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In the whirlwind

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — At the intersection of Kercheval and Vendome, nearly 30 years into his career as an urban forester, Brian Colter experienced the difference between seeing trees fallen in the aftermath of a windstorm and being among trees falling in a windstorm.

The difference is subtle grammatically but otherworldly when the wood is flying.

“My adrenaline was flowing,” he said.

Colter stared down a brown bear while a University of Michigan student working for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska near the Arctic Ocean, but trying to drive a pickup through a downpour of 500-pound limbs was something else.

“It was intense,” he said. “I believe I was at the epicenter.”

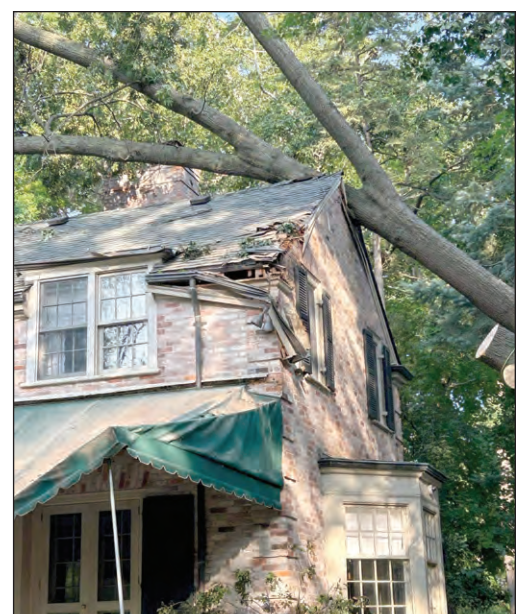
It was real “Rime of the Ancient Mariner” stuff at about 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26: “The storm-blast came, and he was tyrannous and strong.”

Colter knew the line. He used to recite the poem while camping with his late father, a college English professor.

Colter retired this year as city forester of Grosse Pointe Park and is now contracted to continue in the same roles for the Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Farms.

“All the trees at the intersection are twisted apart,” Colter said. “To me, it seemed that a

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Above, at 181 Ridge, Amber Kimmel was home to experience a two-trunk, 100-foot oak tree crush five sections of her roof. Left, storm damage at Ridge and Stephens.



The Boggs family rushed to the basement just as this 15,000-pound oak came crashing into the second-floor bathroom of their Tonnacour home.

Funnel cloud spotted amid Wednesday storm

By Laurel Kraus and Ted O’Neil
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — “I kept saying, ‘I think it’s a tornado, I think it’s a tornado,’” Farms resident Cressie Boggs recalled of Wednesday night’s storm. “I’ve never experienced a tornado, but it was unlike anything I’ve ever experienced weather-related.”

When her Tonnacour home began shaking during the heavy downpour, the mom of three pushed her kids into the basement just as a 15,000-pound oak tree in the backyard fell clean into her daughter’s second-floor bathroom.

“It’s devastating and it’s going to take a long

time to put back together and handle all those pieces, but I’m just happy everyone’s safe,” Boggs said.

Her story is consistent with many in the City, Farms and Park, where up to 80 mph winds sent towering trees tumbling onto houses, cars and across streets in the late afternoon Wednesday, July 26. Despite numerous wires down and approximately 100,000 power outages across southeast Michigan, no fires in the Pointes were reported.

Nor has evidence been provided to support the occurrence of a tornado; however, the National Weather Service confirmed a funnel cloud was

spotted at I-94 and Moross around 4:10 p.m.

“We had a couple reports of that and we got one picture that was fairly consistent with a little bit of rotation on radar from what we were seeing,” said Andrew Arnold, meteorologist with National Weather Service Detroit-Pontiac. “We’ve still not heard of any actual touchdown, but through that area there’s winds that were consistent with 70 to 80 mph that rolled through there as we were looking at it from radar.”

The photo Arnold referred to came from Laura Casey, a Farms resident and weather

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Wind KO’s Park trees, power to 500

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The storm Wednesday afternoon, July 26, arrived as forecast with a hit-and-miss intensity that, when it hit, it hit hard.

Around 4 p.m., winds grabbed the crowns and snapped the trunks of two mature trees in the front yards of houses in the 1300 block of Three Mile Drive.

One, a nearly three-

foot-diameter maple, was a fixture when residents Tom Scallen and his wife, Jan, moved in 46 years ago, they said. A gust broke the tree in two about six feet from ground level and left it pointing northward on the median, a neighbor’s front lawn and driveway.

“It was destined to be horizontal instead of vertical,” Jan Scallen said.

She didn’t hear timber breaking.

“There was a lot of other noise going on,”

she said. “At first, when I looked out the window, it looked like I was in the middle of a hurricane. Everything was blowing around.”

As she spoke, the siren of a fire truck sounded a few blocks away either in the Park or on Detroit’s east side.

There were no fires reported in the Park, however, according to a public safety detective.

“When we called the

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Michael Brown, clearing limbs from in front of his house in the 900 block of Harcourt, said the storm arrived in waves.

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BoE approves contracts, teachers still waiting

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved one-year contracts with three bargaining groups and gave raises to non-union employees at its meeting Tuesday, July 25, while negotiations with the Grosse Pointe Education Association continue.

Contracts approved with unions representing office personnel, para-professionals and maintenance workers include new salary schedules and longevity bonuses. What is commonly referred to as “the formula” will not go into effect during the contracts. Said formula calls for employee pay cuts if the district’s fund equity balance falls below 10 percent and awards bonuses if it gets above 15 percent. Under the fiscal year 2023-24 budget passed by the board in June, fund equity stands at 9.6 percent.

Non-union employees, including executive administrators — with



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Members of the Grosse Pointe Education Association stand outside Brownell Middle School before a Board of Education meeting in June. Teachers did the same thing before the board meeting Tuesday, July 25, as contract negotiations continue.

the exception of Superintendent Jon Dean — will receive step increases and a 2 percent raise.

The agreement between the Grosse Pointe Administrators Association and the board runs through June 30, 2024, although some board members have called for a one-year extension.

Two administrators already have left the district. Dan Hartley, direc-

tor of secondary instruction, will be the new principal at Bloomfield Hills High School, while Stefanie Hayes, director of special education, left to take a position with Ferndale Public Schools. Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent for educational services, is a finalist for the superintendent job in Bloomfield Hills.

Most of the focus of the meeting, however, was on contract talks with the

GPEA, which represents about 590 teachers. Its current two-year agreement expires Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Around three dozen teachers lined the driveway to Brownell Middle School before the meeting wearing matching red T-shirts and holding signs that read “You Can’t Put Students First If You Put Teachers Last.”

More than 1,340 people have signed an online

petition telling the board that teachers “deserve a fair contract now.”

Those same teachers then filled the first few rows of the Brownell multipurpose room during the meeting.

Some 20 people spoke during public comment in support of the teachers, many of them GPEA members.

Taryn Loughlin, GPEA co-president, said it’s important to get a new contract finalized because several teachers have left to go to other districts for “better pay and stability.”

Several teachers said they know of at least 21 colleagues who have done so since the end of the school year.

Laura Hull, who was a math teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, is one.

“I felt insecure and fearful for the future,” she told the board. “I went back to my former district for higher pay and was welcomed back with open arms.”

Katie Parent, an English teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, said the board

has so far rejected the GPEA’s request for a 3 percent raise, although the union has not officially said that is what it asked for.

The current budget includes \$875,000 for employee raises, although Board President Ahmed Ismail previously told the Grosse Pointe News that amount probably will be increased to \$1.5 million once all negotiations are done.

“This takes most of the increase in state funding and passes it on to our staff members, with the balance being used to rebuild our depleted fund equity,” he said.

Per-pupil funding for the coming school year will be the highest ever, with an increase of \$458 per student over last year.

Dean said while the teachers were able to share their concerns at the meeting, the board and administration could not respond.

“It’s important that we listen, but we can’t say anything because the solution has to come at the bargaining table,” he said.

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city a half hour ago, they asked if there were any (electrical) wires down,” Tom Scallen said. “They said that’s their priority. Understandable.”

Up the same block at the corner of Charlevoix, a tree toppled in the same manner and direction, except its trunk separated about 20 feet above ground.

In neither case did it appear there was damage to structures.

The shattered, torn and ripped remnants of both trunks left behind fuel for those chainsaw upright bear carvings people either love or hate. There is no ambiguity.

Similarly, greater and lesser damage occurred

all over town.

The intense onset of the storm impressed Michael Brown at his house in the 900 block of Harcourt near the intersection of Jefferson.

“Wind was coming from the downtown Detroit area and, all of a sudden, it got foggy and everything went crazy,” Brown said. “The power went out for a minute. My generator came on for about five minutes.”

Limbs from a sycamore and silver maple fell to the road, blocking passage until Brown cleared the way.

He used his cell phone to record a video of the front sweeping in. Waves of what seemed like condensed rain alternately darkened and lightened the gray sky at a frequency measured in frac-



tions of a second. A broken tree branch flipped by tumbleweed style.

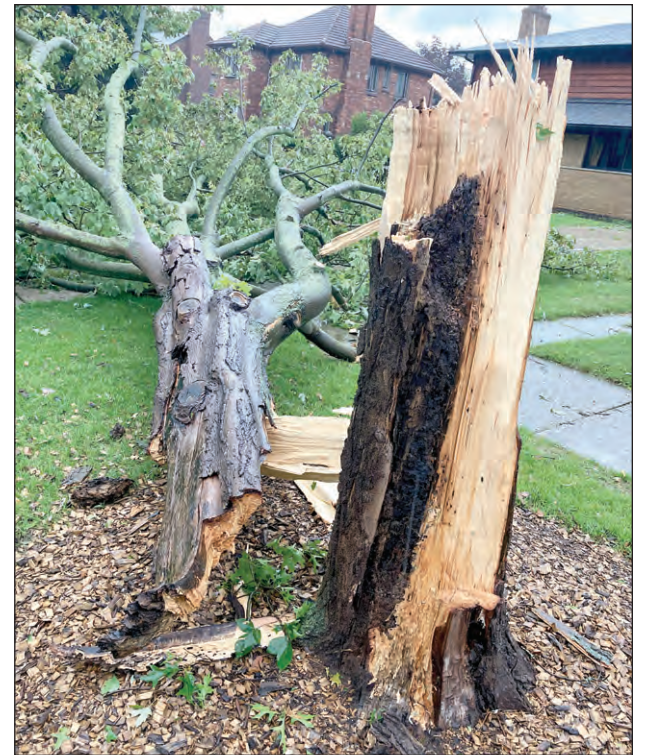
“A lot of trees are going to be down,” Brown said. “Somebody said there’s supposed to be another round of this sometime tonight. I hate it when the power goes out.”

One block toward Lake St. Clair on Trombley below Essex, children who like to ride their

bikes through five-inch puddles may not appreciate the good show of citizenship by another resident, Pete Connor.

Wearing rubber shoes and carrying a rake, Connor cleared fallen leaves and twigs from two catch basins, allowing runoff to drain into the sewer system.

“After the two floods, if it helps ...” Connor said,



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Left, Pete Connor clears a catch basin in the 700 block of Trombley. Above, Tom and Jan Scallen said the rain and wind were so loud, they didn’t hear a maple tree snap in their front yard in the 1300 block of Three Mile.

smiling and shrugging.

By early evening, DTE Energy reported about 500 Park customers without electricity.

Most outages were below Jefferson. Most of those were between Balfour and Ellair Place.

Another cluster ran from below Jefferson to Mack between Yorkshire and Cadioux.

By noon Monday, July 31, outages were reduced to:

- ◆ less than five customers on Maryland between St. Paul and Kercheval,
- ◆ about 10 customers bounded by Middlesex, Westchester, Korte and Avondale;
- ◆ 20 customers on Yorkshire and Bishop near St. Paul;
- ◆ nearly 30 customers along Harvard and Cadioux from below Jefferson to Kercheval and
- ◆ fewer than five customers on Harvard or Grayton between Vernor and Charlevoix.

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Pre-exam in Cardinal case set for late August

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — “We believe our exam would be two witnesses, so much less lengthy than the other case,” assistant Attorney General Dan Gunderson said, referring to a new case alleging Farms attorney David Sutherland embezzled, beginning Aug. 1, 2018, more than \$1.4 million from the William Cardinal Living Trust. Said funds were intended to go into the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School Educational Trust.

A probable cause conference held before Judge Charles Berschback in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court Wednesday, July 26, dealt with the issue of bond and touched on a claim by the defendant as to whether the primary witness should be allowed to testify.

As Sutherland cur-

rently also is making his way through the court system on separate charges regarding the alleged embezzlement of tens of millions from the Gretchen C. Valade Irrevocable Living Trust, Berschback previously set no additional bond for the William Cardinal case, but did set a requirement that Sutherland’s cases in which his client is considered a vulnerable adult must be supervised by his legal partner.

“I can name three cases that just one of my colleagues has done which has had similar conditions,” Gunderson said, citing *People v. Bella Solviva*, *People v. Ronald Robling* and *People v. Gary Haynes*. “In all of those cases, just one of my colleagues had a bond condition stating the defendant could not handle or manage any third-party funds while on bond. That effectively ended their business

while on bond. Those businesses were in the first case, a campground, in the second place, estate sales and in the third case, financial services for elderly people.

“The bond restriction the court imposed in this case is far less harsh than those,” he continued, “so I would contend this was an appropriate bond condition and would ask that it continue.”

While Berschback agreed to leave the bond conditions unchanged, the point is somewhat moot regardless.

“He’s not currently in any fiduciary position over any person that would be considered a vulnerable adult actively at present,” said James Sullivan, attorney for Sutherland, “except for (two) estates where he’s a co-fiduciary with another person. In each case, those are relatives of the person whose estate it is and in those

cases, the relatives are the ones that manage the money. So he doesn’t have access to any money, if that’s a concern for the attorney general.”

Regarding the prosecution’s primary witness, attorney James Zavell, a motion hearing as to whether he should be allowed to testify will be held before Berschback at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

“The attorney was affiliated with Mr. Sutherland’s office and was, in some respects, at times, involved in administration of this estate and did consult with Mr. Sutherland relative to this estate,” Sullivan said. “There was definitely communications that went between them that, really, there’s no question they’re privileged communications.”

Following the motion hearing, a preliminary examination will be held

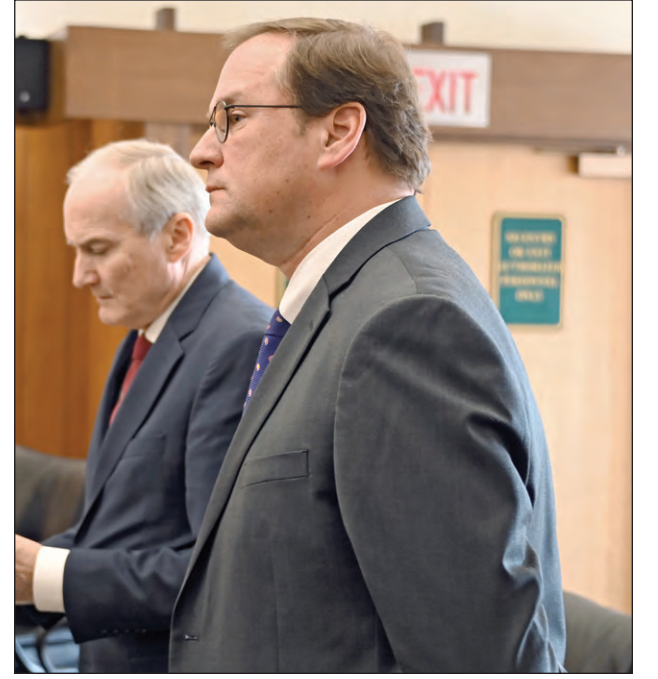


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David Sutherland, right, and his attorney James Sullivan confer during a prior court date.

before Berschback at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Having pleaded not guilty, Sutherland is charged with one count of embezzling \$100,000 or more, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison; or a \$50,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

CVS lot open for business

The CVS lot in The Village — otherwise known as Lot 4 — reopened last week following its reconstruction. While the upgrades to the lot are not yet complete, and a few spaces remain unavailable and marked by cones, the majority of the lot is open for business.

“DTE has to come out to do some work, then the permanent lights can be connected and the parking stations and electric vehicle charging stations can be installed,” Main Street Director Cindy Willcock said via email. “Because of all the storms in the region that take precedence, the DTE work continues to be delayed. The City was able to bring in portable lights for the parking lot so that we could open it up safely while we await this work.”

The reopening of Lot 4 also means free 90-minute parking in The Village parking garage no longer is offered.

Henry Ford Health bringing new signage

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — “You asked us if the pedestrian and walkway sign is compatible?” Councilman Lev Wood noted, when a Henry Ford Health representative came before council in July, requesting building signage changes to coincide with the system’s re-branding. “The answer is no, it’s not. So that’s not going to fly, as far as I’m concerned, and I hope I speak for everybody else.”

Among a number of considerably less noticeable signage changes proposed for the Henry Ford Medical Center — Grosse Pointe campus at Kercheval and Muir, Henry Ford Health requested an allowance to place a 508.5-square-foot vinyl window sign along the breezeway that crosses between the two buildings over Muir.

“It’s not translucent, but it does allow the human eye to see through it,” said Tracy Diehl, representative for Henry Ford Health. “... I compare it more to

window tinting, something that you would install to protect from the elements, heat in the summertime, cold in the wintertime (and) to provide extra insulation.”

The lettering on the sign stating, “Henry Ford Health,” would measure 144.6 square feet, with white perforated vinyl covering the rest of the space. “I am not in favor of the proposed pedestrian signage as it stands now,” Councilman John Gillooly said. “I would consider something in the future, but I too think it’s too much of an advertisement.”

With the breezeway signage withdrawn from the application after the feedback, council unanimously approved the remaining changes, set to feature block lettering.

“If they want to come back with something else, that’s purely on them to come back with something else,” Mayor Louis Theros said, calling the rejected breezeway signage “gratuitous.”

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Pier Park beach still closed

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Since closing June 28, city supervisors speculated the beach may quickly reopen as levels returned nearly to normal in early July; however, the latest testing has shown another increase.

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, AUG. 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park primary election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park DDA meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

- ◆ Hope in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis—A Special Town Hall meeting, 6:30 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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Say, aren't you Officer Dewey?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Prior to Lt. Holly Krizmanich retiring as the highest-ever ranking female officer in the Farms public safety department, she was a 5-year-old girl with a bicycle that risked being out of whack.

Her Schwinn, handed down through a succession of four older siblings, needed a checkup during bike safety week at St. Paul Catholic School.

"I was feeling like a big kid on campus, getting to ride my bike," she said. "Schwinn to school was a big deal. It's very important to a kid to have a bicycle as a means to independence."

Farms Officer Don Dewey conducted the program.

"He inspected our bikes and gave us a license," Krizmanich said. "I remember him giving a speech. I remember as a little kid sitting Indian-style, hanging on every word he said and looking at him in his uniform, so professional and caring to the kids, answering questions. He could do no wrong in our eyes."

She knew he loved his job.

"From that point on, I was so inspired by him I thought, 'You know what? I think I might want to be a police officer someday,'"

Krizmanich said. "When Holly got hired," Dewey said, "she came to me and said, 'I don't know if you remember me, but I remember you checking my bike when I was at St. Paul School.'"

Dewey's impact on the department had a way of migrating up the ranks. "Don broke me in," said Dan Jensen, who rose from rookie to chief and retired a few years ago. "He drove me through all the estates. He knew only one speed: 40 mph. Everywhere he went, he went 40 mph. He's a great guy. He knew everybody; very mild mannered and even tempered."

"Dan was a go-getter," Dewey said. "He fell right into place."

Dewey, 80, grew up in Romeo. He said he'd never heard of Grosse Pointe Farms until getting a lead on a job with the police department in 1967.

"I came down, interviewed with the chief, took a test and got the job," Dewey said.

Training back then wasn't as formal as now.

"I went in the next day to get fitted for uniforms and they gave me a gun," Dewey said. "I'd never handled a gun in my life. A senior officer showed me the intricacies of a revolver. I was on the job three months before they sent me to a two-week introduction to law

enforcement. Then, I was assigned to an officer for three months training."

As bike safety officer, Dewey conducted presentations to students attending the city's public and private elementary schools, but not on the middle school level.

"Those kids have their own opinion on everything," he said. "I had a fear of talking to large groups. The first one I did was at Richard School. I walked out from behind a curtain and there were 200 kids waiting for me. Each time I did it, I felt more comfortable."

Many of those children grew up somewhat imprinted on their bike safety officer standing tall in a midnight blue uniform, spit-shined shoes, gleaming badge over his heart and — this one always widens eyes — a pistol grip peaking from a side holster.

It's standard procedure for Dewey's former charges to introduce themselves when seeing him running errands to a local market or service station.

"A lot of them even know my name," he said. "I come across as a nice guy. It makes a lot of difference."

Making a difference these days in the lives of Dewey and his wife of 42 years, Susan, is babysitting their great-grandniece, Lively, 5.

"She's extraordinary for a 5-year-old, way above her level," Dewey said. "She doesn't stop talking from the time she gets up until she goes to bed."

Lively also inherited her uncle's savvy.

She went into action when he fell down the stairs at home and hurt his back.

"When Uncle fell down the stairs, I went to get our neighbor and my neighbor helped my uncle and so did I," Lively said.

"We call her 'doctor,'" Susan Dewey said. "She's so good for our hearts."

"I took Lively to the station one day," Dewey said. "She said something to everyone. She went for a ride in a fire truck. She remembers that day."

Dewey met his wife early in his career. She worked at Mack 7 Restaurant, owned by George Panourgias and now called Five Pointes Restaurant.

In one form or another, the restaurant has operated more than 100 years.

"On the day shift, we'd always wind up there for breakfast and coffee," Dewey said. "She was always there. It just fell into place."

He can't remember his first words to her.

"It was probably something idiotic, trying to put on a show," he said.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Don Dewey, retired 48-year Farms public safety employee and bicycle safety officer.

"His romantic aura," Susan Dewey said. "He was unbelievable. It was just right."

Dewey doesn't buy it. "I'm just an average Joe," he said. "That's why I didn't think anything would develop."

Twin daughters, Barbara and Deborah, and a son, Kevin, later, Dewey retired as an officer in 2001. He stayed

with the department as a dispatcher until 2015, ending a 48-year career in uniform.

Active as can be, Dewey is in a golf league and plays at least once per week at Burning Tree on North Avenue and 21 Mile Road.

His handicap is a secret.

"It's pretty high," he said.

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Currently, the daily geometric mean is 366.7 — and the 30-day geometric mean 208 — per 100 milliliters of water, Farms Water Superintendent Scott Homminga reported.

To be considered safe for swimming, the daily geometric mean must be below 300 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water, while the minimum

30-day geometric mean must be below 130 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water, according to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

"There are several factors that can increase the numbers, so I really cannot speculate," Homminga said, via email, regarding the cause. "Rainfall has been well above average for July, which would increase E. coli

resulting from runoff into the lake. This can come from waterfowl sources and would influence the shoreline E. coli numbers."

The Farms water department next tentatively plans to conduct testing Thursday, Aug. 3.

When the beach is safe to reopen, the city will notify residents via social media and beach signage.

— Laurel Kraus

Park maintains \$10 million sewer backup protection

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city continues to receive \$10 million worth of sewer backup coverage in its renewed insurance policy for the current fiscal year effective July 1.

Coverage is for liability and residents' property

damage.

Terms are part of a policy with Nickel & Saph Insurance Agency, which city officials retained last year.

"This (sewer flood coverage) is a critical protection for our residents and this coverage level is not offered by our previous insurer or the two

Michigan municipal insurance pools," said Warren Rothe, Park assistant manager, in a report to the city council Monday, July 10.

"Going back many years ago, you guys used to have sewer backup limits of about \$5 million," John

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Approved signage changes include:

- ◆ a 66.7-square-foot sign located near the corner of Kercheval and Muir,
- ◆ a 65.5-square-foot sign on the south build-

ing's clinic surgical avenue side to replace an existing 80-square-foot sign,

◆ refacing two existing 19.5-square-foot, four-sided monument signs,

◆ replacing an existing 37.5-square-foot, unilluminated wall sign with a 36-square-foot, unilluminated wall sign at the north building's entrance,

◆ replacing one three-square-foot directional wall sign pointing toward the north building entrance,

◆ replacing vinyl graphics on north building entrance doors,

◆ replacing an existing 39-square-foot, unilluminated wall sign with a 39.4-square-foot, unilluminated wall sign

◆ and replacing four one-square-foot non-smoking wall signs.

"I think that kind of signage is necessary," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said. "You want to make a pres-

ence here. So many folks believe that Cottage Hospital is now just assisted living and the hospital's gone.

"Many of us know the current CEO of Henry Ford," she added. "He is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. He made it very clear that he wants to have a major presence in this community with Henry Ford Health and to have Cottage Hospital as a hospital."

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City of Grosse Pointe

Shoplifting

Although a \$750 theft from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval occurred in early July, it was reported to detectives Friday, July 28.

An investigation now is ongoing into four black women and one white woman who left without paying for the items in two full shopping carts.

Free vacation

An unknown person last week fraudulently withdrew 34,000 miles from a Grosse Pointe resident's Delta SkyMiles account to purchase three flights.

The irony

A Grosse Pointe resident was scammed into sending a check for approximately \$1,500 to an entity purporting to be NortonLifeLock at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

Stolen & returned

An unlocked 2021 Jeep Cherokee with the keys inside was stolen from the 500 block of Rivard at 4 a.m. Thursday, July 27.

The follow-up investigation revealed it was inside a garage on the eastside of Detroit, from which it was recovered.

Red light

After failing to stop at a red light at Mack and Neff Saturday, July 29, an 18-year-old Detroit resident was issued a citation for the incident, as well as for never acquiring a driver's

license.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Burglary

A possible burglary is suspected after two gold necklaces and one gold bracelet made in India — together worth \$3,500 — went missing from a home in the 200 block of Lakeshore.

The homeowner returned home at 11 p.m. Saturday, July 22, and discovered her garage door open. While finding no signs of a break-in within the home, the jewelry she had worn earlier in the day was missing from the top of her bedroom vanity.

Foreign nobility

A 52-year-old Mount Clemens man was pulled over at Mack and Moross at 4:47 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, because his vehicle had an illegally attached Moorish National Republic Federal Government license plate, claiming he was Moorish nobility.

Despite being on bond out of Macomb County with a condition restricting him from possessing a firearm, three handguns were found in his vehicle.

He was arrested for violation of carrying a concealed weapon, pos-

session of an unregistered firearm, improper transport of a firearm and improper attachment of a plate.

Suspended

A 34-year-old Warren man was cited for driving while license suspended and an expired plate at 9:34 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, after being pulled over at Mack and Cook for the expired tabs and illegally tinted front windows.

The man also had six priors for driving on a suspended license.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Yep, keys

A 2022 Ford Bronco was stolen from a parking lot at Mack and Oxford around 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, while the owner was inside a business working out.

The vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside. It was found a short time later in Detroit. The victim's wallet also was in the vehicle and her debit cards were used to make more than \$5,000 in purchases before being canceled.

ID theft

A resident in the 900 block of Hampton filed a report around 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 26, stating his Home Depot credit card number was used to make purchases of more than \$1,100 at two different stores earlier that day.

The victim said he inquired about opening an account at an Eastpointe credit union and provided personal information over the phone before deciding not to proceed.

Unlocked

A resident in the 20000 block of Holiday filed a report around 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 29, that two credit cards and a debit card were stolen from his wallet, left in an unlocked vehicle, sometime between midnight and 4 a.m. that day. A purchase for \$25 was made using one of the cards at a gas station in Detroit.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Lane change

A 47-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was arrested for drunken driving shortly after midnight Sunday, July 30, on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore.

The man was driving 50 mph in a 35 mph zone and was swerving from one lane to the other. He failed several field sobri-

ety tests and registered 0.198 percent blood-alcohol content on a preliminary breath test.

Un-neighborly

Officers were called to a house on Clairview around 10 a.m. Sunday, July 23, for a report of malicious destruction of property. Once there, they found broken egg shells on the home and vehicles, as well as trash strewn over the yard, including empty cups, a water bottle and a banana.

The homeowner told officers he heard noise around 1 a.m., but did not look outside.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Crime of opportunity

A thief couldn't resist the chance to take an iPhone charger out of an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Yorkshire between 2:45 and 3:50 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

Man steals bike

Bike theft isn't just for kids.

Police arrested a 43-year-old Detroit man shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, for stealing a bicycle from a

business in the 17000 block of Mack.

The officer, informed of the theft, found the suspect on the bike, made the arrest and returned the bike to the business.

Blowers taken

While a landscaper tended a yard in the 1100 block of Devonshire between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, someone rifled through his truck and stole two Redmax backpack leaf blowers worth a combined \$1,100.

Moped stolen

Two unknown males are seen on security video stealing a yellow \$700 Kingring moped the owner had parked Saturday, July 29, behind his place of employment in the 15300 block of Kercheval.

"Video (at 4:40 p.m.) shows the suspects arrive, driving a motorized go-kart," according to police. "One suspect starts the moped and both drive away northbound through the alley."

Police described the suspects as black males.

One is tall and thin. He wore a black and white Adidas jacket and jeans. The other is short and thin wearing shorts and a T-shirt.

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

SEWER:

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Johnson, an agent with Nickel & Saph, told the council. "That dwindled as years went on because of your previous problems."

He's aware of construction due to start in August of an extreme emergency release valve at Patterson Park to dump overflow storm water straight into Lake St. Clair rather than risk additional sewer backups into basements.

"You guys are taking the correct step forward to mitigate the risk, but insurance is a big benefit as well," Johnson said.

The renewal premium is \$305,041, a \$46,920 increase from last year due mainly to three factors:

- ◆ construction of the new public works building on Mack at Wayburn adding \$4 million to the value of insured municipal property,

- ◆ the purchase of municipal vehicles, including a street sweeper and

- ◆ placing on the policy two previously uninsured public safety Strategic Response Team vehicles shared by the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"The total premium for these vehicles is \$14,971, or 32 percent of the premium increase we experienced," Rothe said. "The other communities will be billed their proportionate share of the costs, which is \$2,495 per community."

Upon spreading premium costs across partner communities, the Park's effective premium increase is \$34,445,

according to Rothe, for a total effective premium of \$292,566.

"Given these factors, the city's annual premium remains close to the \$292,248 we were quoted from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority last year, whose limit on sewer liability was \$75,000 versus the \$10 million through Nickel & Saph, and the \$289,444 we paid two years ago through Tokio Marine," Rothe said.

Additional components of the policy are \$1 million coverage for bodily injury, property damage, compromised data, cyberattack, wrongful acts by

public officials.

Contributing to the city's \$42,299,672 total insured values of property (a 9 percent increase from last year, according to Nickel & Saph) are \$12 million for city hall and contents, \$11.8 million for the Lavins Center at Windmill Pointe Park and \$1.7 million for the sewer lift station at Three Mile Park.

Nickel & Saph is an independent agency in Mount Clemens dating to 1929.

"We have developed a specific market niche in the public sector," according to the company's website, nickelsaph.com. "We can offer solutions to clients with populations

from 1,000 to over 800,000 residents. To enhance loss prevention services provided by our carrier partners, we periodically present topic-centered seminars for the benefit of our municipal clients."

Topics have included playground safety, law enforcement policies and procedures, workplace safety, grant writing, employment practices, zoning and land use, indemnification and more.

"Benefits of continuing with Nickel & Saph are numerous," Rothe said.

They include:

- ◆ in-depth evaluation of all city properties by a dedicated appraisal company, HCA Asset

Management;

- ◆ attorney and defense fees don't count against coverage limits of available liability,

- ◆ the city can choose its own legal counsel, which wasn't part of the prior carrier's policy;

- ◆ zero deductibles for

general and auto liability claims, which Rothe said eliminates out-of-pocket costs and contrasts with a \$10,000 general deductible two years ago and

- ◆ the addition of marine operator liability.

But the big deal is the sewer backup coverage.

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OUR VIEW

Neighbors help neighbors in wake of storms

Within minutes after a storm raced through the Pointes last Wednesday, the damage it left behind looked more like the images you see in a natural disaster movie, not outside your own window. This was particularly true throughout neighborhoods in Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe.

Houses, businesses and municipal parks lost power. Damaging winds uprooted our area's grand sycamore, oak, elm and silver maple trees, exposing roots that were in some cases a century old. Vendome, one of the hardest-hit streets in the Farms, resembled a jungle from Grosse Pointe Boulevard to Ridge Road, with the sheer amount of fallen trees and green foliage covering the street and sidewalks. Driving in any given neighborhood within the Pointes, you were sure to see fallen trees on top of crushed cars, dismantled fences and punctured roofs.

As with every power outage, it gives us pause to consider what it would be like if we changed our infrastructure to bury our power lines underground to avoid these outages. It also makes us ponder how we could be better stewards of our community's aging trees, if there's anything we can even do about that.

But that's for another day, perhaps.

For now, we need to praise the noble actions of countless community members and municipalities, which reminded us that when the chips are down, Grosse Pointe is at its best. Neighbors helping neighbors. Strangers helping strangers. Public safety officers and public works employees jumping into action. Parks partnering up when Wi-Fi and power went out. Well-staffed restaurants welcoming people to sit in the cool air and grab a hot meal.

We learned of story after story of good deeds and people willing to help others to make this situation more bearable for community members in need. Here's just a sampling:

◆ **Grosse Pointe Park/Grosse Pointe Woods:**

These two cities really showed the power of teamwork after last week's storm affected the Lakefront Swim Association swim finals, the premier event of the park system's summer swim season (see story on page 2D). After power went out at Windmill Pointe Park late Wednesday afternoon, parks and recreation staff in the Woods agreed to host finals at Lake Front Park Thursday morning. Within about a 15-hour timeframe, Grosse Pointe Park Mutant swim team coaches, staff and volunteers successfully moved all the necessary equipment and gear to Lake Front Park and pulled off a successful finals meet. "Mutant nation showed up in droves," said Colleen Jogan, a parent volunteer whose four kids have been Mutant swimmers or coaches for the last 10 years. "We had more volunteers than what we knew what to do with." Thanks to the willingness of the Park and Woods to make sure the championship meet happened, hundreds of swimmers and families enjoyed swim finals, a summer highlight many worked on and looked forward to for months.

The good neighbor vibe in the Park continued when several residents took it upon themselves to help clean up the city's streets. One Harcourt resident cleared debris from fallen trees to help clear the street, minutes after the worst of the storm passed. The good deeds continued when a resident on Trombley threw on rubber shoes and grabbed a



Inspired by our local hero (see below), we pay homage to Officer Esho Matty of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fruitful foot chase

A Grosse Pointe Park dispatcher received a call early one recent morning around 6 a.m. and the caller reported witnessing two males trying door handles of cars on Buckingham. Cruisers were dispatched to the area and Public Safety Officers Esho Matty and Kory Farmer saw the suspects riding bikes on Mack near Buckingham. Officer Matty parked his patrol vehicle, got out and initiated a foot pursuit with Officer Farmer not far behind. Officer Matty chased the suspects on foot a couple of blocks, catching up to them and ordering them to stop, which they did. Officer Farmer also caught up and Lt. Colin Connaire pulled up in his squad car to help with the arrest. Both bikes had been stolen and police also found a wallet on the suspects. After the arrest was made, the officers returned the wallet to its rightful owner before the owner even knew a crime had been committed. Pictured from left are Grosse Pointe Park Lt. Colin Connaire, PSO Esho Matty and PSO Rob Ruggero, along with William and Jack Saylor, the sons of the man whose wallet was stolen. The boys were excited to meet two of the three officers who brought it back.

rake to clear fallen leaves and twigs from two catch basins, allowing runoff to drain into the sewer system.

Fortunately, in Grosse Pointe Woods, the storm spared much of this part of town. But leaders in the Woods didn't hesitate to help. Late Wednesday afternoon, the city sent its Department of Public Works crews to Grosse Pointe Park to help provide more staffing power.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Farms:** Mayor Louis Theros arrived on site to check on several neighborhoods Wednesday evening to assess damage. He came with boxes of pizza to help feed public works employees and public safety officers working furiously to clear the debris. Late Wednesday evening, a Farms resident posted her thanks to some people who looked out for her son, who was out riding his bike when the storm hit. Seeing him in distress, a Good Samaritan pulled over and gave him a ride home. A generator kept The Helm powered up, as it welcomed the community to cool

off, charge phones, have a cup of coffee or play a game. The Helm staff also invited residents of neighboring American House, which was powerless, to enjoy a movie in The Helm's dining area Thursday afternoon.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Shores:** Though the Shores did not experience the same level of storm damage as the other Pointes, several hundred residents found themselves without power. Many homeowners praised the generosity of their neighbors, who let them plug their refrigerators into their generators, likely saving hundreds of dollars worth of food, along with a lot of undue stress. The city also sent Department of Public Works crews to help Grosse Pointe Park clean up and clear out.

◆ **City of Grosse Pointe:** During the storm, city officials, including retired Department of Public Works Director Gary Huvaere, worked deep into the night to secure a second generator to ensure its pumping station stayed fully functional (see page 9A). The next morning, half of The Village was out of power, but thankfully, half of its businesses — including the Grosse Pointe News — had it. For those without power, many places serving food or a cup of coffee were a welcome respite for homeowners who were battling against no AC and refrigerators that were on borrowed time. Employees hustled and offered smiles, knowing many were running very short on caffeine and patience. Kindness and grace in times of strife can go a long way.

After the events of one wild weather week, these examples of our community's goodness and kindness toward one another illustrate why we live here. We say there's no other place we would rather call home.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



A letter to Duke, a K-9 loved by all

Duke, I met you in 2014, when you became a Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 and I met your handler, Officer Tim Harris, at the same time. Originally they were going to name you Jazz, because Gretchen Valade, who donated the entire cost of your work career and beyond, loved jazz music, but Tim said, "There's no way I'm naming him that. I'm not walking around with a dog named Jazz." So they settled on Duke, short for Duke Ellington.

You two turned out to be such a pair. Silly, like little kids or, more accurately, a kid and a puppy. You were always game for a silly photo or to show off your demo skills. You did such a great job as a K-9 officer throughout

your career and Tim has a great story to tell about how he learned to trust your instincts when you began working together. You showed him where the criminal was and Tim thought the criminal was in the other direction. That turned out to not be the case. It turned out you were correct. Lesson learned.

From the moment you came to the department, you two went everywhere and did everything together, training weekly, helping other police departments with your skills and catching many a bad guy. When Tim met you right after you arrived in the country, he said he could tell you were a happy dog and loved to work.

Tim picked you as his dog for a few reasons, but he will tell people it was because you were all black in color and could sneak up on criminals in the dark before they could see you. And, he would jokingly add,

because you were the right size to toss over the fence if you needed to chase someone. People would have horrified looks on their faces when he added that part, but he was quick to tell them he was only kidding. Tim eventually got you a vest with a handle on it so you could be gently lifted — not tossed — over a fence or wall.

During your career, you wore Doggles, helmets, bulletproof vests, Santa hats and Halloween costumes. You were hoisted up and over things, flown in a helicopter, and located objects, people and illegal substances. You went to the funeral for Axe, the St. Clair Shores K-9 who was killed in the line of duty. You went on vacation with Tim and his family, walked in a parade and went to prom.

You visited kids in the hospital, rode in and on a tank, helped collect and donate dog food, sat in a

race car — which you hated, but did it because Tim asked — and spent hours playing with your favorite toy, a lacrosse ball on a string.

Duke, I am going to miss you, buddy. I'll miss the way you tried to sneakily walk away from Tim when he gave you your ball, then would disappointedly give Tim the side eye when he said, "Drop it." Your drool was all over that ball every time Tim got it back, but he said he didn't care — that it was part of the territory and K-9 officers usually have drool all over their clothes and in their pockets where the lacrosse ball resided in between the times you got to chew on it.

Tim would tell people you did the job you were trained for and did it well, but he also knew your reward was that lacrosse ball you loved so much. You loved Tim more though.

You were together 24/7 almost every day of your

life, with the exception of a handful of days. I'm going to miss how excited I got when I saw you at events, and remember when you and Tim came to the newspaper to pick something up and you walked to the back with me where the water dispenser is located. You could hardly wait for me to fill a bowl before you began to drink the cool water. We just laughed at your silliness and sloppiness with the water. Your adventures were many.

One of my many favorite photos of you is one I took after you had been with the department about a year and were doing a demo with Tim at Racing for Kids. Tim hid a metal box of narcotics — one of the things you were trained to find — and you jumped into the car, onto the front seat. You stood there facing front and put your right leg in front of the seat with your paw facing down and it looked like

you were pointing to where the metal box was hidden as if to say, "It's right here, Tim."

Between when I met you in 2014, and when you retired in 2022, I took hundreds of photos of you, at demos, posing with kids, working, playing and being silly. You were a joy. When the gray in your muzzle and coat began to appear, I didn't want it to happen. I wanted you to live forever, because you were such an awesome dog. I loved the way you leaned against me in the later years so I could pet your soft, soft fur.

You were a good boy, Duke. You forever changed Tim's life and he, yours. You were a great police officer, the perfect partner for Officer Harris and an all-around great dog. The community loved you.

Have fun running through the fields of doggie heaven with all the lacrosse balls you could ever want.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

CONVERSION OF WHITTIER RD. TO ONE-WAY STREET PRODUCES BITTER PROTEST: The changing of Whittier from a two-way street to a one-way northbound street between Jefferson and Mack avenues, which was done by the Park village some months ago, is meeting with some criticism from the abutting residents.

PROTEST LODGED TOO LATE: A delegation of 12 to 15 residents of Nesbit Avenue attended the Woods council meeting to protest against the paving of their street. Nesbit is a part of the four street district, including Anita, Hampton, and Hawthorne for which paving plans have been completed. They were told by the village attorney their protest had come too late.

1973

50 years ago this week

DEMISE OF FRENCH COTTAGE MARKS PASSING OF ERA: Grosse Pointe has been the victim of the wrecking ball recently with many older buildings being torn down to make way for more modern developments. Still another adieu must be said to the Cadieux Cottage whose time also has come. The Cottage, which was located on the property of Dr. Alfred Whittaker, in Elmsleigh Lane, was taken down over a year ago as a result of a city council decree, but was stored on the property. It was during the past month that it left the area permanently, taking with it the last tangible evidence of Grosse Pointe's French beginnings.

POLICE WARN CHILLED YOUTHS: Three youths, who

apparently had a "summer chill," received a warning from Woods public safety officers after they started a fire on the west side of the brick restroom at Ghesquiere Park. When asked why they started the blaze, the boys replied they were "just trying to keep warm."

1998

25 years ago this week

SHORES FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE 4,800-VOLT FIRE: In the most dangerous incident caused by the storm July 21, a downed 4,800-volt power line flared up the following Thursday and threatened to burn down 12 homes along the lower end of Vernier and Willison streets in Grosse Pointe Shores. Instead, a team of 14 Shores firefighters overcame live electrical wires to save a house on Vernier that was ignited by a supercharged jolt of electricity so intense that it melted the structure's 50-year-old plumbing.

GROSSE POINTE'S LAST FIRE CHIEF RETIRES, ENDS AN ERA: In 1954, the hydrogen bomb was tested at Bikini Atoll, "From Here to Eternity" won the Academy Award and Sam Candela joined the fire department in Grosse Pointe Farms as a pipeman, the lowest rating there was. Since then, Candela has risen through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant and, more than 13 years ago, chief, the highest rank there is. "I'm the last fire chief in Grosse Pointe," he said. "With the switch to public safety, there aren't any more fire chiefs."

COMPUTERS TO BE OPERATIONAL IN NOVEMBER: The public will finally see the library's computer system, both an online catalogue and Internet access, sometime in the first week of November, according to Director

Vicky Bloom, who presented a technology update for the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board.

2013

10 years ago this week

MOTION ENDS IN TIE, BOND FAILS: A week after it appeared to reach a consensus on a

10-year technology bond, sold in two series, at an amount not to exceed \$48 million, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education rejected a proposal to submit the bond for the November ballot. The motion ended in a 3-3 tie; per board policy, it's a failure for lack of majority.

2 PSOS ADDED: Two more public safety officers could bring the

force to nearly full strength by year's end. Grosse Pointe Shores Chief John Schulte offered a pair of candidates conditional job offers last week. Although the hirings boost department manpower to 17, they fall one short of optimal strength.

RUSCH SETS MSU RECORDS: Michigan State University and Grosse Pointe North

graduate Jenny Rusch finished off her career in style. The 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident set an MSU record in the 50-yard freestyle in the 2013 Women's Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championship meet with a time of 23.03. She also set the school record in the 100-yard butterfly, posting a time of 55.64 in the same meet.

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Spreading the word

To the Editor:

Everyone at Families Against Narcotics (FAN) was overjoyed to see the editorial you published in your July 27 edition ("Our View: Be a Lifesaver—Carry Narcan"). Narcan is an easy-to-use nasal spray that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and save a life. We believe everyone should have access to and carry Narcan because, quite simply, it's better to have it and not need it than it is to not have it when you do need it.

While your editorial correctly stated that Narcan—which is the brand name for the drug naloxone—is now available over the counter at most pharmacies, the cost can be prohibitive for some people. That's why FAN provides Narcan to the public free of charge. We offer free naloxone training classes for individuals or groups and all of these classes include a free Narcan kit, which contains two 4-milligram doses, for all attendees. Classes can be taken in per-

son or virtually via Zoom.

We also pass out free Narcan at community events, including the upcoming "Hope in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis" town hall at The War Memorial on Aug. 9.

For more information on our naloxone training sessions, people can visit our website at familiesagainstnarcotics.org and choose "Naloxone Training" from the "Programs" menu.

Thank you so much for helping spread the word about this life-saving drug. As the father of someone whose life was saved by Narcan, this subject is especially important to me.

DEAN DAUPHINAIS
City of Grosse Pointe
Communications Manager
Families Against Narcotics (FAN)

Speedy response

To the Editor:

I just want to express my gratitude to the quick, expert response from the police, fire and other city departments on Wednesday.

The storm — which many in the Farms and City believe was a tornado — hit at 4 p.m. After three more hours of heavy rain, the forces from the Farms and City were out in force, clearing the roads of the big trees and putting caution tape up where necessary. By 7:30 p.m., most of the streets were cleared.

I'm sure the other Pointe communities also received great help from their public safety people.

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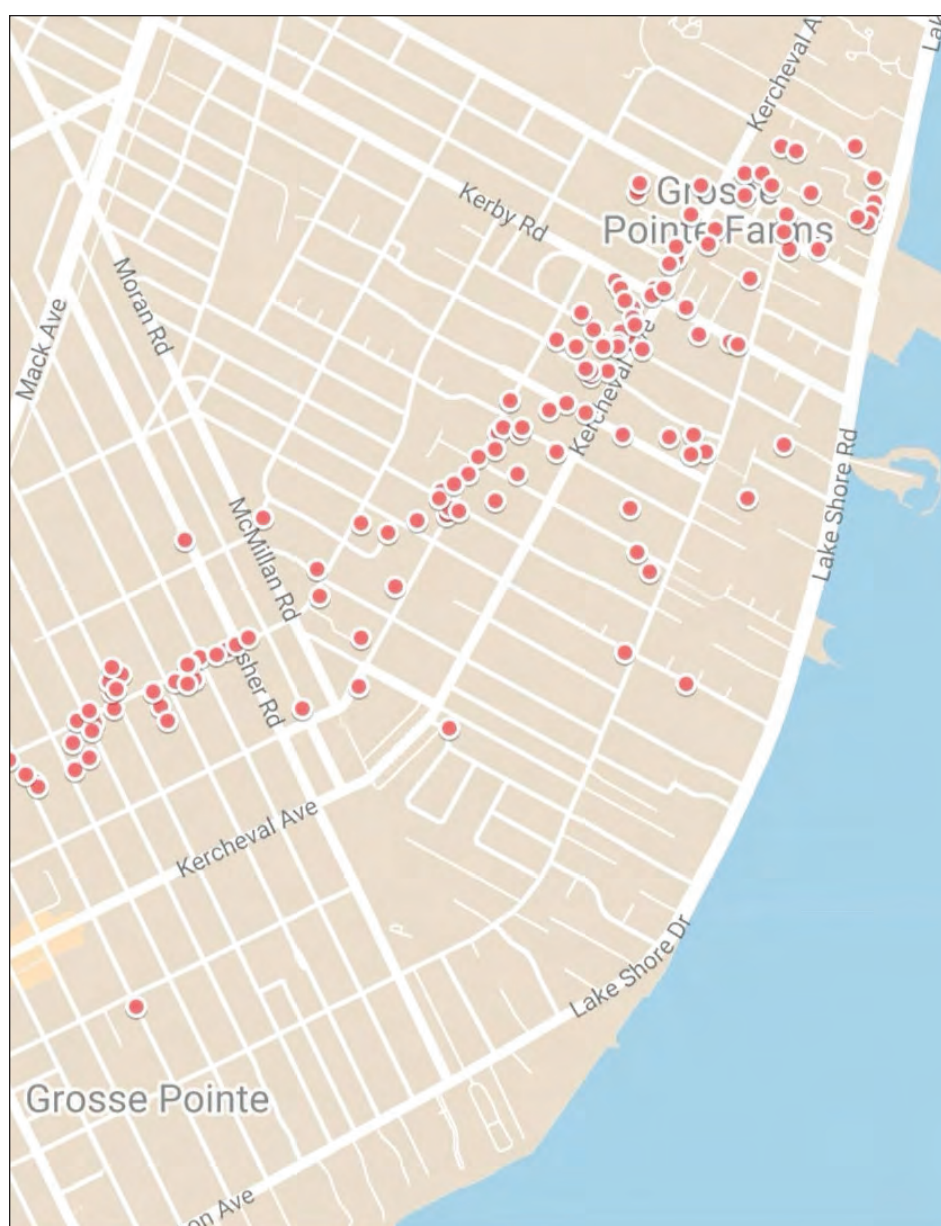


IMAGE COURTESY OF BRIAN COLTER

Brian Colter, forester of Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms, said a fellow administrator obtained this map produced by a resident. Every time the resident took a digital photograph of a tree knocked down during the storm Wednesday, July 26, software registered the location. The map supports witness accounts of wind and rain coming from the direction of downtown Detroit and, in Colter's first-person account, damage clustered in the area of Kercheval and Vendome in the Farms.

WIND:

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funnel cloud did it."

A Google Earth image is the only way to see five trees that used to grow in the front lawn of a house on the corner. Four are gone now. The fifth remains upright, but with an upper limb sheared off.

The pinwheel pattern of debris on the ground in what can be termed the fallen timbers neighborhood of the Farms was unlike 1.5 miles away in the 1300 block of Three Mile Drive in the Park where two mature trees, including a maple, fell uniformly in a northern direction.

"These were twisted all around," Colter said at the corner in the Farms. "The sky looked bad and the rain came in. I was driving (west) down Kercheval to look at a tree. I turned around immediately to scamper back to city hall for shelter. I got caught in the middle of it, tree branches falling everywhere. I was swerving

in the street. I could barely see, even with windshield wipers going full blast. I got to city hall and going 10 yards from my truck to the entrance I got saturated. I knew it was going to be a big mess out here."

He worked late that night in the Park.

"I feel pretty good that we're under control as far as the big stuff," he said of that city. "It was a matter of a massive cleanup between curbs and sidewalks."

Nearly 48 hours later, during 90-degree, muggy weather mid-afternoon Friday, July 28, cleanup continued throughout all three of his beats.

"The Farms was hit the worst followed closely by the City," Colter said near Elworthy Field at the intersection of Charlevoix and Neff in the City. "The Park got hit hard, too, but not as hard as the other two communities."

While Colter surveyed the progress of a tree crew contracted by DTE Energy to clear access

to a damaged electrical line next to the sewer pumping station on Waterloo, Grosse Pointe Shores Manager Steve Poloni drove by. He and Colter are friends. They like to rib each other.

"Who's in charge of trees around here?" Poloni shouted in passing.

"If I have a dedicated day in a particular municipality, I try to stay there," said Colter, his black T-shirt soaked with sweat and stuck to his skin. "But, in a case like this, I've been in all three communities non-stop the last three days."

Casualties consisted of hundreds of trees and uncountable branches. Some of the Pointes' arboreal royalty succumbed, too.

Losses of two silver maples on Kenwood between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval in the Farms leave only 30 remaining to mark Nun's Walk, along which sisters ambulated to and from the former convent at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, now the oldest building on the campus of The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Again in that city, a large and increasingly rare specimen of American elm with a 10-foot root ball toppled near the intersection of Charlevoix and McKinley. All those decades of standing up to Dutch elm disease gone in a gust.

"It's a maze there," Colter said of trying to maneuver through fallen limbs and piles of wood and masses of intertwined branches and twigs and leaves.

His cell phone rang. "It's one of my tree guys," Colter said, referring to a bevy of tree-service companies recruited as cavalry to reinforce the cities' overwhelmed public works and standard subcontracted crews.

"One of my crew got sick," the tree guy said. "This heat's really mess-



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

A storm late Friday, July 28, downed three wires in the Farms above Moross between Chalfonte and Mack Avenue, as here on flooded Bournemouth at Roland Court.



With Grant Wood's "American Gothic" in mind, Park neighbors Douglas Bulka and Paul Doherty ham it up while clearing storm drains of debris Friday afternoon, July 28.

ing with them, so we're gonna head back."

"No problem," Colter said. "You got everything at (Farms) city hall, though?"

"Yep." "Alright. I hope your guy feels better and thank you for all your work," Colter said, signing off.

Less than 90 seconds later, his phone rang again. Tree guy No. 2 inquired about the status of damage on Neff, Rivard in the City, Lakeshore in the Farms and a downed primary power line on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Grosse Pointe Court.

Less than 90 seconds later, another call. Tree guy No. 3. Same thing, different roads.

Colter said the storm was the second worst during his time in the Pointes.

"The worst was July 2, 1997," he said.

Straight-line winds during that storm swept five picnickers to their deaths in Lake St. Clair off Farms Pier Park.

"This is similar to the ice storm we had two winters ago," Colter said.

That time, power lines snapped all over the area, cutting service to thousands of DTE customers.

"We already have the streets cleared and have most trees off houses," he said Friday afternoon. "It's just clean-up now."

Then two hours later at about 4:30 p.m. — to quote Burl Ives' narrated announcement of a blizzard in the animated Christmas classic, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" — "It hit."

Another thunder-

storm crashed through town.

"It was just what we needed," Colter said sarcastically. "I was filling my truck with \$100 worth of gas at Mack and Alter. The sky didn't look good. Clouds circling. I was expecting to see a funnel. Lightning and thunder were simultaneous."

Waves of rain fell; big, stinging drops at a 45-degree angle. The bill of a baseball cap did nothing to keep eyeglasses dry.

In the Farms, police sped in cruisers to block off snapped limbs and downed wires flaring and smoking on Bournemouth at Roland Court, also one block toward Mack on Allard and again one block from there on La Belle.

All over town, runoff swept leaves and twigs weakened or fallen from the prior two storms into gutters, clogging sewer openings. Seemingly everywhere roads brimmed curb-to-curb, certainly in the Farms, City and Park.

"We have flooding that comes up as far as the lawn. It's déjà vu to 2021," said Paul Doherty, of the Park, referring to two rounds of storm-prompted sewer backups that flooded thousands of basements and induced residents to approve a 10-year millage increase to fund flood-protection measures.

Doherty, an attorney, is appealing a Wayne County Circuit Court ruling that he can't sue various government entities for flood damage two years ago due to immunity.

Nevertheless, he and one of his clients in the

action, neighbor Douglas Bulka, were among scores if not a greater number of residents in the storm area that responded to road flooding by clearing grate openings.

"To the extent we can lessen the backup by cleaning out the drains, we do it," Doherty said, garden hoe in hand. "I've been doing this since I moved in in 1996. With all of these large trees around here, and I'm not blaming the city for that because, literally, all of this was cleaned two days ago. It's just with these storms, it blows a lot of this down."

"I didn't know Paul was out here, so I came down," he said.

Colter is in the business of planting, tending and saving trees. Yet, he's been around long enough to know who's boss.

"In a severe wind, you're going to lose trees," Bulka said.

Park Manager Nick Sizeland said public works crews among the five Pointes are trying to support each other.

"Grosse Pointe Woods had short staff, so they couldn't help us today," he said Monday, July 31. "But, the Woods staff will be here tomorrow. Mid to later this week, we'll have everything cleaned up."

The odor of sawdust in the Kercheval-Vendome area of the Farms spoke of contractors continuing to saw fallen limbs into logs and feed smaller branches into chipping machines.

"After we're cleaned up, we've offered assistance to Grosse Pointe Farms," Sizeland said.

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City employees spring into after-hours action

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While many City of Grosse Pointe residents went to sleep with no power last Wednesday night, some critical action to protect homes from potentially flooding took place in the wee hours of the morning, thanks to the “above and beyond efforts”

made by current and retired city employees, according to City Councilman Chris Walsh. “I don’t think we can discount the amount these people care about this community we’re in,” Walsh said.

Acting City Manager Steve Poloni, Department of Public Works Director Pete Randazzo, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and retired Department of

Public Works Director Gary Huvaere worked well after midnight and into the early morning hours Thursday, July 27, to secure an industrial generator for the city’s pumping station at Charlevoix and Grosse Pointe Court, across from Elworthy Field.

During the storm, a tree knocked down the lines that provide power to the city’s four pumps.

While the threat of flooding was never imminent, the City did lose both of its main feeds to the pump station. One back-up generator ran two of the four pumps, but an additional heavy rain would have compromised the system’s remaining two pumps.

In an abundance of caution, City officials issued a Nixle alert to

caution residents to lift items off basement floors, while also working to get a second generator to get the system back to full function.

By 1:30 a.m. Thursday, all four pumps were fully powered and a potential disaster was averted.

Walsh said the actions and institutional knowledge of both current and retired employees were difference makers for

residents.

“This (dedication) is something we don’t frequently get to see in other communities (outside of the Grosse Pointes),” he said, noting Huvaere pitched in to help even though he is now retired and resides in Lexington. “Our community is safeguarded during catastrophic events by people who care like this.”

STORM:

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enthusiast.

“I was actually coming back from a friend’s house and we spotted the funnel cloud passing over the freeway heading right toward Grosse Pointe,” she said. “As it passed over the freeway, it had started to become rain-wrapped, so I was like, ‘Crap, it’s going to go right down Moross,’ and sure enough, it did just that.”

The worst of the damage in the Farms, according to City Manager Shane Reeside, was concentrated along Ridge Road, east to Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

At 181 Ridge, Amber Kimmel was home to experience a two-trunk, 100-foot oak tree crush five sections of her roof, limbs covering the windows so she couldn’t see outside.

“I was actually in the room where the tree hit,” she said. “... I could just see these huge waves in our pool and so I started running toward my husband, who was in his office on the opposite side of the house watching, and when I got there, we heard the hit and our house shook. I instantly panicked because our daughter had only had her license for a week and was over at Liggett in a Jeep watching a lacrosse game and I’m trying to call her while I can tell that our house is being hit by things. I can just hear it. The doors flew open in our dining room because all the debris pushed them open.”

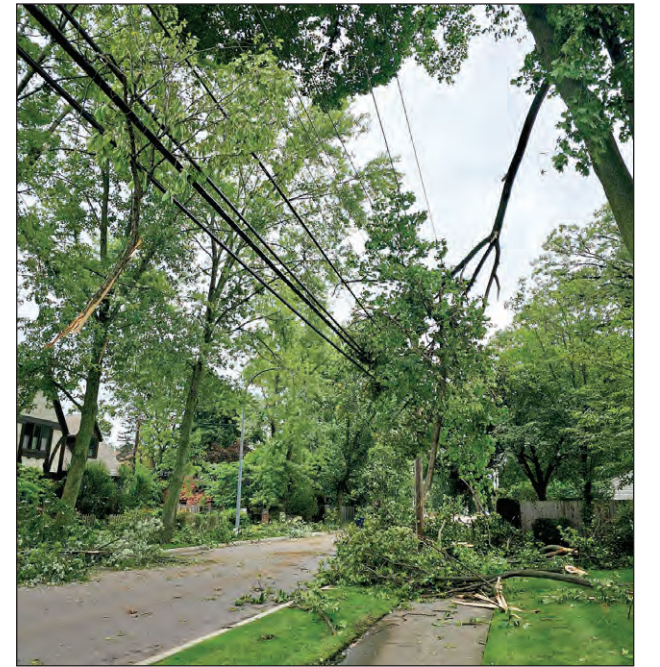
Kimmel’s daughter made it home safely and while the structure of the house is compromised — cracks run along all four walls in the bedroom where the tree landed — an ancient sycamore the family almost removed last year blocked the home from being completely crushed.

Even with a crew of six from Grumpy Tree & Stump Removal spending 10 hours Thursday working on removal, the oak remained on the house Friday morning.

“The biggest thing yesterday was working to open up roadways,” Reeside said Thursday, “because literally seemingly within the impacted area, there was one or more trees down on every block that blocked the roadway.”

“Frankly, going into the storm, I think the bigger concern was torrential rains,” he added, but flooding did not become an issue, even despite the Farms losing the primary electrical feed to its pump station and water plant, as well as the City and Shores losing both feeds to their pump stations.

While all Pointe stations were fully restored



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, storm damage in the 300 block of Fisher. Above, Washington and Charlevoix sustained damage in the City of Grosse Pointe.

as of press time, the Shores last week managed to bring in an offsite generator, while the City already was equipped with one.

“Our pump station’s never been down,” City of Grosse Pointe interim City Manager Stephen Poloni clarified last week. “The power, both main feeds are down, but we have a backup generator that automatically kicked in and is running two of our four pumps. ... What we did is we brought in a second generator to run the other two pumps.”

“Our notice to the public was just in an overabundance of caution,” he added, “because we were expecting another large storm to come in that evening and we just wanted people to be aware it’s tough on the system when there’s two storms back-to-back and if it had happened, we don’t ever want people to go through what they did before where they lost everything in their basements.”

The City sent out a second notice to residents Friday, after roughly an inch of rain fell in 20 minutes and the second generator had not yet kicked

in, leaving only two of four pumps running.

“The water reached the high level, but then receded, so we did not have flooding of basements,” Poloni reported afterward. “There might have been a couple individual ones, but those were not related to our pump station at all. Some people’s sump pumps failed, things like that, but we didn’t have any flooding that was caused by us.”

At its plants, the Farms managed to successfully switch to its secondary power source.

But, adding insult to injury, two water main breaks — on Mack and on Moross just east of Chalfonte — were reported.

“It’s fairly unusual to have water main breaks this time of year and to have two of them,” Reeside said. “... I suspect it may be the momentary loss of power as both the water plant and pumping station switched to a secondary source. That interruption could have been enough to create a surge or some change in pressure in the system that caused a break or it could have just

been the wet soil conditions and a tree being pushed over.”

While the other Pointes reported heavy damage and widespread power outages, the Woods was virtually untouched.

“We had a few limbs down here and there and one power line went down on Morningside between Vernier and Anita,” Director of Public Services Jim Kowalski said. “We really dodged a

bullet.”

Kowalski said he was able to send some of his crews to assist with heavier damage in the Park.

Power outages in the Woods extended along Vernier and Cook, which primarily impacted the Shores, according to the DTE outage map. Both pockets indicated up to 500 customers each with-

out power.

“Other than the power issues ... we had some limbs or a couple large trees (down),” reported Poloni, who also serves as city manager in the Shores, “but we did not get the damage that the Farms or the City did.”

Detroit Metro Airport in July recorded just over 5 inches of rain. The average for July is 2.91, and last July saw 1.85.

“In my 30 years with the city, obviously we had tragic straight-line winds that came through the Pier Park in the 1990s that resulted in the loss of lives and basically the loss of all the trees in the picnic area,” Reeside said, “but since that time, this is the worst devastation we’ve seen throughout the city and (I’m) just grateful that there have not been any reports of any injuries.”



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A tree downed on Rivard.



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GPPSS moves ahead with branding campaign

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A branding campaign for the Grosse Pointe Public School System could lead to an enrollment increase, but a local expert believes it could help the district in many other ways.

Ted Coutilish, a marketing executive at the University of Michigan and member of the district's Community Engagement Committee, gave a presentation at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, July 25,

about what branding is and isn't and how it could help the district's reputation.

"It's not a logo or a slogan or a website or swag," he said. "It's a collection of all that and so much more. It's the entire entity of an organization."

Coutilish added that a brand is the "totality of human perception."

"It's what you stand for, your stake in the ground," he said. "It's your reason for being and impacts every decision you make."

"At Michigan, our brand is 'leaders and the best,'" he added. "Everything we

do has to fit that and if it doesn't, we don't do it."

Coutilish also cautioned the board what could happen if it doesn't establish a brand.

"Without one, your critics and competitors will define you," he said. "They'll chip away at our market share, which will erode our national standing and lead to lower enrollment. That means closing more schools, more layoffs and deferred maintenance."

Trustee Colleen Worden asked how a branding campaign could help a closed district like GPPSS

when the district's capture rate of 86 percent is as high as it is.

"It's not just about enrollment," Coutilish said. "It's a rallying point for the organization. It will build trust among stakeholders, students, parents, employees, alumni, the community."

He added it would make current families feel good about their students remaining in the district and could convince students who left to come back, as well as convince families to move into the district.

Trustee David

Brumbaugh asked if the district needs to refine its strategic plan before embarking on a branding campaign.

Coutilish said the market research that comes with a branding campaign would help inform the strategic plan.

"A lot of things will come up that you already know you're doing right," he said. "But there will also be recommendations that can lead to a better strategic plan."

The board in its fiscal year 2023-24 budget set aside \$35,000 for a marketing study that would

lead to a branding campaign.

Trustee Valarie St. John said she was concerned about taking money away from the programs that make the district unique in order to pay for the study. Coutilish said it should be considered an investment in the district's future.

Community members who applied to be on an ad hoc committee of the Community Engagement Committee to focus on branding will be notified by Tuesday, Aug. 15, if they were chosen. Applications were due Aug. 1.

BoE changes public comment policy

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Those wishing to make public comments at Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings moving forward face new guidelines after the board voted 4-3 at its meeting Tuesday, July 25, to change its policy.

The biggest change is an online form the district will post to its website allowing people to sign up to comment from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on meeting days.

Those signing up on paper slips at the meeting must have them completed by the end of the superintendent's report, which usually is the third item on the agenda.

Speakers must pick if they want to comment on agenda action items for that meeting, which happens before the board votes on anything, or later in the meeting on agenda items to be taken up at the next meeting. Speakers will only be able to comment during one session, not both.

"I am 100 percent opposed to this," Trustee Colleen Worden said. "It makes it look like we're trying to silence the public and curtail comments in this time of controversy."

"It's like we're saying, 'We can't handle this,'" she added. "This didn't happen during reconfiguration and that was more controversial than anything we've done."

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

The first comment session will be limited to one hour unless extended by board vote. Anyone not able to comment during the first session will be heard during the second, which won't have a time limit. Speakers will be heard in the order they sign up.

Online and paper request forms will require the commenter's first and last name, address, what group they are affiliated with — if any — and which agenda item they want

to speak about.

St. John noted some people may not want to give their full name and address for personal safety reasons.

"Our attorney was OK with these changes," Ismail said. "And we don't publish the forms."

Papas said speakers won't be required to give that much information when they introduce themselves at the podium.

Ismail added that Michigan's Open Meetings Act only requires public bodies to hold one public comment session per meeting.

Worden also raised concerns about the online function.

"Some people can't even get here from work right at 6:30 to fill out a form, so now they have to set an alarm for 11 a.m. to remind them to sign up?" she asked.

The board next meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Brownell Middle School. There were only three agenda items for its Aug. 8 meeting, which the board took up last Tuesday and canceled its first August meeting.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Margaux Schaller of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's degree in professional nursing.

Charlotte Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's degree in history.

Auburn University student **Benjamin Currier** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering Dean's List for fall 2022 and spring 2023.

Ben Bauman of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a



Benjamin Currier

Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology.

Bode Neumeister of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Josh Thomas** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the spring 2023 semester Dean's List at Tufts University.

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Belle Isle Park 'like coming home' Fair-goers to vote on Woods artist's work

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As a full-time registered nurse, Ashley Menth has a busy life, but even on the most draining of days, she makes time for art.

The past few years, she has drawn inspiration from Belle Isle Park, which hosts the Belle Isle Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Menth will have a tent at the fair, where attendees may cast votes on which print of six of her Belle Isle paintings should be selected as the 2024 Belle Isle Art Fair poster.

"What inspired me about Belle Isle was it feels like coming home to me," said Menth, a 1988 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. "I spent so many happy days there throughout my life. I grew up on the eastside of Detroit — on East Warren, then in Grosse Pointe Park, then in St. Clair Shores and now in Grosse Pointe Woods. When you drive up and see that bridge, it's like a feeling of coming home, a feeling like you're about to have a great day."

"The thing about Belle Isle Park that's not lost on me is it's multicultural," she continued. "It brings people from all over the city and the metro Detroit area and we can convene there, meet each other and everyone really is in a great mood. It's just a place to really enjoy the city."

Menth, a member of the Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club and Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, challenged herself during the pandemic to create art every day. She found inspiration at Belle Isle Park, "because it was a safe place to visit with friends," she said. "It's outdoors and you didn't have to be masked."

She heard about the Belle Isle Art Fair

poster contest last year. She didn't hesitate to submit one of her park-inspired paintings, "The Other Side of MacArthur." The painting is a love song to the MacArthur Bridge leading to Belle Isle. It depicts a bright pink sky, vibrantly colored bridge and an island breeze conveying a sunny summer day.

"I received notice in May that I won the poster contest, but when they looked at my portfolio and saw I had 12 or 15 paintings of Belle Isle, they saw I had more of a relationship to the park than they originally thought," she said. "They picked six of the posters and voters will decide which one is their favorite to be used for the 2024 Belle Isle Art Fair poster."

Voting takes place via QR code at the fair and online at <https://form.jotform.com/231993856062162>

Those who vote for their favorite poster will be entered into a drawing to win one of Menth's prints.

Art enthusiasts already may have spotted Menth's work, as it's been displayed locally and throughout the state. Grosse Pointe Congregational Church hosted an exhibit of her paintings in February and "Rise Above Your Situation" was part of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's "Green" exhibition in April. Currently, her self-portrait, "Rose-Colored Glasses," is showing at Detroit's Swords into Plowshares Gallery and "Rays All Day," a poster contest finalist, is on exhibit at the PARC Gallery in Plymouth through Saturday, Aug. 5.

"My style is contemporary impressionism," she said. "I do use broken palette like Monet. Broken palette means you never see true primary colors in my art, though I use them. They're just mixed with a bit of contrast color. What happens when you do that is, instead of a realistic view of an image, you create



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"Other side of MacArthur" is a 36-by-48-inch acrylic on stretched canvas.

lights and shadows that are more brilliant than the actual setting. This evokes feelings and emotions; it evokes a lightness to the piece."

A huge fan of Motown music, Menth also takes inspiration from Motown record label founder Berry Gordy.

"His theory was that people need to be uplifted," she said. "Yes, we have daily struggles, but art can be transformative and lift the spirit, if only for a minute."

The bright colors of her work are intended to lift one's spirit. To people who purchase her work, she recommends placing them by doors, entryways or mudrooms.

"Right away, when you walk into your home, it sets the intention of a higher spirit of being," she said, "a lightness."

Several of Menth's original paintings will be for sale during the Belle Isle Art Fair, as will limited edition, signed prints of the six posters up for vote. Additional signed and numbered prints of her work will be available, "for people that want a small piece of my art," she noted, "and 100 original watercolors of Belle Isle vignettes, sketchbook style, with pen and ink and watercolor, are just \$10

each. They're from the time I spent on the island, sketching and getting ideas for larger pieces."

She has plenty more to share, including a never-before-seen painting of the Belle Isle Casino and the island's graffiti bridge, with much more to come.

"I don't think there's such a thing as capturing everything, so I'm going to spend another year on Belle Isle," she said. "... I don't have any freighters, I don't have the (Detroit) Boat Club, I don't have the picnic area, so I'm working on those themes for next year. For the 2024 art fair, I will have a much larger tent."

In addition to her Belle Isle series, Menth is hard at work creating a second series based on another place she loves.

"I live in Grosse Pointe Woods and I love my city," she said. "I did begin a series of 20 sketches of places I love in Grosse Pointe Woods. But the Belle Isle series I will continue, because I still have some ideas and sketches I'd like to create."

More of Menth's work — she also does commissions — may be found on her website, ashlymenthart.com



"Rose-Colored Glasses," an acrylic on stretched canvas, is the artist's self-portrait.



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Assumption Cultural Center's GreekFest — a four-day, fun-filled event for the entire family, featuring authentic Greek food, entertainment and culture — kicks off at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 20.

The annual event typically draws more than 10,000 people from throughout metro Detroit over four days. This year's festival-goers will be treated to live entertainment, Greek dancing, marketplace shopping, church tours, an exhibit in the Hellenic Room, a kids' tent and games, Greek pastries, a taverna, surprise celebrities and more.

The grand-opening ceremony takes place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. Rotating bands per-

forming Greek music will perform throughout the weekend. Highlights include the Assumption dance groups, including the Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts, with costumes and dances from the regions of Greece. This year also includes Irish, Ukrainian and Polish dancers who will perform the dances of their cultures. Open dancing follows with Assumption dancers teaching Greek dancing steps throughout the weekend; audience participation is welcome.

Other highlights include:

- ◆ Authentic Greek cuisine — Popular Hellenic menu items include kebobs, spinach pie, lamb shanks, stuffed grape leaves, pastitsio, flaming cheese, Greek

salad, Coney dogs and gyros, as well as homemade pastries, including baklava, custard rolls, Greek breads and cookies, and Loukoumades. The taverna also is available for adults ages 21 years and older.

- ◆ A drive-thru carryout express station — Greek classic food dishes are available for carryout. Drive-thru hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call ahead at (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071. The menu is available online at assumptiongreekfestival.com

- ◆ Something for kids of every age — Kids' activities include inflatables, a giant slide, games, magic and puppet shows, jugglers, face painters,

stilt walkers, a balloon man and more. The Detroit Parade Co. will present artistic displays and Paul Mitchell School students will provide Dutch and French braiding, along with color and glitter roots.

- ◆ The marketplace — An indoor marketplace with vendors from the U.S. and Greece provides a unique variety of items for shopping, including icons, art, photography, jewelry, oil paintings, handmade crafts, home accessories, imported women's clothing and more.

- ◆ Church tours and iconography presentations — A highlight of GreekFest this year is tours of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and the history and development of its iconography.

Tours will be given daily. Additionally, exhibits of various costumes and artifacts from Greece, Ukraine, Ireland and Poland will be displayed.

GreekFest hours are 4 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17; 4 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

The grand raffle takes place 6 p.m. Aug. 20. The prize for first place is \$10,000. A second-place winner will receive a Meira T gold and diamond necklace donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers. Third prize is \$500. Fourth, fifth and sixth prizes are \$200 each.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased online at [tival.com or at Assumption's office. A daily 50-50 drawing also will be held.](http://assumptionfes-</p>
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Free parking, shuttle service and valet service are available.

Regular admission is \$3; children younger than 12 years old are admitted free.

A portion of festival proceeds will benefit Cops for Kids, Focus Detroit and Cass Community Social Services.

Co-chairs are Tom Thomas, George Dallas, Bob De Waele, Nick Moschouris and Achilles Papakonstantino.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For information, call (586) 779-6111 or visit assumptionfestival.com.

Paul W. Smith Golf Classic celebrating 20 years

Judged by its positive impact as one of the most successful golf fundraisers in the region, the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic presented by Ford Motor Co., is celebrating 20 years this summer. The event takes place Monday, Sept. 18, at a new location, Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

Over two decades, the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic has raised more than \$7.7 million to benefit four charities serving children in Detroit and southeast Michigan.

"Twenty years ago, we started helping Detroit PAL and their amazing programs, but as we saw the need in the community grow, we realized that there was a way we could help even more children," said Paul W. Smith, of Grosse Pointe. "Today,

55,000 young people benefit from the programs we support. We are constantly inspired by how innovative our charity partners have become. The need continues to grow for their critical health and behavioral health services, athletic and school enrichment programs, and medical and therapeutic services."

Smith is the host of "Focus with Paul W. Smith Show," which airs weekdays from noon to 2 p.m. on Cumulus Media's 760 WJR.

"It's hard to believe it's been 20 years and so many of our supporters have been with us for many of them," Smith said. "It has been a personal and professional privilege for me, as this tournament is proof of the generous spirit of

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That's a wrap

The band Mainstream Drive entertained the crowd during the last Music on the Plaza event of the summer Thursday, July 27. Kids danced and adults tapped their toes to live music as the crowd enjoyed a beautiful summer evening.

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The War Memorial

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

- ◆ Fire & Fused: Fused Glass Workshop, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3. Cost is \$85.

- ◆ Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross, 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$75.

- ◆ The Great Crusade Lecture Series: "Operation Cobra, The Beachhead Breakout," presented by Steve Mrozek, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.

- ◆ Cork & Create: Watercolor Painting — Botanicals & Butterflies, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Cost is \$95.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

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 grossepointeartists.org.

- ◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays, Aug. 3 and 10, the class examines Jacob van Ruisdael; Thursdays, Aug. 17 and 24, the class examines Diego Velazquez; and Thursdays, Aug. 31, and Sept. 7, the class examines Joseph Mallord William Turner.

Ford House

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

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

- ◆ Game Night: Lawn

Games, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

- ◆ All About Eleanor Tour, Fridays and Saturdays in August. Tickets range from \$9 to \$18.

- ◆ Lake Fest, noon Saturday, Aug. 5. Community partners DNR Adventure Center, Michigan Science Center and U.S. Coast Guard offer interactive activities and resources. Admission is \$5.

- ◆ Story Studio: Groovy Green, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

- ◆ Sustainability Talk: Compost, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

- ◆ Summer Art Classes, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ "All Together Now" Puzzle Competition, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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OBITUARIES

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Kara M. Kennedy

Kara M. Kennedy, 59, passed peacefully Sunday, July 23, 2023.

She was born July 24, 1963, in Gary, Ind., to Thomas and Angela Kennedy. Kara spent most of her life in the Grosse Pointe area, graduating from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School in 1981, and working at her mother's dance studio. She went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wayne State University.

Kara was always passionate about the arts, helping with her family's dance studio and fostering her creativity through painting. Later in life, she worked as a special education teacher, valuing the relationships she had with her students and co-workers.

As a Catholic, she grew up attending St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and had recently been attending Mass with her aunt, Betsy, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Kara is survived by her children, Ryan Berns and Kamilla Berns; and sister, Kristen Kennedy.

She was predeceased by her father, Thomas Kennedy, in 2003; mother, Angela Kennedy, in 2019; and sister, Lisa Fikany, in 2012.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, Kara preferred donations be made in her honor to Detroit Leadership Academy, 13600 Virgil St., Detroit, MI, 48223.

Ellen Marie Gosselin

Ellen Marie (nee Mahon) Gosselin, 72, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in Lewisville, Texas, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Ellen was born in Scranton, Pa., March 5, 1951. She became well-traveled at a young age, living in five states by the time she was 20: Pennsylvania, California (San Rafael), Illinois (Western Springs), Michigan (Grosse Pointe Park) and Colorado (Littleton). She attended St. Ambrose Elementary School, Dominican High School and Western

Michigan University before settling down to have a family in the Grosse Pointes. She had three children, Peter Sullivan, Erin Sullivan and Rory Lynch (Patrick), and one grandchild, Cole Richardson, who was the light of her life.

Ellen dated her husband, Rick Gosselin, in college before they went their separate ways and reconnected 35 years later. They were married in 2010, sharing common backgrounds, common interests and a forever love for each other.

Ellen enjoyed a lifelong love affair with music, dating to the first record she bought ("Pineapple Princess" by Annette Funicello in 1960) and the first concert she attended (The Beatles in 1964). She grew up in Detroit listening to Motown, specifically Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and the Temptations, and adored the music of both James Taylor (she even got to meet him) and Frank Sinatra. Later in life, after her move to Texas, she developed a friendship with the music of Waylon, Willie and the



Kara M. Kennedy



Ellen Marie Gosselin

Boys.

She coupled her love of music with dance, including East Coast swing, foxtrot, tango and Viennese waltz, and often broke out in dance with Rick in the kitchen at dinnertime when a Sinatra tune turned up on the playlist. She hung a sign in her kitchen reading, "When You Stumble, Make It Part of the Dance." She lived by the credo, "When you fall, pick yourself up." She loved watching Fred Astaire movies for their blend of music and dance.

Ellen was a vibrant presence in life with a forever smile and was admired and loved by those who crossed her path. She was a Little League mom, soccer mom and hockey mom. She always put her children first. She was involved in parent groups at Trombly Elementary School and Pierce Junior High School in Grosse Pointe Park, and was active with her daughters in Girl Scouts.

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◆ Bubble Pop In, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Tote Bag Art, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Throwback Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Steve Ahles of Project Smart will present. Guests are welcome.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. Dennis Hyduk and John Brooks of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club will speak about the upcoming Grosse Pointe Run. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Town hall

Families Against Narcotics will host a town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. "Hope in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis" is presented in conjunction with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. The community is invited to attend the meeting, which serves as a platform for open dialogue, shared insights and collaborative problem-solving with the aim of creating awareness, providing resources and exploring practical solutions to effectively tackle the opioid crisis.

Posterity

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Paint & Sip with Wendy Fournier, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. The step-by-step class is suitable for all skill levels. Only 15 spots are available. Visit posterityartgallery.com to register.

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the metro Detroit community."

The tournament features a double-shotgun start, as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner, a cocktail reception with live music and an awards ceremony.

Celebrating 20 years of support for the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic are title sponsor 760 WJR; tournament sponsor Ford Motor Co.; and presenting sponsors Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DTE Energy Foundation, General Motors Corp., and Toyota Motor Sales, USA. Delta Airlines is the official airline sponsor and Bridgestone Americas is the golfer gift sponsor.

A limited number of sponsorships, which include playing opportunities, are still available. Purchase a foursome or make a donation online at paulwsmithgolf.com.



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Free lunch for seniors

More than 100 seniors were treated to a free lunch at The Helm on July 20, courtesy of the Estia Greek Street Food Truck, sponsored by Detroit Area Agency on Aging's Silver Café Initiative, which strives to provide healthy meals for seniors. The lunch consisted of a Greek salad, with or without meat, and a side of yogurt. For seniors who missed this opportunity, the food truck will be back at The Helm serving lunch Tuesday, Sept. 5. More information will be listed online at helmlife.org as soon as it is available.

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Learn how to prevent falls

Contrary to what is depicted on television and in movies, falling and aging do not have to go hand-in-hand. Staying active, maintaining strength and balance, and reducing fear of falling are all ways to help prevent falls and maintain overall health while aging.

All of this is taught during "A Matter of Balance," from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 8 to 31, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. As an evidence-based program, "A Matter of Balance" has been rigorously tested in controlled settings and proven effective. In this eight-session program, participants learn to view falls as controllable, not inevitable. Participants learn the importance of exercise in preventing falls and specific exercises to improve strength, coordination and balance, as well as small changes that can be made at home to reduce fall risks.

Another key component to the workshop is to reduce concerns about falling. Oftentimes, an activity is avoided if you've fallen before or have concerns about falling. "A Matter of Balance" teaches how to turn that concern into understanding and fall prevention.

All about hearing health

According to the Hearing Health Foundation, hearing loss is the third most prevalent health condition in America. Hearing well is important for building and maintaining relationships and engaging fully in day-to-day activities. Area audiologists and other hearing professionals will present about hearing health 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants will learn about the causes, treatment and long-term effects of untreated hearing loss, as well as the latest hearing-aid technology, especially in regard to visibility and battery replacement or recharging.

WCCCD classes coming soon

Lifelong learning is a great brain booster — and anything that keeps brains active benefits the body. Two new classes from Wayne County Community College District beginning in August at The Helm are great ways to learn something new.

First up is the three-week "Beyond Your DNA" class, during which participants explore the trend of DNA testing, whether it's right for you and how to learn more from the results. The class is 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Sept. 5.

Next up is the semester class American Sign Language, or ASL. From 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Dec. 5, participants learn the basics of finger spellings, vocabulary and grammar. Not only is ASL the best way to communicate with the deaf and hearing impaired, it's a great way to strengthen cognitive function and enhance fine motor skills.

All of these offerings are free to attend, but registration is required. Register at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.



Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Such a pill

I have a problem with small print. I read it. Sometimes, it's best left unread.

I check nutrition statistics on cups of yogurt and I read the three-page essay my pharmacist puts in the bag with my blood pressure medication. I read the terms and conditions that pop up on my computer which eventually insist I "agree" — or else! I hardly ever finish reading those long disclaimers because they're boring and legal-sounding. But I noticed they're full of stuff like, "We may, from time to time, revise these terms and conditions."

I "agree," even though I have just agreed to pay all applicable fees and that my subscription to something-or-other will be automatically renewed annually. I have to agree, or I can't get the next text box.

I absorb dire warnings about side effects from over-the-counter and prescription medications, even though they scare the bejeezus out of me. The last possibility, if I stick it out to the end of the list, is always "sudden death."

I guess that leaves the manufacturer completely off the hook.

If I'm able to sidestep this quick and unexpected demise, however, I might expect dizziness, upset

stomach, muscle cramps, irregular heartbeat, insomnia, rash, chills, hair loss, dry mouth, abdominal bloating, slurred speech, itching, swelling, depression or suicidal thoughts.

What I want to know is this: If someone starts a new medication, then experiences a symptom, does she get her own personal symptom placed on this list as a warning for everybody else?

Even if she is the only one with the symptom?

Is "upset stomach" included because one obese glutton entered a pie-eating contest and scarfed down 10 cherry pies within eight minutes on the same day he started taking atenolol?

How many pill-takers have to barf before "upset stomach" makes the list?

I also experience mild anxiety when I have to swallow large pills. I can do small tablets, most capsules, caplets coated with something slippery, gel caps and those discs that dissolve in your mouth. But big dry lozenges that stick to my tongue or big dry capsules that threaten to go down my esophagus sideways? It's enough to launch a wave of dizziness, upset stomach, muscle cramps, irregular heartbeat, insomnia, rash, chills, hair loss, dry mouth, abdominal bloating, slurred speech, itching, swelling, depression and suicidal thoughts.

I just bought some new vitamins. In the olden days, the box holding the vitamin bottle showed a picture of the actual pill, actual size. I could see it right there on the outside of the sealed box and decide if my esophagus could handle it.

These days, I have to guess how big the vitamins are. I search for a picture. I shake the box. I ask the pharmacist, who usually has no idea. I've guessed wrong a couple of times, which means I pass nearly full bottles of giant vitamins on to family members or friends who don't share my esophageal phobia.

But hooray and hallelujah, I finally found some vitamins smaller than AA Duracells. They're called One A Day Women's Petites, which is boldly printed on the box and again on the bottle inside the box.

The dosage? Two tablets. What a great idea for getting a full dose without having an anxiety attack about the size of the pill.

Just for the fun of it, I Googled side effects for multivitamins. They include upset stomach; allergic reactions such as rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue or throat.

And — by the way — shouldn't these petite vitamins be renamed Two A Day?

Volunteering does a body good

Courtesy of The Helm

According to the Mayo Clinic Health System, volunteering offers many health benefits, especially for older adults, including improving physical and mental health, providing a sense of purpose and increasing social interaction. The key is to find a volunteer position you enjoy. To start, the first step is to determine your volunteer goals. What are your interests and skills? How does that relate to the cause or group you have an interest in? Does your time commitment align with the goals of the agency?

Next, locate the agency that interests you. There are numerous opportunities in Grosse Pointe to volunteer. Hospitals, schools, libraries, The Helm, Full Circle Foundation, Grosse Pointe Animal



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Large lunch and learn gatherings at The Helm require many volunteers to help serve food and clear dishes. These volunteers enjoy a rest after working during the Mother's Day luncheon.

Adoption Society, Ford House and others use volunteers in various capacities.

If your passion is working with older adults, The Helm is always looking for volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels or take people to medical appointments, help with basic technology assistance or at special events, or perform minor household repairs and leaf cleanup in the fall and spring.

Volunteering matters to those on the receiving end.

"I honestly wish I could do these things myself, but I can't, so it is so great to have these volunteers," said Richard, regarding Meals on Wheels volunteers, medical escort drivers, home chore volunteers and home and safety volunteers. "I am extremely appreciative of everyone from The Helm who helps. I call them my angels."

"I 1,000 percent appreciate what The Helm is doing," said Betty, who receives help from medical escort drivers. "I only have one nephew who can accommodate me, but he has to work, so I can't always get him. You can't always ask someone, but with The Helm, you can. I tell those volunteers they don't know what good they are doing for people."

Volunteers derive fulfillment from their activities as well. Jerry Keith has been volunteering for The Helm since 1998, beginning as a Meals on Wheels driver. While he still delivers Meals on Wheels, he also serves as a medical escort driver.

"I am still active and able to do things, so I can help drive others who can't and deliver meals to those who can't get out to get their own meals. I've met some really interesting people and I truly enjoy

it," Keith said.

Carol Meza began volunteering at The Helm in April 2021, after retiring as a pediatric occupational therapist. She helps update various databases as well as other office duties.

"I retired and figured it was a good time to volunteer," she said. "I'm able to give back to the community and it helps me by getting me out of the house."

Those who are a subject matter expert or have an interesting hobby to share are invited to share their services by teaching a class at The Helm.

Volunteering is a powerful force for positive change. It offers myriad benefits for the volunteer, including a sense of fulfillment and purpose, boosting mental well-being, reducing stress, combatting feelings of loneliness, cultivating empathy and

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Safe at home

The Helm offers minor home repairs, safety check program

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For many, there comes a point in life when tasks that used to be handled with ease no longer can be accomplished. Thankfully, The Helm at the Boll Life Center has those tasks covered through its Home Chore Program and Home Safety and Security Program.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods who are older than 60 have access to free home check-ups and minor repairs thanks to a team of volunteers from The Helm.

Through the Home Safety and Security Program, volunteers provide a free home-safety check to ensure clients are safe in their homes. Among checklist items are smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Not only will volunteers make sure they're operational and change batteries if needed, but they'll also install detectors if the house is without.

Changing lightbulbs — interior and first-floor exterior lights — as well as installing LED lights also make the list, as do inspecting furnace filters, making sure house numbers are easily identifiable from the street and providing a kitchen fire extinguisher if needed.

“Once I do the intake

and gather the information I need, I send it to the volunteers,” said Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, volunteer coordinator at The Helm. “They call and set up an appointment. It usually is one visit. If they have to go out and get supplies, they make arrangements for a follow-up visit.”

When Rick Neumann, who has volunteered with the programs since they started, gets an email from Uhlig-Johnstone, he and the other volunteers decide who is available to take on the project. Some weeks are busier than others, but the team of five gets things done.

“We go to the client's house and there's a sheet with several questions — what they may or may not have, an idea of what they need,” Neumann said. “In some cases, they already have everything they need except a carbon monoxide detector. It's those little things; some people have a lot of them, some people have nothing. It usually takes an hour. We chat with the client to find out what they'd like done or not done.”

The Home Safety and Security Program is funded through a Ralph Wilson Foundation grant. Clients must be 60 or older, live in the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods and own their homes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers Rick Neumann, left, and Gary Colett, right, explain to participant Richard how to use a fire extinguisher in case of a kitchen fire.

Though the grant covers smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as fire extinguishers and a few other items, clients who need a lightbulb changed, for example, are responsible for purchasing the lightbulb.

But the work itself is free of charge, whether the volunteer is replacing a furnace filter or repairing a house number.

“The satisfaction is one of many reasons I do it,” Neumann said, “to see folks who need something like this and who thank us for doing it so they feel safer. Sometimes it's just a worn-out battery and they don't know how to change them. ... Some people have no protection — no smoke alarms or carbon monoxide alarms. It's a good service we provide.”

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compassion and in many cases, learning a new skill or experiencing something new.

The simple act of giving one's time creates

an immeasurable ripple effect for both the volunteer and the recipient of those good deeds.

To volunteer at The Helm, contact Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone at huhlig@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2107.



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Volunteers help maintain The Helm building with minor maintenance chores and weeding and mulching flower and plant beds.

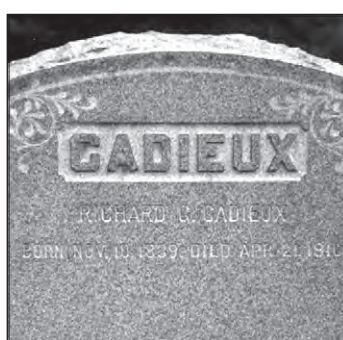
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ST. PAUL CEMETERY TOUR

The first St. Paul's Church was built in 1825 on the Reno farm, which was just east of where the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is today. The first St. Paul's Church had no cemetery. Most people in those days had little family cemeteries on their farms and estates.

In 1863, the first St. Paul's Cemetery was located behind the St. Paul's church on Lake Shore, where the church parking lot is today. This land was purchased from the George and Theresa Moran family on the first of November, 1863 for the sum of \$200.00. In 1868 St. Paul's Church purchased 1.86 acres of land from the Moross family for the sum of \$425.00, as the cemetery behind the church was too small.

As we look at the stones in St. Paul's, we recognize many street names which are in the Detroit and Grosse Pointe area: Allard, Allor, Beaufait, Cadieux, Cook, Frazho, Groesbeck, Kerby, Martin, Moran, Moross, Neff, Newberry, Renaud, Rivard, Russ, Russell, & Vernier. — J. William Gorski



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Detroit Artists Market hosts summer block party

The Detroit Artists Market is celebrating the end of summer with its second summer block party, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the DAM parking lot, 4719 Woodward, Detroit.

This one-day tented art fair features artwork — including paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and jewelry — created exclusively by 70 DAM members.

In addition to their work, which will be available for purchase, artwork from more than 50 DAM members will be displayed inside the gallery as part of “Hot DAM! the Detroit Artists Market Annual,”



juried by Mario Moore. Treat Dreams, Twins Tacos, beer and wine also will be available

for purchase.

The summer block party carries on the tradition of DAM's garden

party, a summer event that began in 1935, at the Grosse Pointe home and garden of Mrs. Richard H. Webber. The lead sponsor of the party is Grosse Pointe Park resident Roger

Garrett. Additional support is provided by Liz in Detroit, Kate Baker and Geoff Blumenthal, the Freitag family, Leslie Graves, Normal Kobylarz, Philip Rivera, The Nonprofit Spot, Lisa Wetzen and Doug McElroy.

DAM is a nonprofit organization that has supported emerging and established Detroit-area artists since 1932. It provides opportunities for local artists to show and sell their work, while encouraging the public to experience and learn about contemporary art.

RSVP for the summer block party at tinyurl.com/3eavek8s.

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CHORE:

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also have helped in the past.”

Chore help also is free of charge and dependent on volunteer availability and skill level.

Some issues, like a leaky pipe, may require more than a volunteer can handle, often because of liability issues.

“A volunteer can come and look at it, but maybe they’ll have to refer the client to a plumber,” Uhlig-Johnstone said.

“If we can’t help, you’ll get a referral from our home help referral listing,” she added. “We’re always happy to help. If we don’t have the answer, we’ll help you find the answer.”

Those interested in volunteering for The Helm’s fall and spring cleanup or its home programs should call Uhlig-Johnstone at (313) 629-2107 or email huhlig@helmlife.org.

“If you’re handy — maybe a

retired electrician — or if you’re just interested in helping out, call me,” she said.

Reach out for referrals

For those whose home repairs are more than minor, The Helm keeps a referral list of professionals whose services range from asphalt repair to waterproofing. A host of handymen, cleaning crews, electricians and HVAC companies are just a phone call away as well.

“We refer all kinds of services,” said Chris Brown, who handles the listing. “People call for all kinds of things. I prefer to give the whole list so they have it, but sometimes they just want the one thing they’re calling for.”

Movers, landscapers, plumbers and painters are included among nearly 40 categories of services that go beyond the scope of what Home Chore Program or Home Safety and Security Program volunteers offer.

“Volunteers are doing more

home and safety checks, like smoke detectors,” Brown said. “If someone calls and has a light out, if it’s a lightbulb, the volunteers handle it, but if it’s an electrical issue, they get a referral to an electrician. This is referring them when they need more help.”

Service providers can ask to be added to the list and others are added via recommendations from happy customers.

“But we don’t vet them,” Brown noted, “and they don’t pay anything to be on our list.”

She added that it’s up to the client to ask if the service provider offers a senior discount.

“Just because they’re on our list doesn’t mean you get a discount,” she said.

It’s also up to the client to find the best deal. Brown said on average, she receives 10 calls a week for referrals and tries to give each client at least three options from which to choose.

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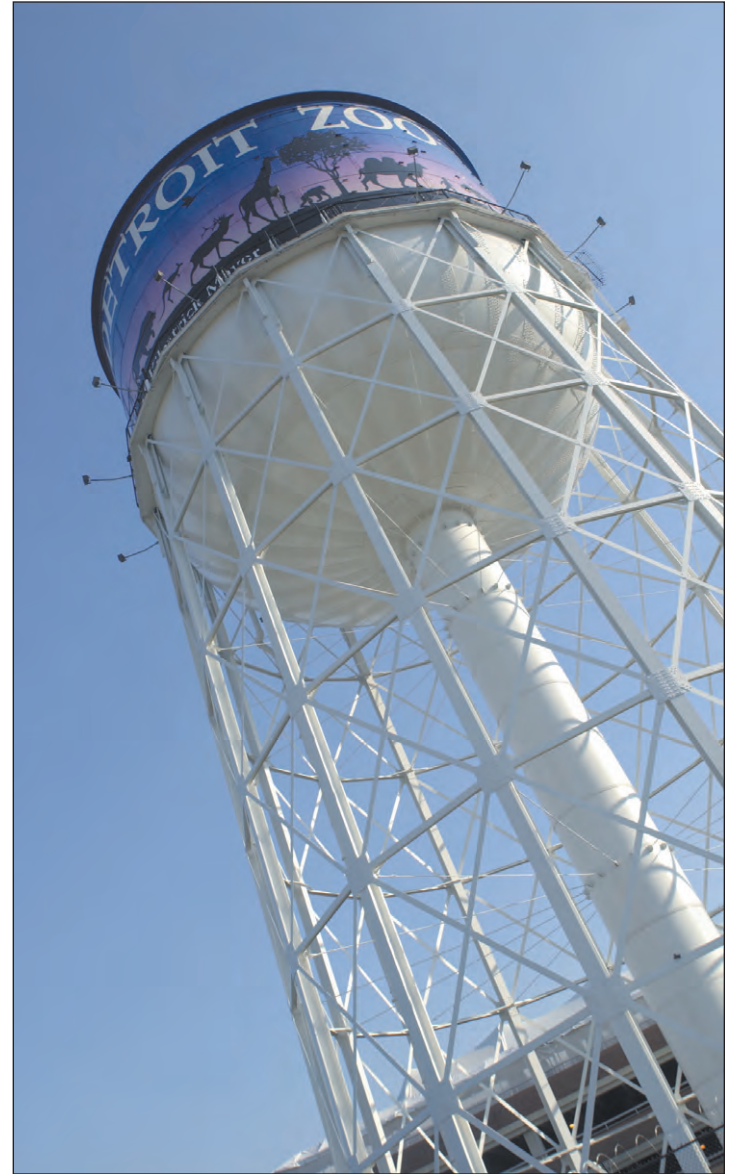
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The entrance at the Detroit Zoo in its earlier days.



The water tower today.

Join the party for the Detroit Zoo's 95th anniversary

The Detroit Zoo is celebrating its 95th anniversary this August and wants guests to join in on the fun. The month-long celebration will feature special events, never-before-seen discounts, themed merchandise and more.

"The Detroit Zoo opened to the public for the first time on Aug. 1, 1928," said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society. "Since then, it has built an incredible legacy of excellence in animal well-being, conservation, education and sustainability. We have a lot to celebrate during this milestone anniversary and this is one party you will not want to miss. We cannot wait to celebrate the past 95 years and we look forward to a bright future here at the Detroit Zoo."

The 95th anniversary celebration kicked off Aug. 1, when the zoo opened its gates an hour early, beginning at 8 a.m. The first 95 non-member guests received free admission and the first 995 people who enter the zoo enjoyed a free one-way train ride on the Tauber Family Railroad.

The morning also featured a variety of unique experiences, including sea otter, red panda and reptile feedings; divers conducting tank cleanings at the Polk Penguin Conservation Center; miniature donkey walks; and special animal enrichments. Country music radio station 99.5 WYCD also hosted a live broadcast at the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness until 10 a.m. The kickoff event was included with zoo admission and free for members.

The party continues at

6 p.m. Aug. 6, with a family-friendly concert featuring rising country music star Hannah Ellis. Opening act and metro Detroit native Louie Lee takes the stage at the Main Picnic Grove at 6:30 p.m. and the performance by Ellis begins at 8 p.m. Advanced ticket purchases are required for entry and cost \$19.95. The evening also includes games, food and beverages available for purchase, after-hours access to the zoo's 125 acres, extended hours for BRICKLIVE and more.

Guests can enjoy even more deals and perks throughout the entire month of August, including:

Historic membership discounts — All new and renewing members will enjoy \$10 off the membership level of their choice.

One-of-a-kind merchandise — Guests can pick up unique water tower and 95th anniversary-themed merchandise at the Detroit Zoo's Zoofari Market.

Food and beverage specials — Zoogoers will enjoy 95-cent specials, including \$1.95 for regular sodas, 95-cent refills on souvenir cups and buy one bear tracks and get a second for 95 cents at select locations.

An exclusive beer collaboration — The Detroit

Zoological Society and Griffin Claw Brewing Co., have teamed up to create the Celebrating 95

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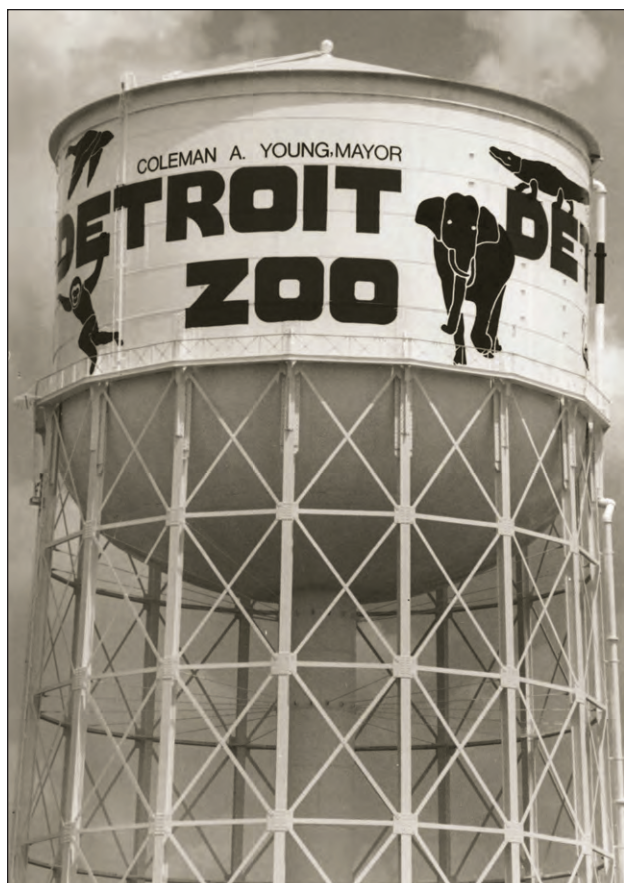
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The water tower, how it looked in 1986.

Correction

The story 'Rodriguez tribute rocks Cadieux Cafe,' printed in the July 27 Grosse Pointe News, should not have said Rodriguez's daughter, Regan, was in attendance.



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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Seniors being reluctant to allow help into their home

Dear Gabby: As a single senior, I am a little hesitant about having people come into my home. When I need repairs, I am not sure who to call. Do we have any recommended service providers in our community who I can trust?

— Single and Hesitant?

Dear Single and Hesitant,

There are a couple of issues to address in your question. First, finding a repair person or contractor. There are many ways to find good, reliable and trusted service providers in the area. First, ask your friends and neighbors. People are usually willing to share their good and bad

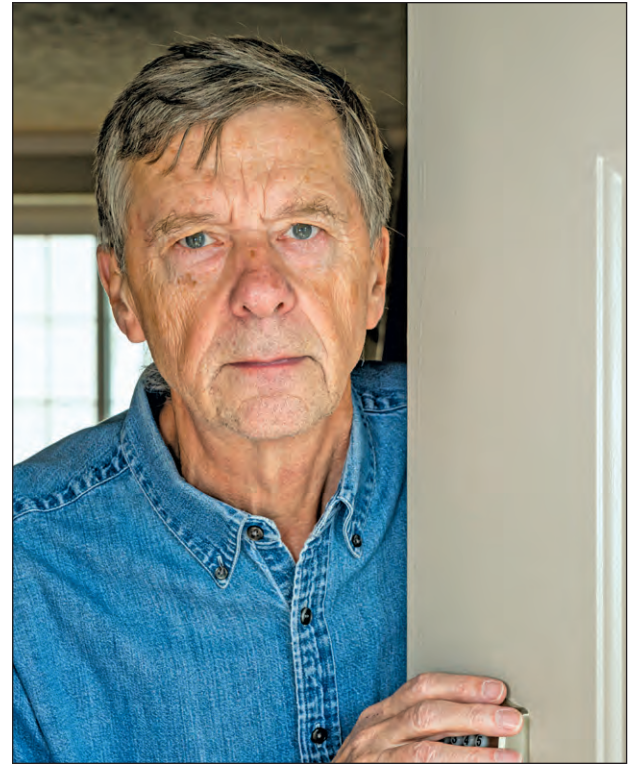
experiences. If you are comfortable searching the internet, there are services, such as Angi (formerly Angie's List), that vets businesses. More specific to the east side, there are community pages within social media sites like Facebook and NextDoor, devoted to recommendations for every type of home chore. Local businesses, particularly hardware stores, are known for keeping lists of home repair/service providers as well. Additionally, The Helm maintains lists of senior-friendly service providers. While the list is not vetted, businesses ask to be on the list or seniors recommend businesses to be

included on the list.

The Helm also offers a free safety and security check-up program to replace lightbulbs in hard to reach areas, change batteries in or install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, inspect and replace furnace filters and more. The Helm also has volunteers to help with light yard cleanup in the spring and fall. There are specific guidelines for these programs. Call (313) 882-9600 for more information about types of assistance and qualifications.

Obviously, as a single senior, you should be concerned about being alone when repair people or contractors are in or outside your home.

Assuming you don't have family nearby, perhaps there is a trusted friend or neighbor who could join you when a contractor or repair person is over. There are home security cameras — think baby and pet monitors — that are inexpensive and could be placed in and around the home. Again, you may need a friend or relative to help you set them up if you are uncomfortable doing so. Also, be sure you know who will be showing up at your house. If it's a single person, know their name and have them show you some type of identification. If it is a work crew, be sure the company tells you the name of the crew



supervisor.

We are fortunate this community is vigilant about crime. Stop by city hall and ask if they have brochures about personal safety. Read the paper to look for presentations about personal

safety conducted at local schools, hospitals or community centers.

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

Faux pas costs me a friendship

DEAR ANNIE: I had a major social misstep that has essentially pushed one of my best friends out of my life.

During the week of my birthday, I had a mid-30s crisis; a string of bad memories from dating and bad luck with women hit me and put me in a very emotionally weakened state of mind.

In front of this friend, I was reduced to what felt like a whimpering fool, complaining about my bad luck with dating and women. Two days later, I was back to my normal self and saw her at my birthday dinner with friends.

During the dinner, she was distant from me, which was fine, and I gave her space with the hopes that she would enjoy herself with our friends.

At the end of the night, when people started saying their goodbyes, she just said, "I need a social detox," and when I heard that, I just said OK and kept my cool in front of our friends as we parted ways.

Since that night over four months ago, we have had very limited

contact. The only time we spoke on the phone since then was when I called her to wish her a happy birthday. While appreciative, she still wanted to detox.

I've seen her with mutual friends, but we have not really spent time together since my social misstep.

She did reach out to me after a sports injury, and we did spend time among our group of friends and had a small conversation together, but it still feels like our relationship is strained.

It's sad, too, because we used to hang out almost every weekend and would tell each other anything going on.

Unfortunately, my saddened mind-state during the week of my birthday was very off-putting to her.

I know we still care about and value each other, and I want to get our friendship back on track. However, I feel like this is more of a breakup versus friends taking time apart.

What should I do? Can this 10-plus-year friendship be saved?

— SOCIAL MISSTEP.

DEAR SOCIAL MISSTEP: A "social misstep" is not enough to end a 10-year friendship. In fact, that is exactly what friends are for: to help each other when we are at our lowest (or, as you say, in our "emotionally weakened state of mind").

It sounds like there is something more going on here. Could there be other points of tension in your relationship to this woman? Is this a pattern of behavior for you?

I would do some self-reflection and then clearly, concisely tell her exactly what you told me in this letter -- that you value your friendship and hope to get it back on track.

DEAR ANNIE: The story from "Getting Old

and Going in Circles," who is being dragged down by her long-term boyfriend, sounds so familiar.

I left my husband of 37 years just before my 60th birthday. I am fortunate to be financially stable. However, even if I weren't, I would have left him.

You don't realize how bad it is until you get out. Then, after a while, you begin to bloom. And the world awaits you.

It took me years of counseling to put my needs before his. I hope she doesn't wait that long. There's a fabulous life waiting for her. Good luck! — BEEN THERE.

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for sharing your inspiring story. It's never too late to claim the life you deserve.

DEAR ANNIE: I am a woman in my early 50s dating a man my age. I am regarded as an attractive lady with a pretty face and a



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

medium-curvy figure. I am tall and wear a size 12.

I keep busy with gardening and walking my dog. I have never been a "gym rat," but I am fairly fit. I keep up with friends when we hike.

All this intro is necessary because I am surprised to have my current problem. Although my beau is very complimentary about my looks and figure, he is rail-thin and makes constant remarks about working out.

He golfs weekly, hits the gym and is part of a running group. He brags about wearing the same jeans he wore in college! If I mention having a poor night's sleep or a bit of constipation, he claims to rarely suffer these problems, explaining, "I work out daily." If he happens to feel a bit off, he explains it in the context of spending time with me: "Since I didn't work out yesterday..."

I am befuddled at this. Generally, he and I walk

my dog or something. We don't sit around.

How can I respond the next time he makes a cut about my sedentary lifestyle? — NO MISS PIGGY

DEAR NO MISS PIGGY: Sounds like your partner is a bit up on his high horse regarding his workout routine.

Next time he makes a subtle dig, I would tell him exactly what you told me. Be direct. Say that you enjoy being active but that you don't appreciate his undercutting remarks.

That being said, hitting the gym *does* have a huge positive impact on both your mental and physical well-being. Maybe you want to join him for his workout once or twice a week. Do it for you, though — not to please him.

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

We Tried It! Bite toothpaste that's not a paste

by Anna Lizer

Once again I found myself clicking on random things that sound cool. Case in point, Bite toothpaste bits, which claim to not only work effectively but are also good for the earth. I was interested mainly for my children because, as it stands, their tube of toothpaste is quite possibly the most disgusting thing I've ever seen every time I have to see it.

The Bite bits come in a glass jar that contains about 4 months worth of tooth brushing. Instructions say to put a bite in your mouth, bite

down on it, and brush as usual with a wet toothbrush. It really is that simple, and as far as the mess goes, it is very nice.

In terms of quality of the brushing experience, maybe I'm an over-paster, but it doesn't seem like quite enough. Ultimately the result seems to be fine — I didn't really think about it after the fact.

In a poll taken of my own children, one of them liked it enough to continue using it, and the others chose to continue down their path of living life with a half empty tube of toothpaste overflowing

with crust and film.

Regarding the ingredients, Bite claims to be vegan and cruelty free, with no harsh chemicals.

On the list for their regular mint flavor are: Erythritol, Xylitol, Calcium Carbonate, natural flavor (peppermint), Hydroxyapatite (nano), Sodium Bicarbonate, Guar Gum, Sodium Cocoyl Glutamate, Zinc Citrate, Silicon Dioxide and menthol.

Overall, this is a very expensive toothpaste, as the price for a four month jar is over \$30 and I don't understand how you can

only use one bit per brushing to make that work.

For day-to-day use, I don't believe I would continue using this because of the price and the fact that regular toothpaste suits me just fine. As for my children, they prefer to live life on the edge with their hazmat-status toothpaste.

I think we'll finish out the jar as a travel toothpaste. It will be kind of nice not to have gross leaking toothpaste in my suitcase.

2 out of 5 alligators. Available at bitetoothpastebits.com.



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2 Out Of 5

A lasagna twist

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This recipe is an easy, healthy no-brainer. It's a perfect side dish or vegetarian main meal.

Zucchini filled with luscious ricotta then rolled and smothered in marinara sauce and covered in cheese will turn any skeptic into a believer.

My husband didn't even know he was eating a vegetable. I added some red chili flakes to give it a bit of heat and used my favorite jar of marinara sauce.

The zucchini is pre-cooked in the oven but you can always grill it for extra flavor before rolling up. Trust me, this is a good one that I plan to make throughout the summer. It's a great alternative to pasta and the typical summer side dish. Enjoy!

Cheers, Mombeau

Zucchini Lasagna Rolls

3 zucchini

1 cup ricotta

1 tsp red pepper flakes

2 tbsp chopped basil

½ jar of marinara sauce

¾ cups, shredded mozzarella

Olive oil

Preheat your oven to 425. In a bowl, combine the ricotta, basil and chili flakes and set aside.

Cut each zucchini into four planks so you end up with 12 planks.

Place them on a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and roast for 10 minutes or until soft and pliable. Once they have cooled slightly, gently top each plank with a layer of the ricotta mixture.

Roll each one up and place in a greased baking dish. Top the rolls with marinara and finally the mozzarella cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.



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Wine terminology

Beets, new-mown grass, sage, olives, gardenia, petroleum, strawberries.

These are just some of the hundreds of terms we use to describe wines. Some are easy to understand, some are obscure, and some describe wines that are unappealing.

The above terms usually are connected to specific grapes and are as close as we can come to describing wines. For instance, the floral grape viognier should smell like peaches, honeysuckle or roses. If it

smells like seaweed, it's not a very good example of viognier.

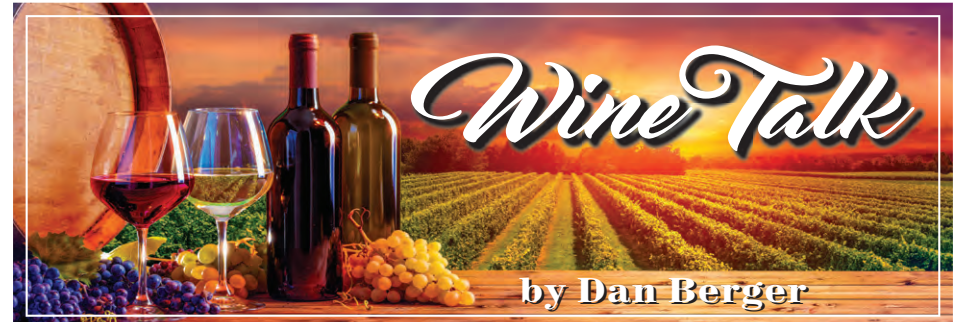
The aroma of nail polish remover is a flaw, a spoilage element that develops during wine production.

Also, different people can view the same elements in radically different ways. In many red wines some people adore the scents of bacon, chocolate, mocha and smoke. Others find the same aromas to be irritants because they're not winelike. (These terms

usually come from aging red wine in new toasted barrels.)

Frequently, wines are marketed by touting production aromas, not fruit. Chardonnay often is praised for buttery, toasty or caramel aromas, which come from winemaking tactics, not grapes.

Pinot noir, one of today's most popular red wines, historically has been described as smelling like beets. British writers especially say a great red Burgundy has a classic "beetroot" scent.



Russian River Valley pinots, however, typically are strawberrylike.

The freshness of new-mown grass is commonly associated with sauvignon blanc, though some expensive versions of it that are aged in oak carry little of that scent.

Not many expensive cabernet sauvignons now exhibit the typical varietal cab aromas of sage, bay leaf or cumin — spices that once marked most cabs. Nor do we see much olive, green tea or cherry in most of today's merlots.

The basic aromas of gardenias and carnations are similar to each other, and both mark the basic aroma in a fine gewurztraminer.

The slight hint of petroleum in riesling is an element most riesling lovers like, but it can be off-putting to newcomers. The aroma is part of the grape's charm. Additionally, rieslings that develop "noble rot" in the vineyard can also smell like honey.

Rose wines often smell like cherries or watermelon. Top-rate chenin blanc can have a honeydew melon scent; semillon's aroma is lanolin and fresh figs.

Syrah can have a black pepper scent (called rotundone). It's a prized component in cool-climate red wines. Purists adore it, but those who have never smelled pepper in a red wine may consider it an aberration.

Most of the terms we use are approximations and don't always do justice to a good wine. A term like "newly tanned leather" can appeal to some, but the same scent

can smell more like "sweaty saddle" to someone else.

Secondary aromas can give a wine complexity, such as cumin, nutmeg, tarragon or thyme. And the sorts of berries we refer to can range from the mundane (blueberry) to the obscure (loganberry).

The nice thing is that there are no wrong answers here. We all differ in how we perceive things, and what you sense as garlic could be someone else's shallots and another person's chopped chives.

My grapefruit could be your lime, his tangerine and her orange peel. But at least we are all talking about some sort of citrus fruit.

Wine of the week:

2022 Nobile Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough (\$14) — This lovely white wine is

a classic example of New Zealand SB, with an attractive aroma of lime, kiwi fruit and delicate tropical notes. It has a soft, appealing entry, but a mid-palate that's crisp enough to work with all kinds of lighter dishes, including seafood. At this price it's a good value. Several locations are carrying it for three dollars less!

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Village Sale-ebriation

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Sidewalk sale-ebriation in the Village was held Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29. Music, games for kids, a foam pit and lots of sales brought people to the Village before and after the rain.



Above, tents and tables line Kercheval with sales.

Left, kids had a blast playing in the foam that was sprayed into fenced in area by a machine at the Village Sale-ebriation on Friday, July 28.



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Left, Alex Etel as Felix and Robbie Kay as Sam, in the 2013 movie "Ways to Live Forever," directed by Gustavo Ron.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Ways to Live Forever"
 2013 - Rated PG 13
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Imagine if you will, a movie about a 12-year-old dying of leukemia being an uplifting experience. That's exactly what "Ways to Live Forever" is. The film is based on a novel by Sally Nicholls and thanks to the sensitive adaptation by Spanish director/writer Gustavo Ron; it has much to offer folks of all ages.

It could easily have been turned into a sappy, Hallmark Hall of Fame tearjerker, but instead it's a very realistic, charming tale about coming of age as the clock ticks.

he's no longer responding to treatment for his cancer and his mission moving forward is to live life to the fullest. He has a best pal in Felix (Alex Etel) who he met in the hospital. Felix is wheelchair bound, but it never gets in the way of their adventures. I enjoyed the way Sam's family treats him. He lives with his mother (Emilia Fox), father (Ben Chaplin), and younger sister (Eloise Barnes), and they don't dote on him and family life isn't reduced to a series of emotional outpourings.

The film is narrated by Sam, which is a great vehicle to present his deepest, most probing thoughts. He's in the process of making a video

he asks, "It's not going to be a tear-jerker is it?" He quickly confirms that it's not. Sam remains completely level headed throughout the film and even though he's facing the inevitable, never seems to get depressed.



Sam (Kay) being comforted by his dad, played by Ben Chaplin.

He also interjects QNAs (Questions Nobody Answers), which are a series of serious issues there are no simple answers to. These heavy-duty questions dig deeper into the meaning of life.

The two boys spend most days with a private tutor (Greta Scacchi), who focuses less on traditional education and more on helping them make the most out of their numbered days. To that end, both Sam and Felix draw up a bucket list of things they want to do before they die. It's the pursuit of their final wishes that takes the movie to the next level. Sam's list includes seeing a ghost, running up a down escalator, getting a girlfriend, drinking and smoking, and last but not least, riding in an airship. A couple of amus-



ing scenes involve them trying to break some off-beat Guinness Book of World Records like building the world's tiniest disco. Watching them attempt these goals makes for great fun!

Another device that's used quite effectively is the interjection of short animated videos. These are done with paper cut-outs in a magic-realism vein and they illustrate concepts like platelets, the Mexican Day of the Dead, and more. At first they seem out of place, but they're a nice diversion while explaining some serious topics.

"Ways to Live Forever" is a bit of an emotional roller coaster. While dealing with the serious topic of death, it also has its share of lighter moments. One of the

actors did. Both Sam and Felix turned in award-winning outings, and they played off each other as if they were friends in real life.

Like the old saying goes: You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll certainly be affected by this sensitive, beautiful, and poignant film. When it was over I found myself pondering, what would be on my bucket list?

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy.com with your library card. 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.

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.



Sam (Kay) with friend Kaleigh, played by Ella Purnell.



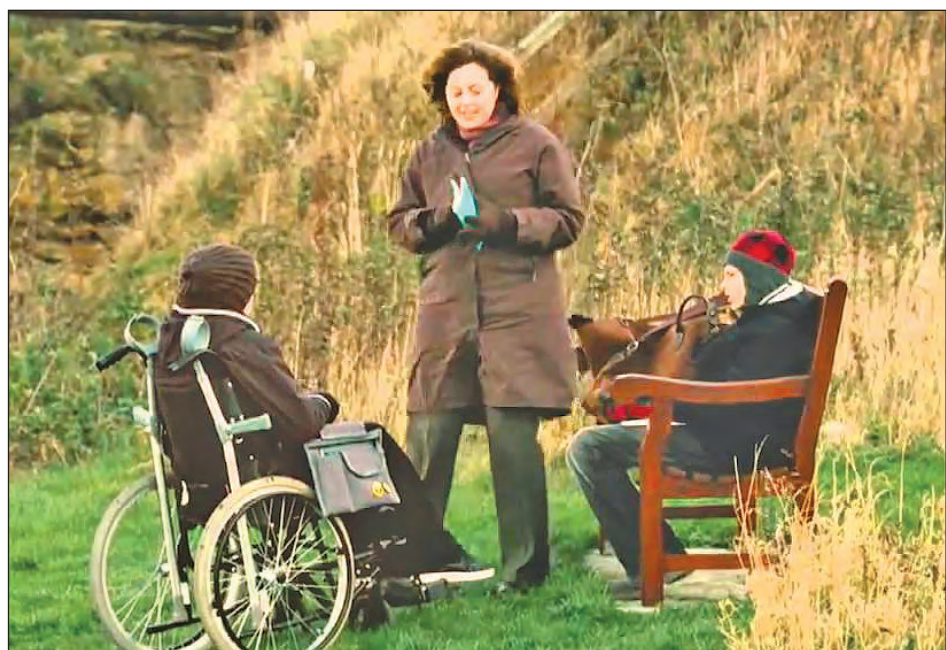
Felix, played by Alex Etel.

Sam (Robbie Kay) has recently been sent home from the hospital. It's made fairly clear that

about his observations and he's also writing a book about his life. When his father discovers that



Sam (Kay) attempting to smoke.



Felix and Sam with their instructor, Mrs. Willis, played by Greta Scacchi.



Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 3, 2023: You are charming, sensitive and sometimes dramatic. You are generous and an excellent networker. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people and places that are holding you back. This is not loss. This is lightening up!

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
News in the media or issues related to religion, the law or politics might discourage you today. In fact, you could feel depressed and have difficult discussions with others. Fear not, because as this day wears on, your optimism returns. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Financial matters, especially related to shared property, taxes or inheritances, are bleak and discouraging today. You feel broke. Life seems hard. Then, as if by magic, things look much better! People see you as a winner. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today. Accept this. It won't be easy, because people are being difficult and making things hard for you. But later in the day, things change. Suddenly, relations with others are friendly and upbeat! Go figure. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Issues with your health, your pet or perhaps your job seem to be daunting this morning. You might feel depressed or overwhelmed. But something changes. Perhaps an offer for work-related travel. Someone from another culture might boost your morale. All ends happily. Tonight: Get organized.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Romance is in the toilet today. Meanwhile, relations with your kids are tough. (Hissy fits and breakdowns.) Even social plans are disappointing. But as the day wears on, things shift. Suddenly, you

have lovely opportunities to enjoy yourself! Who knew? Tonight: Socialize.

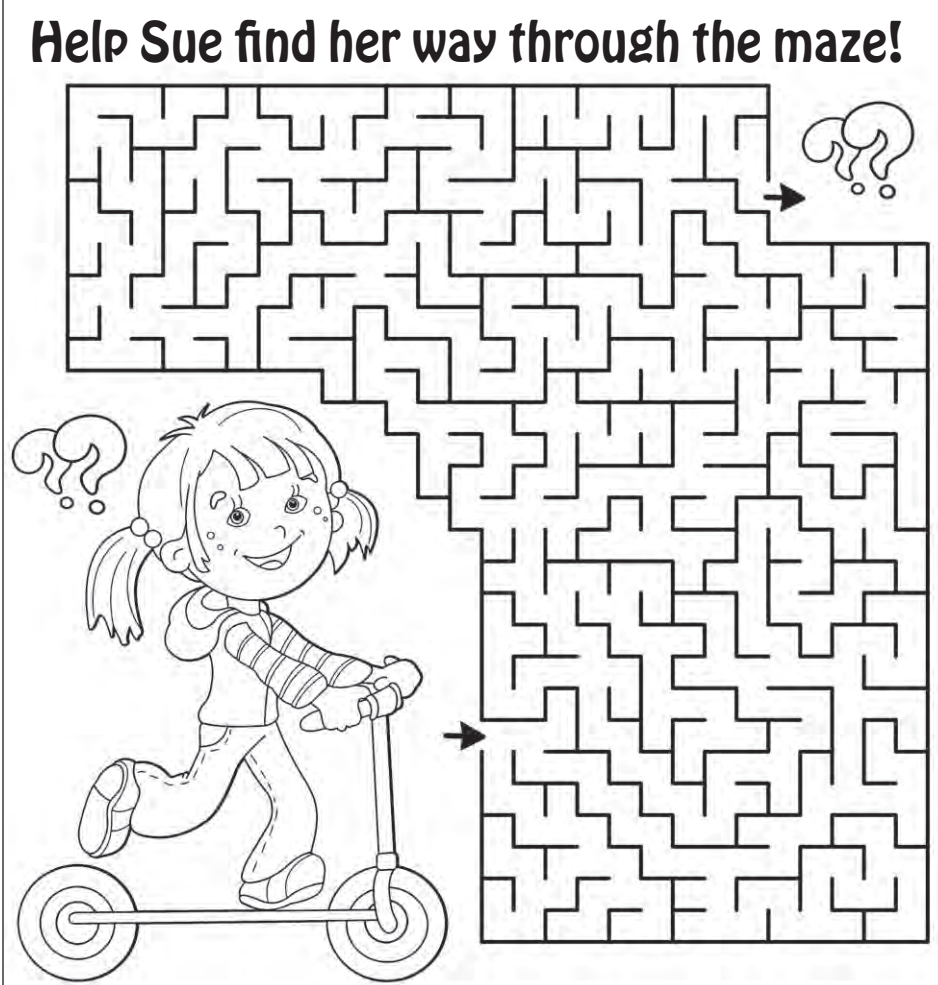
SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Issues related to home, family and parents are tough today. You feel overwhelmed with responsibilities and duties. Discussions with parents and authority figures are discouraging. But later in the day, possibly a visit by someone or a group will lift your spirits. Saved by the bell! Tonight: Cocoon.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The mind can create its own ease or difficulty depending on how it approaches things. Your expectations will color the results. Perhaps that's what's happening today, because things seem difficult. Life is discouraging. Later in the day, a transformation occurs! Tonight: Listen.

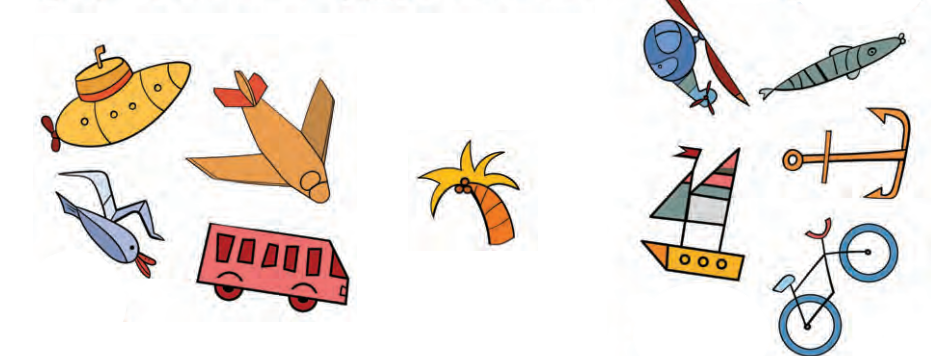
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Financial issues look discouraging today. Why is there always so much month left at the end of the money? Don't let this get you down, because later today, help from a family member or from another source will turn things around for you. "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." Tonight: Protect your assets.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Saturn opposing Mercury. This guarantees pessimism and worries. We worry needlessly. You will see this, because later in the day, your optimism will return as if a fairy godmother waved her wand. Tonight: Be strong.

BORN TODAY
Football quarterback Tom Brady (1977), actress Evangeline Lilly (1979), co-founder of Metallica James Hetfield (1963).



FIND 10 HIDDEN OBJECTS IN THE PICTURE



Contract Bridge

HIDDEN ASSET
North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 6
♥ A K Q 7
♦ A 4
♣ 10 9 5 2

WEST
♠ K 10 4 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 9 5
♣ A K Q 8 3

EAST
♠ A Q J 7 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ Q 7 2
♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ 9 8 5 4 2
♦ K J 10 8 6 3
♣ J 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠
5 ♥
Opening lead — king of clubs.

You might wonder how declarer lost a trump trick in this deal and went down one in five hearts. But the fact is that it did happen, and it all came about in a perfectly natural way.

The hand was played in New Orleans in the 1978 World Open Pairs. North, Ahmed Hussein, partnered by Omar Sharif and representing Egypt, opened the bidding with one club.

East, Leon Tintner, partnered by Nadine Cohen and representing France, overcalled with two spades,

indicating a strong six-card suit in a hand of less than opening strength.

Sharif now boldly bid three hearts despite his five high-card points and dreadful heart suit. Obviously, he could not bring himself to pass, but this action ultimately came back to haunt him.

West jumped to four spades, and North, not knowing whether his side could make five hearts or whether the opponents could make four spades, decided to cater to both possibilities by bidding five hearts. That closed the bidding, and Cohen led the K-A of clubs.

Then, knowing a spade shift could serve no purpose since South had to be void in the suit, Cohen continued with a low club. This was the straw that broke the camel's back. Tintner ruffed dummy's nine of clubs with the jack of hearts, and Sharif was down one before he could even get started.

Declarer had no trouble taking the rest of the tricks. He ruffed the spade return, cashed the A-K of trump and the A-K of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond in dummy, establishing the rest of the suit. However, this was little consolation for someone who had lost a trump trick with a combined total of nine trumps headed by the A-K-Q and the trumps divided 2-2 in the opponents' hands.

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Writing Contest Winners

By Grace Cueter and Clare Ramsdell
Staff Interns

This year the Grosse Pointe News held its first writing contest in collaboration with The Campus Shop and Coreander's Bookshoppe. We asked kids to pick one of the three following prompts and send us their best work:

1. Summer has finally arrived and there are 90 days to accomplish my goal to....
2. The doorbell rang and I opened it to find the cutest little fur ball I've ever seen sitting on my porch. I....
3. My phone suddenly dropped into Lake St. Clair and my parents refuse to replace it. So that means...

There were two age groups: grades k-4 and grades 5-8. Thank you to the parents and teachers who encouraged their students to submit. We were sent some awesome pieces. After reading each submission, we narrowed it down to one winner and two honorable mentions from each age group. Each winner will receive merchandise from Campus Shop and a Coreander's Bookshoppe gift card.

K-4th grade



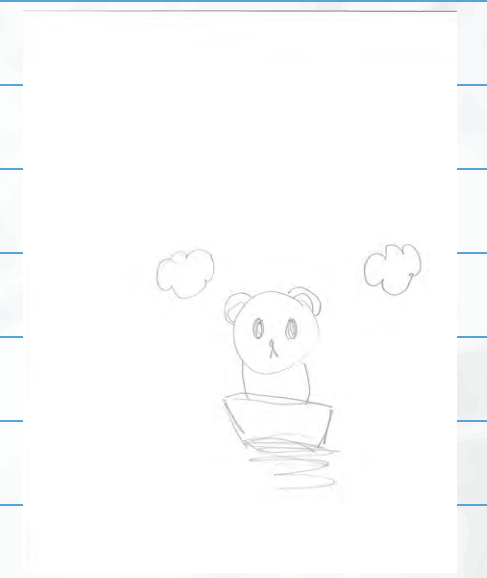
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"Where could your owner be?" I said to myself. I couldn't find her owner so I brought it into my house. We went upstairs into my room where I decided she was going to stay and make her a little house. I am making her her own mini mansion. I didn't know what color to do so I let Whimsly, yep I decided to call her that, pick. Whimsly picked the pastel pink instead of the neon pink. And for the roof she picked the blue. And I didn't blame her, it looked really good.

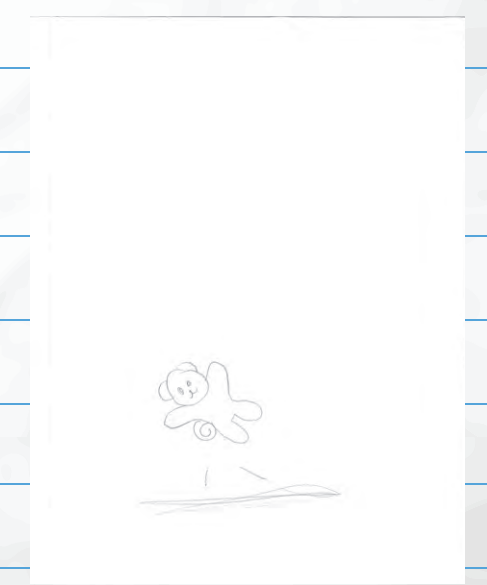
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I checked every nook and cranny. But no luck. So I guess I get to keep Whimsly! So now I had to go and show my parents. What if they don't like her and tell me I can't keep her?

When I got to their house I was hesitant, but I barged in there like I owned the place. My parents were having breakfast for dinner. Who does that?! WHY ARE YOU HAVING BREAKFAST FOR DINNER!! ", I asked. And



And it was really cute. So I took it to school. The whole class all over admired it. The principal, my brother, started. All our friends that were outside started to look at it. I was really proud. My mom came out of the house saying another comment about my little bear. She said she was jealous. The next day she said that she was going to give me a gift. She said she was going to give me a gift. She said she was going to give me a gift. She said she was going to give me a gift.



Winner: "The Cinnamoroll Evolution" by Lily Barens
3rd grade, St.Regis Catholic School

GP Creative Writing Contest
By: Rena Pesta (4th grade, Defer Elementary)

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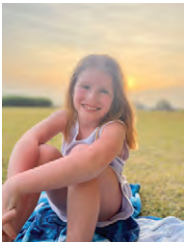
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All about the author:

Hi, my name is Rena Pesta. I go to Defer Elementary School and am going into 4th grade. My favorite colors are teal and pink, my favorite foods are my moms tacos and my dads smash burgers. My favorite animal is a wolf. I play soccer, tennis and swim. I also have a brother named James, a cat named Tula and a dog named Disco.



Honorable Mention:
Rena Pesta
4th grade,
Defer
Elementary
School

Penguin Job

Summer has finally arrived and there are about 60 more days to accomplish my goal to be a penguin master. I have wanted to be a penguin master since I was two. By the way, I am sixteen now and I have never been a penguin master since I was two! So that means if I do get my job...oop my mom is calling me.

Three minutes later.

Ahhh. I am so so so so so so so so so so so so so so so so so so so overjoyed! I actually got submitted to the penguin master's schedule. Hooooooray. I could play with them, feed them, help them medically, give them drinks, and help them learn to swim. Alright!



Honorable Mention: "Penguin Job" by Alex Buckley
2nd grade, Grosse Pointe Academy

Alex Buckley

5-8th grade

The Hidden Water Orb

By Scarlett Ford
7/14/23

Kate and Liz were spending a lazy Sunday afternoon at Kate's house when they heard the doorbell ring. Curiosity piqued, they rushed to answer it, only to find the cutest little creature they had ever seen. It was Lumos, a small glowing being with shimmering wings. Lumos explained that he was from another planet and needed their help to defeat Commander Flame and the Scorch army, who were trying to take over Lumos' home. Lumos revealed that the only way to stop them was to find the Water Orb, an ancient artifact with the power to defeat the Scorch army. Intrigued and eager for adventure, Kate and Liz agreed to help Lumos and set off on their mission.

Armed with a map and the guidance of Lumos, Kate and Liz embarked on their quest to find the Water Orb. They knew they would need assistance, so they sought out the wisdom of Professor Orion, a renowned scientist and expert in intergalactic studies. Professor Orion explained that the Water Orb was hidden deep within a mystical forest, guarded by powerful enchantments. He warned them of the challenges they would face but assured them that their determination and resourcefulness would be key to their success. Encouraged by his words, the girls set off on their journey, filled with excitement and determination. As Kate, Liz, and Lumos ventured into the enchanted forest, they encountered a series of magical creatures and treacherous obstacles. They relied on their combined knowledge and skills to navigate through the dense foliage and overcome each challenge. Along the way, they met Max, a skilled adventurer who had traveled to various planets and encountered different species. Impressed by Max's expertise, they invited him to join their mission. Max's survival skills and combat experience proved invaluable as they faced off against ferocious forest guardians and solved intricate puzzles. Together, they pushed forward, their bond growing stronger with each passing obstacle.

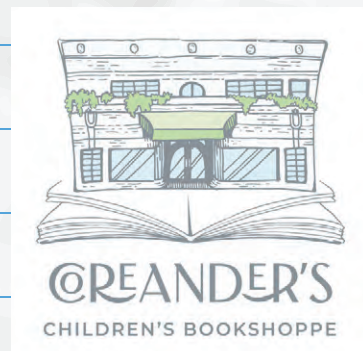
Deep within the heart of the enchanted forest, Kate, Liz, Lumos, and Max discovered a hidden temple. Inside, they found ancient writings that revealed the true nature of the Water Orb. It was not just a powerful artifact, but a symbol of unity and balance between the elements. The Water Orb had the ability to cleanse and restore Lumos' planet, eradicating the Scorch army's influence. However, the temple's guardians demanded a test of their worthiness before granting them access to the Water Orb. The temple opened to reveal a giant obstacle course that they all had to pass. It was filled with spikes and booby-traps that sent a chill down all of their spines. Determined, Max took a step on a shaky tile that triggered a bunch of arrows that shot out of the wall! Luckily, he dodged all of them before they could hit him. Max signaled for the other to come. Kate jumped on the tile with Max but the tile began to crack and break. Kate yelled for Liz and Lumos to come quickly but it was too late. Max and Kate had already jumped onto the next tile. As the next tile started to break, Lumos grabbed Liz and jumped as far as he could onto the tile with Max and Kate. The arrows shot at them again, but they all dodged them without getting hurt. They all jumped on a platform where they were safe... but not for long. They still had a long way to go. There was a giant rockwall that had spikes shooting in and out of the wall. Max decided to go first again but this was harder than he

thought. Max told them to stay to the right because there weren't a lot of spikes there. Kate and Liz made it but when Lumos tried, a spike pierced one of his wings and he fell to the ground! Max jumped off the platform to help Lumos but when he landed a wall separated them from Kate and Liz. Lumos and Max got shot down a slide into a mysterious room. They had found the Water Orb! The temple guardians said that they passed the test of worthiness to have the Water Orb. Then the temple guardians healed Lumos' wing and handed them the Water Orb. Kate and Liz were so confused but then they got shot down a slide and were reunited with Max and Lumos. They all took the Water Orb and walked outside to find the Scorch army waiting for them. They all put their hands on the Water Orb and pushed it towards the Scorch army. All of the soldiers crumbled to pieces and Commander Flame shot a bunch of fireballs at them but the Water Orb came back and made a forcefield for them. Then, they shot the Water Orb right at Commander Flame and he fell down as he crumpled up into ashes. Lumos waved goodbye as he called his spaceship and went back to his planet. As they were leaving they heard a rustle from all the soldier's and Commander Flame's ashes. Hundreds and hundreds of phoenixes flew from the ashes into the sky. Surprised, Kate said

"I guess something good can come out of something bad."

The End

Winner: "The Hidden Water Orb" by Scarlett Ford
6th grade, Brownell Middle School



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Honorable Mention:

"Tap" by Caroline

Bayster
6th grade,
Brownell
Middle School

TAP

"Tap, tap"

Had I drifted off while doing homework? It was just so hard to focus on it!

"Tap, tap" My eyes flipped open! I had drifted off while doing homework, but the tapping wasn't my pencil!

"TAP, TAP"

Ohhhhhhh it was the door! "I'LL GET IT!" I screamed as I sped down the stairs in my new flowy, pastel blue, ankle dress. I opened our yellow door. I love our yellow door!

"KALVIN" I threw my arms around him and he hugged me back.

"AMBER, UNCLE KENNY, AUNT HEIDI" Aunt Heidi and Uncle Kenny squeezed me and Amber just asked what the wifi password was! "Amber Lee!"

"Just a sec" Amber replied, smashing her cell phone thumbs.

"RIGHT NOW" Aunt Heidi demanded

"Geez, what a buzzkill," She said, as she quickly hit the send button and turned her phone off.

"Amber, this is not the time to be texting your friends, Marie wants to see you!"

As she said my name I looked up and returned to picking my nails. And right as my mom came down and hugged everyone, my finger started bleeding! I just hid it behind my back and excused myself to the washroom. I washed my finger off and then my brother Vincenzo walked in. "Sorry bro"

I walked out and saw Calvin and my older brother Paolo hugging it out!

Soon enough we were all stuffed with that magnificent turkey my mom made and mashed potatoes Aunt Heidi made and pumpkin and apple pie made by the moms too! Aunt Heidi is my dad's older sister and Uncle Kenny/ Kenneth (Usually Kenny though) has been married to Heidi for 18 years and Mom and Dad have been married for 16 years. Mom is 43, Dad is 45, Aunt Heidi is 47, Uncle Kenny is turning 50 on December 14, I am 14, Paolo is 17, Vincenzo is 11, Calvin is 18, and Amber is 13 but we are still in the same grade. We used to get along so well until in 3rd grade Amber started bullying me because of my ADHD. Me and Vinny (Vincenzo) Had to move 30 minutes away while Paolo got to stay at his middle school because the middle school was only 15 minutes away from our new house.

I was still thinking about that incident with Amber and it was cruelly interrupted by someone banging their glass

Name: Lena Picek
Age: 10
Grade: 5th
School: Pierce Middle School

Empty to Full

My phone suddenly dropped into Lake St. Clair, and my parents refused to replace it. So that means, this summer I will be disconnected from all my friends, and for the first week of summer, be stuck in a van for a week long road trip. Not to mention, while on the trip my two sisters still have their phones, so I will board to death the whole ride! "Are you sure you can't buy me a new one?" I ask for the hundredth time. My mom replied, "We already discussed this, no new phone, because you have proven you are not responsible enough. This will be a great opportunity for you to..." I interrupt her, "Connect with the outside world. I know already! Why can't I just get a new phone?" I ask furiously. "Come on sweetie, let's move to the car, your sisters are waiting," my dad answers, as if none of this ever happened. I then give up and slowly roll my wheelchair to the car.

It's now been three days since I dropped my phone in the lake—one more till the dreaded road trip. Right now, I am pretending to be reading the book, "Charlotte's Web" to avoid being asked by my parents to help out. My sisters, on the other hand, are doing what I wish I were doing, chatting with all their friends on their phones. I glance over at my mom who is doing her reading-yoga pose combination thing she is always trying to get me and my sisters to do. Right now I am actually considering trying it. It could help me calm down from being stressed about having to survive in a car with no phone. Though I would have to modify it into, "Sitting down in a wheelchair while moving your arms while reading combination thing." I start to experiment, but my mom suddenly calls me over, "Scarlett, sweetie! Can you please come over here, so we can figure out how to set up your corner in the back of the car."

Great. I have to get my "corner" all set up. Usually I just put in a portable plug for my phone and I'm all set. But, because of what happened three days ago, I'll have to add some more. "Now what would you like to set up this time?" asks my mom. I pause and think for a minute. "What would I like to set up this time? I usually just plop a tray in between my wheelchair and put my phone and a charger on it." I kept on running that same question in my head over and over again. Unsure about what my answer would be. Finally, I came up with something. "How

about some coloring supplies? I guess I could try and draw something." "Sounds good. It's always good to explore new things," my mom answers with hope. She's probably thinking I'm going to start, "Connecting with the outside world" or whatever. I grab the pencils and paper from my mom's hand and place it on my wheelchair's tray.

I had always loved that tray. Shiny and blue with stars, perfect for me. I start fiddling with the pencils, now a bit more excited for the trip than before. Maybe losing my phone wasn't the end of the world. Maybe there really was more to life. Just when I am about to try drawing something though, my body starts to jerk around. Great, just when I am about to try out something new, my body has to start doing its usual tornado-jerking thing. This process usually takes about five minutes to wear off. Sometimes more, sometimes less. The doctors don't really know why it happens but they do know that after it happens, my body goes numb for a couple of days. So that means I have to find something to do that does not involve moving my arms or legs a lot.

As soon as I stop jerking, my dad gets in the car with the cooler. "Hey kiddo, you look frozen. What's wrong?" asks my dad, sounding concerned. I try to say something, but with my body all frozen, I can't really make out much. "Boo-frooz-th," is what I end up mustering out. "Oh! You must have had another tornado. Here, I'll help you inside," he reassures me. "It's okay kiddo, it's going to be okay," he says. I try to answer, but "kth" is what ends up as my answer. At least I can talk again—after a couple of hours. Now what will I do on the car ride?

This is probably the longest week I have ever had. Dropping my phone, fake-reading, and a tornado-jerking attack. And now, it is time for a week-long road trip. I ended up packing, or should I say my mom ended up packing for me, a yoga mat (Which I know sounds weird because I can't really use it, but I don't use it for yoga I use it for my bed in case I fall out of it). She also packed snacks, my water bottle, and some books. My dad on the other hand, let me pack lots of different fidgets, toys, and other things I could use without moving my body a whole lot.

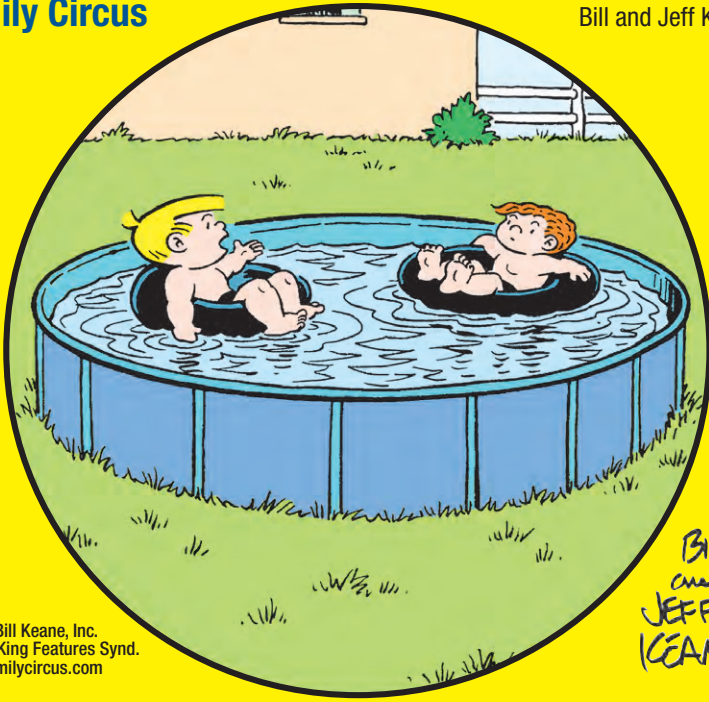
I start to try and move my arm, but I can only lift it about a half a centimeter off the arm of my chair. I'm about to attempt to talk when my mom screams, "ALL RIGHT KIDS, IT'S TIME TO GET IN THE CAR!!" I wait for my dad to come up and wheel me out of my bedroom and into the car, but he never comes. Then I remember, he probably forgot I was all frozen and stiff. I

Honorable Mention: "Empty to Full" by Lena Picek
5th grade, Pierce Middle School

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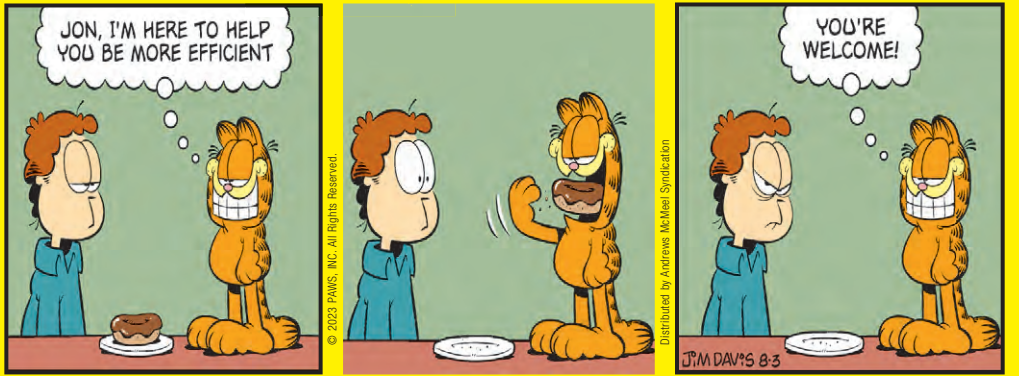
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"Tubing would be more fun if this pool went somewhere."

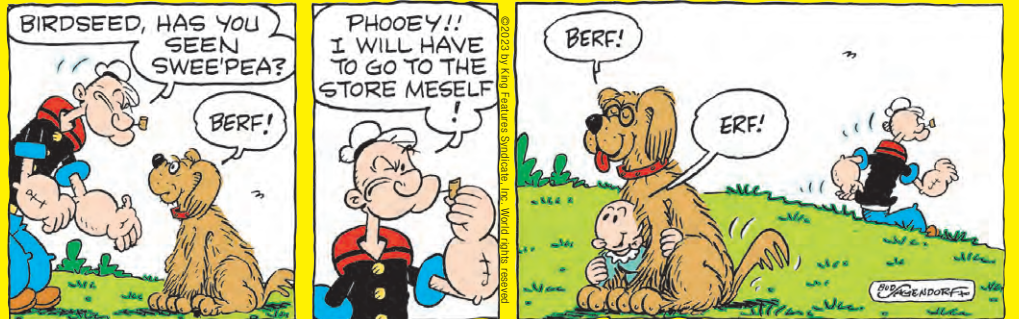
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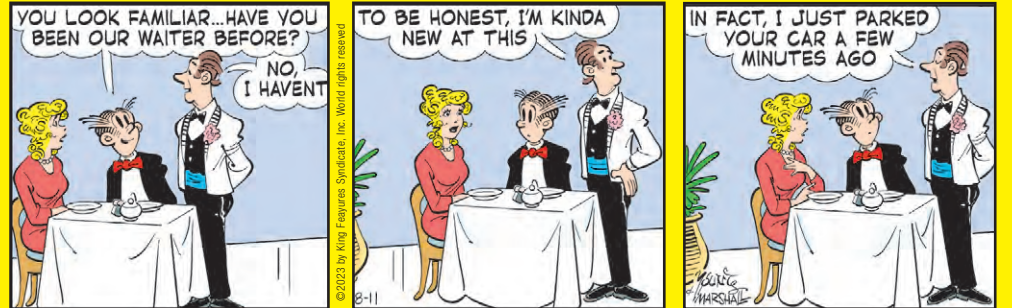
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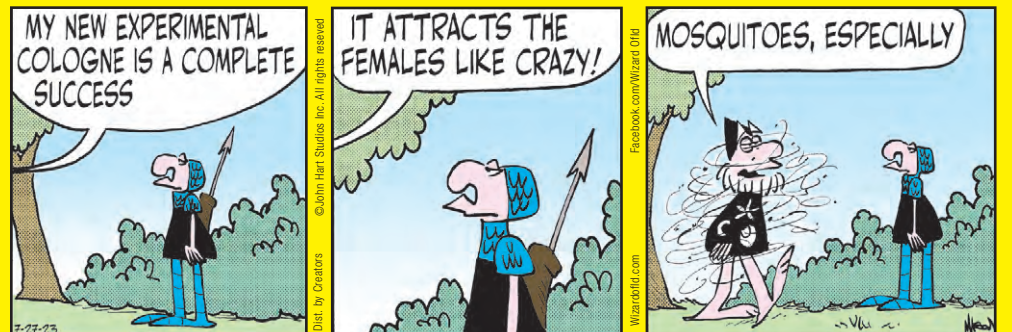
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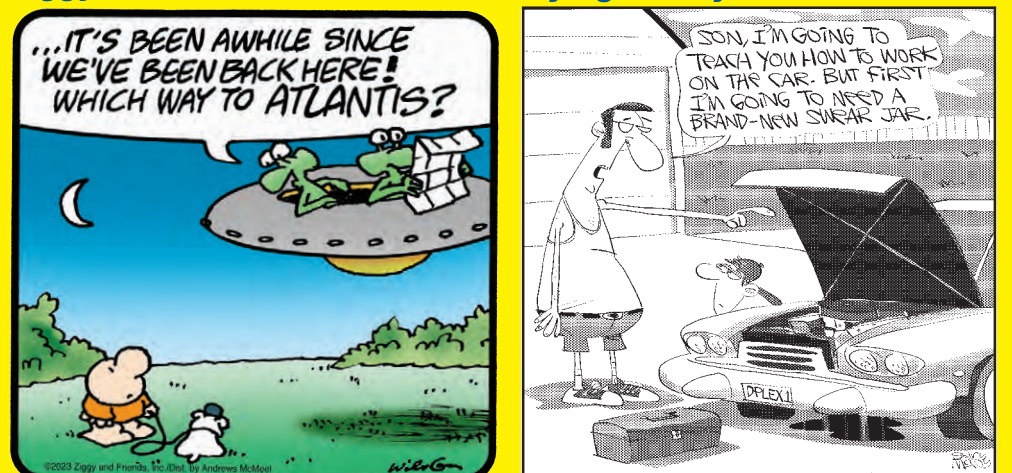


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

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7/27 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 3, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 In unison
- 6 Indonesian tourist destination
- 10 Salon sound
- 14 E-cigarette user
- 15 "Die Hard" actor
- 16 Lounge around
- 17 Geographic area around the South Pole
- 20 "Really?!"
- 21 Crash investigators?
- 22 Dream Team
- 23 Polo shirt brand
- 25 Fitting
- 27 Outfielder's highlight reel play
- 33 Palindromic Indian flour
- 36 Chimpanzee, e.g.
- 37 In ___ of (replacing)
- 38 Blameless person's feeling
- 42 Feathery fashion statements
- 43 Pop star Rita
- 44 Concert hall section
- 45 Its door always opens at 9 a.m.
- 49 ___ Kosh
- 50 Reliably profitable product

- 55 "Oh really?!"
- 57 Gretel's brother
- 61 Dog food brand
- 62 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, say
- 65 Prayer's last word
- 66 Idyllic garden
- 67 Animal life
- 68 Ship's pole
- 69 Woodcutting tools
- 70 "WandaVision" actress
- 1 Be of use
- 2 Stark who was crowned queen in "Game of Thrones"
- 3 Vision-related
- 4 "Super cool!"
- 5 Slip up
- 6 Cake maker's mixture
- 7 Landed
- 8 Doily fabric
- 9 Machu Picchu builder
- 10 Type of 35mm camera
- 11 "Go to the back of the line!"
- 12 Societal woes
- 13 Earnest request
- 18 ___ Field (Mets' ballpark)
- 19 Apple on a desktop?
- 24 Mark from an old injury
- 26 "Ancient" diet

- 28 Waterway through Panama
- 29 Shipping company
- 30 Instant, briefly
- 31 Gospel's
- 32 Color
- 33 Baseball's
- 34 Pot covers for afternoon socials
- 35 To-do list items
- 38 Network with national "Hockey Night" broadcasts
- 39 Sound from a baby or dove
- 40 "The Lord of the Rings" menace
- 41 Varieties
- 46 "Crazy to run into you here!"
- 47 Atlantic and Pacific, for two
- 48 Math class after trig
- 51 Kosher : Judaism ::
- 52 Santa ___ (man with a prominent list)
- 53 Offer a take
- 54 "I'm Every ___" (Chaka Khan hit)
- 55 Ponzi scheme, say
- 56 Name hidden in "Her Majesty"
- 58 Tennis server's stat
- 59 Zilch
- 60 Whole lot
- 63 Explosive letters
- 64 Exec focused on money

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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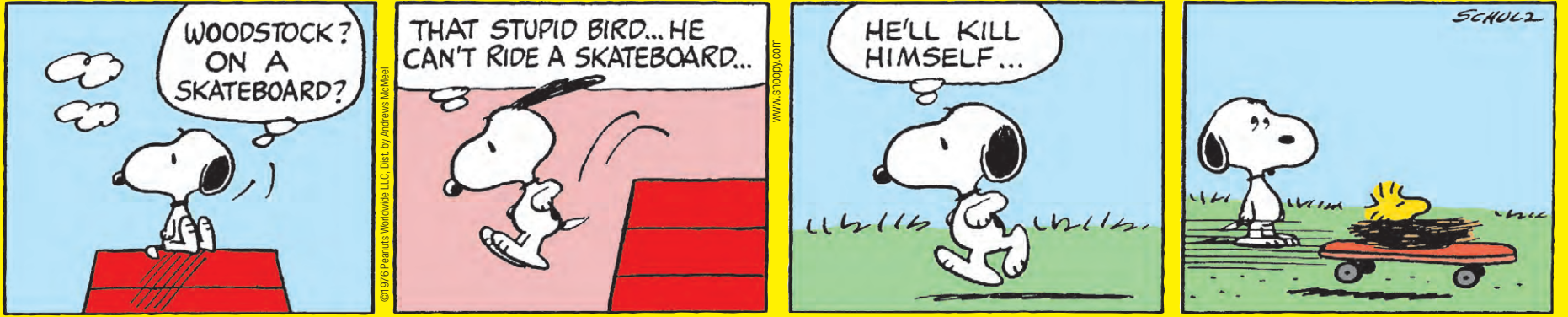
Fore-sees by Drew Schmenner

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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



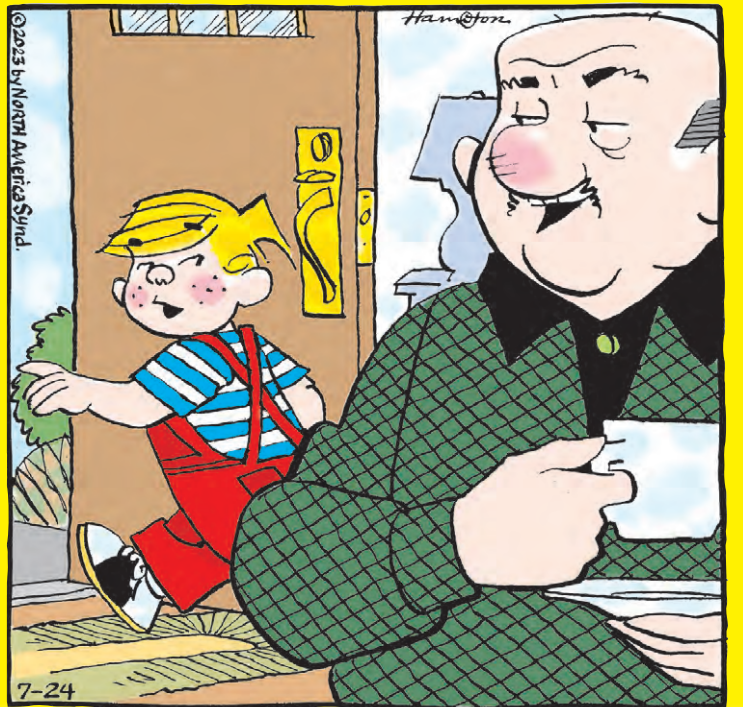
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Dik Browne and Chris Browne



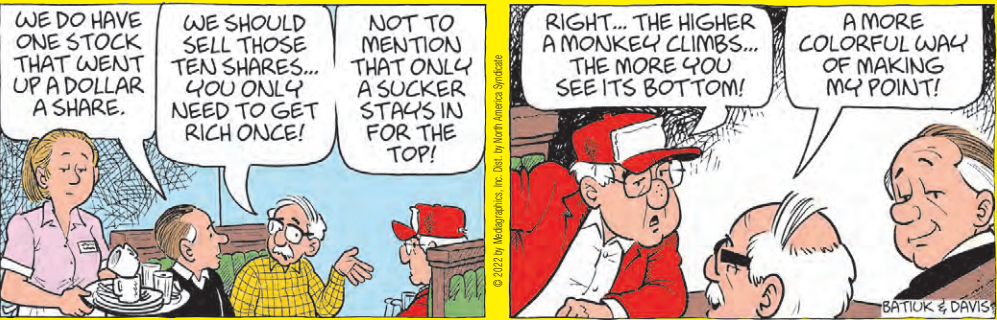
Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



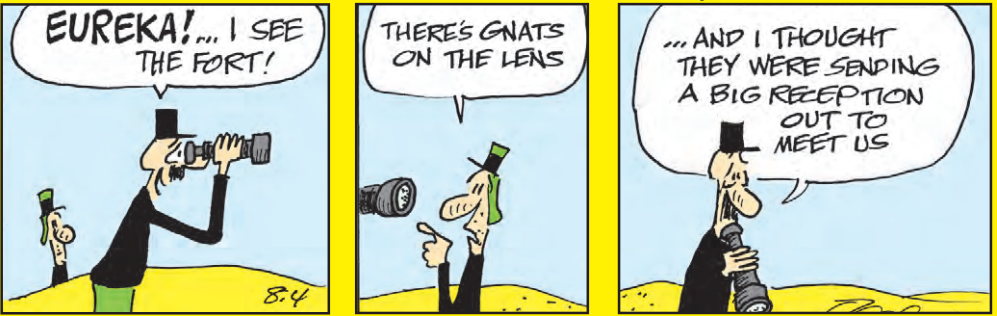
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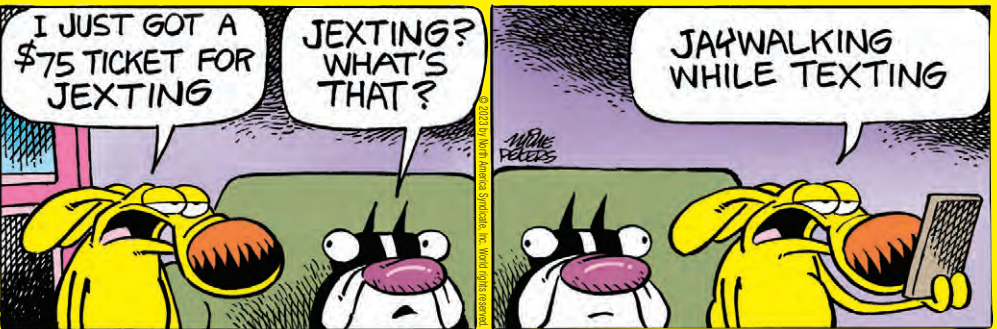
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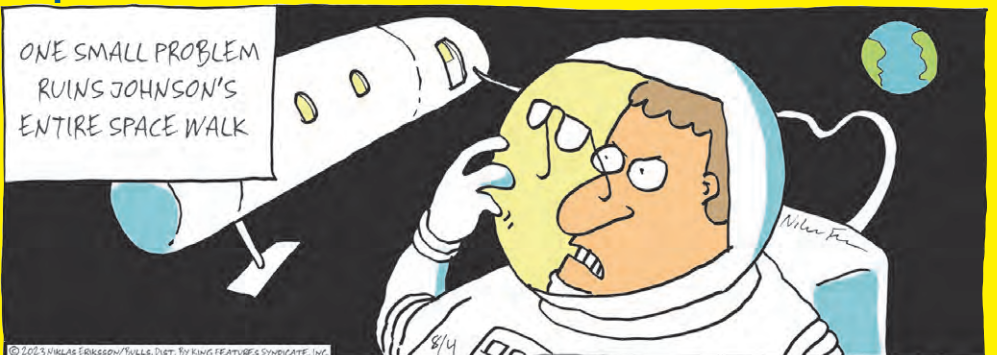
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Mike Peters



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



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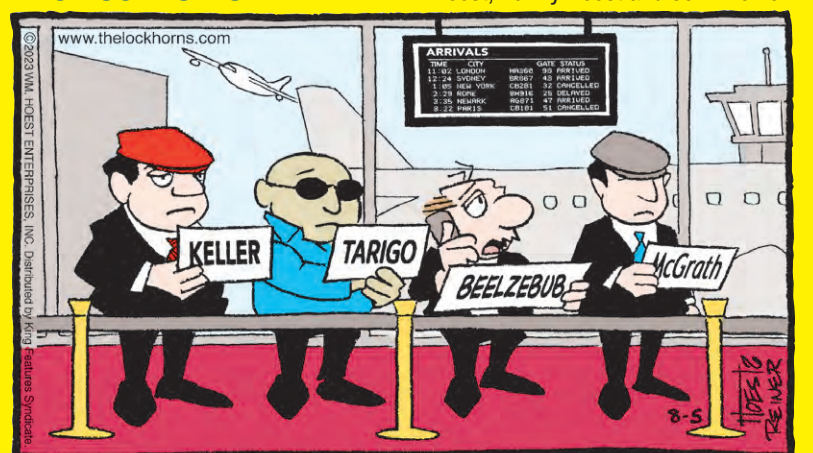


"WELL, I'D BETTER GO HOME NOW"

"I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU FORGOT WHERE IT WAS"

The Lockhorns

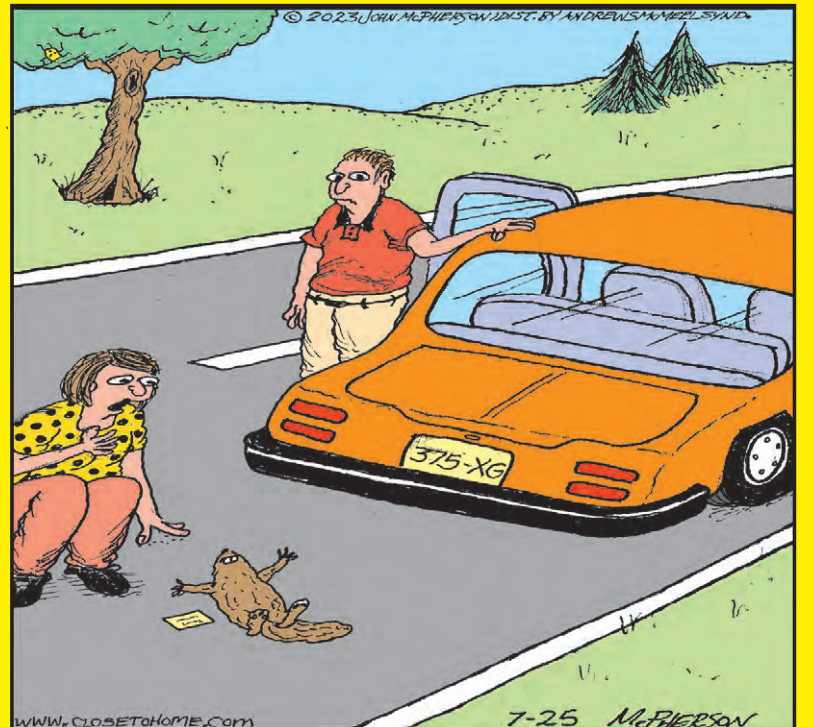
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"YES, LORETTA... I'M HERE AT THE AIRPORT NOW TO PICK UP YOUR MOTHER."

Close To Home

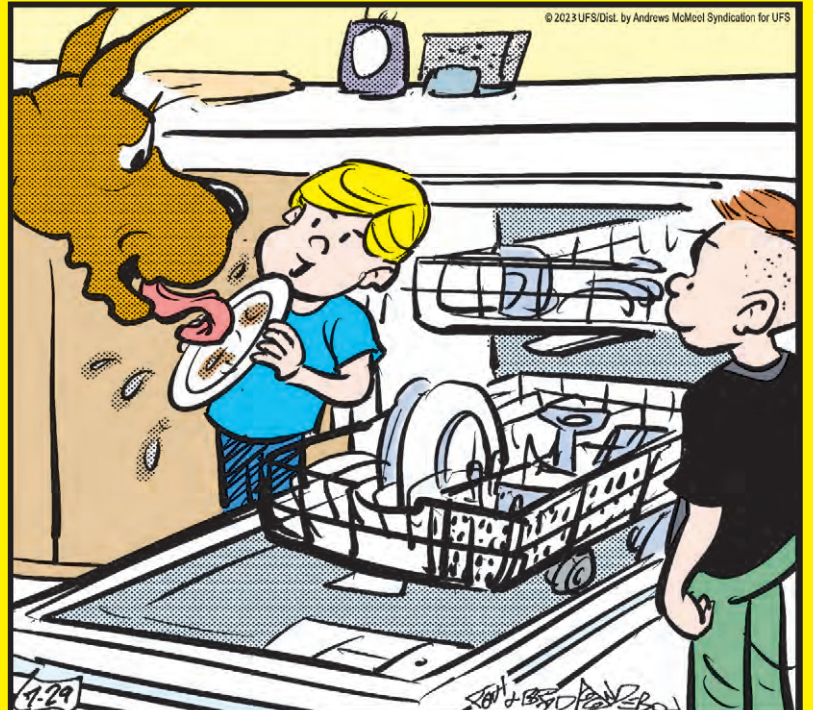
John McPherson



"Greg, it's an organ donor card!"

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Mom uses the prewash cycle. I use Marmaduke."



Proof It! Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the nine errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly.

This summer, I bilt a lemonaid stand. My freind Ricky helped me. We had a lot of customers on a very hot day. That day we make over \$7.00 in profit!

We got the lemons from the lemon tree in my backyard. We made signs and the neighbors let us put them in there yard.

Even our mail carrier, Molly, stopped for a kool glass of our delicious lemonade!

Summer Cents



An old-fashioned lemonade stand makes cents in busy, modern times! Few people take the time to squeeze fresh lemonade. Follow our “recipe” for success and start a lemonade stand of your own!

STEP 1: The Business Plan

You will need to invest a little cash to get started. Visit or call a local store to find out what the things you need cost. Add up your costs to determine your price and profit. Here is what the math looks like:

| EXPENSES : | |
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| 12 lemons cost | \$1.20 |
| 1 3/4 cups of sugar cost | .20 |
| 20 paper cups cost | .60 |
| Total cost for 20 cups of lemonade: | \$2.00 |
| INCOME : | |
| 20 cups of lemonade at 50¢ each | \$10.00 |
| PROFIT : | |
| (The money you make after covering your expenses) | \$8.00 |

On a hot day, in the right spot, you might sell 100 cups of lemonade! How much money would you earn?



STEP 2: Make a Big Sign

Make a big, bold sign to attract people to your stand. If it is OK with your neighbors, put up several colorful signs to direct people to your stand.



STEP 3: Punch Up Profits

Offer your lemonade in cups made out of oranges. To make one, cut the top off of an orange and scoop out the insides with a spoon. Pour in the lemonade and serve with a straw. Give your lemonade-in-an-orange a snazzy name, like **CITRUS TREAT**, and charge more!

Remember! Add the cost of an orange and a straw to your expenses to determine the price of your “Citrus Treat.”

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Students solve problems by adding, subtracting and multiplying amounts of money.



Kevin and Melanie have everything they need for their lemonade stand—except customers. Draw some customers purchasing lemonade to complete this picture.

Lemonade Recipe

Here is a recipe for making 20 cups of fresh lemonade.

INGREDIENTS :

- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
- 8 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups fresh-squeezed lemon juice

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED!

DIRECTIONS :

- In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until chilled.
- Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining 7 cups of water.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- a number divisible by 3
- a price greater than \$100
- a number between 200 and 500

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Students understand the relationship between numbers up to 1,000.

Pucker up and think!

There are six lemons in this bag. Can you figure out how to give one lemon to six different kids and leave one in the bag?

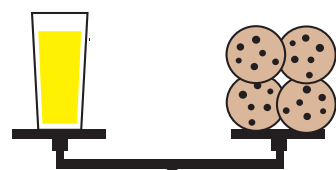
Answer: Take five lemons out of the bag and give one each to five of the children. Give the sixth child the bag with the lemon in it.

How many lemon slices can you find on this page in one minute?



A “Weighty” Puzzle

One glass of lemonade weighs the same as four big cookies. If three spoons weigh the same as a cookie and a half, how much will a glass of lemonade and a spoon weigh?



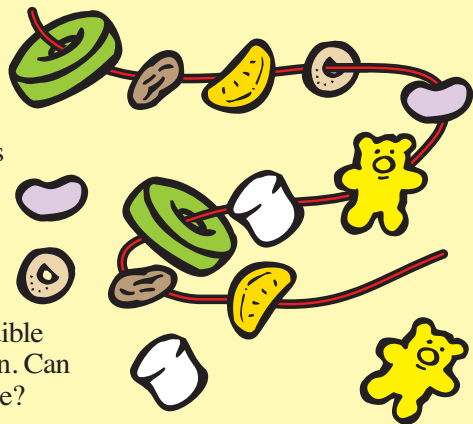
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Edible Jewels

They’re fun to make and to eat! Thread some of your favorite treats onto a string of licorice. **Hint:** Use a toothpick to make a hole if necessary.

Jewels to string:

- Lifesavers
- Cereal
- Mini marshmallows
- Raisins
- Fruit snacks
- Gum drops
- Jelly beans



Jenny is making an edible necklace with a pattern. Can you finish her necklace?

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Identify and extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- LEMONADE
SAUCEPAN
CITRUS
SPOON
NECKLACE
COOKIES
RECIPE
SUGAR
CENTS
SCOOP
SYRUP
PUCKER
TREATS
CUPS
MATH

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **PROFIT**

Profit is the amount of money made by a business that is more than the amount put in at the start.

Because my lemonade stand made a **profit**, I was able to add to my savings account.

Use the word **profit** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Good Cents Advertising

In order to attract customers, a business needs to advertise. Look through the newspaper at ads that you like. Then create an ad for a business you would like to own.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

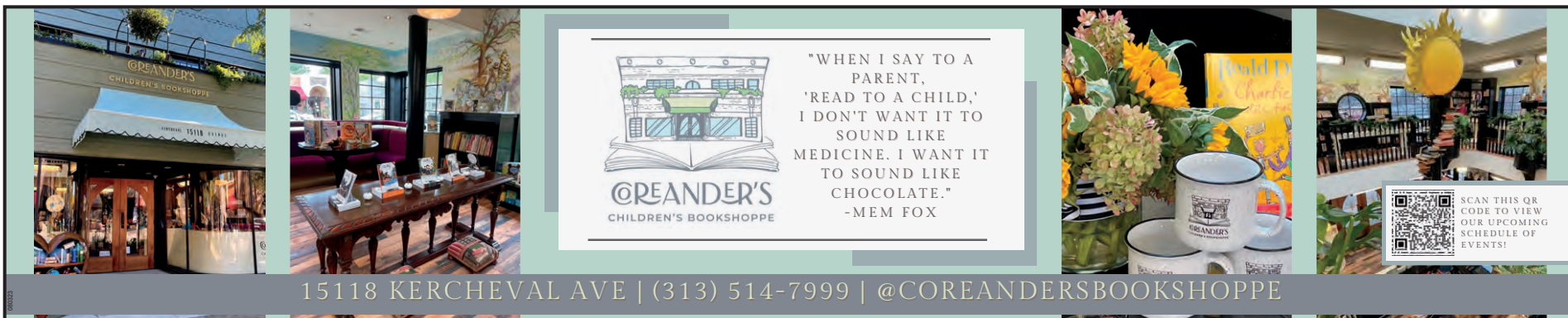
If you had seven oranges in one hand and five lemons in the other hand, what would you have?

ANSWER: Big hands!

Write On!

How I Earn Money

Help other kids by sharing what you do to earn money. Your ideas may inspire others!



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2D SAILING NATIONALS PREVIEW | 3D SOUTH HOCKEY HIRES NEW COACH | 6D CLASSIFIEDS

Woods Warriors reign after storm

By Clare Ramsdell
 Intern

The last time the Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors took home a championship trophy was in 2000. Now, in 2023, they have once again brought back some hardware. The team went 5-0 in the regular season, but it wasn't until about halfway through the Lakefront Swim Association finals meet on Thursday, July 27, that their head coach Greg Wolff truly believed his team would bring home the win.

team, so there is a little bit of 'finally, we did it' and I didn't think we could do it this year starting off," Wolff said. "I don't think I really believed it until halfway through the meet Thursday morning."

A coach in the Lakefront league since 2003, first with the St. Clair Shores team and later moving to the Woods, Wolff led a formidable team of 203 swimmers. More than 100 of them qualified into the top six for finals out of last Tuesday's prelims meet.

Among the standout performances were Connor McMahon, who set a meet record in the



Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant jumps into the pool last Thursday after the Warriors and their supporters learned they won the finals championship.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREG WOLFF



Woods Warriors swimmers and coaches pump their fists in the air, celebrating their win in the pool.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GEMELA LOPER

breaststroke, and the impressive 1-2 finishes in the girls 12 & under 50 backstroke and boys 17 & under 50 freestyle events.

"Connor McMahon set a meet record in the breaststroke and we had a lot of events (where) we had three swimmers come back," Wolff said. "I think our biggest one was the girls 50 backstroke when actually one of the swimmers that I had lead as an alternate, probably could have placed in the top six. Rowan Peacock won it, followed close behind by Ava Van Becelaere and Ada Cavanagh."

"I mean, that was a huge event for us. We had a couple of 1-2 finishes, our 50 freestyle of Connor McMahon and

James Gusmano really took it to some really good swimmers in that," he added.

The meet scheduled to be at Grosse Pointe Park, was moved to the Woods after the storm, giving the Woods the home team advantage (see story on page 2D). However, after watching prelims Wolff knew his swimmers were ready to swim, regardless of where the meet took place.

"My wife came to watch and...I handed her my phone, my wallet, and keys, and she looked at me, knowing I'm not just superstitious, I'm extremely 'stitious.' She asked, 'Are you sure you want to do that?' I just nodded. One of my parents said to me at the banquet, 'I

knew we had it when I saw you actually stand up straight and breathe a smile.' Apparently, I have a game face," Wolff chuckled.

Wolff, a teacher and swim coach at Pierce Middle School, and an assistant coach for Grosse Pointe South's boys varsity swim team, had swimmers from every team asking if he was going to take the plunge to celebrate the win. And he did, alongside Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor, Arthur Bryant.

"I think that sets the standard for mayors across the country now," Wolff said.

As Wolff revels in the team's success, he is quick to acknowledge

See SWIM, page 8D

Farms-City Little League throttles way to 11U state championship

By Meg Leonard
 Associate Editor

At the tender age of 11, many ball players might lack the mental fortitude required to rebound from an opening-round loss when a state championship is on the line.

But mental toughness

had yet to meet the 11U team from Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, who took a 4-2 opening round loss to Grand Rapids Southern as new motivation to score 77 runs in its remaining five games of the tournament to capture the 2023 state title last week in

Richmond. The championship was a "two-peat" of sorts, as nearly the exact roster, led by head coach Matt Agnone, won last year's title as 10 year olds.

"My older son, Matthew, as an 11-year-old, lost 7-5 to Kingsford in 2018, and

then they came back to win the whole thing," Agnone said. "I told (this year's team) that story. We just said, 'Flush it, forget about it, and we will show up and play hard and see what happens.'"

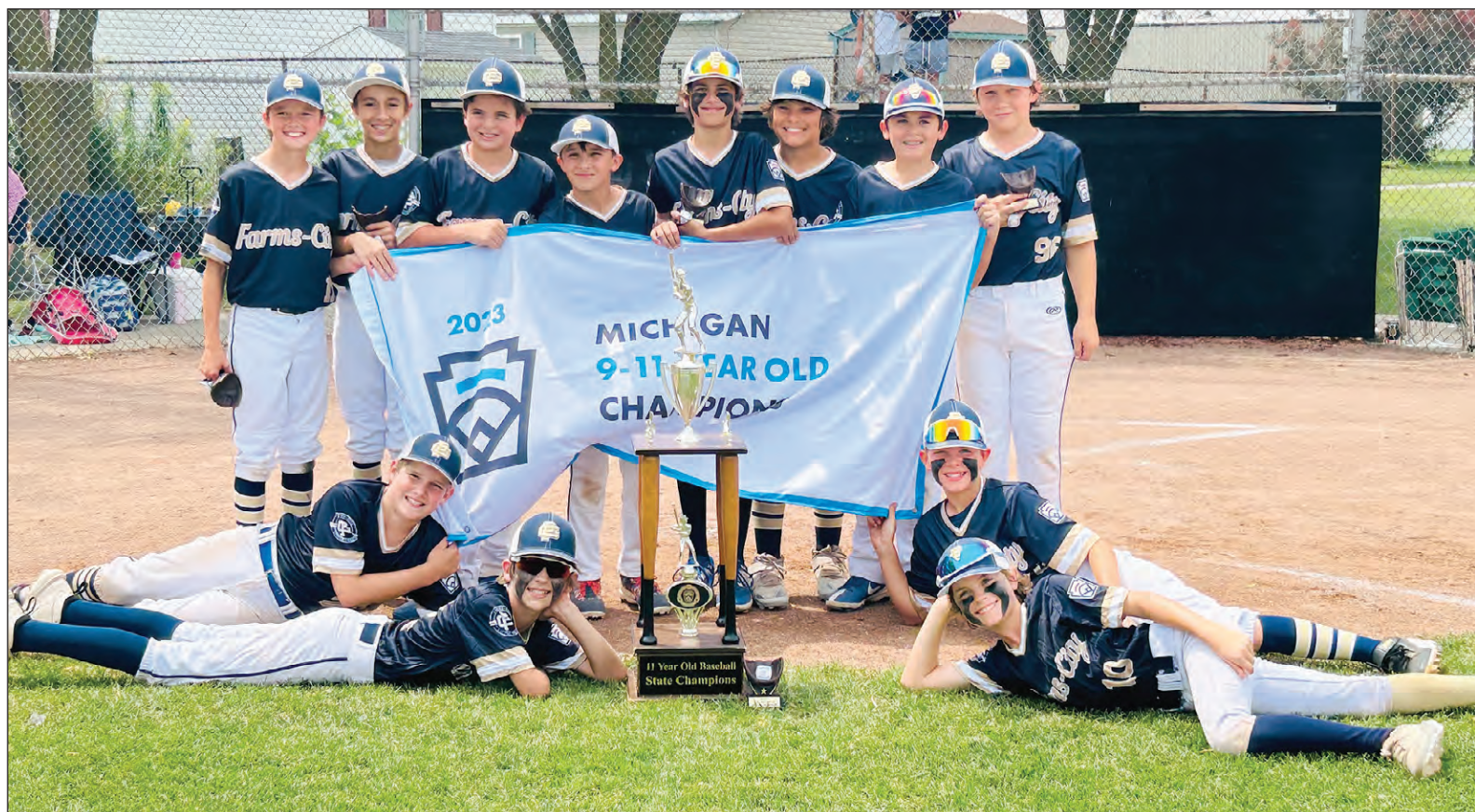
What happened was a team that played with urgency, knowing one

more loss would knock them out of the tournament.

"We pounded the strike zone and let our defense play," Agnone said.

"I think the consistency of our team helped us," he added

See CHAMPS, page 3D



COURTESY PHOTOS

The 11U Farms-City Little League team with the state championship trophy after defeating Southern 15-1 in the championship game.

AOTY contest voting closes Aug. 6

There are only a few days left to submit your ballots in the 2022-23 Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year Contest, so be sure to cast your vote online, on social media or by paper ballot.

Paper ballots can be submitted to the Grosse Pointe News office, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village.

Voting closes at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Participants are permitted to submit one vote per 24-hour period.

See pages 4-5D for a voting ballot and list of this year's outstanding nominees.



2D | SPORTS

As storm moves out, Park, Woods staffers dive in to make swim finals a success

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Entering the 20th time she has been involved in swim finals, Colleen Jogan knows a thing or two about the Lakefront Swim Association's annual championship meet.

But what happened between prelims and finals over the course of 15 hours last week was something new, even for this seasoned former lifeguard, pool supervisor and current parent volunteer from Grosse Pointe Park.

"I've seen a lot throughout my time of being a part of swim finals," she said. "But not like this."

"This," according to Jogan, was the need to move finals from Windmill Pointe Park to Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods due to storms that rolled through Grosse Pointe the afternoon of Wednesday, July 26.

Heavy rains and winds up to 80 mph caused power outages and Wi-Fi disruptions throughout the community, including at Windmill, original host site of Lakefront's 2023 championship swim meet.

"We've been meeting



COURTESY PHOTO

Mutants swim team coaches give a thumbs up to one of the last loads of equipment ready to head down Lakeshore after the finals meet got moved to the Woods park after a bad storm knocked out power in the Park last week.

since November to plan (finals)," Jogan said.

Initially, Lakefront park directors from the Park, City, Farms, Shores, St. Clair Shores and Woods decided to delay Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. meet to Thursday morning.

Same meet, same place. Just a different day.

Jogan and park director Chad Craig, along with team coaches, including Jogan's son, Jackson, who is in his third year as head coach

and pool director, team parent liaison Jessica Bryan and others, broke down the set up between 1 and 3 p.m. to protect equipment from the pending wind and rains.

The storm hit shortly after, leaving a lot of damage in its wake.

By late afternoon, Windmill Park lost all power and Wi-Fi. The Mutants' finals committee had little choice but to move the meet's location, or worse: cancel finals.

Thankfully, leaders at

Lake Front Park teamed up with Windmill's staff, coaches and volunteers to help rescue the event in a way any good lifeguard would.

By 7:30 p.m., after speaking with Craig, Woods Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart agreed to hold the meet the following morning at Lake Front Park, which experienced no damage. Despite the location change, the Mutants remained responsible for executing finals as official hosts.

"I have seen it all, except for this," Gerhart said, who echoed Jogan's reaction to the location change of the meet. Gerhart should know — this summer marks the 23rd time she has been involved in swim finals.

"Directors always have conversations about what to do with the Michigan weather," she said. "We try not to do anything extreme unless we have to."

With the decision made to go ahead with a Thursday morning meet at the Woods, Gerhart dove into action, making all the necessary adjustments throughout the park, including staffing. She contacted four more lifeguards who were not scheduled to work Thursday to come in, along with two extra managers.

"My whole staff was jumping at the chance to help," she said.

Back at Windmill, the leaders of "Mutant Nation" assembled — park director Craig, Colleen Jogan, her husband, Tim, and their eldest son, Thomas, along with Bryan, Chris Cornwell and the team's eight swim coaches — and went back down to the park to prepare for

the move.

"We essentially just started loading up cars and trucks, like from our hospitality area, our timing systems, to all of our cones and flags and everything else," Colleen Jogan said. "We probably loaded about six cars and one truck and were ready to go."

On such short notice, the Woods could not accommodate the move until the next morning. So at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, the same Park crew formed a caravan and transported everything they had for finals down Lakeshore, save for touchpads and a scoreboard.

"It was like our own little parade," Jogan quipped. "We were literally the first people at the Woods park, ready for the gate to open."

Once again, Mutant coaches showed up to help before their biggest meet of the season.

"Many of them were swimming as well (in the meet) so this was like a big deal, so they packed their tech suits and finals costume and everything else," Colleen Jogan said. "Jackson kept a cool, calm head and we knew

See *FINALS*, page 3D



Local yacht clubs to host ILCA US national championships

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

The Laser is a worldwide Olympic sailboat renowned for its popularity and significance in the sailing community. Laser sailing is taught in all sailing programs across the Grosse Pointe and greater Metro Detroit area. Every year the Laser National Championship draws skilled sailors from all corners of the nation.

This year, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) and Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC) are gearing up to host the 2023 International Laser Class Association (ILCA) US National Championships taking place Aug. 3-6. With about 150 boats representing seven countries registered, and the 2024 Summer Olympics on the horizon, the competition promises to be fierce, attracting many Olympic-caliber sailors.

"We have about 150 boats registered right now, but a lot of people hold out to see the weather, so I am expecting about 20 or 30 more boats to register last minute," regatta chair Bill Vogel said.

The dedicated planning committee, supported by more than 80 volunteers, 30 on the water and 50 off, has been working to ensure a smooth and successful championship. Anticipation runs high as they prepare to host this prestigious gathering of sailors from around the world.

"It's a huge sense of

pride for our sailing and larger community to host this event," Vogel said. "It's great to see everyone come together and help out to make this regatta possible. It's a really special event. I sent out a Facebook sign-up and we received volunteers from all over, including non-sailors, high school students, all eager to help out at this event."

The championship will feature three different classes of ILCA lasers: ILCA 4 (female and male), ILCA 6 (female and male), and ILCA 7 (males). The ILCA 4 is ideal for lighter-weight sailors who have just graduated from Optimist sailing, while the ILCA 6 is the women's single-handed dinghy at the Olympic games and the ILCA 7 is the Olympic games single-handed dinghy for the men.

The total number of boats participating is estimated to be about 170, with about 20 participants from the Grosse Pointe area. To accommodate the large fleet, boats will be split between GPYC and CSYC for convenient storage and easy access to the racecourse.

"Since the regatta is being co-hosted by both GPYC and CSYC it alleviates the burden on the clubs and also allows for extra space for the sailors, significantly reducing congestion," Vogel said. "This collaborative effort really showcases the unity within the sailing community."

The event is spon-

sored by MarkSetBot, a leading provider of robotic buoys and integrated course-setting technology, to ensure precise and sustainable race management. MarkSetBot has donated nine of its self-propelled, GPS-guided robotic buoys for the event. The Youth Nautical Education Foundation (YNEF), a Grosse Pointe Yacht Club foundation dedicated to promoting national and international amateur sailing, is also a sponsor of the regatta. Other vendors confirmed to attend the event include ZIM Sailing, Simmons Boatworks and US One Design.

Vogel explained that they are planning for four races per day on Friday, Aug. 4, and Saturday, Aug. 5, each lasting 40 to 60 minutes. They will sail one large trapezoid-shaped course that will be set a mile off Provençal Road.

Following races on Saturday, Aug. 5 the organizers have arranged a sailors' dinner, featuring food trucks. The championship will culminate with an awards ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 6 at Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

As the countdown to the 2023 ILCA National Championships begins, all eyes are on Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Crescent Sail Yacht Club, who are primed to showcase the finest talent in sailing and make this a truly unforgettable event.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that the Grosse Pointe Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing as noticed above at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing considering the following matter(s):

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. Consideration of the request of Dale Scrace on behalf of Kercheval Owners, LLC, regarding the property located at 17000 Kercheval Avenue (Parcel No. 37002040029003) for a variance from Section 90-305(4)(b) of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinances, which requires each storefront to have transparent areas, equal to 70% of its portion of the façade, between one and eight feet from the ground. The applicant has proposed 46% of the façade be covered in transparent areas.

The property is located in the C-2, Central Business District, Zoning Classification. Standards for variance consideration are contained in Section 90-101 of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinances.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on August 21, 2023. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall or sent via email to city@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

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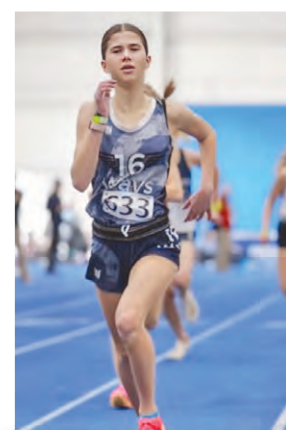
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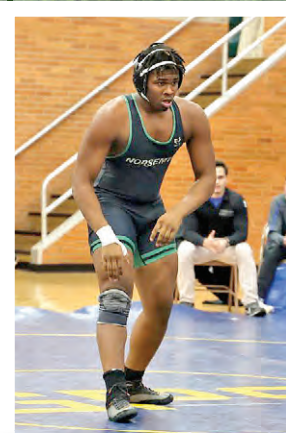
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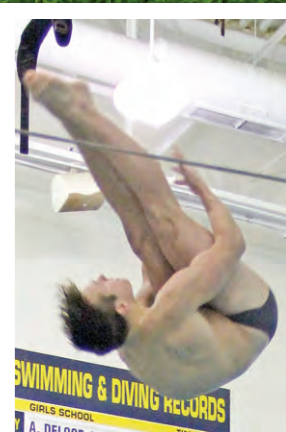
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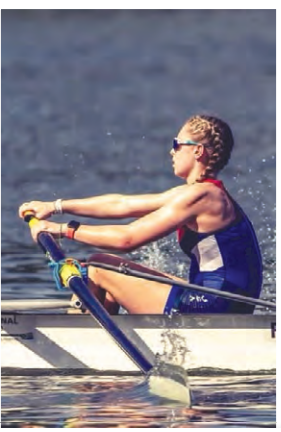
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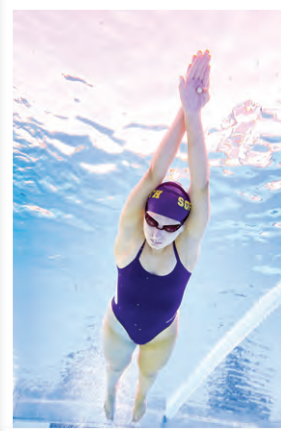
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I SAY: SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima

The Au Sable River Canoe Marathon: A uniquely Michigan sports tradition

Many people reading this might not realize professional canoe racing is a sport. Even I was not aware until a little over a decade ago when a canoe racer married into my family. However, this past weekend I was able to witness just how much of a religion the sport of canoe racing is in certain parts of the world and the state of Michigan, because I was there for perhaps the biggest annual event in the sport, the Au Sable River Canoe Marathon.

This year was the 75th anniversary of the race, which is held every July. It consists of two-person teams paddling 120 miles down the Au Sable River from Grayling to Oscoda, with the finish line just before the river meets Lake Huron. It is a grueling test of strength and endurance and, to make it even more unique, most of the race takes place at night. The race begins at 9 p.m. Saturday in Grayling and the top teams finish in Oscoda late morning or early afternoon Sunday.

As I said, I had no idea this tradition even existed until years ago when my uncle, Tad Hill, married into my family. While Uncle Tad works as an engineer for Ford,



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The team of Tim Sheldon, front, and Tad Hill crossing the finish line of the 75th Au Sable River Canoe Marathon in Oscoda on Sunday, July 30.

canoe racing has been a passion for him and his family for a long time and he trains year-round to be ready for this race every July. This year marked his 17th Au Sable River Canoe Marathon entry.

This year also was the first time I got to witness the marathon firsthand. My family went to downtown Grayling on Saturday evening and got to see the crowds and fanfare leading up to the race, and saw teams from all over the country and the world (nations represented this year included Canada, Germany, Australia and Belize)

introduced before the race. Then we got to wish luck to Uncle Tad and his racing partner, Tim Sheldon, as they lined up their boat at the start and got ready to begin.

The start of the race is one of the biggest things that makes the marathon unique and tough. Instead of starting with the boats in the water, racers line up on the street in rows based on their qualifying positions from the time trials earlier in the week. When the starting gun sounds, the racers have to pick up their canoes and sprint down the street in

the edge of the river, where they then throw their boats in the water, jump in and start paddling like hell.

Quickness on their feet also is key for the racers at certain points throughout the race when they must “portage” around six different dams in the river, taking their boats out of the water and sprinting around the dams before they can re-enter the river.

While my family and I watched the beginning of the race and then went back to our own home up north to wait until the next morning to go to the finish line, the

marathon also has been dubbed the “world’s toughest spectator race.” That is because many spectators will follow the race through the night, with some playing a crucial role.

For my aunt, Val, and my cousins, Tess and Reid, they spend the night as “feeders” for my uncle’s team. That means as they follow the race through the night, they meet the river at designated spots where they toss food, water and other supplies into their team’s canoe as quickly as possible before the paddlers keep on racing.

For years, I had seen pictures and videos and heard plenty of stories about the marathon, but being able to actually be there for it this year gave me a new admiration for the toughness of the racers. My family gathered at the finish line Sunday and watched as some of the top teams completed the marathon, with Uncle Tad and his partner finishing 19th overall out of nearly 100 teams that made it to the end after almost 16 consecutive hours of paddling. The 19th place finish also kept my uncle’s streak alive as he has finished in the top 20 in every single marathon he’s raced, with his best

finish ever being fourth place in 2016.

Seeing my uncle and the other racers at the end of their journey put into perspective just how much of a test the marathon is on the body and the mind. What made this year’s finish even more special was what my uncle’s team was racing for. They raced in boat No. 13, in honor of their friend, Nick Walton, a professional canoe racer who passed away last year while paddling on Lake Michigan. Walton was also my uncle Tad’s partner for the 2016 marathon where they finished in fourth place. My uncle and his partner were able to finish the race to honor their friend’s memory, which is something that seems to embody the heart of what the marathon is all about.

The race is not really about the prize money or the glory of finishing first, for most teams. It is about overcoming the elements and Mother Nature and pushing yourself to the absolute limit to cross the finish line. It is about the racers giving everything they have to conquer the river in what is a unique and proud Michigan sporting tradition.

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the vital role his assistants played in bringing home the win.

“Much of our success this year is due to my assistants — they are incredible,” Wolff said. “The way they work with all of our swimmers, especially the younger ones.”

Looking ahead, the Warriors have high hopes to maintain their momentum and build on their success. With a wealth of young talent on the team, Wolff envisions a bright future.

“We have a ton of swimmers under the age of 10, and that really is the strength of our team. I hope we can

keep this going a long time. But you know, this is a very tough league,” Wolff acknowledged.

The Woods Warriors earned 389.5 points in the win, followed by the Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks with 320.5 points. The Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas had 298 points, followed closely behind by the Grosse Pointe Park Mutants with 291 points. The City of Grosse Pointe Norbs took fifth with 205 points and the St. Clair Shores Sea Serpents took sixth with 76 points.

For complete finals results, head to grossepointenews.com. Come back next week for coverage of the MICA swim finals.



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Warriors coaches Tatum Bastien and Peter Weglarz cheer on the girls 8 & under 100 free relay as Reece Rademacher, lane 3, is ready to take off.



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Left, Grosse Pointe Woods mayor Arthur Bryant gives coach Greg Wolff a kiss on the cheek after a much anticipated swim finals win.

Right, Grosse Pointe Woods coaches showing off their hardware from left to right, Tatum Bastien, Jaden Payne, Alex Agius, Jack Hurst, Greg Wolff, Peter Weglarz and Gabe Loper.