the unwavering support and fervor for our local athletes. Building upon the success of our previous endeavor, we invite you all to once again pick your favorite athletes and cast your ballots in the second annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest. Voting is now available online, on social media or by paper ballot submitted to our office, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village. Voting will be open until August 6 at 11:59 p.m.

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.

Grosse Pointe News



Little Leagues compete for district titles

In a week filled with exciting competition, the Woods-Shores and Farms-City Little League teams showcased their talent in

their respective district championship games. These young athletes put in a season’s worth of hard work, resulting in well-deserved trophies

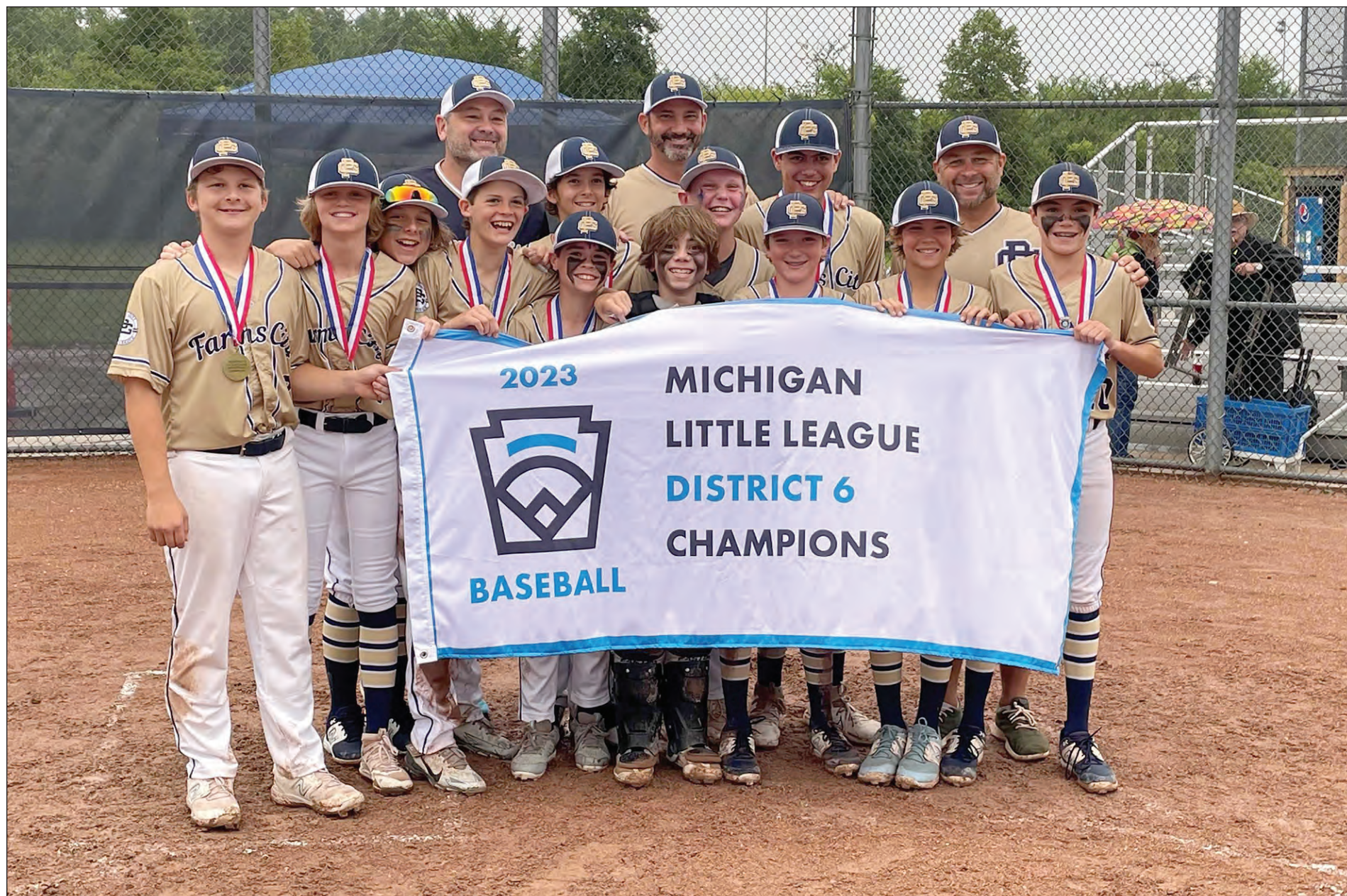
and medals that recognized their efforts. Notably, the Grosse Pointe Farms-City 12-year-old and 9-11-year-old teams’

remarkable wins have earned them a spot in their upcoming state tournaments, set to kick off on July 21. Keep up with the

Grosse Pointe News in the coming weeks to follow the local Little League teams on their quest for more trophies.

For more Little League district tournament photos, see page 8D.

— Clare Ramsdell



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Farms-City 12-year-old tournament team celebrates victory as they secure the Michigan District 6 championship at Macomb Corners on Wednesday, July 12, dominating their opponents with a 4-0 record and a 30-4 point difference. Now, they set their sights on the state tournament in Petoskey, scheduled to commence July 21.

2D | ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Grosse Pointe News



Vote for the Readers' Choice Athlete of the Year!

One male & female athlete will receive a \$500 scholarship!

Please vote by checking one box for your favorite male athlete of the year and one box for your favorite female athlete of the year. Or visit grossepointenews.com/athlete. Voting begins Wednesday, July 19 and ends on Sunday, August 6.



Griffin Adams
Grosse Pointe South
Lacrosse



Adam Ayrault
Grosse Pointe North
Basketball



Natalie Babcock
Grosse Pointe North
Softball



Kaitlyn Barr
Grosse Pointe North
Softball



Avery Beal
Grosse Pointe North
Swim and Dive



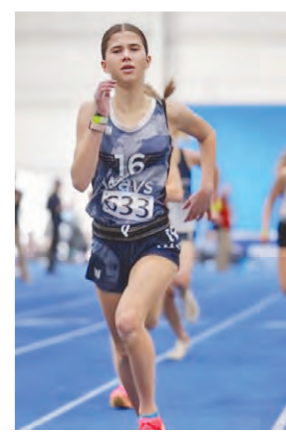
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Unified Basketball



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Soccer



Josie Cueter
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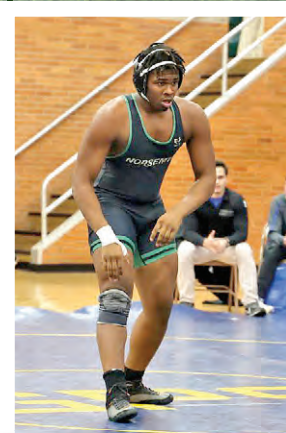
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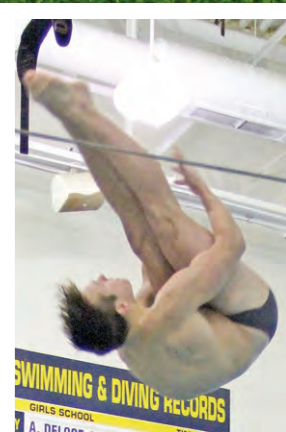
Izzy Fruehauf
University Liggett
Field Hockey



Wells Graham
Grosse Pointe South
Baseball



Ian Gudenau
University Liggett
Hockey



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Swim and Dive



Drew Hill
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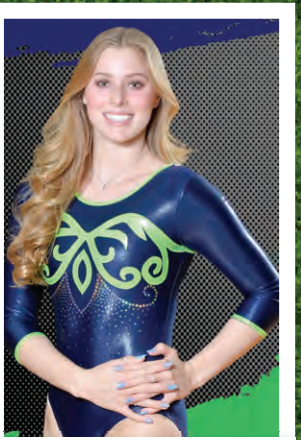
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES | 3D



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Grosse Pointe North
Football



Jake Juip
University Liggett
Track and Field



Brooke Lezotte
Grosse Pointe South
Gymnastics



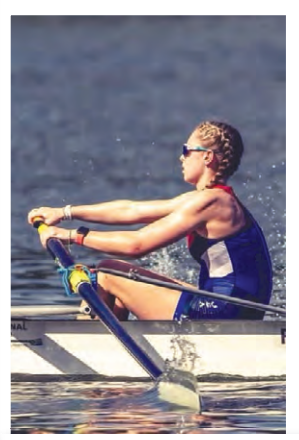
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Unified Basketball



Shannon Moin
Grosse Pointe North
Unified Basketball



Tori Nugent
University Liggett
Softball



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Grosse Pointe South
Crew



Sophia Puzzuoli
Grosse Pointe South
Unified Basketball



Lily Petz
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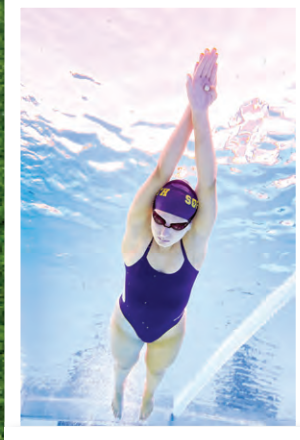
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Swim and Dive



Oliver Service
University Liggett
Baseball



Connor Stafford
Grosse Pointe South
Tennis



Katie Steiner
Grosse Pointe South
Softball



Amelia Streberger
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Soccer



Egan Sullivan
Grosse Pointe South
Football



Olivia Thomas
University Liggett
Soccer



Peter Ulku
Grosse Pointe South
Basketball



Stephen Wheatley
University Liggett
Hockey

Grosse Pointe News
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2023 VOTING FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please fill in the circle next to one male and one female.

MALE	FEMALE
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<input type="radio"/> Ethan Clark	<input type="radio"/> Avery Beal
<input type="radio"/> Cass Cooley	<input type="radio"/> Josie Cueter
<input type="radio"/> Logan Detweiler	<input type="radio"/> Lilian Deskins
<input type="radio"/> Brendan Downey	<input type="radio"/> Olivia Dimuzio
<input type="radio"/> Leo Dragovic	<input type="radio"/> Gabby DiVita
<input type="radio"/> Andrew Dupree	<input type="radio"/> Izzy Fruehauf
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COURTESY PHOTOS

Coaches and sailors from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club proudly display their flags post-regatta.

Junior sailors set sail on Lake St. Clair

The Pointes are buzzing with junior sailing as evidenced by the sight of small sailboats dotting the waters along Lakeshore. With programs running out of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club and Detroit Yacht Club, it's a great way to get the kids out-side and take advantage of beautiful Lake St. Clair. There are six regattas throughout the summer and practices during the week. Wednesday, July 12, and Thursday, July 13, teams from Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, and Detroit Yacht Club, it's a great

Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club and Detroit Yacht Club competed in a two-day regatta. Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, sailors spent both days engaged in competitive races.

— Clare Ramsdell



The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Opti team takes their lunch break on Coach Gavin Webster's powerboat during Thursday's races.



Optimist sailors skillfully navigate around the mark during one of their races.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 10, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Pro tem Sawicki and Councilmember Ivory Toussant, Jr.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki and Councilmember Ivory Toussant, Jr. from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 12, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on May 18, 2023 and the Special Library Board meeting held on June 7, 2023.
- 3) to Receive and File the 2022 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City's Auditors, Plante & Moran and also receive and file their management report.
- 4) to open the Public Hearing on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5) to close the Public Hearing.
- 6) to add to the agenda the following three items:
 - 1) Resolution to Withdraw Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No.1
 - 2) Resolution to Revise a Prior Approved Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2, and
 - 3) Payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,742.21.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127603 through 127785 in the amount of \$962,026.56 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2)approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of July 2023. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,711.96 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of monitors and computer accessories. (4) approve payment to City Insight LLC in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the annual licensing, maintenance, hosting and technical support for the mobile water application. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$65,069.96 for professional services during the month of June for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/ Crack Sealing, #180-318; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-285 and #180-317; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303; DWSRF Loan Projects, #180-302; Paser Ratings, #180-297; Fiber Install and Conceptual Planning of Recreation Center, #180-319. (6) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$25,900.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2022 financial statements. (7) approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$12,412.00 for their quality control observation and product evaluation services in conjunction with our Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project. (8)approve payment in the amount of \$15,100.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of stop boxes and leaking service lines at various residential locations. (9) approve payment to George's Collision in the amount of \$5,158.55 for the repair of a DPW vehicle. (10) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,472.50 for Kelly Road island cleanup and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (11) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$34,939.72 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2023.
- 2) to Adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance, Sections 10-240 and 10-643 and Add Section 10-264; Marijuana Establishments," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2023-01, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Recreational Marihuana Establishments," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 4) to introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Section 9-5 - Precollection Regulations of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 5) to accept the 5% Hourly Charge Rate increase proposal dated June 20, 2023 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2023.
- 6) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$50,139.16 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.
- 7) to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc., in the amount of \$61,618.81 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180-318.
- 8) to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA LLC, in the amount of \$45,640.69 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining #180-284.
- 9) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$5,581.90 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2022 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repairs, #180-282.
- 10) to approve the one-time development fee to City Insight LLC in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the new services that will be included on the City's water app.
- 11) to accept the bid provided by Park Residential and Commercial Services in the amount of \$244,650.00 for the window replacement project at City Hall and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement, and further to approve the initial deposit of \$114,263.00 to be paid to the contractor.
- 12) to adopt the attached resolution to Withdraw the Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1 as adopted on May 15, 2023; Repeal the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter.
- 13) to adopt the attached resolution to Revise a Prior Approved Resolution for Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2 as adopted on May 15, 2023; Section 4.3 Mayor, Mayor Pro tem Election, Procedure. Council for the City of Harper Woods shall consist of six (6) elected Councilpersons who shall serve four (4) year terms and one (1) elected Mayor who shall serve a two (2) year term. The Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election to fill a four (4) year term shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election. Councilpersons elected to serve less than a four (4) year term created by a vacancy are ineligible to serve as Mayor Pro tem. In the event of absence or disability of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro tem, the Council may designate another of its members to serve as acting Mayor during such absence or disability. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to state that (1) the Councilperson who received the highest number of votes in a regular election to fill a four (4) year term shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election, and (2) those councilpersons elected to serve less than a four (4) year term created by a vacancy are ineligible to serve as Mayor Pro tem.

Shall the Amendment as proposed be adopted?
 Yes
 No

14) to approve payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,742.21 for the preparation and distribution of the summer property tax bills.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, July 20, 2023



ORDINANCE NO. 401

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPEARANCE TICKETS
 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, ORDINANCE
 NO. 280, CODE NO. 2-05, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
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 CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS."

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.

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, State of Michigan, on July 10, 2023.

Derrick Kozicki
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Former South hockey captain launches training business

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

While the reality of playing major college or professional hockey is not much more than a dream for most players like Grosse Pointe South alum Dean Therriault, it does not mean they have to give up being involved in their favorite sport. It took a bit of time for Therriault to realize that, but has led to the creation of his own hockey training business, Purpose Driven Development.

Therriault, a former captain of the Blue Devils' varsity boys hockey team, is getting PDD off the ground with his first camps and training sessions this summer.

"My plan was just to run a one-week camp to see how it went and if I liked it," he said. "As I worked my way through the details, I sat down with my dad and we realized, why make it just a one-time thing if I could also make a business out of it? ... I can offer more, so other than just a camp, I do private skill skates with groups of guys and have worked with the programs at South and U of D Jesuit."

Hockey has been part of Therriault's life for a long time. He played with the St. Clair Shores Saints organization for years before playing for

South. Before running his own hockey training business, there was a time when Therriault thought he may not be on the ice much ever again.

"Once I got to high school it was a pretty big change in how I played the game and thought about it," Therriault said. "When I graduated, my senior year there was COVID and we only played nine games. ... I kind of took it as some sort of sign that maybe it's not written in the cards for me and started focusing on school."

Now a student at Michigan State University, Therriault spent his first semesters at school not thinking much about hockey, let alone starting a business based around the game. Slowly, he began feeling the desire to get back on the ice and in the rink until one opportunity sparked even more interest.

"I just kind of slowly figured out that I wanted to keep playing, but the level I wanted to play at wasn't really doable," Therriault said. "I thought of ways to stay in the game. Slowly but surely up at school, I realized I'm at an age where I can make anything happen. The summer after my freshman year, I ran the development training for South and that really helped me get my feet wet. ... I watched every

NHL game that was on and tried to stay around the game as much as possible so when an opportunity came I was fresh."

PDD's first camp took place earlier in July at Fraser's Big Boy Arena. Therriault was joined at the camp by fellow Grosse Pointers like NCAA hockey champion Ryan Sullivan and Long Island University forward Adam Pitters, along with other instructors with college and professional hockey backgrounds.

The camp was a success in Therriault's eyes in terms of a first big undertaking for PDD. The next camps are yet to be scheduled, but Therriault knows there will be more to come along with growing PDD's presence into working with young hockey players in more aspects, creating his own future in the game he's loved.

"I want the camp to become an every summer thing," he said. "I'd like to take it to schools and get involved with more high school programs, even if it's just a couple skill skates ... let coaches know what I'm about and for next summer, work something out where my business is working with teams."

For more information on Purpose Driven Development, visit pddhockey.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Campers and coaches get together at the first ever PDD Hockey summer camp.



Little Caesars U16 AAA coach Trevor Hamilton, right, leads a drill as part of the PDD Hockey summer camp coaching staff.



The coaching staff at PDD Hockey's first summer hockey camp held in July at Fraser's Big Boy Arena. From left: Trevor Hamilton, Adam Pitters, Ryan Sullivan, Dean Therriault, Logan Gotinsky, Kamryn Shocker and Ryan Murphy.

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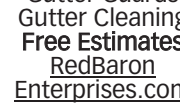
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We Tried It! Gift yourself a slice of heaven at Breckels Massage

By Anna Lizer

I had a hard time starting this article, because I immediately wanted to mention every cool feature at Breckels Massage right away. It's pretty amazing and impressive. Like a host with the most, this place has thought of absolutely everything you could ever want or need during a massage. It's like your best friend or favorite aunt who has everything and more waiting for you when

you come for a visit.

From the moment I called to make the appointment, I was greeted by staff so genuinely nice, I hung up and remarked that I hadn't had that pleasant of an experience in quite some time. They make a great first impression.

They wanted to match me with the perfect massage therapist to cater to my wants and needs. Since I have a previous injury, we agreed on Paige because she specializes in head

and neck massage, but there are many therapists there to suit any number of wants or needs.

When the day arrived (yay!) to receive my treatment — a massage geared toward loosening up a stiff neck — I ran in two minutes late, but they assured me I should relax and let go of any worries. They space their appointments out in case this happens. They assured me I would get a full hour and I did.

I was led to a spacious, pleasant room — one of six — and I got to choose from a menu of aromatherapy, as well as my preference of music, and then took a minute to get ready for the massage. The music started — classical or New Age for me — a delicious blend of citrus scents filled my senses and we were off. I was immediately relaxed and in my own personal heaven. It only got better as the hour went on and included hot towels

on my feet that I didn't even know I needed. My only "complaint" is that it was so wonderful I kept worrying about my time being up and having to leave.

After the massage, I knew I was going to write about my experience to share with others. And I now know a perfect gift to give friends and family — a Breckels gift card. Upon investigating, I learned that Breckels offers at least seven different types of massage,

including oncology and pre/postnatal, and has been in business since 1985. They know their stuff.

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Little Leagues celebrate district crowns



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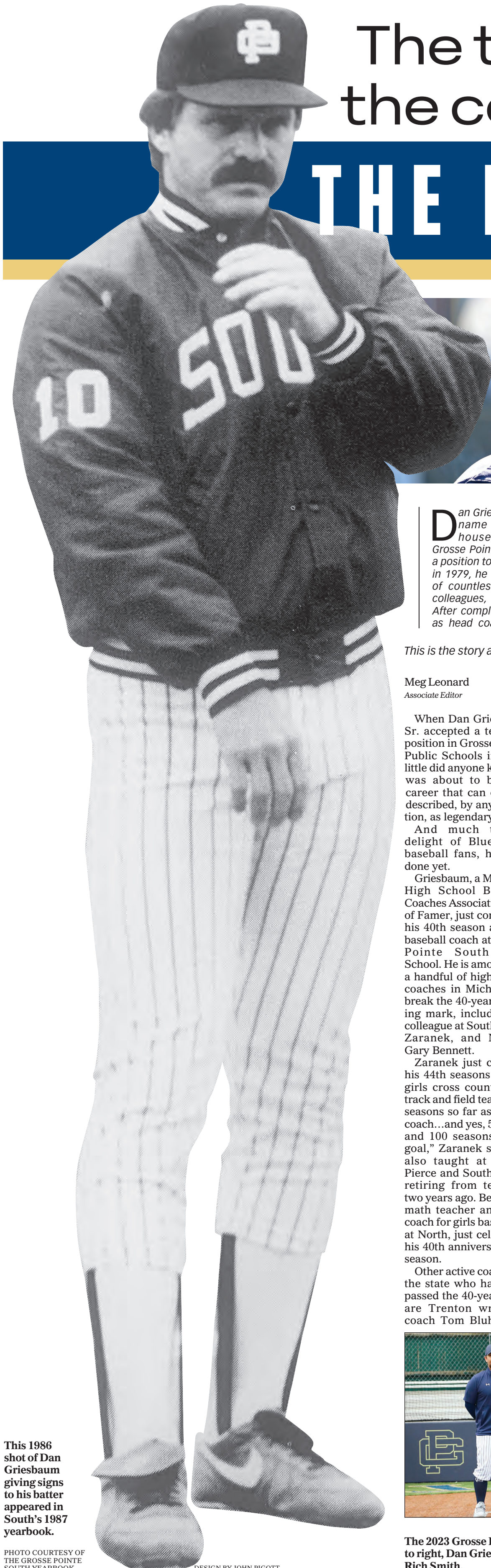
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The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 9U Little League team proudly displays their trophies following a thrilling 12-11 victory against Grosse Pointe Farms-City in an intense district championship showdown.

The teacher, the coach,

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This 1986 shot of Dan Griesbaum giving signs to his batter appeared in South's 1987 yearbook.

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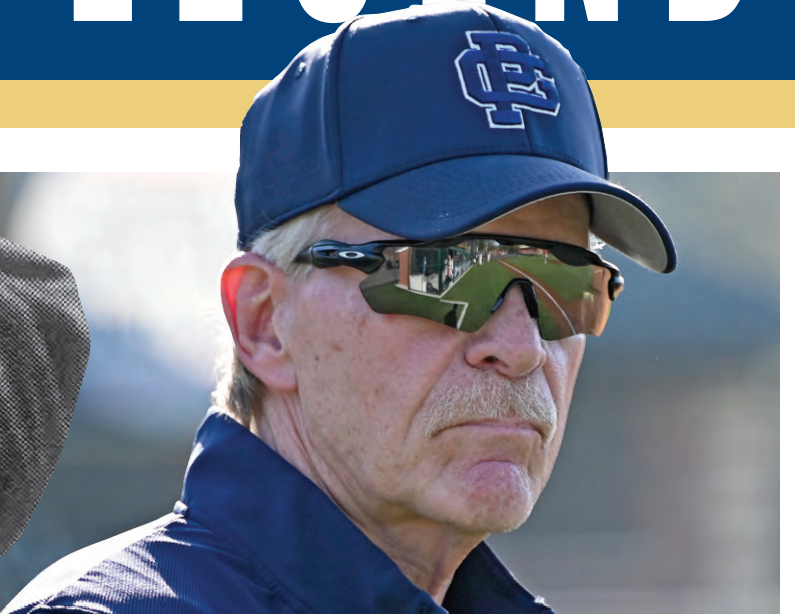


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Dan Griesbaum Sr. is a familiar name to thousands of households throughout Grosse Pointe. Since he accepted a position to teach and coach here in 1979, he has touched the lives of countless students, athletes, colleagues, parents and families. After completing his 40th season as head coach of Grosse Pointe South's varsity baseball program this June, the Grosse Pointe News sat down with the legendary teacher and coach. What we discovered was the story of a man who found his true purpose in teaching and mentoring young people, backed by powerful stories from those he has impacted along the way.

This is the story about faith, family, a teacher, coach and community legend:

Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

When Dan Griesbaum Sr. accepted a teaching position in Grosse Pointe Public Schools in 1979, little did anyone know he was about to begin a career that can only be described, by any definition, as legendary.

And much to the delight of Blue Devil baseball fans, he's not done yet.

Griesbaum, a Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Famer, just completed his 40th season as head baseball coach at Grosse Pointe South High School. He is among only a handful of high school coaches in Michigan to break the 40-year coaching mark, including his colleague at South, Steve Zarnek, and North's Gary Bennett.

Zarnek just coached his 44th seasons for the girls cross country and track and field teams. "88 seasons so far as a head coach...and yes, 50 years and 100 seasons is the goal," Zarnek said. He also taught at North, Pierce and South before retiring from teaching two years ago. Bennett, a math teacher and head coach for girls basketball at North, just celebrated his 40th anniversary this season.

Other active coaches in the state who have surpassed the 40-year mark are Trenton wrestling coach Tom Bluhm and

five softball coaches, according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Griesbaum also was a health teacher at South for 35 years, where he got to do what he loves — working with kids — alongside his high school sweetheart and wife, Paulette, a business teacher at South, until they both retired in 2014.

'Dan is like a father, brother and great friend. I love him and I love coaching with him.'

JOHN HACKETT,
Grosse Pointe South Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach

"I knew the day I got hired in 1979 that it was the start of something pretty special," he said.

Having celebrated his 70th birthday last Dec. 24, Griesbaum actually has coached for more than half of his life — 46 years in total, thanks to a career that started with a two-year stint as an assistant coach at Central Michigan University and then four more years at Grosse Pointe North assisting another coaching legend, Frank Sumbera. Sumbera coached both baseball and football at North for 49 years and is someone whom Griesbaum considers both a mentor and dear friend.

"(Our friendship) is as solid today as the first day I met the man," Sumbera said, who attended South's regional

and quarterfinals games in June to offer support. "It gets stronger every day."

"We see each other at a game, establish eye contact, and we just know how much stuff we have gone through together."

In his first year with Sumbera in 1980, North varsity baseball won a state championship with a lineup filled with

Norsemen greats like John Clem, Bill Babcock, John Hackett, Tom Shook and Bobby Brown.

"In our starting lineup on that team, five of the starters got drafted. Clem by the (Seattle) Mariners, Hackett, the (St. Louis) Cardinals, Brown by the Detroit Tigers and Tom Shook by the Kansas City Royals," Sumbera noted. Babcock, who threw three no-hitters in the playoffs that year, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox.

Hackett would later become one of Griesbaum's assistant coaches at South and has been on his staff for 30 years.

"Dan is like a father, brother and great friend," Hackett said. "I love him and I love coaching with

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The 2023 Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball coaching staff includes from left to right, Dan Griesbaum Jr., John Hackett, Dan Griesbaum Sr., Matt Reno and Rich Smith.

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PHOTO COURTESY BY RENEE LANDUYT

Dan Griesbaum Sr. heads to coach third after breaking a pregame huddle this season on April 13 against Anchor Bay.

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him.”

Retirement is not imminent, Griesbaum said, though he understands it's not in the distant future either. His six grandkids, including five boys and one girl, have full schedules of baseball and football games, school concerts, dance recitals and the like, and he wants to be there for them.

“When I can't do it the way I need to do it, with the energy and effort it requires, then that is when I will get out,” Griesbaum said. “I don't just want to be a coach in name only. I want to do

He's still accomplishing firsts for the program. His 2022 team was South's first in its history to win the regular season outright in the MAC Red, one of the most competitive leagues in the state. When his team won the Division I regional championship and advanced to the state quarterfinals last month, he reached a new milestone — 898 career wins, a coaching echelon very few reach.

And just last week, Griesbaum was named the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2023 D1 regional coach of the year for the 11th time in his career.

Griesbaum chalks up his success to many fac-

helped him reframe his approach with his players, whom he regularly refers to as his “kids.”

“My faith helped me take my focus off of me and onto the kids and how I can help make it the best experience possible — (teaching things like) being a good person, treating others like you would be treated, doing the right thing,” he continued.

“The ironic thing is after I did make that commitment to God and to my faith and put that first, I started to see more success.”

How it started

Griesbaum loved playing baseball as a kid, but the game became his saving grace after his father left his mom and two brothers, older brother Al and twin brother Don, when they were young boys.

“My father took off when I was 10, but baseball and the good Lord have given me everything I could ever hope for,” he said. “I thought I could go pro, but that didn't happen, but now I know why. ... Sometimes prayers aren't answered for a reason.”

He is confident a pro career never happened for him because it directed him to a life of coaching and mentoring young people. He said although many would view his situation as a negative, or of a dream unrealized, it turned out to be a remarkable positive.

“I've told the kids about

he began dating his future wife, Paulette Vitto, when she was a freshman. He was a star baseball player for the Cavaliers, and earned a scholarship to play at Central Michigan University from 1971 to 1975.

Paulette joined him at Central and the pair married in 1973. Griesbaum earned team MVP honors his senior season in 1975, after which his head coach, Dave Keilitz, offered him a job as a graduate assistant.

“Paulette had to finish school, so she finished up there and I got my master's,” he said. “I got to teach classes like archery and bowling, while I helped coach baseball there. She also worked in the athletic office.”

In 1979, in what one would call a stroke of great luck, kismet or God's plan, the Grosse Pointe Public School System moved its part-time athletic directors and physical education teachers, Chuck Hollosy at South and Tom Gauerke at North, to full time. This move created the need to fill two part-time PE teaching positions at North and South, along with North's open JV baseball job.

North principal Bruce Feighner and South principal Bill Mogk offered Griesbaum the job. By 1984, South head baseball coach Jon Rice decided to coach the Blue Devils football team full time, so Griesbaum took over the baseball program at South.

The wheels were set in motion for what would become a historical hire for the district.

‘Tradition Never Graduates’

In the first several years of his coaching tenure, Griesbaum coached South in the old Eastern Michigan League, or EML. In 1990, the league combined with the old Bi-County League and became the Macomb Area Conference, which has expanded seven times since its inception to now include 36 teams across Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Today, South baseball plays in the conference's toughest division, MAC Red. Never shielding his program from a difficult non-league and league schedule is what helps the program stay competitive year after year, he said. It's also the motivation behind the program's motto, “Tradition Never Graduates.”

“I think it's the mentality and culture I have tried to create, not just a fancy slogan you put on a T-shirt,” he said of his program's belief that to be the best, you have to play the best.

“It's what we have tried to build our culture around. You have to see it and set the expectation before it happens. Our team culture and expectations fuel that.”

But part of playing such a difficult schedule

Collegiate High School, where he and his teammates won the 2000 state championship his senior year. Griesbaum won his first state title at South the following year.

“They're like the Yankees,” he said of Griesbaum's teams. “They're always gonna play at a high level and play the right way.”

Since he took over the Norsemen program in 2022, Shubnell has faced Griesbaum several times,



PHOTO COURTESY OF KARI GRIESBAUM

High school sweethearts Paulette and Dan Griesbaum celebrate becoming husband and wife on June 16, 1973.

each season comes at a bit of a price. While Griesbaum has notched 898 wins, he also ranks among the state's leaders in total losses. But that's a statistic that's not likely to keep this coach up at night.

The right way

When asked about Griesbaum, player after player and coach after coach used three words to describe a core tenet of how Griesbaum manages his teams and teaches them to play baseball: “The right way.”

North head varsity baseball coach Kevin Shubnell knows Griesbaum as both a high school player and now as an opposing coach. Raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, Shubnell played Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, competing against Dan Griesbaum Jr.

“I was a Dodger and Danny (Jr.) was a Blue Jay,” Shubnell recalled. “So I always kind of knew about Grosse Pointe South baseball and that it was big and was kind of a thing. I knew it was a good program.”

Shubnell moved on to attend De La Salle

making it a priority to keep the competition between the rivals respectful and about the players, just as Sumner did before him. In other words, the right way.

“Games against him, those are for the kids,” he said. “You don't have to say a word in those games. ... North/South baseball is the thing. Just let them play.”

He said being a part of the rivalry today is “a joy to be on that field. There is no outside-the-lines animosity.”

Assistant coach Hackett said the way Griesbaum plays the game keeps everyone committed to the program.

“I'm not knocking anyone, but he could probably have another 100 wins if he played things differently,” he said. “Obviously you are upset when you lose, but you can definitely say it's not the wins and losses for him.”

“It's the whole entity, the family, the players and the people and caring about them. That's the most important thing to him.”

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COURTESY PHOTO

1986 Grosse Pointe South baseball team, pulled from the pages of South's 1987 yearbook.

all the things I've done in the past.

“But it is toward the end (of my coaching career) and whenever I think about it, I get emotional.”

Today, he remains armed with the desire and drive to continue coaching a game he has played since childhood. He has molded hundreds of young men's lives throughout four decades, while also making Grosse Pointe South baseball a household name throughout the state.

In 40 seasons, he has reached the state semifinals eight times, making him tops among Division I coaches with that many D1 final four appearances. His program also has the most final four appearances among any public school, behind only D1 private school athletic powerhouses Brother Rice (10) and Catholic Central (9). He remarked that accomplishment is noteworthy because, “it's all with our own kids (from Grosse Pointe), too, because we can't recruit.”

He has led his squad to three state championship games, losing in 2014, but winning his first title in 2001. His second and most recent state championship came June 16, 2018, which also happened to be his 45th wedding anniversary.

tors, but always credits two primary sources: his family and his faith.

“I really felt like in the beginning, I put results over relationships,” Griesbaum said. “At the start of my career, I always felt I taught my kids life skills and such, but I maybe put results and winning over them.”

Griesbaum said recommitting to his faith helped him reprioritize. It also

it to emphasize the importance of learning to overcome adversity, in baseball and life,” he said. “Your life can be directly affected and related to your ability to handle failure and adversity.”

Before landing on his path of purpose, Griesbaum graduated from St. Clair Shores South Lake High School in 1971. As a sophomore,



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The 2023 team headed south to Florida for spring training, including special batboy Blake Griesbaum (front center), the grandson of Dan Griesbaum Sr.

Redemption story between coach, former player transcends baseball

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Dan Cimini grew up in Grosse Pointe Park in the 1980s, when nearly every young boy enjoyed a shared rite of passage — playing Little League baseball.

He played on the dirt diamonds of what is now known as Getz Field. He remembers final scores, championship games and all-star teams, the very things young budding baseball stars remember when they become grown men and reminisce about their Little League years.

But as a young teen, life threw Cimini a curve ball. His parents divorced, causing him to move away for a few years. In 1986, he returned to Grosse Pointe, now being raised by a single mother. He transferred into Grosse Pointe South as a junior and continued to take solace in playing baseball.

“I came out junior year to tryouts, got cut,” Cimini said. “I was clearly one of his best players. I went into him, mad as all get out, and got told to go to a second tryout and he cut me again.”

What most might have a difficult time believing is that the “he” in Cimini’s redemption story is South’s legendary head coach, Dan Griesbaum Sr.

Griesbaum, who just marked his 40th season as the Blue Devils skipper in June, looks back today at cutting players early in his career with

great regret.

“I apologize early on if I wasn’t the type of coach that I am now. I am sorry for that,” he said. “I was a work in progress and took me too long to realize that.”

“... But the last thing I ever wanted to do was hurt a kid. Now the focus

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DAN CIMINI

University Liggett Head Varsity Baseball Coach

is on relationships and giving kids the best possible experience as I can,” added Griesbaum, who now is known for

kids out from center field.”

From that game on, Cimini became a core member of the 1987 team, which went on to become Griesbaum’s first team to reach a final four.

But before this team made program history,

Griesbaum approached Cimini in the middle of the season during a pregame warmup. He asked about his college plans. At the time, Cimini had none. In fact, he wasn’t even sure if col-

lege was for him at all. “He told me he knew someone at Macomb (Community College) he could talk to if I was

interested,” Cimini said. Cimini took him up on his offer. He attended Macomb for two years, eventually transferring to University of Detroit-Mercy. There, he earned a bachelor’s degree while playing four years of college baseball.

Afterward, in 1993,



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Sitting in the front row, third from left, Dan Cimini and his 1987 teammates became Dan Griesbaum’s first team to reach a final four in the state tournament.

carrying rosters as large as 25 players or more.

For Cimini, getting cut only fueled his desire to prove everyone wrong. He tried out again senior year. He made the team.

“I sat the first two games,” he said. “I got put into the third game and threw three or four

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said. “I fell in love with it.”

In 2006, Cimini became the head varsity baseball coach at University of Liggett, a position he still holds today in tandem with his newest role as the school’s admissions outreach coordinator.

He has gone on to win

five state championships with Liggett and was inducted into the MHSBCA Hall of Fame in Class of 2016. He has been named district, regional and state coach

of the year on multiple occasions. This year his team, which had five Division 1 college commitments, advanced to the program’s ninth final four in 12 years, earning him

honors as the 2023 regional Coach of the Year from the National Baseball Coaches Association and Michigan’s Division 2 regional Coach of the Year.

In May of this year, Cimini also won his 500th career game with the Knights.

But for all of their individual successes, the special connection between Cimini

and Griesbaum transcends baseball.

“He’s the first person I put on my resume as a reference,” Cimini said.

“He’s a father figure to me, the only good one I have ever had.”

“His integrity, faith and family are things I model my life after.”

“I think as much as he has influenced me, I think I may have influenced him and now maybe he has stolen some pages of some of the things I do coaching baseball,” he said. “The biggest takeaway I have from him is the life skills that I learned from him just watching with his family, faith and his integrity. He would never cheat, would never disrespect the game of baseball.”

“I just want people to know how much I love him and how thankful I am to him. I wouldn’t be where I am today without him.”

Griesbaum is fully aware of the caliber of a baseball program Cimini has built. Earlier this season, he spoke with great respect about his former player’s accomplishments.

“Dan has built a world-class program at Liggett,” Griesbaum said. “... (His program) is well-known here and in the Midwest, and his talent is off the charts with all of his D1 commits.”

“But it takes a good coach to do all that.”

For his part, Cimini speaks of a mutual respect of two people who have spoken on a weekly basis for 30 years.

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His teams

Speaking to Griesbaum about South baseball is akin to looking for answers in an old-fashioned Encyclopedia Britannica. He recalls details, scores and stats with unbelievable accuracy, whether it’s South’s record for stolen bases in a season (held by former MLB player Chris Getz, who had 40 in 2002), or situations where he called game-winning suicide squeezes.

Griesbaum rattled off two instances with ease, recalling South’s first state championship win in 2001.

“In the bottom of 6, we had Mark Pepler on third and Mike Hackett up to bat with a 1-2 count,” he said, recalling the moment he sent Pepler home for the winning run. He also recalled South’s district title over North in 2019, when Matt Fabry squeezed in Weston Brundage for the win.

As far as his most memorable seasons, Griesbaum considers his

state championship teams in 2001 and 2018 as tops. He also recalled his 1986 team, which gave Griesbaum his first district win, as well as all of his other final four teams from 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2014, 2015 and 2018.

“A few times in our history, we went to three final fours in five years,” he said, adding that each team did something nota-

‘Even if their record wasn’t terrific, the kids were. This is why you do this.’

DAN GRIESBAUM

Grosse Pointe South Varsity Baseball Head Coach

ble or unique to contribute to the program.

But he has several others that also hold special memories for him, including his 1987 squad, who surprised everyone with its unexpected playoff run.

“I wanted to contend for a title within the first five years and, in 1987, we did. We reached the final four for the first time, but we lost to Midland Dow,” he said.

Another memorable team for the skipper was the 1992 team, which lost to Brother Rice 5-3 in the

quarterfinals.

“They were a very good team and Rice went on to win the state title that year,” he said.

“In ’01 we had a great nucleus of guys and in ’03 and ’05 we did, too.”

He said his 2014 squad was notable because it entered the playoffs with 18 losses and ended up in the state championship game. The skipper remembers something

about every one of his 40 teams, even if they didn’t finish with a great record or win a trophy.

“I never really thought about that or looked at a team as being ‘worst,’” he said. “Even if their record wasn’t terrific, the kids were. This is why you do this.”

As far as his most talented teams, Griesbaum said, “I think there have been several. Some of the final four teams might not have been the most talented necessarily, but they caught breaks and went on runs.



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Dan Cimini, left joins North coach Mike Kras and South’s Dan Griesbaum Sr. for a pre-game photo.

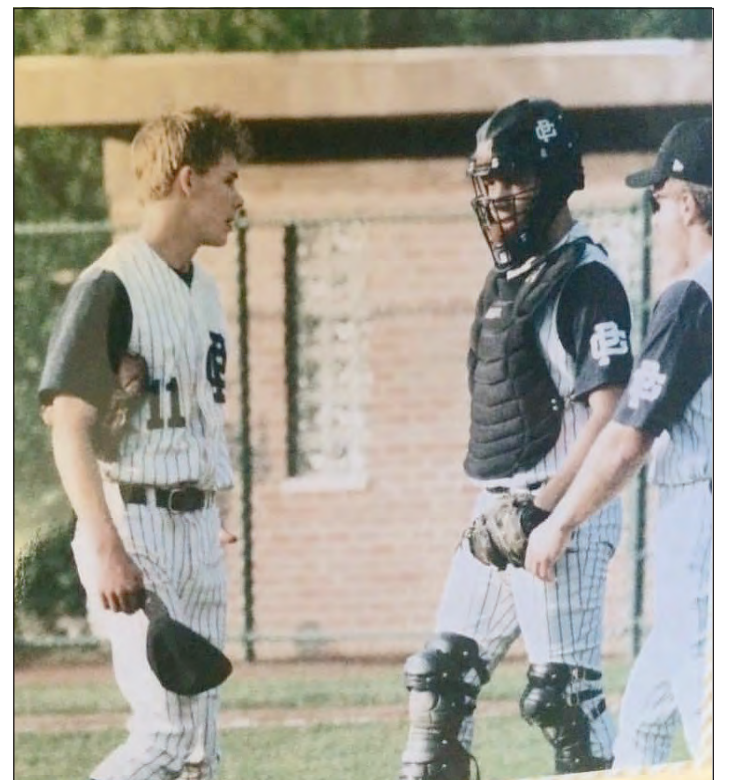


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Dan Griesbaum Sr. calls a timeout to chat on the mound with catcher Sean McLeod and Chris Getz, who had a 10-year major-league career after being drafted 125th overall in the fourth round of the 2005 MLB draft by the Chicago White Sox.

drafted 125th overall in the fourth round of the 2005 MLB draft by the Chicago White Sox. Cam Gibson (son of Detroit Tigers great Kirk Gibson) played at MSU and was a Detroit Tigers prospect. Carmen Benedetti and

Adam Abraham played at U of M and eventually played some pro ball, according to Griesbaum. “It was very special to coach them in high school,” he said.

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PHOTO BY DR. RICHARD DUNLAP

Dan Griesbaum Jr. celebrates what would be his final hit in a Grosse Pointe South uniform with his dad, who was coaching first.

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Like father, like son

Griesbaum coached another memorable player, who eventually followed in his footsteps, enjoyed a successful college career at Central Michigan and continues to help coach at South today: his son, Dan Griesbaum Jr.

Most often referred to by those who know both father and son simply as "Junior," Dan Griesbaum Jr. was an outstanding catcher and power hitter for Grosse Pointe South from 1996-99. He sits in the top 10 of several program records, including batting average, runs scored, RBIs and hits. He ranks No. 2 in home runs with nine in back-to-back seasons in 1998 and 1999. He has the most triples in program history, hitting seven in 1999.

Along with teammate Charlie Braun, who played at MSU, Griesbaum Jr. received a scholarship to play D1 college baseball after high school.

And like his father, he moved on to play for Central Michigan. There he served as team captain, leading the Chippewas to a MAC championship in 2004.

But his Blue Devil career almost didn't happen.

Since the Griesbaum family resided in the North attendance area, the coach's son always figured he would be a Norsemen.

"The first snowman I ever built had a Norsemen on it," Griesbaum Jr. quipped.

At the time, the district allowed teachers whose families lived in Grosse Pointe to choose what high school to attend. But as a loyal son, who was a South ball boy since

that if I made anything other than that decision, God only knows how many people that would have affected," he said.

"That one decision is probably the most important thing I have done in my life."

His father considers his years coaching his son among his favorites.

"Even though we didn't make it to a final four together, those four years with my son are the most satisfying I have ever had," he said.

Despite Griesbaum Jr.'s busy life with his wife, Jessica, and three boys, Danny (12), Blake (9) and Beckham (5), and as an executive with the Utica Unicorns of the United Shore Professional Baseball League, he has managed to be an assistant coach at South the last 10 years.

"I'm very blessed to have to have him on staff, with everything he has on his plate with his family and job commitments," Griesbaum Sr. said. "His baseball knowledge is great and he is so good with the kids. He knows how to communicate with them."

He got emotional when he looked back at win-



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Father and son stand atop the visitor's dugout in South's annual game at Comerica Park this year.

experience."

His son shares that sentiment.

"In reality I certainly feel the same about sharing that experience in 2018. I was really surprised by my reaction about the state championship," he said, admitting how his tears flowed freely when he embraced his dad after the last out.

"... Most people never get to end their season on a win. You're used to going out on a platter every time. I did it 15 times (when I worked

coached with him for a combined 66 years.

"I could not and the program could not have achieved what it has over the years without them," Griesbaum said, who also added assistant coach Rich Smith in 2019. "There's no way in the world I would be able to do this for this long without them."

Hackett, who played college ball at Birmingham-Southern in Alabama, just completed his 30th season coaching with Griesbaum. Reno,

recall patting on the head as the team's batboy, began helping during playoff runs while still in college. He fully joined the staff in 2005.

There are several championship rings among the three assistants and Griesbaum Jr. said that's a talking point to their teams.

"Younger coaches worry about themselves a lot more. It's just how it is," he said. "We show our rings to the kids and preach, 'We want this for you, not for us. We've had enough success, but now we want you to know what it's like (to win these.)'"

Hackett said the South staff generally faces just a few other teams that have a longstanding coaching core, like Sterling Heights Stevenson for example, but otherwise they see a lot of turnover in other programs.

Noting Griesbaum is a little more mellow than when he was a new coach, his "character and principles have stood the test of time," Hackett said. "He has not changed in that arena one bit and that's what it's all about."

"And that's why we have all stayed around. ... You know where you stand with him and everyone agrees with putting character and caring first."

Reno said the staff also shares the same baseball sense.

"We all get along, we all have our area of expertise," he said. "I've got defense, Junior handles the hitting, Hack the pitching and Dan has the last say. Our personalities all gel and we get along."

Added Reno: "We're all addicted to baseball."

Family

While baseball may appear to be the center of Griesbaum's world, it

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PHOTO BY KRISTIN MALLEGG

South's dugout awaits Cameron Shook's pitch to get the final out – a pop out to short – to win the 2018 state championship.

"I chose (South) because I was the type of kid that takes the happiness of his family into consideration," he said. "I think I was pretty street smart and I could just tell that my mother was going to be unhappy (with the upheaval) and having my dad give up a job isn't the greatest thing to do."

Realizing "it was hard to see myself as anything other than a Blue Devil," he made the decision to go to South in July 1995, a month and some change before his freshman year.

"I can't help but think

ning the state championship with his son on staff in 2018.

"Winning the state championship in '18," he said as he paused to collect his thoughts. "When you can hug your son on the field after winning the state championship, that is something not many people will ever thing to do."

for) the Tigers and at CMU it all ended with a loss. (Winning your last game) is a very special thing to experience."

Assistant coaches

If you talk to Griesbaum for any amount of time about his program, there's not a chance he won't credit his longtime coaching staff, which includes his son, Hackett and Matt Reno, who have

who played baseball for Grand Valley State University, helped coach from 1986-90, taking a break to raise and coach his four kids through Grosse Pointe Park Little League, then rejoining the staff in 2009. Griesbaum Jr., whom many former players



PHOTO BY KRISTIN MALLEGG

Elated faces and a few tears mark the 2018 Blue Devils' on-field celebration after its state championship win in East Lansing.

Memories that matter

By Jerry Joliet and John Joliet
Guest Writers

It has been around 35 years since either of us have had the honor of donning the Grosse Pointe South pinstripes, but it's probably taken a little time and distance (we now live on opposite coasts in Connecticut and California) to truly appreciate the man and the legend that is Coach Dan Griesbaum.

We always knew he was an exceptional baseball coach, but in retrospect he was much more. He was an incredible mentor — with an unwavering commitment to his teams, exemplary family life and a resolute dedication to molding young athletes into exceptional young men — and someone who has left an indelible mark on the lives he has touched.

Today, looking back on the remarkable career of Coach Griesbaum, or just "Coach" as he was affectionately known to his players, we see clearly a man whose passion for baseball has always gone hand-in-hand with being

looked to be in his late 20s — Coach dealt with typical issues you might associate with a high school baseball team, such as bad grades in school, lost confidence at the plate, distractions from girlfriend breakups or, his ultimate "kryptonite," weekend keg parties where one or more of his players were spotted. But even at that young age, Coach was

'And so, his legacy will be one not merely of baseball achievements, but of lives touched, guided and enriched.'

uniquely mature and never shied away from helping his players deal with even more grave situations affecting them and their families, weightier things like divorce, alcoholism, depression and Alzheimer's.

Today, regrettably, many coaches would be reluctant, if not afraid, to lend such a helping hand.

Nearly 40 years ago, Coach gave us his greatest gift after the unexpected death of our dad during the school year in

helped redirect our family's potential trajectory in the aftermath.

We vividly remember the strong, father-like, omnipresence of Coach, with his wife, Paulette, who also was a teacher at South, along with an incredibly dedicated GPS guidance counselor, Karen O'Shea. Coach led a game plan, with great discretion, to guide us as we intervened with our

mom. This watershed moment helped her find comfort, purpose and ultimately a sobriety that lasts to this day.

Like the best of his relief pitchers, Coach ultimately helped save a delicate situation that could have turned out dramatically worse for the team. So many of us have these Coach stories.

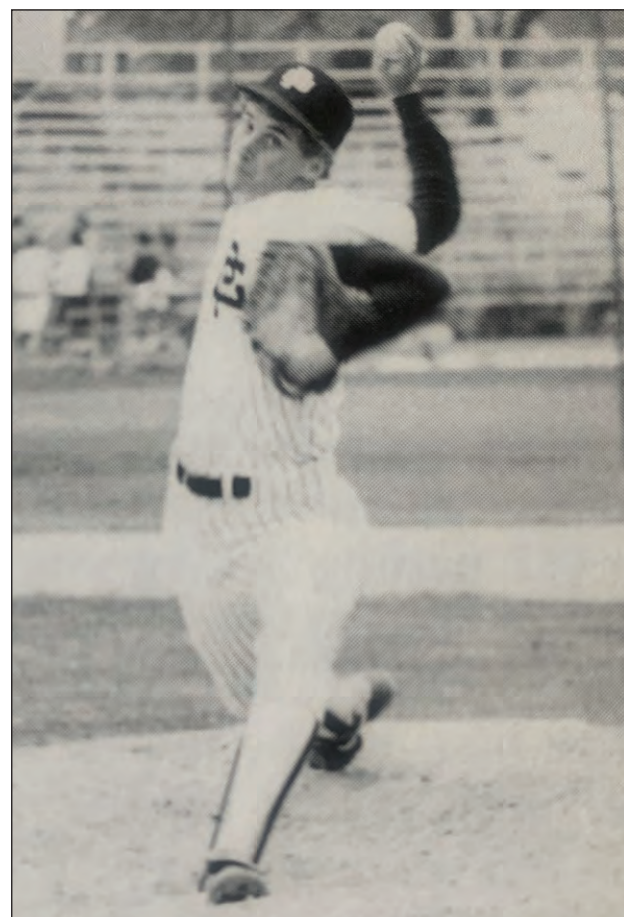
Some other special memories of Coach outside the lines of the ball field involved his beautiful family. He exemplified what it means to be a

and Kari, were like adopted team mascots: always welcome, always smiling, always cared for, and always believed to bring good luck. We've often thought that Coach's devotion to creating not just good ball-players, but good young men, was in part to create a community of teens who could be a positive influence on kids like Danny and Kari, since moms and dads can't always be around.

Today, if his young players ever wonder what Coach was like back then, it's a complicated answer. Some might say "stoic," meaning measured, wise, eminently skilled at his trade and always in control. He also was occasionally "animated," red in the face with palpable anger and flirting with an eruption that never materialized — after a bad call affected the outcome of a game.

No doubt he was naturally "competitive," because to Coach winning a game on the field or experiencing one of life's little victories was always a good proxy for one's dedication, hard work and perseverance. He was incredibly "disciplined," always keeping his body in peak-performance shape; if he's ever tasted a drop of alcohol in his life, it has not been in our presence. He was certainly "demanding," pushing all his young men to waste no talents and always be in pursuit of one's best self, promising there would always be another chance if you put in the work.

But perhaps the trait we remember most about Coach was that he possessed an unshakeable "faith" — to God, to his family, to his community, to his teams, to his ball-players. The Marines have "God, Country, Corps." Coach has "God, Family, Team." His faith provided a serenity and confidence that everything would work out, everything would be OK. He prayed with his team before every game, long



COURTESY PHOTO

John Joliet helped anchor South's 1987 pitching staff, which combined for a 2.77 team ERA and the program's first trip to the state final four.

before praying in sports was in vogue, then out, primarily for his players' safety but also so each would perform to the best of his abilities. Many of his ball players can still recite that prayer today, 40 years later. Needless to say, everybody wanted to be like Coach and nobody wanted to let him down.

In the annals of high school athletics, Dan Griesbaum will always be known as a Hall-of-Fame coach, but he also has been a cornerstone of our community since he first took the field with his mighty Blue Devils many decades ago. He lives by a set of values that all parents hope their boys, their children, develop: strength of character, determination, integrity, humility, empathy, positivity.

Through his unwavering dedication and love of the game, he has forged not just exceptional teams and ball players, including several of both at the highest level of the game, but good men. He always has known that

true victory lies not just in the final score but in the transformative power of a mentor who believes in the potential of every young athlete. And so, his legacy will be one not merely of baseball achievements, but of lives touched, guided and enriched. He has made Grosse Pointe South baseball special; he has made Grosse Pointe special.

His name has been forever etched in the hearts of all those fortunate enough to have been a part of his incredible journey.

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John Joliet is a 1987 Grosse Pointe South graduate, who played for Dan Griesbaum from 1986-87. He resides in Los Angeles, Calif., with his wife, Mariel, and three children.



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Guest writer Jerry Joliet, third from right in the bottom row takes a team photo (from top row, left to right) with Dan Griesbaum Sr., Tom Fellows, Rick Leonard, Mike Hennessey, Steve Goodrich, Rick Waugaman (middle) Scott Tucker, George Ghazal, Jason Colgrove, Anthony Eugenio, Sean Bruce, Steve Kinsley, Peter Meur and (bottom) Mike MacMichael, Jerry Henry, Rich Cordova, Joliet, Ted Kolp and Rob Wood.

a devoted husband, father, teacher and the true embodiment of a role model. We consider it a blessing to still be in touch nearly four decades after we played for him.

During the early years of his head coaching career — when he still

1985. The resulting grief overwhelmed us and our mother, who was left to raise five young kids. This temporarily led her down an understandable road of despair and alcohol dependency. Coach's dedication to us as both our coach and teacher

devoted husband and, together with Paulette, they were a rock-solid partnership that was an inspiration to the young men on his teams, who were likely experiencing their first meaningful relationships.

Their children, Dan Jr.

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is yet a distant second to what he holds most dear: his family.

His high school sweetheart and wife of 50 years, Paulette, comes to every game, always sporting South's colors and giving hugs and hellos to the dozens of families she knows in attendance. As a busy working mom, who was also busy raising their two kids, Dan Jr. and daughter Kari, and now a grandmother, her husband understands the great sacrifices she has made with every baseball season. He said her unwavering support helps him to be at his best.

"No way would I have been able to do this without her by my side," he said. "The love and support and ability to run things by her has been so valuable. To have her as the rock helps me tremendously, whether she is telling me when I'm wrong or just offering support."

She also knows a thing or two about baseball

after all these years.

"She is very knowledgeable about the game," he said. "And she will question me. I have no problem with people questioning me. I hope I'm going to be right, but you may be wrong. It's the nature of the game."

Their daughter, Kari Griesbaum Mannino, said her mom and dad have set the bar as a couple for her and her husband, Phil Mannino, and as grandparents to their three kids, Cameron (8), Easton (5) and Brynn (3). Cameron and Easton play Little League with Woods-Shores, while Brynn carries the special title of being the Griesbaum clan's only granddaughter in a sea of grandsons.

"Papa and Gram" are active grandparents to all of their six grandchildren, regularly attending their numerous school and athletic activities, Mannino said. She added that among Papa's favorite activities is playing intense floor hockey games with her two boys — that is when he's not busy coloring, playing Play-Doh or princess with her daughter.

"When I walk in (to a floor hockey game) the score is almost always 10-9, with my boys up. My dad lets them win, but he's too competitive to lose by too much," she said with a laugh.

With her boys now Little League age, having her dad there to watch the games and also having her boys help in the South dugout is not something she takes for granted.

"Watching my brother as a batboy and now seeing my kids there and seeing it all come full circle in the next generation is special," she said. "We are kind of in that sweet spot. ... The boys are just as invested in the games now."

Mannino herself also is carrying the torch in the next generation with another family tradition — teaching. On staff in Grosse Pointe the past 15 years, Mannino was the longtime magnet teacher at Defer Elementary School and currently is a reading interventionist at Parcels Middle School, her alma mater.

She said her parents influenced her drive as she went on to earn a

master's degree from Oakland University after graduating from MSU with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Her dad said he admires his daughter's decision to teach.

"I am very proud of the teacher she has become, as well as the great wife and mother she is," Griesbaum said.

Mannino said she became aware of her dad's impact on students only as she got older.

"When I was at Michigan State, former students of his would come up to me and say, 'I quit smoking because of your dad, because I know how bad it is for me,'" she said. "My dad dealt with some heavy-duty situations like suicide prevention, addiction issues and eating disorders and helped kids through them."

"... My dad believes your health impacts your life and he teaches kids how to be healthy and do things the right way," she said of her dad, who does not drink alcohol and rarely eats red meat.

Mannino said her mom



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South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. gets a few minutes on the field May 27 with South class of 2013 baseball alum Carmen Benedetti. Benedetti went on to play for the University of Michigan from 2014-2017, and was selected in the 12th round in 2016 by the Houston Astros in Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft.

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South's 2002 team race to celebrate at the plate after beating North for the district title, thanks to a Taylor Morawski single to drive in Chris Getz.



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Griesbaum and his wife, Paulette, embrace after South's 2023 district win over Grosse Pointe North this June.



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Teammates swarm the field in 2001 after beating Grand Ledge for the program's first state title.

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and dad both work out regularly at the Neighborhood Club and take evening walks along Lakeshore. It's just another example of how her dad exemplifies the message of good health and fitness to the athletes he coaches.

Mentors

The head coach remains a student of the game and still attends conferences around the country, representing various baseball organizations, including the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

"I have never not been to a coaches' camp in 40 years," he said. "You

learn from people that know more than you do."

He considers many people he has learned from over the years as mentors, including North's Sumner and his CMU's Keilitz, with whom he still stays in touch, along with former South football coach Russ Hepner.

"I have learned something from everyone I have been with," he said.

A few of his other mentors have since passed, including his predecessor, Jon Rice, as well as Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series winner Dave Bergman, who was instrumental in developing Grosse Pointe's Redbirds travel baseball program.

One of his biggest mentors was Paulette's older brother, Gary Vitto, who passed away in 2001 at age 59, only

six months after Griesbaum's first state championship. Vitto was Little Caesars founder Mike Ilitch's right-hand man for the Detroit Tigers, primarily on the business side.

"He won several championships of his own as manager of the Detroit Caesars pro softball teams back in the '70s, and was the GM of the very successful Detroit Drive arena football teams," he said.

"He had more knowledge in his little finger than most could ever hope to have."

The more things change...

While Griesbaum is not retiring, hitting the 40-year coaching milestone has given him the opportunity to reflect on what has changed over the years — and more

importantly what has not.

Some administrative areas that have changed include the need for fundraising. As athletic department budgets get smaller, the need for financial support has increased.

Years ago, Griesbaum had the foresight to formalize a board of volunteers, coined the Dugout Club, which is responsible for fundraising duties and other logistics that go into keeping the baseball program financially solid and well organized.

"I have had great Dugout Clubs that have helped me and supported our program," he said. "Tony Braun was one of our founding guys. We started running camps and really formalized things and it's just grown tremendously."

Of particular note this year was the installation of a new scoreboard, completely funded by more than \$50,000 raised through team fundraisers and private donations.

Another area of change he sees is how today's athletes are pressured to "specialize" in singular sports. Though he admits baseball is "a tough sport to get good at," specializing is something he does not encourage his players to do.

"I believe so much in that development (from other sports)," he said. "I believe in the carryover, whether it's from tennis, football, hockey or basketball. You can't minimize the benefit of playing other sports."

"On (baseball's) all-state list, 90 percent of athletes who make it have been two-sport athletes."

The more things stay the same

What has not changed much, according to Griesbaum, are the kids.

"People think kids have changed and they ask me if they are as still as focused, hard working and team players," he said, "but I really can't say kids have changed all that much. People say they are more entitled, but I have not experienced that."

Griesbaum said though he doesn't get as charged up about bad calls, or balls and strikes as he once used to, he remains as committed as ever to reacting and responding appropriately to adversity, because he knows his players are watching.

"It's not what you say, it's how you say it," he said. "Bad language, shouting, etc., isn't really effective. I treat those players the way you would want your son treated by a coach."

Another constant is his taste in music, which can be heard playing in between innings during home games. He admits he's "not much of a fan" of the current music scene and instead sticks to classic rock and country for the team's playlist. Think Journey, Boston and John Denver, whose song "Country Roads" became the 2018 team's theme song throughout its state championship run. Fans also are treated after every home game victory to Alabama's rendition of "Song of the South," blaring through the press box speakers.

His son said he agrees with his dad's musical selection.

"Despite being a generation younger than my dad, if you go to any ballpark around the country, it sounds like it does at South," he said, noting he and his dad rode to school every day together listening to music from groups like the Barenaked Ladies and the Dave Mathews band.

"I like '60s and '70s rock, country and a lot of southern gospel," Griesbaum Sr. said, making particular mention of the Gaither Vocal Band. "... XM is always on in my car. It's always on the Blend, the Bridge and Enlighten."

Another thing that has remained relatively unchanged since he started coaching is Griesbaum's iconic mustache. It has only been shaved three times in rela-

tion to baseball. The first was in 1994, then in 2001, and again in 2005, when that year's underdog team made the final four.

"I had to shave it once as a bet I had in 1994, when Danny's Babe Ruth team won the state championship," he admitted.

Always a man of his word, yes, but not everyone was a fan of the move to shave it.

"Kari burst into tears," he said of his daughter's reaction.

Above all, what has stayed the same is Griesbaum's belief in his role as a teacher and coach.

"It's not about you; it's about those kids," he said. "Your job is not just to teach baseball, but the life skills through baseball that they need to learn. It's about the students and caring about people. If you put kids first, and parents know that, that can have a powerful impact."

Sumner, who also taught in Grosse Pointe for 49 years in addition to coaching, said he is hopeful the community understands the treasure they have in Griesbaum.

"He's an outstanding man, has a great family and is so family-oriented," he said. "That's how he runs his team and always has."

For Griesbaum, he brought it all back to his source — his faith — and a spirit of gratitude for family, friends and community.

"I want to tell everyone how thankful I am to have been able to coach in this district for over 40 years," he said. "I have been so blessed to drive down Lakeshore Drive for 12 minutes to work every day. It's been such a pleasure. The parents have given me such phenomenal kids to work with."

"Anything the program achieved is truly a community accomplishment. ... What the program has evolved into, I thank God for. He has shown me the right way to do things."



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The gang's all here! The Griesbaum family gathers during their annual family vacation in Bay Harbor. From left to right, back row are Phil Mannino, Dan Griesbaum Sr., Beckham Griesbaum and Dan Griesbaum Jr., middle row, Brynn Mannino, Kari Griesbaum Mannino, Paulette Griesbaum, and Jessica Griesbaum, and front row, Easton Mannino, Cameron Mannino, Blake Griesbaum and Dan Griesbaum III.



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Dan Griesbaum Sr. flashes his 1980 state championship ring he won at North and his 2018 state championship ring at South's annual team banquet.

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Above, Dan Griesbaum addresses his 2023 team before senior day this spring. Right, assistant coach Matt Reno holds baseballs signed by the 2023 Blue Devils to be given to head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. and program donors Peter Mogk and Gary Spicer during the team's field and scoreboard dedication May 20.



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Not one to wear his emotions on his sleeve, Dan Griesbaum Sr. runs to hug 2023 co-MVP Cliff Grabowski after South beat North 3-2 for the district title.

Dan Griesbaum

Coach is just one title...Teacher, Mentor, Role Model, Husband, Leader, Volunteer, Father, Grandfather, Philanthropist, Friend and so much more.

Your commitment and passion to develop student-athletes beyond the baseball field is unmatched.

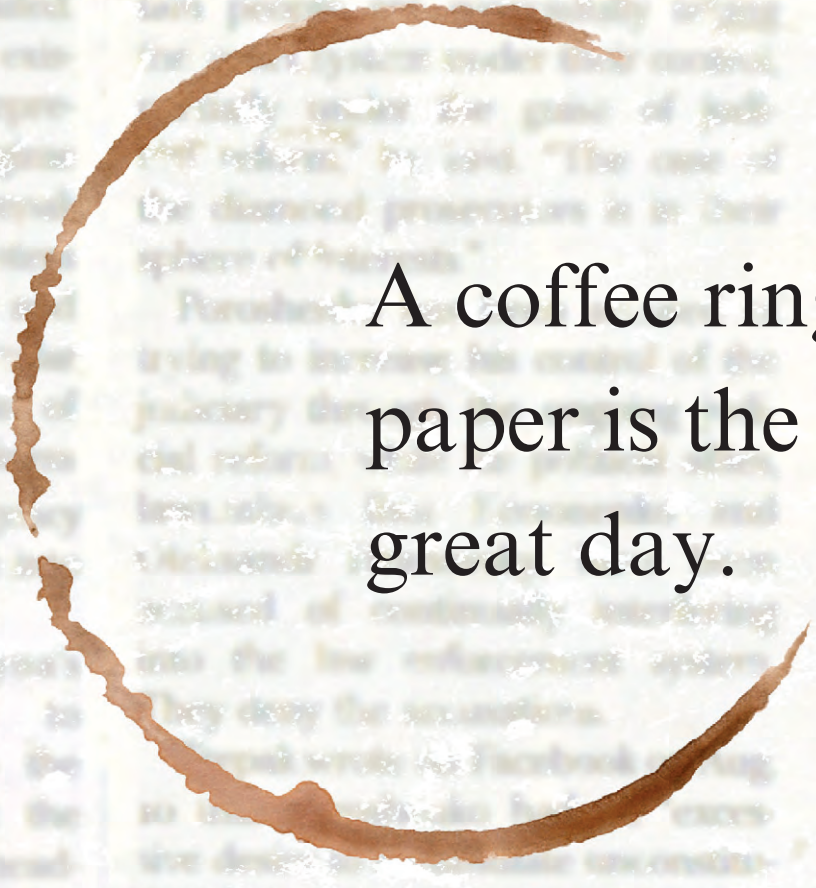
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