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With interior demolition currently ongoing, construction likely will commence at 389 St. Clair around Labor Day.

389 St. Clair demolition begins

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Sitting vacant since the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration office left the property in 2021, demolition work finally is kicking off at 389 St. Clair in preparation to transform

the historically designated building into 17 apartment units, as well as construct eight townhomes next to it.

Developer Brian Giles, with Condo Detroit LLC, said the team received a demo permit in July and since has taken down garages that once rested on the north portion of

the lot. Currently, work is focused on interior demolition of the old school administration building through the lens of adaptive reuse. This means largely ceilings and walls with no historical significance are being impacted. “We’re not conducting any demolition that is impacting the historical

elements of the building, those that have historic significance,” Giles said. “There are some elements that we are taking off that we are saving and then we’re going to be reinstalling, so there’s a little bit of that going on as well.”

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Liggett welcomes new leader

By Ted O’Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While Tom Sheppard might be new in his role as head of school at University Liggett School, he’s certainly not new to the world of private K-12 education.

“My parents were both educators and my dad was a head of school,” he said. “Growing up, this (environment) is all I ever knew.” Sheppard said his father’s final role before retiring was as head of school at The Leelanau School in Glen Arbor.



Thomas Sheppard

Traverse City, so I knew all about ‘going up north’ before moving to Michigan,” he joked, sitting in his office surrounded by unpacked boxes.

“They retired in See LEADER, page 9A

Steering locks offered to Kia, Hyundai owners

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Unfortunate engineering allowing Kia and Hyundai vehicles to be stolen with particular ease has become old news, as thieves labeling themselves on social me-

dia as #kiaboyz have been stealing these vehicles across the country for more than a year.

While law enforcement continues to take measures to stem the revolving door of cars being taken across city boundaries and recovered mere miles away, City resi-

dents are invited to better prevent their vehicles falling victim to the trend by use of a steering wheel lock.

The City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department is offering 50 twin hook steering wheel locks, donated by Kia America, to Kia and

Hyundai owners through Friday, Aug. 18.

Beginning Saturday, Aug. 19, owners of any other make of vehicle are invited while supplies last.

“Whoever tries to move the car, drive the car,

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Some 500 yards of wood chips in the auxiliary parking lot of Windmill Pointe Park are the remains of tree limbs that fell last month in Grosse Pointe Park during two windstorms.

DTE hears complaints

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Cleanup from tree-topping storms was still underway when municipal officials met with representatives of the region’s electricity provider to solve why the power keeps going out.

“I made it clear that our residents in some areas are threatening to

start revolting because it (the electric grid) needs to be upgraded,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield about a meeting with DTE Energy government relations managers. “They are promising. We’ll see if they deliver.”

They met Friday, July 28, two days after the first of two storms swept

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Backup pump systems worked

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city’s two pumping stations powered through minor electrical outages during the first of last month’s set of windstorms.

The stormwater pumping station, located at

Patterson Park near the foot of Three Mile Drive, has seven pumps that direct stormwater from catch basins and downspouts into Lake St. Clair.

When the storm interrupted the station’s main electrical feed Wednesday afternoon, July 26, a secondary power cable took over

with no appreciable impact on flow of water.

Also weathering an outage due to a primary line failure was the sanitary pumping station, which is located next to city hall on Jefferson at Maryland, has six pumps but nothing to do with

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Fran O'Brien and Jan Hrabovsky

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods Volunteers who tend the garden behind the Woods' community center



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Flyleaf bookstore opens this week on The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In what fittingly is the end of a storefront vacancy on The Hill and the beginning of the first bookstore carrying new books catered toward adults in the Pointes since Barnes and Noble on Mack closed in early 2018, the long anticipated Flyleaf Literature & Libations — named for the the blank page in the beginning and ending of a book — is anticipated to open, pending staff training, this week at 92 Kercheval.

“I just loved that it was basically a white, blank page and this was a whole new project,” owner Lindsay Scallen said of the name.

Carrying more than 4,500 books covering a range of genres and including a small young adult section for ages 14 and up on the second floor — “And we can special order anything too,” Managing Director Lani Martin noted — the three-story independent bookstore uniquely features a bistro and two bars: one nestled among the books and another on the rooftop.

“We’ll open in the morning for coffee, breakfast, pastries, that sort of thing and then around lunchtime we turn over our service,” Martin said. “... So you can order small plates for lunch and then we will have happy hour during the week and (in the) evening, small plates.”

Described as a California cuisine-



PHOTO BY EMILY BERGER

inspired menu with elevated small plates, staff favorites among the evening dishes are a seared wagyu, as well as dates stuffed with goat cheese, wrapped in bacon and presented on romesco.

The full bar features a literary house cocktail list named after book character types such as The Hero, The Lover and The Victim, while Flyleaf’s unique coffee blend with notes of walnut, nectarine and chocolate is used in its espresso drinks.

“Our team is kind of like family and we all work together to really make sure that everything is carefully curated and special,” Martin said.

“(It’s) not just like, ‘Oh, I’m going to order the top

10 best books just because, or the wines that you can find anywhere else, because that’s what people in Grosse Pointe like.’ It’s something special.”

Acting as a teaser of sorts for the first rooftop bar in the Pointes, those driving along Kercheval in recent months may have noticed a blue-and-white-striped awning peaking over The Hill skyline.

While the awning looks rather striking from street level, “you would have no idea when you’re here,” Scallen noted.

Nestled among the treetops, two pergolas joining the awning create a space semi-enclosed from the elements, while



PHOTO BY JUSTIN MACONOCHE

Above, while searching for gems among more than 4,500 books, patrons can grab a coffee, pastry, bite to eat or alcoholic beverage, depending on the time of day. Left, discovering her own love of reading at 12 years old inside a local bookstore in The Village, owner Lindsay Scallen dreamed of bringing a bookstore catered toward adults to her home city of the Farms.

still adhering to Grosse Pointe Farms codes prohibiting an atrium. Two fireplaces, blankets and possibly heaters will allow the rooftop to remain open for cooler — but not freezing — months.

For now, the rooftop will open at lunchtime and be available with reservations only.

A reading room on the second floor also can be rented out for events such as a book club, birthday party, meeting or lunch.

“I really wanted to create more of a community space where people could come and hang out,” Scallen said, noting patrons are welcome to carry food and drink throughout Flyleaf as they browse. “Like a home away from home.”

Upon entering the bookstore, patrons also can find a number of wares curated with book

lovers in mind, including custom journals, cards, stationery, Flyleaf coffee mugs, high-end chocolate bars, readers, olive oils, salt keepers, wine openers and candles.

Garnering much community anticipation of its opening, Flyleaf’s creation has been in the works since 2019. Amid a global pandemic and material shortages, construction replaced the original one-story building with three stories while also expanding the building’s footprint into the two-and-a-half parking spaces that were behind it.

“They tore it down and then COVID hit,” Scallen said, “and I know that this was not an easy building to build. My contractor said it’s probably the most complicated building he’s built. It’s only 20 feet wide and it’s three floors up and we’re

pinned between two other buildings.”

Despite years of challenges, Scallens desire to bring a bookstore catered toward adults to her home city can be traced back to when her love of reading first was unlocked in a local bookstore at 12 years old.

“We used to have Waldenbooks that was in The Village and that was more like an old-school bookstore,” she recalled. “That was the first bookstore that I became familiar with and where I would go as a kid.

“... I went into Waldenbooks and found a series that I liked and then that was it, I was hooked.”

Hours at Flyleaf Literature & Libations are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Find a selection made from scratch at Delight Bakery

By Clare Ramsdell
and Grace Cueter
GPN Interns

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It’s hard to ignore the tantalizing scent of freshly baked cookies, pies, macarons and cruffins that wafts through the air around Delight Bakery. Established in 2006, at 21211 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, owner Charlie Bowman previously owned two bakeries,

one in Ann Arbor, which opened in 1997, and one in Birmingham before settling in Grosse Pointe.

“I’ve always liked baking,” Bowman said. “My mom and I used to do a lot of stuff together. I came home from school and it seemed like something to do together. Seemed like a hobby that you could turn into something.”

Bowman’s day-to-day is filled with endless preparation of dough, batter,

frosting and other items — all of them made from scratch with his tried-and-true techniques and quality equipment. For example, he freezes all of his ingredients, including flour, and invests in long-lasting appliances.

“We make all the products from scratch,” Bowman said. “They usually take hours to make; some of them take a few days to make. It’s just overlapping a lot of prod-

ucts throughout the day to make the most of your time.”

He pulls a lot of his inspiration from European baked goods. After seeing them in a London bakery, he got the idea to add cruffins to the menu. A cross between a muffin and a croissant, cruffins are flaky pastries in the shape of a large muffin with various fillings and toppings.

“The fillings are amaz-



PHOTO BY CLARE RAMSDELL

Delight Bakery offers cruffins, a delicious croissant-like pastry shaped like a muffin and filled with a crème brulee-like cream.

ing,” Bowman said, “like the chocolate cream, vanilla cream or caramel cream. It’s kind of similar to a crème brulee base where it’s just real silky and light and it’s just a nice taste. It’s a croissant in the shape of a muffin and they’re baked in

really heavy-duty muffin pans, so they brown really nice.”

They taste just as delicious as they sound, as they have quickly become one of Delight Bakery’s best-selling items. Bowman hopes to continue exploring the world of French pastries and eventually add a few more unique goods to his menu.

“There are individual French pastries I’ve been really wanting to do,” he said. “I’ve been seeing them pop up. Each one is just a beauty, really exquisite and beautiful to look at. They’re all different colors, shiny and different shapes. That’s what I’m looking to go towards this fall for people coming in.

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Oyster house brings tide to table

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Gavin Russell brings 25 years' experience and an "aw, shucks" manner to being head chef of Brine Oyster House.

"I've shown some aptitude for it, I guess," he said. "I get to make people happy doing what I love."

The restaurant opened officially Saturday, Aug. 5, National Oyster Day — yes, there actually is one — to patronage so high the staff was effectively commemorating National Work Like a Dog Day. That's real, too.

At 9:30 p.m., a half hour before the two-story restaurant closed at the corner of Kercheval at Maryland, all tables were filled. Only one seat was open at one of two bars where the liquor cabinet includes such properly themed selections as Catcher's Rye whiskey, distilled in Detroit.

"We're pretty much filled for the night," said Maureen Paul, general manager.

A zydeco band played Creole-style music from the second-story outdoor balcony.

"Everyone's excited to try new food, listen to music and enjoy something new," Paul said.

One of Brine's shuckers, Will Frame, a Grosse Pointe native, learned the trade at Matunuck Oyster Bar in South Kingston, R.I.

He said the top-selling oyster on Brine's opening night was Glacier Bay.

Others included Standish Shore from Duxbury Bay, Mass. — "Phenomenal," Chef Russell said. "Very clean flavor. We also have Shigoku, one of my favorites, a compact oyster with intense flavor."

Six types of oysters are changed periodically.

"After that," Russell



Above, Brine Oyster House owner Trenton Chamberlain recently opened his latest restaurant in Grosse Pointe Park. Below, a view of the upper level at Brine, featuring tables, bar and couch seating.

said, "an interesting, new approach to seafood — not the traditional boiled, overcooked kind of thing. Simple dishes, smaller portions so you can taste two or three things when you come in. A whole variety, making things that have been around for years more approachable to today's customer."

Among menu items are scallops and clams, a fish of the day selected based on what's good and available, fish and chips, octopus, wine workshops Wednesdays and rotating salmon specials Saturdays. Red meat holdouts have 8-ounce steaks or Brine burgers, both with fries.

"And a great tuna salad we've made out of a special we're running at The



Bricks," Russell said. "People love it so much, we made it into a salad."

The tie-in with Bricks Pizzeria comes from Trenton Chamberlain's hospitality group, which, with the opening of Brine, now owns and operates four restaurants on lower Kercheval in the Park. The others are Red Crown and Le Rouge Boulangerie. The group

includes members of the Grosse Pointe News ownership.

Paul worked for Chamberlain as manager of Le Rouge. Before that, she graduated from Madonna University with a degree in hospitality management and worked four years for the Roberts Restaurant Group in Oakland County.

"A lot of people on our

team at Brine have been working at restaurants in Grosse Pointe for a long time," Paul said. "People will recognize those faces when they come in."

Russell is from Johannesburg, South Africa.

"I traveled the world a little and met my wife while working in London," he said. "She's American. That's how I get to be in

America."

Entering the Kercheval business district from the east Saturday night, the first sounds of talk and laughter came from out-

door patrons of Red Crown at the corner of Beaconsfield.

More of the same in the next block from Rustic Cabins bar, patio diners at The Bricks and, kitty-corner, from the courtyard of Atwater in the Park. Sounds grew approaching Maryland and curbside seating at Cellar 313 and on the sidewalk in front of Park Grill.

Until Brine, that was as far as the action went. It was silent after that.

Yet, this night, as the nation rejoiced oyster-style, the band on Brine's balcony played "Crawfish Crawl": "Come on, you all, do the crawfish crawl. You wave your arms like a crawfish swimming, searching through the bayou for some crawfish women."

The couplet rhymes when said in a Louisiana drawl.

"This (restaurant) is going to expand the Park by another block," Chamberlain said. "There was nothing really beyond Park Grill, so we're expanding it. We're really going to liven things up, keep that rolling, keep that momentum."

"Brine accentuates the Park business district and will increase foot traffic, bringing more customers to the neighboring business," said Jenny Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, during a preview of the restaurant earlier in the week. "When you step into Brine Oyster House, be prepared to be transported to an oceanside oyster house-meets-jazz club extravaganza."

Joy Harris getting a lesson from Executive Chef Gavin Russell on how to shuck an oyster. Here she is shucking her first one.



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RENEE LANDUYT

DELIGHT:

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They can just pick up something that can be a little showstopper, not too big, not too small. That seems to be the stuff you don't normally see around here."

As business grows, Bowman hopes in the future to expand his shop into a small cafe, which would serve as a spot the community can enjoy throughout the day.

"Eventually I would like to be a small breakfast place where it changes towards the afternoon to more lunchtime things," he said.



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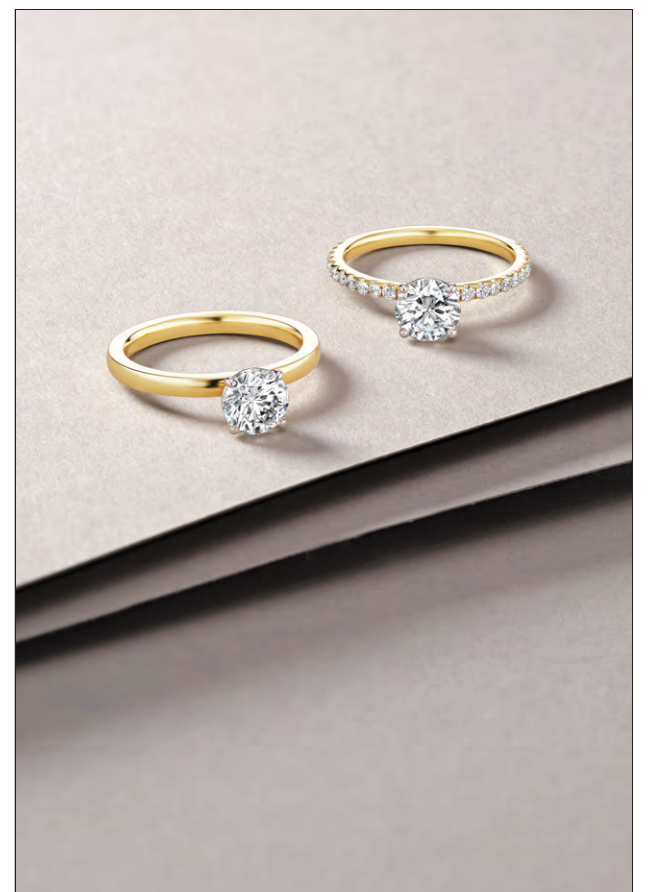
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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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Gardening a labor of love for Woods women

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

While TV may have had "The Golden Girls," Grosse Pointe Woods has the garden girls.

Residents Fran O'Brien and Jan Hrabovsky have been caring for the garden behind the community center the past two years.

"A lady who worked in city hall had been doing it but it was too much to keep up," O'Brien said. "They asked if we were interested in taking it over and we did."

Both women are Detroit natives who share a love of gardening. Hrabovsky has lived in the Woods 36 years, while O'Brien has been there a decade.

"We come here to the community center three times a week for exercise class and became friends," Hrabovsky said. "We both have an interest in gardening."

The L-shaped garden surrounds a patio behind the community center that wraps around city hall by the court entrance. The brick pavers, as well as two umbrella tables and a bench, sit behind tall hedges that seclude it



Fran O'Brien, right, and Jan Hrabovsky stand next to a planter box at the garden behind the Grosse Pointe Woods community center they maintain.

from the parking lot and Ghesquiere Park.

An engraved stone among the flowers reads, "An hour in the garden puts life's problems in perspective." The duo also has added other decorations such as metal

tulips, a ladybug and bumblebee.

"It's like a secret garden that not many people know about," O'Brien said. "It's something nice for the people in city hall to look out and see and some people from the

local businesses come here to eat lunch."

They get other visitors, as well.

"We'll get bunnies and squirrels coming around," O'Brien said. "A hawk and her babies nested in the cell

tower above city hall, so that was fun to watch."

The garden itself includes a Chinese maple, butterfly weed, daylilies, hostas, lavender, daisies and black-eyed Susans.

"Most of the stuff was already here. We just maintain it and give it some love," O'Brien said.

Hrabovsky said they sometimes find banners Monday mornings, since the community center is available to rent.

"They'll have things like showers in there on weekends and it's nice to know they were able to open the doors and enjoy the outdoor space as well," she said. "And it's something nice to look at during exercise class."

A cement porch running across the back of the community center has three sets of stairs leading down to the garden.

"We noticed the steps didn't have railings, so we called the guys at DPW and they were installed within a week," O'Brien said. "Those guys are so helpful and professional. Anything we need, they get it for us."

While most of the plants and flowers

already were in the garden when the pair took over maintenance duties, they can add more as needed in the spring with leftovers from the Beautification Advisory Commission's flower sale.

They usually work in the garden once a week.

"It depends on what we find," Hrabovsky said. "Sometimes it's 30 minutes, maybe an hour. Spring and fall cleanup takes longer. Fran grabs her leaf blower and some rakes out of the trunk of her car and off we go."

They also decorate for the holidays.

"We do Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween," Hrabovsky said. "But not in the summer. That's when the flowers are the focus."

The gardening doesn't stop when they leave city hall. They both have gardens at home, while O'Brien volunteers to tend a plot at the Detroit Zoo and Hrabovsky takes care of her daughter's garden at her home in the Park.

"She's too busy," Hrabovsky noted.

Aside from the appreciation of visitors, the pair isn't compensated for their work.

"Well, they do give us free leaf bags," O'Brien laughed. "We just grab a pack and go."

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through the Pointes, hitting the Farms and City hardest, but also causing power outages in the Park due to fallen trees and limbs.

"I asked for a meeting

with DTE," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "There was, especially, frustration due to seeing parts of other communities getting power back. But areas in the Park that had been hit harder had not been returned to service."

Also representing the Park was Mayor Michele Hodges, who suggested a utility representative attend a city council meeting or host a town hall meeting about planned service improvements.

"Residents are frustrated and not just

because of this one storm," Caulfield said.

Certain areas of the city seem more prone to outages than others. Examples are Cadieux and Harvard roads from below Jefferson to Mack Avenue.

"There's clearly some vulnerabilities within the community," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "So, how are they going to address it?"

"There've been regular outages that have gone unanswered," Caulfield said. "Residents are obviously calling DTE, but they're also reaching out to us. When residents call us, it means to me that DTE isn't responding."

"DTE did seem to understand," Sizeland

said. "They have an obligation, especially with what happened in the Grosse Pointes, to do a little more communication."

Municipal officials are middlemen, at best, regarding DTE service. Members of the administration and council can do little beyond advocate for their residents, who are the utility's customers.

"We want to see from DTE a more concerted plan," Wiener said. "One of the most common complaints we get from residents is that DTE comes in and does work, but residents don't know when they're coming or when they're done."

"We asked for more communication from them on some of the issues they're having or

where they're planning upgrades," Caulfield said. "They need to help us communicate to our residents what's going on."

Park public works employees and contractors worked past 10 p.m. the night of the first storm.

"The guys were clearing streets, pushing debris to the side for police and fire protection, and getting it out the next day," said Tom Jenny, public works supervisor.

Ground-up limbs are dumped in the overflow parking lot of Windmill Pointe Park until picked up by a company that burns them to produce electricity.

"We probably have 500 yards of wood chips at the park right now," Jenny said.

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storm water. After about five minutes of downtime, a secondary line

and the city's emergency backup generator took up the slack.

"It all worked as it should," said Mike Kraus, in charge of pump station electrical systems.

"The redundancy system we have is buried lines, a primary and secondary electrical feed," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "We also have a generator for the Jefferson pumping station."

The Park's two pump stations independently handle the city's sewer network, most of which was separated into sanitary and storm systems more than two decades ago.

"We have a standby generator that automatically kicks in during any sort of fluctuation of power," Kraus said. "Our backup generator kicked in as planned and the other primary (line) took over at the Three Mile pumping station."

Despite tree damage caused by the storm's high winds and a repeat two days later, the accompanying down-

pour was managed without drama.

"We only ran one of the smaller storm pumps," Kraus said. "We were prepared for a larger event."

Wiener wants to capitalize on the storm to review and possibly revise infrastructure priorities, ranked from immediate needs to peripheral matters.

A few seemingly alarming reports by residents of air and water gurgling up from manholes during the storm are evidence the network operated as designed, according to Wiener, an engineer.

"Gurgling from manholes is not a problem," he said. "It's a function of air in the pipes. Water goes in and displaces that air. A lot of times, especially when you have catch basins covered and there is a void of water, when that basin is cleared and water flows through, there's more pressure than the air can displace, so the air is rerouted and comes out of manholes. That means the system's working."

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Grosse Pointe Woods

Not at home

A 38-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested around 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, after a resident in the 700 block of South Oxford called 911 about an occupied vehicle sitting in his driveway.

When officers arrived, they asked the man where he was and he replied his house. When he was informed he was not at his house, he said he was at a friend's house. Officers asked where that was and the man said 14 Mile and Gratiot.

The report said the man was "sweating profusely" and was very nervous. Although an empty vodka bottle was found in his vehicle, the suspect registered 0.0 percent blood alcohol content on a Breathalyzer test.

He was arrested for driving on a revoked license and operating under the influence of drugs. Officers found several compressed air canisters in the vehicle, which can be used as an inhalant in a practice commonly known as "huffing."

Two for one

When officers responded to reports of a stolen Hyundai around 7 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, in the 2200 block of Allard, they found an unoccupied Kia Soul in the street with its engine running. The Kia's ignition had been punched and the driver's side window was broken.

The owner of the Hyundai reported the vehicle was locked and both sets of keys were accounted for. He last saw the vehicle in his driveway around 9 p.m. the previous night. It was later recovered in Dearborn and appeared to have been in an accident.

Sinkhole

A resident in the 600 block of Sunningdale filed a complaint around

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3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, for an issue police believe is related to a Macomb County court case of a contractor accused of taking tens of thousands of dollars from homeowners to build in-ground pools but not completing the work.

The resident said she paid the man \$70,000 last month for the pool. The company dug the hole in the woman's backyard, but she was met with excuses as to why employees did not return.

The Macomb County man was arrested by Shelby Township police and arraigned in district court on fraud charges stemming from a similar issue there last year. Police believe there could be several other victims of the same scam.

Not cool

A resident in the 1800 block of Manchester reported around 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, that his air-conditioning unit was missing from the side of his house.

Officers found wires leading to a fuse box were cut and two fuses were missing. The man said he heard noises around 5 a.m. and saw a vehicle driving away, but assumed it was the paper delivery driver.

—Ted O'Neil

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Jeep theft

A 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 16000 block of St. Paul overnight into Thursday, Aug. 3.

Lock needed

A wallet was stolen from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room at The Neighborhood Club Thursday, Aug. 3.

Fraud phone

A Verizon account was created, and two phone lines activated, in a Grosse Pointe resident's name Saturday, Aug. 5. The area codes of the

opened phone lines were from the westside of Michigan.

Stalking

After showing up at an ex's home in the 400 block of Rivard at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, after a two-year hiatus, a 25-year-old Grand Rapids man told officers he came to speak with his ex's parents.

Charges for stalking will be sought.

Window damage

An unknown suspect attempted to break the glass in the rear of Village Nutrition, 16837 Kercheval, overnight into Sunday, Aug. 6.

It is unclear if a BB gun or window punch was used and the investigation is ongoing.

Hyundai theft

A 2012 Hyundai was stolen from the 600 block of University overnight into Sunday, Aug. 6.

No broken glass was seen at the scene.

The vehicle was reported to have Minion decals on the rear window.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hands off

While working at an area school Monday, July 24, two employees of a local alarm company got into a physical altercation regarding responsibility over work ladders, prompting one

to later report the other for assault.

Another employee who witnessed the incident said the complainant — a 64-year-old Lincoln Park man — spat on the suspect — a 23-year-old Eastpointe man — before they both began swinging their fists.

Road rage

A 40-year-old Detroit man called 911 for help at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, after a road rage incident on Jefferson led him to fear the other vehicle was attempting to ram into his.

Upon being pulled over, the driver of the second vehicle — a 45-year-old Memphis woman — refused to comply with officers and was arrested for obstructing a police officer and not having a driver's license on her.

Clueless

After several callers reported a vehicle with flat tires and deployed airbags weaving in and out of lanes on Lakeshore at Provencal at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, a 57-year-old New York man asked officers, "What is going on?" upon being pulled over.

Failing field sobriety tests and with a blood alcohol content of 0.178 percent, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Growing up fast

A Nerf gun and bottle of Tequila were among items inventoried from a 19-year-old Harper Woods woman's vehicle, after she was pulled over on Mack for driving 47

mph in a 35 mph zone at 11:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

The woman was cited for never having acquired a driver's license and not having proof of insurance, as well as verbally warned on being a minor in possession and having open intoxicants in the vehicle.

Clubbing

While first claiming he was on his way home from a business meeting at 1:51 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, a 39-year-old Lincoln Park man pulled over for speeding and weaving on Moross, later told officers he actually was at a club in Eastpointe.

Slurring his words as he admitted to drinking, the man was arrested for a third offense of operating while intoxicated.

Uber beware

Upon picking up a passenger at Fischer and Kercheval in Detroit and intending to transport him to a destination on The Hill, an Uber driver noticed the man was committing a sexual act in the backseat at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

Immediately kicking the man out of the car, the driver then drove to the police station to make a report. The suspect is described as an approximately 20- to 30-year-old black man with a medium build and goatee. He was wearing a black doo rag, blue Polo shirt, black pants and carrying a multi-colored duffel bag.

—Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety,

(313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Fraudster

During a traffic stop shortly before 11 a.m. Monday, July 31, on Mack Avenue at Three Mile Drive for speeding, Park police arrested a 35-year-old female motorist from Pontiac on an outstanding felony charge of fraud in St. Clair Shores.

Officers released her to SCS authorities.

Theft from car

Someone took a wallet containing \$70 out of an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Bedford during the 24-hour period starting 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Intercepts packages

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, an unknown man was seen stealing packages from the open rear door of a truck while the driver delivered packages in the 15000 block of Kercheval.

"(The) suspect fled westbound toward Alter Road (in Detroit)," according to Park police.

The driver described the thief as an approximately 20-year-old black man, nearly 6 feet tall, weighing 150 pounds, wearing an orange and gray baseball cap and blue, pink and red shorts.

—Brad Lindberg

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OUR VIEW

Top 5 signs it's August in GP

We know there's still most of the month of August left to enjoy warmer weather and some sunshine — at least technically. But where did summer go? Even a recent meme lamented the speed with which summer is ending, joking “June and July lasted five seconds.” We all blinked and the calendar raced right out of the first two months of summer.

In Grosse Pointe, we can tell by looking around that we are making valiant efforts to pack in summer while we can. Let's look at the Top 5 signs it's August in GP:

◆ **Boats in the water:** It's almost guaranteed that when you drive along Lakeshore at any time of day, you are bound to see an endless array of boats dotting the shoreline. It's a beautiful sight to see sparkling blue Lake St. Clair filled with speed boats, sailboats, tritoons or an occasional freighter or two. It's also a visual reminder to get out there yourself and luxuriate in our beautiful lakeside community. If we're being honest, when we see the lake buzzing with activity at noon on a random Tuesday, we're tempted to ponder if anyone in town indeed works in an office anymore. But we're going to assume the best and say that these fun water toys are a great reward for lots of hard working Pointers.

◆ **Assumption Cultural Center's GreekFest:** For those of us lucky enough to be Greek or who have Greek friends, you know August means GreekFest. You also know how much goes into this annual four-day, fun-filled event at Assumption, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Kicking off at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, and running through Sunday, Aug. 20, this year's festival includes 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. Opa!

◆ **Kids packing for college:** As you tackle errands this month at a local Ace Hardware, Target or Walmart, you'll likely turn down an aisle to see a parent equipping their college student with dorm essentials. It usually goes down like this: A parent intently studies a list (sorry kids, some of us still write things down on paper), while a slightly irritated/impatient-looking young adult stares at their phone. Said parent offers two choices to their child, out loud for other guests to hear: “Do you think you need five-gallon trash bags or 10 gallon?” The child generally retorts with, “I don't really care,” followed by a sigh and an executive decision announced by the parent to go with the 10-gallon bags. Better safe than sorry.

◆ **Charity golf tournaments:** If you haven't been asked to sponsor a hole, donate to a silent auction or play in a charity golf outing this month, is it even August in Grosse Pointe? Overall, we say it's a win-win. A charity benefits from your generosity and you might get to enjoy a fun morning or afternoon on the links because it's for a good cause.

◆ **Last-minute check-ups:** Many parents will admit, they thought they had a lot more time left this summer to schedule their child's annual check-up. But August hit and everyone took one look at their family's schedule and realized they have exactly one free afternoon on the Wednesday after next to fit in a sports physical (on that note, can we please automate the gold card system?),



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Paint the Window winners

On Friday, July 28, heavy rain nearly washed away the efforts of budding artists the day after their masterpieces were complete in the annual Paint the Window contest, which took place 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

Lucky for us, event organizers at Main Street Grosse Pointe photographed the evidence so we could all enjoy the results. This year's theme was “Color My World.”

Winners include:

- Pre-K/K:** 1st Liam Spayth; 2nd Meredith Chovan; 3rd Teddy Ehrlich
1st Grade: 1st Edward Wujek; 2nd Paige Niscoromni; 3rd Charlotte Eastman
2nd Grade: 1st Kaitlyn Ciaravino; 2nd Elizabeth Hidelang; 3rd Josephine Insiengmay
3rd Grade: 1st Claire Doherty; 2nd Makenna Markley; 3rd Molly Van Natter
4th Grade: 1st Maddie Johnson; 2nd Wesley Marchal; 3rd Penelope Weakland
5th Grade: 1st Savannah Grillo; 2nd Betsy Van Natter; 3rd Theodore Murray
6th Grade through 12th Grade: 1st Claire Juip; 2nd Scarlett Ford; 3rd Ayrshire Baer

dental cleaning, ortho visit, eye appointment and/or haircut. Again, time evaporates during summer faster than open picnic tables at the park.

We highly recommend savoring these last few weeks of the Pointes' most active, beautiful and (allegedly) relaxing times of the season. For those of you counting the days until Starbucks has the PSL back on the menu (that's pumpkin spice lattes for you rookies), distract yourselves for a bit by shopping for some Halloween decorations at your local big box stores — yes, Halloween decor is already out on shelves. Or wait an extra week and you might score something new for the front lawn for Christmas. We wish we were kidding.

Grosse Pointe News Is the Hangzhou Zoo sun bear real or a costume?

POINTER POLL

66% Someone wearing a costume

34% Bonafide bear

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Have every right

To the Editor:

Over the weekend six of 11 young women representing the United States at the Women's World Soccer tournament in Australia refused to join in the singing of our national anthem or to hold their right hand over their hearts. They have every right to display their emotions in this manner.

The rest of us as loyal Americans also have

the right to cheer for Sweden, to refrain from financial backing of the women's soccer program, to discontinue supporting their exhibition games by attendance or taking our daughters and granddaughters, to take a “Bud Light approach” to their advertising supporters and to change TV stations during their games.

PHILIP C. HESSBURG MD
Grosse Pointe

Job well done

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to Grosse Pointe City Public Services Director Pete Randazzo and to all City staff who worked diligently to combat devastating damage from the July 26 storm and to protect both residents and properties. That was the most significant forestry damage for our City in my 50-plus years of observation. The ongoing City cleanup work has been very good and is most appreciated.

Early in my City management days, I authorized a second DTE major power feed with an automatic transfer switch to protect City pump station operations. This second feed was powered from a different DTE substation (located on Moross near St. John Hospital). The July 26 storm was the only time that both main power feeds have been simultaneously lost.

Fortunately, the City more recently added an auxiliary backup generator to power two of the four storm pumps and also fortunately, the intense rainstorm following the pump station power outage was of relatively short duration.

Best wishes for a return to “normal pump station operations” and for some restful time yet this summer for staff and residents alike.

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Retired City Manager
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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Train time on the Mad River & Nickel Plate

founding Fuehring family.

Most cars are full of but not cramped with artifacts. Orderly and opportunistic displays.

Ship-shape exhibits with informative labels range from the unique — such as Silver Dome, the first Vista Dome passenger car of the Burlington Route undergoing renovation — to things that initially seem quirky but, given a thought, are interesting, such as railroad uniform buttons, conductor keys and tools used by mechanics and section gangs.

It's fun watching trains from the engineer's seat of a Wabash F7A, one of at least three diesel locomotives, four cabooses, five passenger cars and numerous box and refrigerator cars open for self-guided tours at the Mad River & Nickel Plate Railroad Museum in Bellevue, Ohio.

The museum is located beside the former Nickel Plate mainline linking Chicago and Buffalo. It is rare to visit and not come across a member of the

Here I learned of railroad dining car china and timetables. Despite ornate designs from the golden age of rail travel, my favor-



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Above, Nickel Plate No. 757 hauled freights between Fort Wayne, Ind., and Bellevue, Ohio, until 1958. Right, a caboose would make a nice cabin.



bunks stacked three high with a little enclave at one end for a porter.

The most noted acquisition of late is a former Nickel Plate Berkshire steam locomotive No. 757. It isn't operational, but looks almost new.

Museum employees are proud to be caretakers of

the bell from a locomotive that powered Abraham Lincoln's funeral train.

Other favorites: you don't realize how roomy a caboose is until inside one; Pullman sleepers with fold-down beds and a railway post office car with crafted woodwork. And Norfolk Southern trains going by.

Hours are noon to 4 p.m. daily Memorial Day through Labor Day; weekends only in May, September, and October.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 5 through 12 and free otherwise. The 18th annual classic car show is Sept. 2.

See madrivermuseum.org.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

GANG TELLS TALE OF DESTRUCTION: As police of the City and Farms attempted this week to evaluate the incredible amount of damage done by a gang of window-smashing hoodlums (mostly Pointers), new names were added to the list of those who have confessed or been implicated. Preliminary reports on the shocking activities of the gang have been turned over to Juvenile Court authorities who have set a first hearing. At that

time the complainants, the boys and their parents will get together in the juvenile division of probate court to determine who owes how much to whom for the amazing amount of damage done.

POLICE RADIO ARGUMENTS UNSETTLED: A meeting of municipal and police leaders from the five Grosse Pointes left the police radio problem unsolved. The question is whether the individual Pointe police stations will handle their own radios after the switch to FM by 1950, or whether the township will continue its central radio control of all the Pointes except the City.

1973

50 years ago this week

GP GROCERS CITE CUT IN BEEF SUPPLY: Most Pointe area grocers are feeling the sting of the beef shortage which has swept across the country, and now are preparing for harder times in the coming weeks. The ceiling of beef prices, which is scheduled to be lifted Sept. 12, has kept much of the beef supply off the market. The meat packing industry, however, has put pressure on the Nixon administration to have the ceiling lifted sooner.

'OPEN BOTTLE' MEANS TROUBLE: The so-called "Open Bottle Bill" is fair warning to motorists who drink as

they drive. In fact, it also is a warning to any passengers who drink intoxicating beverages in a vehicle on the public highway. The law took immediate effect July 11, when Public Act 49 was signed into law by Gov. William C. Milliken.

1998

25 years ago this week

VERNIER TO BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS — JUST IN TIME FOR SCHOOL: Vernier, one of the busiest streets in all the Pointes, providing access to both I-94 and North High, will be closed in the next few weeks for repairs — just in time for the start of school. The Woods council approved spend-

ing \$173,000 to repave the street from Mack to the Grosse Pointe Shores border. During part of the construction period, traffic will be reduced to one-way to and from Grosse Pointe Shores, depending on which phase of construction is taking place.

ANOTHER BIG WINNER?: For the second time in a decade, Jerry Stocking has helped make someone a millionaire. Stocking, owner of Jerry's Club Party Store on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, recently sold an anonymous man a \$5 Smart Play lottery ticket that paid \$13 million. About 10 years ago, he sold a ticket that paid \$1.4 million. Both times, the anonymous winners were affiliated — that's all he'll say — with Grosse Pointe Farms.

2013

10 years ago this week

METER CHANGES MULLED: Are penny parking meters going the way of 8-track tape decks for drivers in Grosse Pointe Woods? They very well could be, as the city administrators explore the possibility of replacing 900 municipal parking meters with new digital models, a move that could bring several thousand dollars in additional revenue. City council member Michael Koester first raised the possibility of updating the city's parking meters several months ago, including the possibility of allowing drivers to pay for spots with credit cards.

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Kercheval paving plays catch-up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Kercheval repaving got off to a slow start, but with pending completion of subgrade repairs should be getting back up to speed.

Meanwhile, the closure of Charlevoix at Audubon earlier this week for sewer work under the St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School and Church parking lot should conclude within a few days.

Kercheval

On Kercheval, closed between Balfour and Bedford for resurfacing, crews removing the old and cracked

top layer of roadway discovered the foundation in worse shape than core samples predicted.

“It happens when you start peeling the onion,” said Tom Jenny, Park public works supervisor. “You do core samples, but it’s like playing Battleship. You don’t know what you’re going to hit when you’re there.”

Curb work is finished. They’re starting the first layer of pavement Aug. 9,” Jenny said. “From there, they’re going to set grades for handicap (sidewalk) ramps and bus stops.”

Most of the nearly \$675,247 construction cost is funded by a \$415,000 federal grant administered through the state transportation department.

The balance is paid from the city’s major and local street fund. Engineering fees add another \$99,500.

The contractor faces financial penalties if not finished in time to reopen Kercheval before classes resume Tuesday, Sept. 5, at nearby Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools.

“The intention is they should be done well in time for school,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. “There were protections put in the contract.”

St. Clare

At St. Clare, the Park is paying \$179,000 to install a new water main under the parking lot while St. Clare pays to disconnect the lot’s storm

drains from the municipal sewer system.

Doing so reduces runoff into the storm water system, reducing the odds of flooding during heavy rains.

Jenny said work is going well. “The water main is in,” he said. “It’s been pressure tested. We’re doing the two bacterial tests (this week).”

He anticipates linking the water main to the city’s system sometime next week.

“Monday, (Aug. 7) they will be closing Charlevoix at Audubon to do the sewer connection,” Jenny said. “I don’t know if they’ll get done with construction before their start of school. They start a little earlier (Thursday, Aug. 31) than the Park.”

LOCKS:

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with this anti-theft device attached, they can’t move the steering wheel,” Director John Alcorn said. “It locks it into place.

“It’s very visible,” he added, “so a would-be car thief that would come up to the car most likely would see it in place and either stop or go to a different vehicle.”

Installation and removal by the vehicle owner is no large feat.

“It’ll take a few seconds,” Alcorn said, “but after you’ve used it two or three times, it’s very simple.”

To pick up a free steering wheel lock, residents need only bring their vehicle registration to the City’s public safety building at 17320 Mack between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. any day of the week.

Vehicles considered most at-risk are those with a steel key needed to start the ignition.

“We have taken additional steps and invested in some other technology to help combat the auto

theft and larceny from autos,” Alcorn noted, straying from details, so they don’t reach the ears of would-be thieves.

To date, Kia America has distributed more than 180,000 locks, reported James Bell, head of corporate communications for the company.

“Kia continues to take action to help our customers by making it more difficult for criminals to use methods of theft recently popularized on social media to steal certain vehicle models,” he said via email. “In addition to announcing an agreement earlier this year that will allow customers who have been impacted by vehicle thefts to receive additional benefits, Kia has already notified all eligible owners and lessees of these vehicle models — over three million total — that they are able to receive the free security software upgrade we have developed.

“The upgrade is designed to restrict the operation of the vehicle’s ignition system should a potential criminal



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This anti-theft device is available for free to Kia and Hyundai owners in the City at the public safety department, 17320 Mack.

attempt to steal a locked vehicle without the key,” he continued, “and dealers who have installed the upgrade report successful installation takes under an hour to com-

plete.” Eligible owners should visit ksupport.kiausa.com/ConsumerAffairs/SWLD to learn more.

Ordinance beefs up shoplifting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Just because shoplifting is a form of self-help doesn’t make it right.

Shoplifters in the Park will have a tougher time of it due to pending enactment of an ordinance specific to the crime.

New rules exceed current prohibitions of larceny by specifically stipulating retail fraud.

Shoplifting is defined as stealing up to \$200 worth of property, misrepresenting prices by monkeying with price tags and fraudulently exchanging property to obtain a refund.

Upon anticipated city council approval of an amendment to the criminal code at its Aug. 14 meeting, such acts constitute misdemeanors punishable by up to 93 days in jail, a \$500 fine or both.

Preliminary approval came from members of the Ordinance Review Committee July 11, in response to a request by public safety officers to differentiate larceny and shoplifting.

“Retail fraud is a more specific ordinance than larceny,” Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. “Retail fraud is for something specific that’s offered for sale. If somebody goes into (a store) and steals a flashlight, that’s retail fraud. That’s not larceny.”

“Larceny doesn’t make sense in the context of retail fraud,” Park Prosecutor Jake Mertes said. “You don’t know if someone’s shoplifting or going up to someone and taking something off their person.”

Courts also have grounds to treat serial shoplifters harsher than

larceny defendants.

“Retail fraud has an enhanced penalty for prior convictions, like domestic violence,” Pittman said. “If you have a prior domestic violence (conviction), your second one is a one-year misdemeanor. Your third one is a felony.”

Currently, repeat offenders get off easy.

“When we’re arresting people for retail fraud, we’re currently charging them with larceny,” Pittman said. “When they get another one down the road, their criminal history doesn’t show they have a prior retail fraud. That’s why retail fraud was important.”

Park resident Jim Robson looks at the issue from numerous perspectives.

He’s a retired law enforcement officer, former Park councilman and current board member of the Tax Increment Finance Authority because he lives near a commercial district.

“It would be good if we beefed up our shoplifting ordinance,” Robson said. “If word goes out among the criminal element that we have a stiffer system here in the Park, that’s good. In addition, it instills confidence among businesses and citizens.”

Criminals compare notes. Jailhouse officers often hear them kibitz about easy places to commit crimes and jurisdictions to avoid.

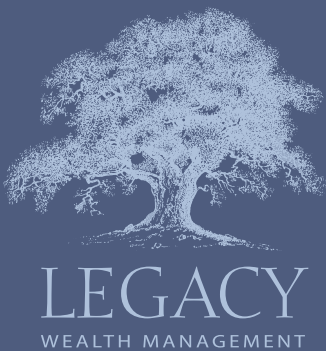
“They have all the time in the world to talk about anything they want,” Robson said. “Individually or in groups, if there’s contemplation there are stiff consequences if you commit a crime in Grosse Pointe Park, they may want to go somewhere else.”

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Building plans — separately, the site permit, townhome permit and adaptive reuse permit — also currently are under review by the City of Grosse Pointe.

Anticipating receiving permission by the end of the month, Giles said, he hopes to start construction in earnest around Labor Day.

“We’re jumping in all at once,” he added of the plan to construct the apartment building interior and townhomes at the same time.

The plan also includes containing construction equipment to the prop-

erty.

“The beauty of the site is that we’ve got that big parking lot,” Giles said, adding, “... We are going to take great care to minimize any disruption. We’ve already done that. For example, when we took down the garage there on site, we were in close communication with the adjacent neighbors and we’re going to use our best efforts to continue that open line of communication. We want to make this a good experience for everybody.”

The developer anticipates being ready to pre-lease the units next summer, with late summer or early fall occupancy.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison this spring: **Adam Ebenhoeh** of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Claire Koeppen** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Hunter Adelson, Jordan Radke, Camryn Simon** and **Ava Wisniewski** of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Claire Winger of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Winger is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.



Claire Koeppen

GPPSS approves new food service contract

THE GROSSE POINTES — A food service company that was passed over last year despite being the low bidder was approved as the new provider for the upcoming school year by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

Milwaukee-based Taher Food Service was awarded the contract on a unanimous vote at the board's meeting Tuesday, July 25, for a one-year contract with the option of four one-year extensions after Chartwells chose not to renew its contract.

Cost for the first year will be \$1,304,490. Taher's bid a year ago of \$1,070,723 was passed over despite being \$233,763 less than Chartwells.

A committee that interviewed and scored both companies last year showed Chartwells with 82.87 points out of a possible 100, while Taher scored 81. The rubric the committee used was weighted with 51 percent of the final score based on cost and 49 percent on non-cost criteria. Chartwells scored 12 points higher on non-cost criteria.

Board Vice President Lisa Papas, who along with current President Ahmed Ismail voted against the Chartwells contract last year, said she didn't think some areas were scored correctly.

"I was impressed with the presentation (Taher) gave last year," she said. "I know they aren't in many Michigan school districts, but they've been in Jackson for 20

years."

One of the areas in which Chartwells outscored Taher last year was experience with the local health department, since it already had been the food service provider for GPPSS for a number of years. It also scored better in K-12 experience.

Chartwells is well known for providing food service to school districts, while Taher also focuses on higher education, corporate dining and senior citizen centers.

Board members think Taher's unique food court approach will make students and parents happy, many of whom complained about the quality of Chartwells' offerings in the past.

Taher offers two scratch-made entrees daily, a made-to-order deli bar, a fruit and vegetable bar and a pizza and panini station.

Superintendent Jon Dean said it will take time to adjust.

"These are going to be new people in a new space and we've been through this with new vendors before," he said. "We'll have to show some grace starting out."

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business services, said 17 vendors were notified the district would release a request for proposal in May, and five of them asked to receive the RFP. Taher was the only one to submit a bid.

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Sheppard was hired in January and officially started July 1. He replaced Bart Bronk, who left ULS after a decade to become head of school at The Hun School in Princeton, N.J. Sheppard added that he's been aware of Liggett for some time. "The private school community is pretty tight knit," he said. "I've known people who have worked here and alumni, as well."

Sheppard was finishing up a two-year interim assignment as head of school at Chadwick School in Palos Verdes, Calif., when a search consultant contacted him about Liggett.

"I was looking for a healthy, well-defined education program that fit with my philosophy and found that here," he said. "It's important when there is synergy between a candidate and the school."

Aside from rigorous academics and successful extracurricular programs, Sheppard said he

appreciates the tenets ULS begins teaching in Pre-K.

"Things like empathy, teamwork, collaboration," he noted. "Those are skills you can apply to anything in life. A place like this that's as committed as it is to its mission, who wouldn't want to be a part of that?"

He also pointed out the research-based approach the upper school takes.

"It's a lot different from when I was in school and you'd read a book and take a test," he said.

After earning a history degree from Washington and Lee University in 1991, Sheppard began his career as teacher and coach at Perkiomen School in Pennsylvania. That was followed by several years working in admissions and enrollment at a variety of schools in New York, New Jersey and California. His first head of school position was at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland,

Miss.

His first month at Liggett has been filled with meetings.

"The first year in a role like this is all about learning," he said. "I've been meeting with trustees, alumni, staff. Anyone who has a story, I want to hear it."

Sheppard's wife, Jennifer, who also has a background in education, works for Clarity, a company that specializes in financial aid for fami-

lies whose students attend private K-12 schools.

"It's a company that has really disrupted the education universe," he said. "And it's a totally remote role, so that made the move here much easier."

The couple has two children. Son Zach, who will be a junior at Davidson College, and daughter Olivia, who will be a freshman at Colgate University.

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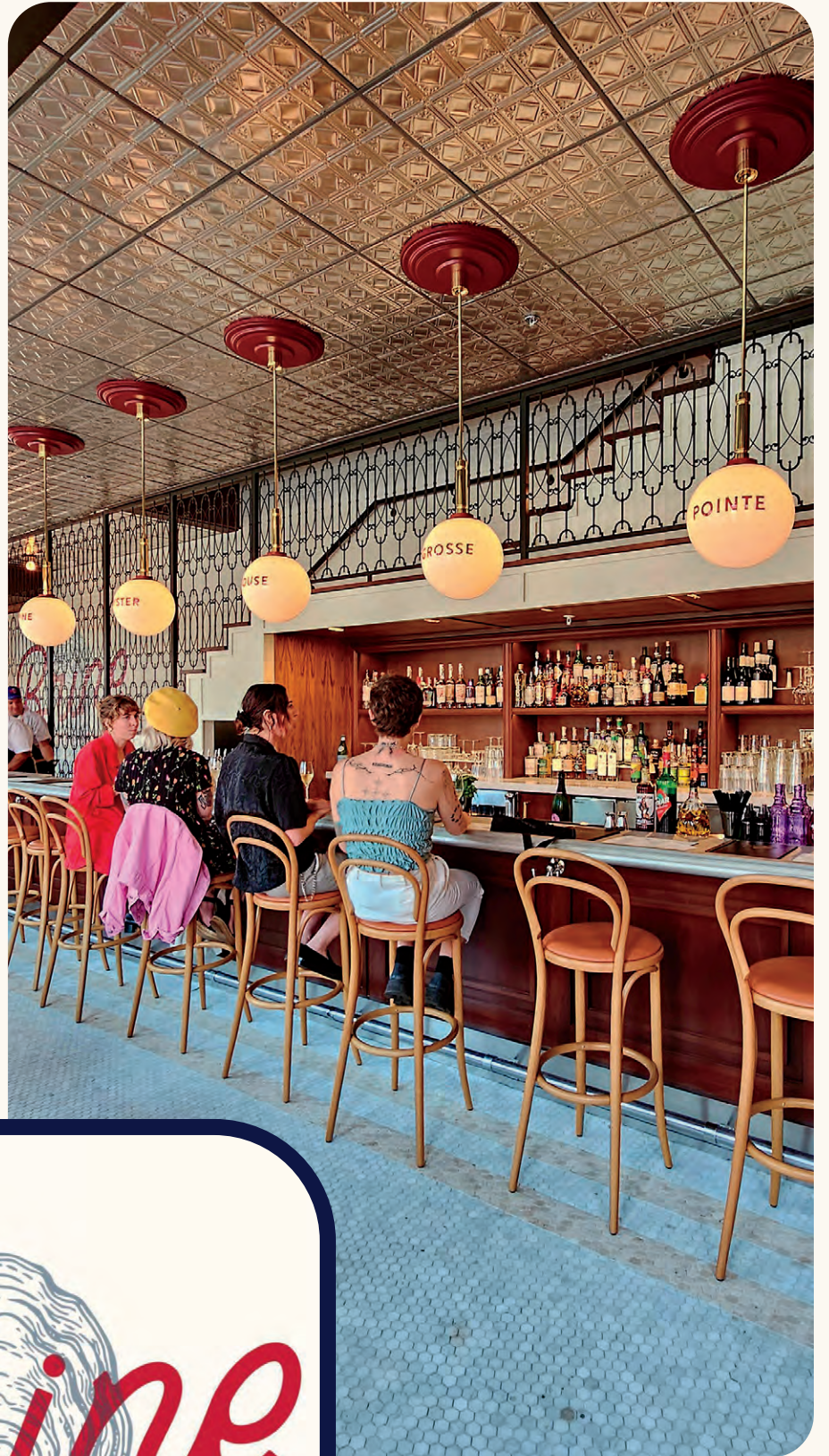
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New life for old gravestones

Vernier descendant replaces gravestones, donates former markers

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When Jim Verney was 5 years old, he and his family used to play a game while vacationing in New England. They'd visit old cemeteries, split up and try to find the oldest gravestone.

"There was always ice cream after," Verney said, "but whoever found the oldest gravestone got two scoops instead of one scoop."

Though many decades have passed in the interim, Verney plainly admits a seed was planted. And were his family still playing the game, Verney would be a two-scoop winner twice over following visits to St. Paul Cemetery in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Only recently did the Grosse Pointe native learn his true family name: Vernier. The discovery has led the South Carolinian on a new quest, also involving a cemetery's oldest gravestones.

Origins

Among ribbon farmers in the earliest days of Grosse Pointe are a bevy of names familiar to today's residents: Rivard, Renaud, Cadieux, Trombley, Poupard, Vernier.

Jean "John" Baptiste Vernier and Catharine Vernier played a pivotal role in the history of the Vernier family, not only establishing a life for themselves in Grosse Pointe, but also laying a foundation for the family to become important community members for centuries to come.

"I was born in Grosse Pointe Farms on Sept. 18, 1952," Verney said. "My great-grandfather was also born here in 1859. I grew up all my life, until I was 67 — I'm 70 now — thinking my last name



Jim Verney, whose idea it was to replace and relocate the original gravestones of his ancestors, stands by as Joseph Smith works on the gravesite.

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was Verney. My parents never dissuaded me from that false belief. ... I did not know I was a Vernier."

A few years ago, Verney, who spent his childhood in Livonia and left Michigan for the University of Kentucky in 1971, contemplated earning a master's degree and doctorate in history as he approached retirement, "but then the genealogy bug got me," he said.

He joined the Bay County Genealogical Society in Bay City, where his grandfather grew up. He started to learn bits and pieces about his grandfather and great-grandfather.

"My great-grandfather was Charles Francis Vernier Sr., and my grandfather was Charles Francis Vernier Jr., but in 1889 or 1890, my great-

grandfather changed his name in Bay City," he said, speculating that the name change occurred for business reasons.

Despite being a well-respected name in Grosse Pointe, around 1890, "There was bias against the French outside of Grosse Pointe," Verney said, attributing his findings to "The First Guide to the State of Michigan." Verney, however, is an English name and "more acceptable," he added.

Through the Bay County Genealogical Society and the Rev. Christian Dennison's "Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region," Verney learned of several Verniers who were born in Grosse Pointe.

Hoping to learn even

more, Verney connected with Katie Doelle, a local historian and Grosse Pointe Historical Society member. He asked if she'd be interested in researching the family.

"I jumped at the chance, of course," Doelle said. "I've been researching now over a year and a half. ... We met last year and walked the cemetery together and tried to piece it all together."

During Verney's visits to the Pointes — he tries to visit Michigan three or four times a year — he learned that 37 Verniers are buried in St. Paul Cemetery. Among them are John Baptiste Vernier, who died in 1834, and his wife, Catharine Vernier, who died in 1831.

At that time, there was no dedicated cemetery in Grosse Pointe, so it is assumed the couple was buried on their own farm. In the late 1840s, when the first St. Paul Catholic Church was built at 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, it is believed the Verniers were moved from the farm to church grounds, only to be relocated again in 1868, when the church purchased the land at Moross and Country Club Lane.

Since his discovery, Verney has joined the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and been in contact with its president, Leslie Wagner, Ph.D.

"As far as we know," he said, "these are two of the oldest surviving gravestones in Grosse Pointe."

Out with the old

While happy for the discovery, Verney found his ancestors' gravestones in poor condition, so decided to commission new ones.

"Once I did an independent walk, I called St. Paul on the Lake and talked to (Funeral and Columbarium Coordinator) Theresa Sommer," he said. "I introduced myself and said I'd like to know what I can do to take care of the relatives' gravestones, which are among the oldest in the cemetery. She said, 'I've got good news and bad news.'"

Verney learned that while Joseph Smith, St. Paul on the Lake sexton,

cares for the cemetery grounds, gravestones must be kept up by family.

"There are 37 Verniers here, the last one buried in 1953," Verney said. "Nobody's stepped forward to do anything with the gravestones of the family. I live in South Carolina. Four years ago, I didn't even know I was a Vernier, but I asked her, 'Can I do a replacement project for the gravestones?'"

She said yes.

"It's very exciting," Sommer said. "We're blessed to be part of it. It's amazing to see, even after death, there's still the love and support of their descendants. It's amazing that he lives so far away, but made such a deep connection to St. Paul Cemetery."

The original John Baptiste stone came out in one piece, but Catharine's was broken into two sections, Doelle noted.

While digging out the old stones, more discoveries were made. A broken bottle was pulled from the ground, later discovered to be Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, first marketed in the U.S. in 1845.

Additionally, a total of seven stones were pulled from the site.

"One for John Baptiste and two for Catharine, but they pulled out seven pieces from the hole. There were four other slabs in the ground."

Verney plans to clean them up and hopefully identify who they belong to.

As for his other ancestors, "There are 37 family members here who all have a story," he said. "I'd like to clean up some of the other stones. There's dirt, grime, grease, lichen on them. The granite ones (from 1901 and 1905) are holding up good, but I'm going to find a way after this to stay involved and help the cemetery."

John Baptiste and Catharine Vernier's old gravestones, he added, are being donated to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

"They are going to move over to the Provençal-Weir House and will be placed in the garden behind it," Verney said.

Wagner said she's looking forward to seeing the stones set in a garden designed by Candy Sweeney, landscape architect and avid supporter of the

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Above, the original headstone of John Baptiste Vernier, who died in 1834. Right, the original headstone of Catharine Vernier, who died in 1831.



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Provencal-Weir House.

“Candy Sweeney donated her design,” Wagner said. “Through her leadership she has given us a comprehensive plan for the Provencal-Weir House garden and Shirley Hartert has researched plantings from that time period.

“We are happy to have a small memorial garden,” she added. “We’re all excited about history. Jim Verney’s story is so cool. He’s included me on the whole journey.”

Wagner said she hopes to have the gravestones installed and the garden finalized in September.

In with the new

Verney commissioned stonecutter David Gillespie of Pumpkintown Primitives for the job of creating new gravestones for John Baptiste and Catharine Vernier.

He assisted in their creation by making rubbings of the original stones using Aqaba paper and wax. Once the rubbings were complete, he rolled them up and drove them to Pumpkintown, S.C., where his stonecutter works.

“My stonecutter, David Gillespie, did this by hand,” Verney said of the new slate gravestones, which were installed Monday, July 24, at St. Paul Cemetery. “He had never done letters this wide. It takes a special skillset. I got to take the mallet ... but he didn’t let me do much.”

Gillespie carves each stone with attention to detail the same way they’ve been carved for thousands of years: with a chisel and mallet.

Each Vernier gravestone weighs 400 pounds. Verney trucked them up from South Carolina in April, but the weather halted the project until last month.

Verney, a member of the Association for Gravestone Studies in Massachusetts, said he’s enjoyed the project and is happy knowing he’s contributing to



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The side-by-side gravestones are set in cement at St. Paul Cemetery.

something important.

“What’s cool is it’s a gift to the current citizens of Grosse Pointe, but more importantly to the future citizens of Grosse Pointe,” he said. “With the new gravestones in slate, they will last 300 to 400 years. Because these are two of the oldest, I want visitors to the cemetery and residents of Grosse Pointe to enjoy them for many years.

“... Cemeteries are not for the dead, they’re for the living too,” he added. “This is our history here, our culture here, our Catholic faith here. We’d like them to come and walk and learn.”



Joseph Smith, St. Paul Cemetery sexton, leads the installation of Catharine Vernier’s new slate headstone.

Though 37 of his ancestors are buried in St. Paul Cemetery, Verney and his wife don’t plan to become Nos. 38 and 39. They have a plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Salisbury, N.C.

Since he began this journey three years ago, Verney has asked himself if he’d known growing up he was a Vernier, would his life have changed?

“I don’t know,” he said. “At that time, the Verniers were old news. I certainly didn’t see any money from it. But I don’t think it would have changed me. Am I proud? I’m so excited I’m here and able to contribute to history and the family lore.”

More to come

Those interested in learning more about this project, as well as the history of St. Paul Cemetery, are invited to a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society History Center, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, during which Verney and Doelle will present their research. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Brancato assumes command of the 127th Wing at SANGB

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Matthew Brancato took command of the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base during a ceremony Saturday, Aug. 5, closing out Grosse Pointe Woods resident Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen’s four-year term in the position.

The ceremony, presided over by Michigan Air National Guard commander Maj. Gen. Bryan Teff, was attended by nearly 1,500 Airmen assigned to the 127th Wing and numerous SANGB, community and elected leaders.

“Under Brig. Gen. Mammen’s authentic leadership, Team Selfridge has been molded into a lethal, agile and resilient force,” Teff said. “Faced with a significant paradigm change, Brig. Gen. Mammen forged the path toward laying a new foundation, coupled with growing and developing wing capability.”

Mammen, who will transition to a new position at the Michigan National Guard’s Joint Forces Headquarters, recognized the Airmen for whom he served and imparted praise to Brancato as he relinquished command.

“This job has been the best job I’ve had in the U.S. Air Force and that’s because of you,” Mammen told the Airmen. “I feel like Brig. Gen. Brancato is the luckiest person in this room, because serving in this role has been the greatest honor.”

In addition to leading



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From left, Michigan Air National Guard commander Maj. Gen. Bryan Teff, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Matthew Brancato and Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen.

the 127th Wing, as SANGB commander Brancato will lead what Teff referred to as, “the last of the super bases, an installation critical to the national security of our country.” With more than 70 tenant, military and Department of Homeland Security commands, comprised of more than 5,000 personnel, SANGB is one of the oldest and most complex Air National Guard bases in the country.

Despite the weighty responsibility, Teff said Brancato is equipped to fill Mammen’s shoes.

“Brig. Gen. Brancato is the right leader at the right time to build and grow upon what Brig. Gen. Mammen has done here at Selfridge,” Teff said.

Brancato most recently served as senior executive officer to the 29th Chief of the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon. He has com-

manded at all levels of the U.S. Air Force, most recently as the commander of the 164th Airlift Wing, Memphis, Tenn.

“I look forward to working with the amazing team here at the 127th Wing and I want to continue to invest in you, your families and this base’s future,” Brancato said.

Brancato said the 127th Wing’s accolades have not gone unnoticed and that outside of Michigan, SANGB is viewed as an asset worthy of the enduring fighter and air-refueling mission, a “super base” critical to domestic security.

“Selfridge stands ready to receive future missions as well as ready to execute current tasks,” Brancato said. “With all of us together, the nation will continue to see Selfridge as a National Guard treasure.”



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Selfridge museum to get WWI Jenny bi-plane

The Selfridge Military Air Museum recently announced it will receive a World War I Jenny aircraft thanks to generosity of FreeStar Financial Credit Union. FreeStar purchased the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny and is gifting it to the Selfridge Military Air Museum. The aircraft is scheduled to arrive at the museum Friday, Aug. 11.

There are currently only seven Jenny aircraft left in the world.

This Jenny suffered a landing accident not long ago and needs to be restored. The museum’s restoration crew plans to bring the bi-plane back to life over the winter and hopes to formally unveil it next spring.

The aircraft will be restored as a static display, meaning it will never fly again, but will have a second life as part of the history of Selfridge.

The Jenny was used extensively at Selfridge during World War I. The first Jennys arrived at Selfridge in 1917, and were used to train many American pilots who fought in the sky over Europe.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN
19617 HARPER AVENUE
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed **Special Land Uses pursuant to Section 10-770, Section 10-643 and Section 10-653 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:**

- 20760 Harper Avenue - Proposed Marijuana Retail Business
To obtain a Special Land Use approval to establish a Marijuana Retail business in the C-2, Commercial Business zoning district, and
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- 20490 Harper Avenue - Proposed Marijuana Retail Business
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Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission c/o Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Renovare Robertson Harper Woods, LLC, to re-zone Parcel #42-010-07-0066-305, formerly known as Poupard Elementary School, from R1-B Single Family Residential District to a Planned Unit Development project (PUD). The requested PUD includes 71 for sale residential homes.

The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225.

The lot being requested to be re-zoned is approximately 6.5 acres located at 20655 Lennox Street. The site is located generally in the southwest quadrant of Harper Avenue and Van Antwerp street, west of I-94 and Harper Avenue and south of Vernier Road. An area map and legal description of the proposed parcels to be re-zoned are available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested parties who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk’s Office before August 23, 2023.

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Vintage store opening at Provencal-Weir House

Funds will benefit GP Historical Society

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following the success of a spring yard sale — a collaboration of Grosse Pointe area Questers and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society — a store selling a variety of vintage items is opening in the Provencal-Weir House.

Starting Saturday, Aug. 12, guests are invited to the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, to browse and buy items including vintage clothing, jewelry, statues, lamps, furniture, baby carriages, glassware, crystal and more.

"We have loads of vintage items — clothes and costumes — and the

Provencal-Weir House was stuffed to the gills during the pandemic and before," Grosse Pointe Historical Society President Leslie Wagner said, noting with the opening of the society's new history center across the street, the Provencal-Weir House has a bit more breathing room.

As such, its La Belle Country Store has been revived and other areas of the house will be used for the vintage shop.

"The Fox Creek Questers volunteered to run the vintage store," Wagner said, "which will have all kinds of fun things for sale. It will be open the second Saturday of each month, which is the same time as our History Saturday, when

parents and kids are invited to do fun activities and tours to the Provencal-Weir House. Now there's one more reason to come the second Saturday."

The house's annex room and garage will house the vintage

store, while the La Belle Country Store will carry Grosse Pointe Historical Society printed items.

"We are heavy on costumes because we will be hosting a Halloween party Oct. 28," Wagner said, noting plans for the party still are underway. "Everything (in the vintage store) is \$10, unless otherwise marked."

Funds raised will help preserve and restore the Provencal-Weir House, which was built in 1823, and is the oldest home in Grosse Pointe. Proceeds from its spring yard sale helped get restoration efforts underway.

"We had a lot of luck with our first Questers sale," Wagner said. "It paid for roof repairs, it paid for our porch painting, it paid for lighting installation."

"... Lynn Detwiler, president of the Fox Creek Questers, has been super passionate and supportive of the Provencal-Weir House," she added. "The Questers will be in charge of the vintage store. They are going for state and national grants where they need to raise a certain amount of money. This will help us get more money to take care of this precious oldest home in the Grosse Pointes."

Members of the community who have vintage items with which they



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A glimpse into the costume closet.

are willing to part may donate their goods to the shop. As Questers is a 501(c)3 charity, donations are tax-deductible.

Its current stock is a combination of community-donated items and pieces contributed from Questers and historical society members.

"People who buy items there can feel good about their money going to the Provencal-Weir House and other historical society needs," Wagner said.

Those who wish to make a donation may do so the second Saturday of each month while the store is open, or by

scheduling an appointment.

The vintage store comes as Wagner's more than two years as president comes to a close.

"During my term we constructed a new history center, which came in on time and under budget," she said. "We're starting this store. I managed two galas, the most recent of which brought in more than \$28,000. We're reinvigorating the Provencal-Weir House. This is a really special time when we're really digging into Grosse Pointe history. So many people have given their

time to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and it's been fun to be a part of that."

Wagner will continue to serve on the society's executive board, as well as manage the Provencal-Weir House and its vintage store.

"As I'm wrapping up nearly two and a half years as president, I'm happy to have an ongoing source of funding for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society as I move on," she said.

For more information about the vintage store or the historical society, call (313) 884-7010.



A sample of the vintage jewelry for sale.

AREA ACTIVITIES

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 posterity-artgallery.com to register.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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 redcross blood.org.

The Helm

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

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

Diamond Trevino.

◆ The movie "Till" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes a snack.

◆ Beyond Your DNA, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Sept. 5, with instructor Conrad Welsing.

◆ Sign Language, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Dec. 5, with instructor April Stotts.

◆ The movie "Ticket to Paradise" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes a snack.

◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30. The group will dine at

◆ Mah Jongg Club, 1 to

Fishbone's in St. Clair Shores. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers; those who opt to drive themselves must still sign up through The Helm. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

◆ Texas Hold 'Em lessons and tournament, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

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

◆ Mah Jongg Club, 1 to

4 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Ford House

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

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

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

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

◆ Story Studio: Brave Blue, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

◆ Grosse Pointe Art Fair, 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20,

presented by the Art As Healing Foundation.

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.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Cellar 313, 15112 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer Scars Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, via Zoom.

◆ Ewald Library closed

Saturday, Aug. 19.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts a fellowship social event at Bayview Yacht Club at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

GPAAs

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 Cronkrite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays, Aug. 17 and 24, the class examines Diego Velazquez; and

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OBITUARIES

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

William C. Rigg Jr.

William C. Rigg Jr., 77, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Park, after a long battle with cancer.

Bill was born Feb. 13, 1946, in Ponca City, Okla., to William Clifton Rigg Sr. and Jacqueline Sue Walton, both now deceased.

Early on, Bill focused on a vocation in education. He earned a master's degree in education from Central Oklahoma State University in 1972, and a doctorate in education from the University of Oklahoma in 1977. During the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army sent him to northern Italy to support military intelligence efforts.

Dr. Rigg served both as a teacher and administrator in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Idaho, Kansas, New York and Michigan. He was an assistant professor in education at Idaho State University. Before retiring from teaching in 2012, he worked in public schools in New York City and Detroit.

Bill enjoyed reading, politics and traveling, and was a Hallmark Channel aficionado. On sabbatical, he studied 20th century Eastern European history and Chinese Imperial history. He enjoyed attending his class of 1964 high school reunions in Bartlesville, Okla. Although he treasured his time in Michigan, he had a longstanding tradition of being in front of the television during football season when his beloved Oklahoma Sooners were playing.

Bill married Barbara Koster in August 1994. Along with their son, Steven Rigg, they moved from New York City to Grosse Pointe in 2002. Fond and caring relationships with his mother-in-law, Mary Ann Koster, and his in-laws, Mary Ellen Koster, Tom Koster (Lori) and Rob Koster (Sonya) survive him.

From his first marriage to Jacquelyn Rigg, Bill had three children: Jeffrey Raymond Rigg (Taylor) of Post Falls,

Idaho; Kevin Michael Rigg (Andrea) of Olympia, Wash., and Kimberly Michelle Knudsen (Jeremy) of Snohomish, Wash. He also is survived by 16 grandchildren; his sisters, Emily Wilhite (James) and Susan Airington (Larry); and numerous nieces, nephews and a large extended family, which also includes six international exchange students who lived with the Riggs.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. The family will greet guests from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The funeral Mass will be live-streamed via the parish website at stclarem.org. Guests may join the stream five minutes prior to the service.

Bill will be laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

The family wishes to thank the treatment team at Karmanos Cancer Center and Hospice of Michigan for their kindness and care of Bill during his sickness. His family and friends will miss him dearly.

Ezra Rust Muirhead

Ezra Rust Muirhead, 89, passed away Monday, July 31, 2023, in Napa, Calif.

Ezra was born June 29, 1934, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Stanley Nelson Muirhead and Maxine Rust Muirhead. He grew up on Kenwood Road. He graduated from The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N.J., in 1952, and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., in 1956, where he was a member of the Delta Psi fraternity.

Shortly after beginning his career with Pacific Union Bank in San Francisco, he met Mercedes Wisler. One of their early dates was dinner at Rust's apartment near Coit Tower, which, according to Mercedes, was notable for two things: the wall covered with dried spaghetti that

was used to determine "doneness" (if it stuck when thrown, it was done) and for the number of Rust's friends who kept appearing on fire escapes, in windows and doorways who, she later learned, were there to see the girl he claimed he would marry. He was proven correct when they were married Dec. 2, 1961. Soon after, they moved to Grosse Pointe Farms where Rust started in the fixed income department of Heber, Fuger & Wendin. While in Grosse Pointe, Rust was elected to city council and was an active participant in various activities at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club and Yondotega Club.

In 1974, Rust moved his family back to Ross, Calif., after accepting a position to launch the fixed income department at Rosenberg Capital Management (later "RCM") in San Francisco. He became known for his daily pre-dawn swims in the San Francisco Bay as a member of the Dolphin Club. Rust retired in 1993, and soon thereafter he and Mercedes purchased a much-loved home near Brantome, France, in the Dordogne, where they spent about half their time. After several years, they returned to the U.S. full time, dividing their days between homes in Sausalito and St. Helena, Calif., with both locations allowing them to pursue their shared passion for food and wine. He and Mercedes traveled widely and often; however, his favorite trips were the family reunions he organized and led in places like Bermuda, New York and Italy.

Rust is survived by his children and their spouses, E. Rust Muirhead Jr. (Mary Susan) of Wilton, Conn., and Elisabeth "Lisa" Price (Tom) of Cincinnati, Ohio; and grandchildren, Caroline Matuszak (Kevin), Julia and Sam Muirhead, and Sarah and Nina Price; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Mercedes; son, Anthony; brother, Stan



William C. Rigg Jr.



Ezra Rust Muirhead



Peter James Russ

Muirhead; and sisters, Martha and Rowena Muirhead.

The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to the staff at Watermark of Napa, particularly Lorena Lopez and Catalina Lair, who took such warm and thoughtful care of Rust during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to either The Rianda House Senior Activity Center in St. Helena, riandahouse.org/support, or The Community Action of Napa Valley Food Bank, canv.org/food-bank.

Peter James Russ

Peter James Russ, 72, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 12, 2023, with his wife and daughter by his side. Peter will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Julie Russ; children, Brien Morrell (Amanda), P.J. Russ and Katie Chan (Brandon); and grandchildren, Connor and Dillon Morrell. He also will be remembered and missed by many neighbors, family and friends.

Peter was born June 27, 1951, in Detroit. One of his passions was working in computer programming for National Bank of Detroit, which later became Bank One and J.P. Morgan Chase. He ended his career working for the Detroit Medical Center, facilitating technological communication among medical staff. He was known for his ability to identify even the most complicated of computer-based problems and fix them swiftly. He was among the first to work with computers, pagers and later cellular devices on which people have come to depend.

Aside from his unparalleled intellect and work ethic, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, never hesitating to end a phone call



Catherine Greig Gillis



Eugene J. Mulier

with, "I love you, sweetheart." He was a reserved, yet loving and pure soul with a witty sense of humor to those who knew him well. He was a genuinely good person others can aspire to emulate. He enjoyed spending time with his family, keeping abreast of the news and markets, watching his favorite sports teams and enjoying beautiful beach sunsets during annual family summer vacations to one of his favorite places, Grand Haven.

A private celebration of life for immediate family was held July 24, at Noto's at the Bill-Mar in Grand Haven. Peter's family extends a thank-you to hospital staff who cared for him in his final days, as well as family and friends for supporting and loving him throughout his life. Gone too soon, he will be forever loved and missed.

Catherine Greig Gillis

Catherine Greig Gillis, 92, of Pleasant Ridge, a beloved wife and mother, passed away Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023. She was born July 1, 1931, in Detroit, and raised in Grosse Pointe Park. She attended Grosse Pointe High School, obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953, from Olivet College, and became a kindergarten teacher for the Hazel Park school district. In 1958, she married Donald H. Gillis, and in 1959, retired from teaching and moved to Pleasant Ridge to raise a family that included three sons and four yellow Labrador retrievers.

Between 1968 and 2019, Catherine was particularly active in community organizations, including as a member or board member on such groups as the Ferndale Schools PTA, Pleasant Ridge Foundation, Pleasant Ridge Community Pool Board, Pleasant Ridge Book Club and Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, just to name a few. In 2002, she was awarded the Eva Briggs Award — also known as Pleasant Ridger of the Year — the highest distinction a Pleasant Ridge resident can achieve.

Throughout her life she also was active in league bowling and softball, recreational golf, reading, knitting, arts and crafts and tournament bridge play, with additional passions for collegiate and professional sports.

She is survived by her sons, Laurence, James (Mazy) and David (Annette); grandchildren, Maxwell and James; and niece, Dorothy. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald; parents, James and Catherine "Polly" Greig; and sister, Laurelyn.

She will be laid to rest with her husband at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak in a private ceremony. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org/donatenow, or Pleasant Ridge Foundation, pleasantridgefoundation.org/donate.

Sign her tribute wall at AJDesmond.com.

Eugene J. Mulier

Eugene J. Mulier, 91, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Monday, July 31, 2023, at home surrounded by family.

He was born Aug. 22, 1931, in Detroit, to Omer and Rose Mulier. He was a 1949 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and served as a private in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Mulier was the longtime owner of Mulier's Market in Grosse Pointe Park. He also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association and Belgian American Century Club.

A man of many talents, Eugene was an artist, woodcarver and cartoonist. He also participated in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Senior Art Club and enjoyed gardening.

Eugene is survived by his sons, Michael Mulier (Mary Murphy) and Paul Mulier (Cheryl); grandchildren, Michael, Claire, Patrick, Mary-Gertrude and Emily; former spouse, Noreen Mulier; and brother, Roger Mulier Sr.

A Celebration of Life memorial will take place 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Le Rouge Boulangerie — the former Mulier's Market — located at 15215 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions in Eugene's memory may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, where Eugene and Noreen were married, at giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stambroseppp.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Buzz over to Bee Fest at the Belle Isle Nature Center

The Belle Isle Nature Center is hosting Bee Fest, a free, family-friendly day featuring a series of educational and interactive activities focused on bees and their significance in the environment. Participants will learn how to care for pollinators who call southeast Michigan home through fun, engaging activities and educational displays, such as:

- ◆ Bee-friendly gardening tips
- ◆ Beekeeper talks
- ◆ Beeswax candle making
- ◆ Biodiversity presentations
- ◆ Honey tastings
- ◆ Pollinator-friendly arts and crafts



Also featured at Bee Fest is "Overlooked," an outdoor macrophotography exhibit by photographer Joseph Ferraro. This exhibit is comprised of portraits that magnify the fascinating and hidden lives of insects to larger-than-life proportions.

Bee Fest is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Bee Fest, presented by the Belle Isle Nature Center animal care and education staff, takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Belle Isle Nature Center, 176 Lakeside Dr., Detroit.



Nature Centers Director Amy Greene and Nature Center Supervisor Ryan Vance.

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Church hosts Holocaust survivor Aug. 17



Olga Lechniak as a child during World War II.

Born in Zadowa, Ukraine, Victoria "Olga" Lechniak was 8 years old when her family was impacted by the raging effects of World War II. According to a 2015 Warren Weekly article, she and several family members escaped to another Ukrainian town before being loaded on a train bound for Auschwitz — the first of three concentration camps she survived during the Holocaust.

She also worked at the Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps before eventually regain-



Olga Lechniak

ing freedom as the U.S. overtook its enemy.

Lechniak was 13 years old when she first came to New York and eventually became an American citizen.

She met her husband, Walter, in 1953, in Detroit. The couple had four children — Walter Jr., Vira, Lisa and Andy — and three grandchildren.

Lechniak, 86, of Warren, will share more details about her

life during World War II during an event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-3075.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LISA LECHNIAK

A film featuring Lechniak's story was released in 2014. Pictured from left are film editor Phil McIlvenna, director of film Diana Jones Kirby, director of photography Charlene Lester, and sisters Lisa Lechniak and Vira Conley, writers, archivists and film producers.

Pointers rally to aid owl displaced in storms

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Nestled in a crate next to a peregrine falcon and above a pair of red-tailed hawks, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident currently is recuperating at Morrison Animal Hospital in Garden City after likely being displaced and injured in one of the late July storms.

The approximately 6-month-old, male great-horned owl — affectionately dubbed Ollie — became the fascination of those in the area last week, after first being spotted over the weekend sitting on a downspout on Tonnancour near Kercheval, making what the homeowner called, "intimidating clicking noises."

"It was very obvious the owl was not just disturbed," said Ulli Sherer, a Farms resident known locally for rehabilitating injured wildlife at her home. "Owls don't just sit on a downspout. They hide if they are fine, if they are well."

Unbeknownst to the Tonnancour homeowner, who thought the owl was simply confused over losing his tree in the storms, Ollie had lost a two-square-inch section of skin on one wing and also was suffering a maggot infection — which can be deadly if not treated — from being out in the elements.

Catherine Saubier, herself unaware of a two-day Facebook exchange among fellow residents



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, Ollie first was spotted sitting on a downspout on Tonnancour near Kercheval. Right, this approximately 6-month-old, male great-horned owl likely was displaced and injured in the late July storms.

seeking Ollie's whereabouts, was returning home from running errands around 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, when she noticed an owl walking on Kercheval toward Irvine — within half a block of where Ollie last was spotted.

Enlisting the help of friend Biz Williamson, who lives nearby, the two women managed to get him into a covered box

using a large beach towel and gardening gloves.

Despite Ollie's injuries, "he was not lethargic at all," Saubier said. "He was defending himself. They clack their beaks as a warning, so he was clacking and of course the talons would have done a real job, but I had learned years ago in Florida (at a bird sanctuary) how to get ahold of an injured bird and I

knew you just put a big towel around it, scoop it up and put it in a box and that works pretty well."

The bigger challenge was where to take him.

After calling a number of area animal organizations and even the police, but getting, "absolutely nowhere," she said, Saubier got ahold of Sherer, who — despite dealing with a tree resting in her backroom and

a crushed roof — helped her get in touch with Dr. Kevin Smyth.

Smyth, a veterinarian working out of Morrison Animal Hospital, is one of only 10 licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Michigan who specialize in raptors.

With Ollie's wing now cleaned and bandaged, he is on antibiotics and pain medicine and, "has a good prognosis," Saubier reported based on daily phone calls with Smyth.

"While it will take at least a month, he should be fine," she added. "All his little under feathers on his wing may not grow back, but that will not

stop him from flying, hunting, etc."

Last Thursday evening, Ollie ate on his own for the first time since arriving in Garden City, Smyth reported.

"Barring anything unforeseen, it continues to do better and better each day," he said, "which is really amazing."

Upon fully recovering, Ollie will be released back into the wild in Grosse Pointe Farms, thanks to his neighbors' willingness to lend a helping hand.

"I was just very, very touched by how many people really cared," Sherer said.



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Artists show their 'Favorites' at non-juried exhibition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Fifty-five experienced artists are showcasing the pieces that mean the most to them during the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's "My Favorite" exhibition, open now through Friday, Sept. 15.

Paintings, sculptures, photographs and other works are displayed in the GPAA galleries, located inside The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"This was an opportunity for artists to present to their friends and family," GPAA President Karen Pope said. "What's interesting here is you realize how much emotion goes into these pieces, how much emotion goes into choosing a topic and how they're going to present it."

One thing that makes "My Favorite" unique among GPAA exhibitions is its lack of juror. GPAA member Chris Zientek came up with



"What Do You See?" by Al Sonnenberg

the concept years ago and it's been a popular show ever since.

"We're always looking for themes," Pope said. "Chris came by and said, 'I think you should just have a show without a juror and let the artists choose their own work that they really want to share.' It's been a hit, so I'm trying to have it once a year."

While having a juror

may affect the content selected for a show, Pope said ultimately juror selections are quite subjective.

"When I was very new to this, I had no idea about juries," she noted. "I was flabbergasted when an artist I knew submitted her work and quite an accomplished juror didn't select her piece for the show. She entered the same piece in another show and got Best of Show. It's a matter of taste. Our jurors have strong backgrounds in art, but it's really about their own opinions."

Not so with "My Favorite," which showcases treasured works from each artist.

"Part of the cycle of creativity has to include sharing your finished piece with someone," Pope noted. "This is helping people complete that arc of creativity that is really needed."

"I think this is a very



"The Search" by Michael Pelkey

strong (show)," she added. "And it gives the artist an opportunity to go out on a limb and show something they're really proud of."

Pope said GPAA exhibitions continue to get stronger as more people recognize the gallery as a good place to show their work, meet other artists and compare notes.

Its popularity was evidenced during an Aug. 3 gallery talk — and even beforehand.

"This has been up since last week. The gallery talk was supposed to be last Thursday, (July 27), but we had no lights here," Pope said, recalling a storm that caused power outages throughout southeastern Michigan. "I sent out an email, but people showed up anyhow. The staff here was kind enough to give me a flashlight."

With the lights back on, the exhibition is ready for visitors. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, until 7 p.m. Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

"I really cherish every one of these pieces and the stories they shared



"Birch" by Donna Zetterlund

with us through their artwork," Pope said. "That's really what art is all about. I can find something I admire in every one of them. They're all as special as the people who created them."

More to see

A second exhibition is displayed in the hallway just outside of the GPAA

gallery. It features photographs from members of Focus, Scarab Club's photo club.

"They meet the third Friday of the month at Scarab Club," Pope said. "Once a year we invite them to exhibit their work here with us."

For more information on either show, call (313) 881-3454.



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"Waiting for the pears to ripen" by Mary Aro

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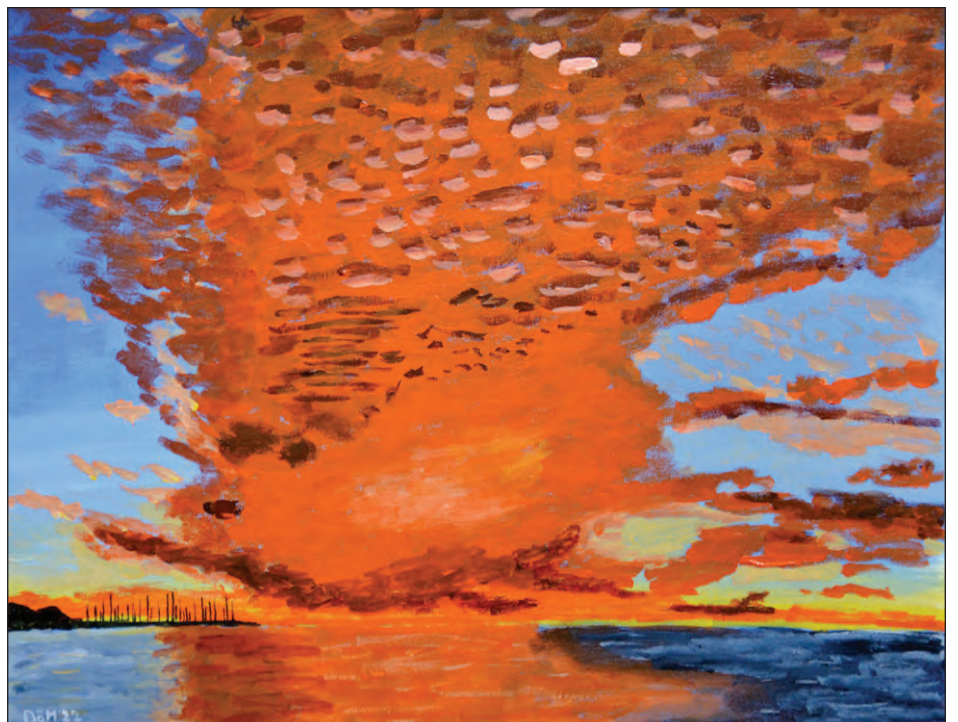
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A painting by Linda Boyle.



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Glassworks by Helen Agius-Andreae.

Grosse Pointe Art Fair at Ford House is Aug. 19-20

The inaugural Grosse Pointe Art Fair, presented by Art as Healing Foundation, takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, at the Visitor Center at the historic Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The long-awaited juried fine art and fine artisan fair, which has been in the works since before the pandemic, features finely crafted original artwork from approximately 40 artists mostly from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Guests to the fair will find unique one-of-a-kind gifts, as well as items for the home or heirlooms worthy of passing down for generations.

Handmade jewelry, paintings, ceramics, pottery, woodworking, fiber art, sculptures and other items will be available for purchase.

The café at the Ford House Visitor Center, The Continental, will be open during the art fair offering food and beverages.

Admission to the fair is included with a Ford House grounds pass, available for purchase at the entrance to the Ford House Visitor Center. Admission allows guests to shop at the art fair and tour the grounds of the historic Ford Estate.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 and younger. Ford House members are admitted free and parking is free.



Tickets are available online at artfairfun.com/art-fair-at-ford-house.html.

For more information, visit grossepointeartfair.com or email artfairfun@gmail.com.

The event is presented by the Art as Healing Foundation, a 501(c)3 Michigan nonprofit organization.

Above, jewelry created by Allison Vasquez. Right, a painting by Cathy McCarthy.



ASK THE EXPERTS by Megan Gunnell, LMSW

Positive action is where change begins

Q: How do we manage when the world is on fire?

A: That's a very good question that I've been asking myself lately. Spend five minutes watching the news and it's easy to shift into a numb, apathetic, hopeless state.

Between the Russia and Ukraine war, the climate crisis and the ongoing intense division in the U.S., it's tempting to allow ourselves to slip into a state of reckless abandon.

But, come back to yourself for a moment. Lean into these three critical steps.

One — pause. Pause when you begin to feel overwhelmed and stop yourself from spiraling. Pay attention to how your body feels and what thoughts are rolling through your mind.

Two — ask yourself what is needed. Begin with the most fundamental self-care awareness you have. Are you hungry, thirsty, tired or lonely? What needs the most attention immediately? Do that. And only that.

Three — once you've paused and addressed your foundational self-care needs, come back to the enormous significance of what's right in front of you. Focus on making change in your own personal life and in the lives immediately impacted by you.

What can you do right here, right now that might feel good or right? When things feel like they're out of our control, our knee-jerk response is to give up. I'd like to invite you to shift from apathy to action. Return to what you can control. Return to micro-level decisions and do something small. Just

focus on a tiny action.

What will you make for your next meal?

How beautiful does that plant look in your backyard?

Reach out to a friend and check in to connect.

Take a short walk around the block. This always helps us clear our minds and soften our stress response.

I believe in the physics of a ripple effect. It's easy to see what happens when you toss a stone into a lake. From your point of impact, a ripple is created in the innermost circle around where the stone falls into the water. From there, another ripple occurs and another ripple and so on.

When you feel ready and if it feels right to you, you can consider donating your time, money, knowledge or expertise to a cause that matters most to you now. Any tiny positive action you can create will undoubtedly create a small ripple around you. I believe one person has the power to impact what's right in front of them and ultimately that's how real change begins.

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The Pulse Of The Pointes

Usual hair stylist just not cutting it

Dear Gabby: I have to switch hair stylists and I'm embarrassed to explain to my current stylist that I'm unhappy with the results and the price.

What do you think I should do? Just fade off into the sunset or explain up front why I am no longer going to see him?

— Brassy in the City

Dear Brassy in the City, Honesty is always the best policy. Have you tried speaking with him at past appointments about what you are unhappy with?

Has he been given the opportunity to remedy the situation? I find that many people are too shy to give constructive feedback and suffer in silence. My suggestion is to give him one more try, and at your

appointment be very honest about your feelings on your hair.

You may find that it will work out! And if not, both of you know that you tried, and going in another direction is the best course of action.

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Some decisions you must make yourself

DEAR ANNIE: I recently turned 40 and am still speculating if I would like to have a child or not. My husband is 46, and we have been married for a year and a half now.

Both of us are pretty much on the same side. We love the freedom of our current lifestyle. Whenever I would see family or friends with kids, it's like the kids dominate the lives of the parents, and we don't want that.

I know my time is ticking, but I can't decide if I should have a kid or not. Sometimes I think I am not motherly — not enough to take care of a kid. Would you give me any advice please? Thank you. — MUM OR NEVER

DEAR MUM OR NEVER: Children are a

wonderful gift in life. But also a deeply personal one. I can't decide for you and your husband if you should have children. It is a deeply personal decision.

DEAR ANNIE: I had to write in after reading about a daughter-in-law who was belittling her children in front of their grandparents.

I'm a 35-year-old woman who is highly educated and leads a very successful life. However, my mental health and personal relationships have struggled to compensate for the anguish I felt being bullied as a child by my own mother.

Did her bullying work? I guess. But I find myself wishing all the time that

some adult — ANY adult — had put my mom in her place when she did it. And she did it in front of company, which was even more humiliating, because it seemed like they were all complicit in the bullying.

Children remember who DIDN'T stand up for them. I'm sure Granny doesn't want to start World War III, but the children should see the bully mother be corrected. The kids need to know the adults do not agree and they do not condone her behavior. Otherwise, the child will internalize it. — Still Healing in Virginia

DEAR STILL HEALING: Thank you for your letter. When parents bully their chil-

dren, it is awful. I'm sorry you had to endure that in your childhood, and I congratulate you for being so self-aware and confident as an adult. I agree wholeheartedly that parents who belittle their children should be called out — in front of the children, so the children know that their parents' bullying is neither normal nor acceptable.

DEAR ANNIE: We have two adult children in their 20s. Child A got herself into a legal situation and asked for our help, which we provided. We told no one of the situation because it wasn't anyone's business, and it was private. Child B learned of this and isn't speaking to us for not dis-



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

closing the information.

We explained that it wasn't for us to disclose and told him to speak to his brother if he has any issues or concerns. We have been cut off from Child B for "lying, toxic behavior and gaslighting." We have tried to initiate a conversation to clear things up, but Child B insists on written communication only. It is killing my wife that Child B will not speak with us. How do we move forward? — Trying to Respect All Parties

DEAR TRYING: So long as Child A's legal

troubles did not have an impact on anyone else's safety or well-being, then you did the right thing by respecting his privacy.

Child B might feel left out; he might feel entitled to know more about the situation given that he is a member of the family; or he might be upset that his brother got into legal trouble in the first place. Explain to him that it simply was not your information to share.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



In my never-ending quest to find the magic bul-

let for perfect skin, I was led to an advertisement

about a "pore vacuum" that claims to detox, eliminate blackheads, smooth wrinkles, lift and tighten and also shrink pores. Sounded great to me — and it was only \$36. Sold!

In true Amazon fashion, the device landed on my front porch before I was even home from work that day. The immediate gratification score is off the charts. I tore into the box to find the device. It sort of looks like a digital thermometer in size and shape, arriving with a lot of little tools and several shaped heads that fit on the pore vacuum.

I quickly discovered I would never use the extra tools that come with the pore vacuum. I am just not into that sort of thing (pimple popper loops and such), so I tossed that aside. The different-shaped heads are supposedly for different purposes. For example, the oval shape is for fine lines and wrinkles, whereas others suit oily skin, thin skin and so on. Instructions come with the device with advice on which to try.

I wanted to really go for it so I grabbed the first one I found: the round. I

turned it on and immediately there is a very strong suction to it. I mean, it will stick to your face like a leach in a pond. I tried to move it around, as I did read a warning about leaving it in one spot for

at the swim meet I attended that evening. The mark lasted for days!

Though I was nervous to try again, I basically deduced it was worth another go. What's the worst that could happen?

my face with cold water, which is another tip I read online. This serves to really close your pores after using the vacuum.

Ultimately, this device is nice to have, but definitely not a need to have.

I would say it does shrink the size of your pores, especially on the nose. For me, I did not notice any wrinkle improvement and I do not have acne, so I was not able to test for that.

All in all, I would give this product 3 out of 5 alligators. I would recommend this product to people who have large pores and maybe even to teenage girls who are into skincare. It's a fun little product and works when used correctly. Available on Amazon, the brand is FRESHOW and it is called the Upgraded blackhead remover pore vacuum.

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more than five seconds. One should move it up and down or in circles to avoid red spots. Easier said than done!

For me it was too late. I had the suction on so high it was like moving a pickup truck full of cement and I was left with a hickey right in the middle of my cheek. It was a great conversation piece

Another hickey on the other side of my face? This time I turned the setting down and used a facial steamer ahead of time after watching some reviews. You also can just take a hot shower. I started on the lowest level and got to level three of five. I went over my entire face for about five minutes and then splashed

3 Out Of 5

Fresh fish on the mind

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

If you haven't been to Brine Oyster House on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, you need to get there as fast as possible. Fresh seafood that hasn't been previously frozen is a delicacy around here.

I imagine the name for the restaurant was thought of while someone enjoyed the sweet and salty brine of a freshly shucked oyster.

Picture two stories of a beautifully laid out space with an iron balcony that is to die for. This restaurant takes inspiration from New Orleans, Charleston and Boston.

My true love of Boston makes this place extra special because they feature the Parker House roll which is exclusive to the Parker House Hotel.

The roll was created in the 1870's when an angry chef started throwing unused dough into an oven. The end result became legendary.

They pair it with two kinds of butter but the one to choose is the brine

butter infused with caviar, perfectly blended to spread on the warm rolls.

The main event is the oysters, individually shucked and served with a mignonette sauce that compliments each and every type they offer. Pair it with all the amazing wine and champagne they have on hand and you are good to go.

My dad used to take us to Janet's Lunch, which was the previous establishment. I have fond memories of my lunches there. The best part is Brine has a burger on the menu inspired by the old diner.

What caught my eye was the Posh Fish Fingers. That's the recipe for today. It's not their recipe but one that I created at home.

I used an air fryer because it's fast and easy. Cod works best because it's firm. It's an easy breading process and a great alternative to red meat. Serve up with tartar sauce and enjoy.

Cheers, Mombeau

Air Fryer Fish Sticks

2 lbs cod

1 cup breadcrumbs

1 tsp paprika

1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp salt

2 eggs

½ cup flour

Start by cutting the cod into slices the size of your finger. But don't cut your finger! Mix the breadcrumbs, paprika, garlic powder and salt together. Then begin your breading station.

First, plate the flour next to a bowl with the eggs whisked together, then your bread crumbs. Start with the flour and roll the cod through, move on to the eggs and end with the crumb mixture.

Set your air fryer to 400 and cook the fish for 12 minutes. Serve with a creamy sauce for dipping.



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Italian red grapes

Italy's greatest contribution to all of Europe's wine culture starts with the fact that wine wasn't much of a tradition there until Roman legions planted vine cuttings they brought with them in the northern parts of the continent 23 centuries ago.

What's odd about this is that, of all the most popular grapes that took root and prospered in France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal and elsewhere, almost none were among Italy's most popular!

Today France is best known for its cabernet sauvignon (Bordeaux) as well as chardonnay and pinot noir (Burgundy), Spain for tempranillo and garnacha, and Portugal for touriga nacional.

By contrast, Italy's top red grapes (sangiovese, barbera and nebbiolo) grow almost nowhere else in Europe.

No one disputes the excellence of the finest Bordeaux and red Burgundies. The same goes for Italy's reds,

which now include several other grapes. But the styles of wines they produce are often radically different from one another, with the Italian grapes leaning more on naturally high acidity, thus calling for being paired with food.

At their best, all of these wines command high prices. Cabernet, a most versatile variety that grows in a multiplicity of soils and climates, now can be found reasonably priced from more than a dozen countries.

But the top red of Italy, Barolo, is grown almost nowhere else and only two other Italian grapes have made any sort of a mark in the United States.

However, within the last two decades, both sangiovese and barbera have established important beachheads in this country and now offer consumers reasonably priced domestic versions that represent not only good value, but a chance to see how they can deliver real character as

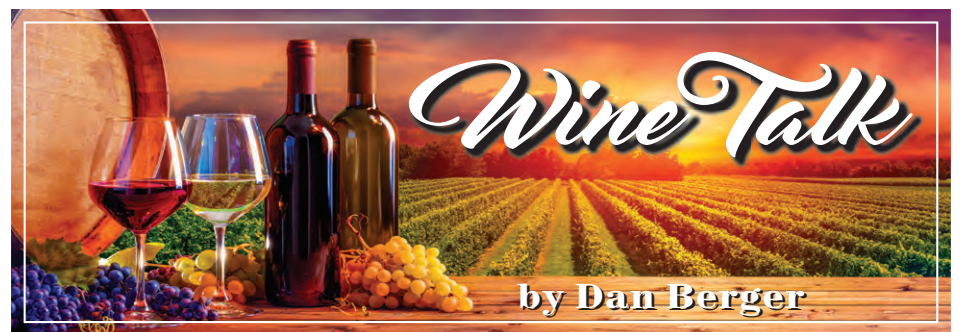
they age.

One key to recent interest in both barbera and sangiovese here is that they usually offer more tartness to go with lemon and tomato-based foods, and are less astringent than are many of the cabernet varieties.

U.S. wineries that specialize in Italian varieties almost all say roughly the same things: there's an enticing quality about them when they're made right, which means keeping their alcohol levels to a moderate level. Part of that is related to how it responds to the soils in which it grows.

Among the wineries that make both grapes into wine, two contrasting styles include the more opulent wines of Eberle in Paso Robles and the slightly leaner versions from the new Prima Materia of Lake County.

Gary Eberle, the grape pioneer of Paso Robles, makes both wines with a lushness rare among such wines. They are both stylishly rich in fruit and still retain the superb



acids needed to work with meat-based, tomato-y foods.

Pietro Buttitta, owner of Prima Materia, farms a small (12 acre) vineyard on the volcanic Kelsey Bench of Lake County, at 1,450 feet in altitude.

That cooler site yields a more Italianate style of wine, one that goes best with tomato-sauced dishes with more vegetables and spices.

Of the four wines from the two wineries, I lean slightly more toward the two barberas because of a little more food-friendly nature they offer and how both tend to open up after being decanted.

Both wineries market these wines for just over \$30 a bottle, and both are superb examples.

Prima Materia, a relatively new brand, is one to watch because Buttitta is a former chef who is well aware of how important structure and balance are in all wines, and he makes harvest decisions to ensure that his wines will always be better with a meal.

Wine of the week:

2019 "R" Jeff Runquist Barbera, Amador County (\$27): Bright red cherry and fresh tomato aromas and a note of oak lead to a crisp, structured wine with amazing versatility.

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There is no variety of red grapes as noble, significant and popular as the mighty Cabernet Sauvignon. Wine lovers affectionately call it "the king of red grapes."

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Left, Hugo Weaving as Jack and Emily Watson as Margaret, in the 2010 movie "Oranges and Sunshine," directed by Jim Loach.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Oranges and Sunshine"
2010 - Rated R
1 hr 45 min
★★★★☆

Hollywood loves to make movies about whistleblowers. Over the years we've seen poignant films like "All the President's Men," "Serpico," "Silkwood" and "Erin Brockovich," to name but a few.

We enjoy rooting for the underdog and watch with anticipation as they overcome their hurdles

to get the truth out. Every once in a while, a film based on exposing a hidden crime appears that tells the story without being overly melodramatic. "Oranges and Sunshine" falls into that category.

Two factors help set this remarkable film apart from others of its ilk. It stars Emily Watson (not to be confused with Emma Watson), and is directed by Jim Loach, the son of the noted director Ken Loach. Ms. Watson delivers



Margaret meets Len, played by David Wenham.

her usual Oscar-worthy performance, opting for subtlety over fiery bravado. And for his directorial debut, Mr. Loach also went the restrained route. This, along with a strong supporting cast of actors makes for a powerful and moving cinematic experience.

The film begins in 1986 in Nottingham, in the north of England. Margaret Humphreys (Watson), a social worker, is approached by an Australian woman Charlotte (Federay Holmes), who tells her she was taken from her mother when she was just 4-years old and sent to Australia. She's now searching for her mother and is convinced she's still alive.

At first Margaret doubts her story. However, when another woman Nicky (Lorraine Ashbourne) tells her that her long lost brother Jack (Hugo Weaving) contacted her from Australia with a similar story, her curiosity is aroused.

Margaret agrees to accompany Nicky to Australia to meet her

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



brother. When she arrives she invites folks who are also searching for family to an informal barbeque, she's overwhelmed by the response. Margaret realizes she's opened up a can of worms.

After doing a bit of digging, she discovers that children from poor families and unwed mothers were routinely shipped off to Australia and were told that their parents

Brothers and were routinely abused both physically and sexually. Some of the most gut-wrenching scenes in the film are a series of confessions from the orphans as adults, describing their mistreatment. It's these one-on-one testimonials that will bring you to tears. It's astonishing that this kind of abuse went on, on this magnitude, for so many years. How is this possible?

Ms. Humphreys decides to expose both the British and Australian governments for these crimes. When she meets with various committees, they deny all the allegations. So she embarks on a mission to dig up as many documents as possible to support her case.

She's joined in her efforts by Jack and another deportee Len (David Wenham). As she embarks on this undertaking, she's torn between spending time

Ultimately, her life-long journey resulted in the reuniting of an untold number of families. It eventually forced the English and Australian governments to publicly admit and apologize for the atrocities they were responsible for. Amazingly, that didn't occur until 2009. This fine movie is based on a book Ms. Humphreys penned.

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

Note to parents: This film is rated "R" due to some of the abuse described by the deportees. I'd probably rate it "PG-13" depending on the maturity of your children.



Margaret's first encounter with the deportees.



Margaret digging into the archives.



Len (Wenham) and Margaret (Watson), confront the Brothers at the orphanage.

were dead. And the numbers were staggering. Between the 1940s and as recently as 1967, hundreds of thousands of children were taken from their families and were promised oranges and sunshine in their new homeland. What they actually received fell rather short of their expectations.

Many of the children were raised by Christian

in Australia and being with her husband and two children back at home in England.

Watson is such a fine actor, she conveys her inner turmoil, while remaining steadfast in her commitment in bringing a resolution to the situation. She never wavers, even when she's physically threatened by a rabid and out-of-control assailant.

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.

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Butterflies, Bumblebees & Others

I don't like bugs that fly at me and
crawl on me and bite me
Except, perhaps, for just a few that
more or less excite me;

The butterflies and bumblebees that
greet me in my garden
Are sure to be among the few to earn
my welcome pardon;

Of course, I love the fireflies that visit
me at night,
Exploding from the shrubbery like
sparklers taking flight

To climb and swoop then stop in
place supported by thin air
As if performing just for me their
scintillating flare!

And, yes, sometimes I answer back
(although I must admit,
With hope the neighbors aren't
around to make the most of it!)

I try not to play favorites and struggle
not to show it
But fireflies are my favorites so why
not let them know it?

And if, some summer evening, when
night is drawing nigh,
You see a little flashlight, barely big
enough to fly,

Do pause a while to bid him well and
send him on his way
For, chances are, he's headed here to
help me close my day!

Joan LeGro Bushnell

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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 10, 2023: You have excellent communication skills because you like to please others. You also like to benefit others. This is a year of reflection, both inwardly and outwardly. Explore philosophies and ideas that will give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the truth of the meaning of your life.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Although you're eager to talk to others today, run errands and take short trips, be aware that conversations, especially related to your job or your health, might go south in a New York minute. People are touchy and things are glitchy. (But you can still have fun.)
Tonight: Socialize!

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Today is a positive day if you can avoid financial arguments with your kids or financial disputes about social occasions like perhaps who picks up the tab at lunch — that sort of thing. Steer clear of money talk. Actually, it's a nice day to entertain at home.
Tonight: Business is good.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you an edge over all the other signs. Why not ask the universe for a favor? Having said this, tread carefully when talking to family members, especially if you're involved in a home repair project. Tempers are a bit frayed. Tonight: You're happier.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
This is the kind of day that blows hot and cold. Discussions about money, earnings, purchases or anything to do with your belongings might go very well. Nevertheless, you might find yourself at odds with siblings, relatives and neighbors. Go figure. Easy does it.
Tonight: Solitude.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Basically, relations with friends and members of groups can be a positive experience for you today. It might be a good day to share your hopes and dreams for the future to get someone's feedback. Having said that, disagreements about money and possessions are also likely. Tread carefully.
Tonight: Be friendly.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
In some ways, relations with bosses, parents and VIPs will go well today, especially if this interaction is low-key or private. Nevertheless, especially later in the day, you might find yourself at odds with authority figures. Postpone asking for favors to another day. Tonight: Looking positive.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today you have an urge to travel or do something different to spice up your day. However, another influence is present, and it could create arguments if you get involved in controversial subjects like politics, religion or legal issues. Zip thy lip. Tonight: Explore.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You make a great impression on others today, even if you're discussing shared property, funding or how to involve the responsibilities of others. But on the flipside, arguments with friends and members of

groups about these same topics might arise. Be aware of this. Tonight: Check your finances.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Discussions about philosophy, religion, travel and other cultures will be exciting and will likely broaden your horizons today. You're eager to learn and talk to different people. However, go gently in discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs, because these will be dicey and challenging. Tonight: Cooperate.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Steer clear of squabbles about politics, travel and legal or medical matters. These will not go well today. However, issues related to work budgets, funding and getting backup equipment or help from others will likely be successful. Today is a mixed bag. Tonight: Work.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
This is a tricky day. Fun times, social outings and sports events will go well, especially when dealing with partners and close friends. This is the good part. The bad part is that the cost of social activities, sports matters, taking care of kids or perhaps vacation expenses could lead to squabbles. Tonight: Relax.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Even though things are going well at work today with co-workers as well as bosses, things might not go as well when dealing with close friends, partners or spouses. Patience is your best friend today. Remember, fiery Mars is opposite your sign, waiting to provoke you. Stay chill. Tonight: Entertain.

BORN TODAY

Actress Angie Harmon (1972), actor Antonio Banderas (1960), reality star Kylie Jenner (1997).

Contract Bridge

FALL OF A MONARCH

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A K 2
♥ A Q J 10 8 3
♦ A 10
♣ 10 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Dble
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of clubs.

It's not difficult to make four hearts on this deal with all four hands exposed. After West leads the K-A-J of clubs, you ruff, cash the A-K of spades and trump a spade in dummy. You then lead the nine of hearts to the ace, rejecting the finesse and felling West's singleton king. You lose a diamond trick later, but you make four hearts.

But if you could not see the opposing

cards, you might very well go down one after losing a heart finesse to the singleton king. However, even without the advantage of a peek, rejecting the finesse is the right play!

There is a very good reason for arriving at this conclusion. First you take West's bidding into account; then you combine it with the additional knowledge gained from the play to the first six tricks.

At trick seven, when you lead the nine of hearts from dummy, you know that West — who must have had at least four diamonds and four clubs for his bids, and who has already shown up with three spades — cannot possibly have more than two hearts. (Actually, he's much more likely to have either one heart or none.)

It follows that you cannot gain by taking a trump finesse. Even if the nine won, with no way to take a second finesse, you'd still have to lose a trump trick later to East's K-x-x or K-x-x-x. Your only hope, therefore, is that West was dealt the singleton king!

It is true that the chance of West having been dealt specifically the singleton king is very slim, but a remote chance is surely better than no chance at all.

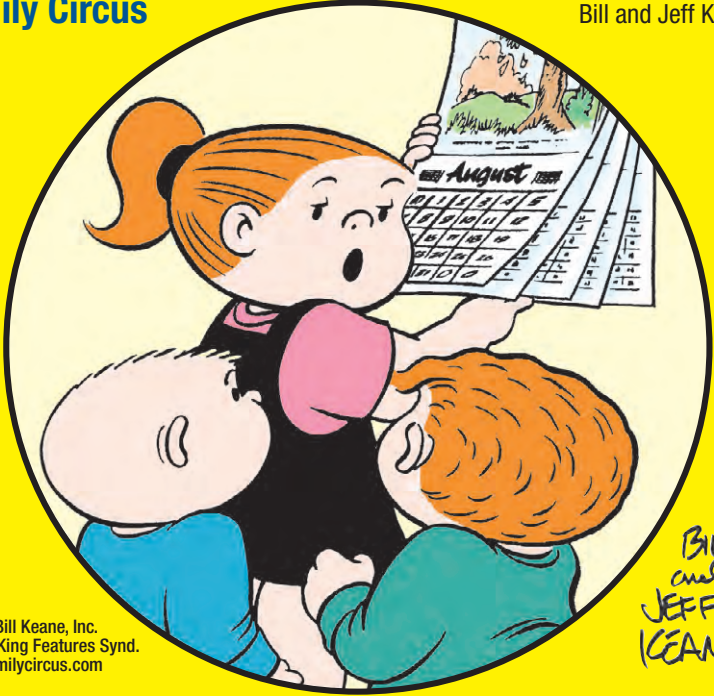
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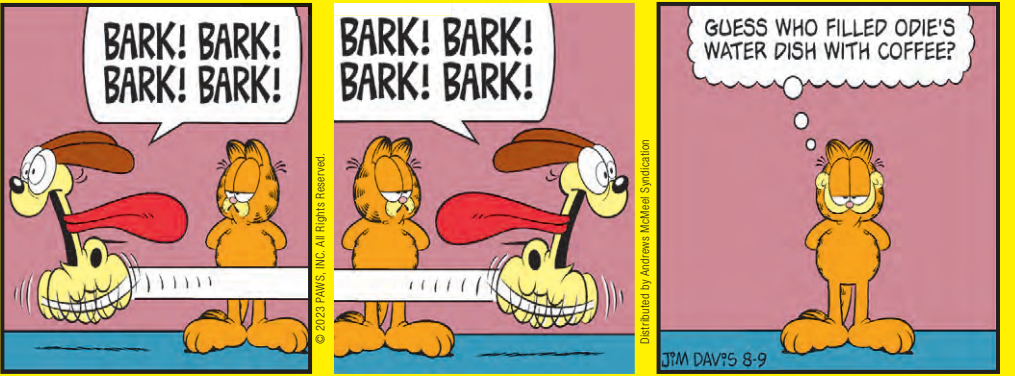
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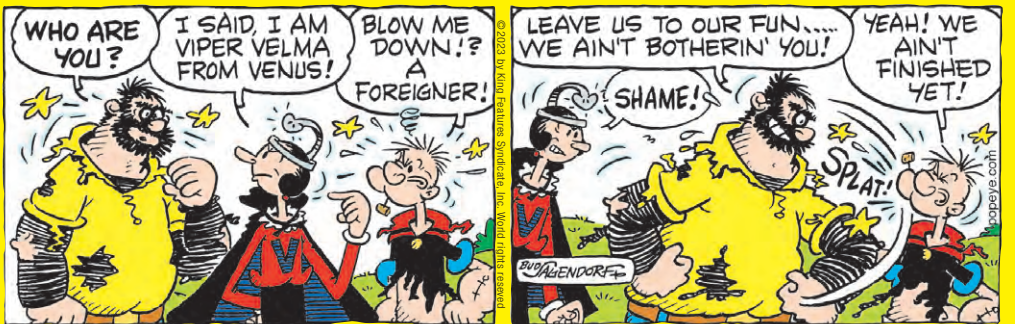
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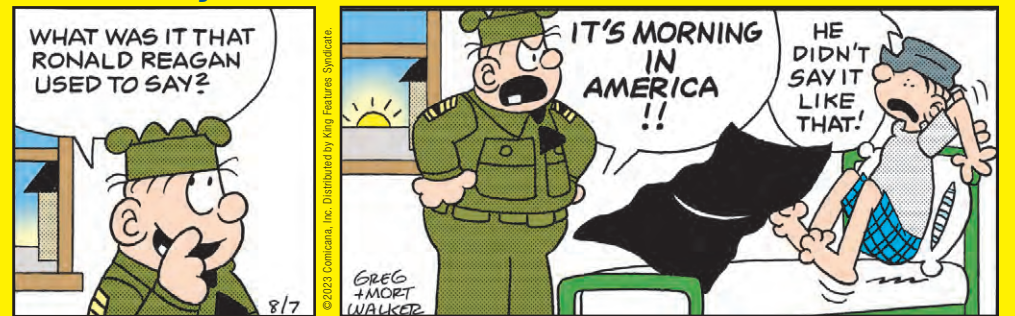
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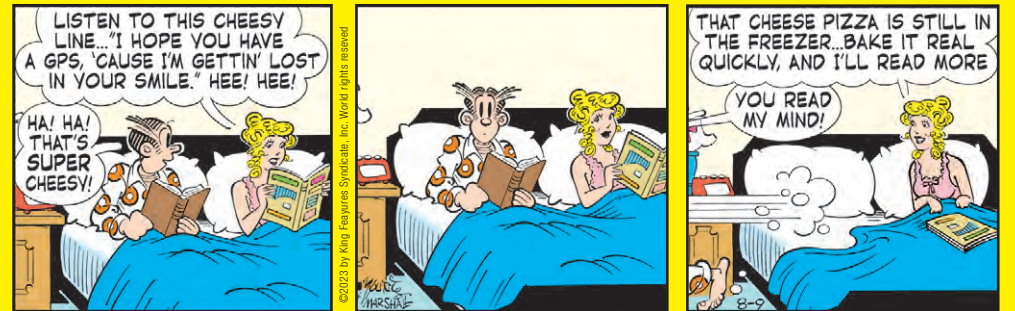
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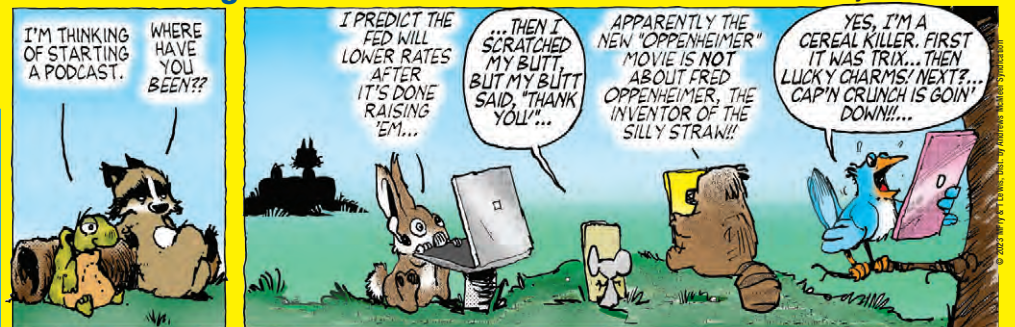
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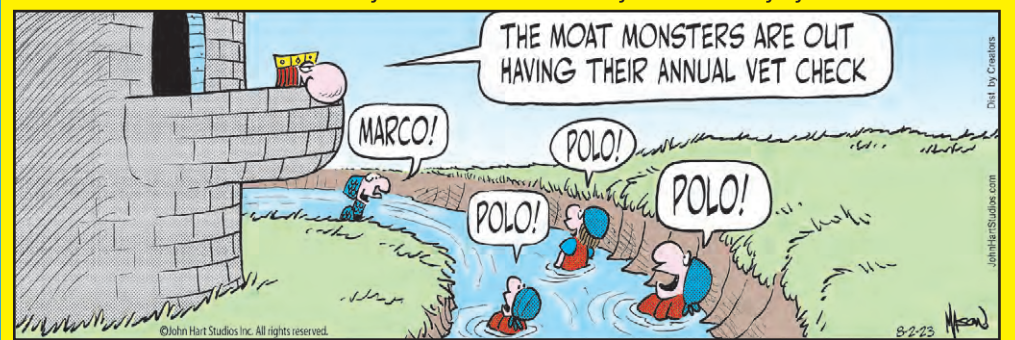
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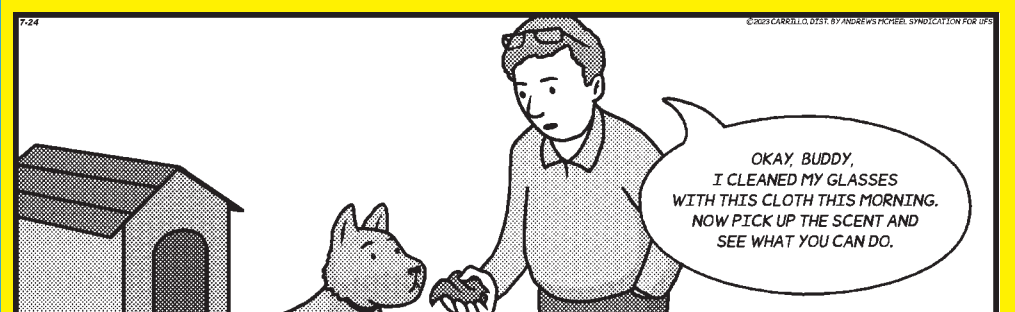
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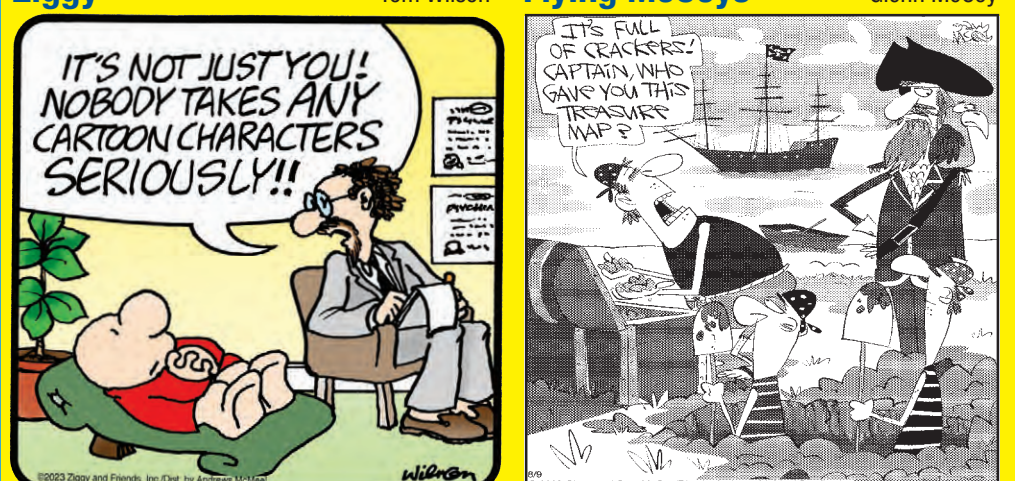


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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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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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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8/3 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 10, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 How bad news travels, it's said
- 5 Pilots and Explorers
- 9 Forbidden
- 14 The "R" of RBG
- 15 Guitarist Clapton
- 16 Hawaiian greeting
- 17 Reason d'
- 18 Central American country known for pupusas (In this answer, note letters 1-4)
- 20 Closes
- 22 Oak, e.g.
- 23 Certain soda's trade secret (... letters 6-9)
- 30 Noah's craft
- 31 "Citizen Kane" studio
- 32 Captured
- 33 Commotion
- 35 Conks out
- 36 Concept studied by philosophers and psychologists (... letters 4-7)
- 40 "Where Have You ___" (Rihanna hit)
- 42 Extent
- 43 Stoves with ovens
- 46 Three, in Sicily
- 47 ZipRecruiter listing
- 50 Entrepreneur's undertaking (... letters 8-11)

- 54 Wagging appendage
- 55 Many Copenhagen residents
- 56 NCAA ice hockey finals ... or what 18-, 23-, 36- and 50-Across contain?
- 62 One of 500 at Daytona
- 63 King or president
- 64 Vegetarian protein source
- 65 Blogger's piece
- 66 Black cats, to some
- 67 Leopard feature
- 68 Greek god of war

- DOWN
- 1 Agua ___ (fruity taqueria drink)
- 2 Name on a spine
- 3 Reached, as a deal
- 4 It precedes iota
- 5 Glimpse
- 6 Virtual address
- 7 Breath-taking view
- 8 Wolf (down)
- 9 Moe's on "The Simpsons," for one
- 10 Apple pie listing ___ mode
- 11 Gym rat's pride
- 12 "Look what I've found!"

- 13 Rowing implement
- 19 Those born before Virgos
- 21 Rugby pileup
- 24 Veggie in Cajun cuisine
- 25 Bird on a Canadian dollar
- 26 Spanish for "mother"
- 27 Michael of "Shrinking"
- 28 Gymnastics gold medalist
- 29 Commercials
- 33 Molds and mushrooms
- 34 O.R. attendants
- 36 Roosters' mates
- 37 When Romeo drinks poison, in "Romeo and Juliet"
- 38 Ripped

- 39 Overturn
- 40 "Gimme a sec." in a text
- 41 ___ de toilette
- 44 Bursts onto the scene?
- 45 Actor Penn
- 47 Second person?
- 48 "You better do what I say!"
- 49 Troubles persistently
- 51 Separates, as flour
- 52 Single-masted sailboat
- 53 ___ Bay Rays
- 56 To and
- 57 Pina coloda ingredient
- 58 Soccer cheer
- 59 Meditative Buddhist sect
- 60 Alien craft, familiarly
- 61 Daily grind

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Cold Ones by Drew Schmenner

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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



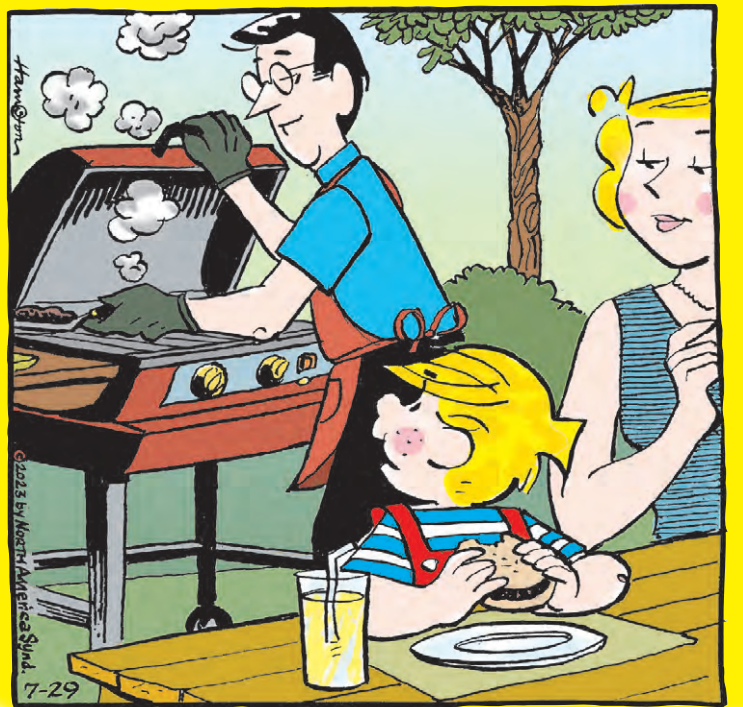
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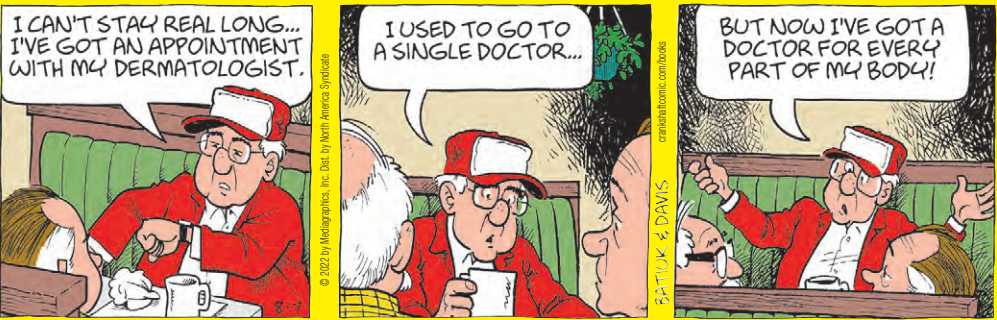
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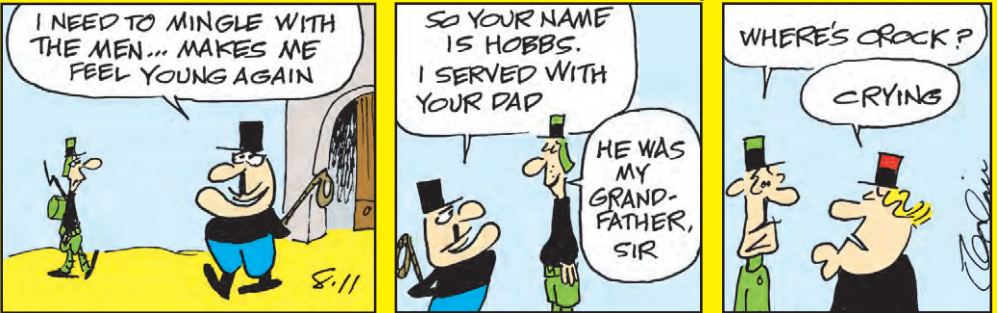
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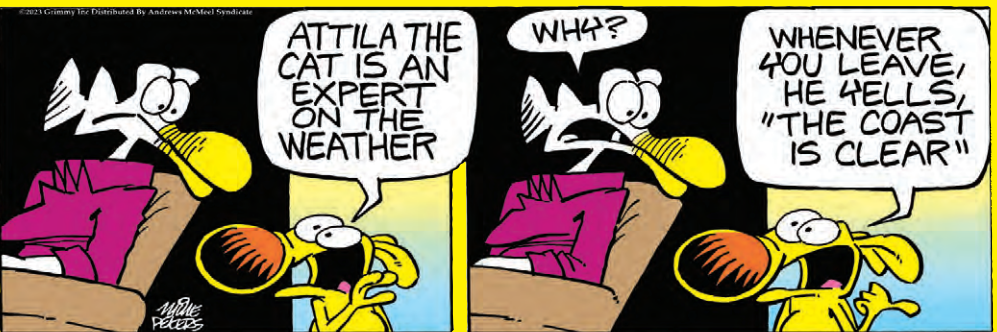
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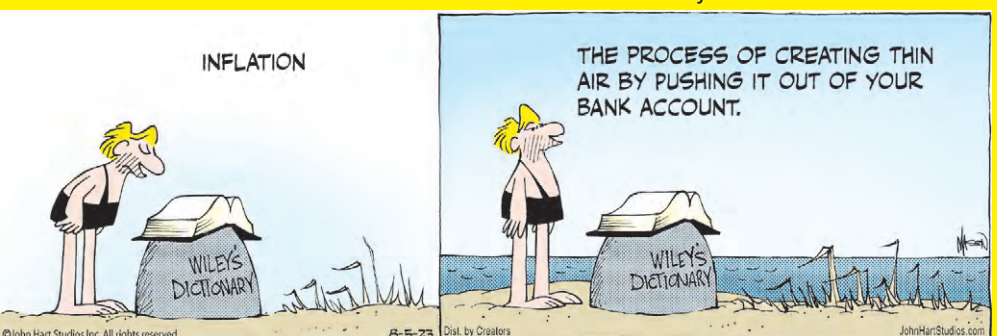
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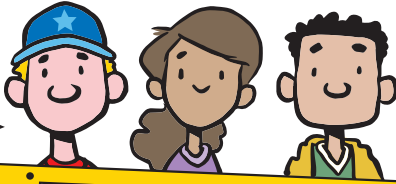
Kids' Messages Cheer Up Millions

In March of 2022, the kindergartners of West Side School in Healdsburg, California recorded laughter and messages they wrote to cheer people up. They set up a phone number where people could call and listen to these happy messages.

Their Peptok line received more than 11 million calls in a year!

Kindness

A little act of kindness can go a long way toward making someone have a better day. Can you draw a smile on each of these faces?



Do you remember a time someone was kind to you?

Who was it?

What did they do that was kind?

How did it make you feel?

Draw a picture or write about that memory.

Do you remember a time you were kind to someone else?

Who was it?

What did you do that was kind?

How did it make you feel?

Draw a picture or write about that memory.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Discuss/write about a personal experience in detail.

Kindness Bingo

Read each of the acts of kindness on this Bingo card.

Try to do each of these simple acts of kindness in the coming week. Color in a box every time you do one. Can you color in the entire Kindness Bingo card in a week?

Send a cheerful letter to a family member	Help pick up litter at school	Read a story to a younger kid	Say "Thank You" to at least three people
Share your favorite book with a friend	Help clean up at home	Draw a picture for an elderly neighbor	Clear the table after a meal
Compliment a friend or family member	Thank your teacher for all they do	Be a good sport, no matter if you win or lose	Help set the table for dinner
Invite a younger kid to play a game with you and your friends	Compliment your school custodian	Pick up your toys without being asked	Listen to a friend who seems sad or upset
Talk to a child who seems lonely	High-five your principal at school	Make a list of five great things about a friend	Make a list of five good things about you

Create Your Own Kindness Bingo Card!



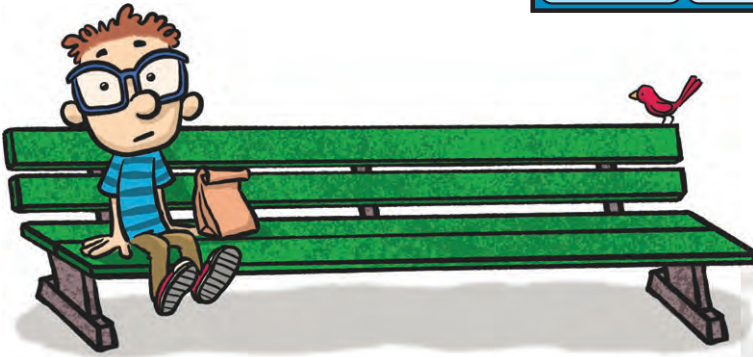
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Once you display your poster, take a picture of it and send it to: Woodward@kidscoop.com Include your first name, age and state. Some will be shared on our Instagram page.

Buddy Bench

This is Trevor. He is new at school. He's eating lunch all alone because he doesn't know anyone yet.

Draw some new friends sitting with Trevor on the bench. It's kind to introduce yourself and your friends to someone new!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra! Kindness News is Good News!

Look through the newspaper for examples of people being kind. Cut them out and make a Kindness Poster.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ms. McAmity's students wrote messages of kindness in chalk on the playground. But a little rain washed away some of the letters. Use the code to fill in the missing vowels.

CODE
7 = A
3 = E
2 = I
4 = O
5 = U



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BINGO
- CLEAN
- DRAW
- FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- KIND
- MEMORY
- NEW
- SCHOOL
- SPORT
- STORY
- TEACHER
- THANK
- TOYS
- YOU

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

T Q D N I K U O Y L
R E R X N T V B R M
O N A E L C O X O E
P F W C Z T J Y T M
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H Q J P I X R N N Y
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O S T E Z B Y O S D
L H I S D N E I R F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Tell Your Town

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper explaining why it is important for people to be kind. Give examples of kindness in your letter. They just might print it!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write opinion pieces.



Where can you find some of the kindest kids in school?

ANSWER: = In KINDER-garten

Write On!

Kindness Poem

Write a poem about kindness.

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Hey look, Ma, I made it! Six winners take top honors in 2nd annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest



By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

A dream team short-stop, a pioneer in track and field, a national champion rower, an All-American diver, an all-state swimmer and an all-star softball pitcher earned the special distinction as Grosse Pointe's top athletes this week by winning the 2022-23 Grosse Pointe News second annual Athlete of the Year contest.

Winners competed in a field of 44 athletes who were featured in the Grosse Pointe News throughout the 2022-23 school year, representing 39 teams at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School. Thanks to nominations by coaches, parents, teammates and GP News sports staff, these athletes were showcased individually in our Athlete of the Week feature, which highlights outstanding performances or a notable body of work in their respective sports.

Two athletes — one male and one female — earned the top spots in the Reader's Choice portion of the contest, earning the most votes



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Forty four local athletes competed. Thousands of you voted. Is your favorite athlete a winner in the Grosse Pointe News second annual Athlete of the Year contest? Turn to pages 4-5D to find out.

from among nearly 6,500 entries and 10,000 individual votes cast from July 19 to Aug. 6.

In the Editorial Choice category, GP News sports staff determined

a tie in both the best female and best male categories from a packed field of deserving athletes. Among several factors, additional consideration

went to seniors who will play their respective sports at the collegiate level.

Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, thanks to the gen-

erosity of our Athlete of the Week sponsors during the season, including Pointe Capital Management LLC, Expert Heating & Cooling, Joe Ricci

Automotive, Racing for Kids and 313 Lacrosse.

Before we get charged with a delay of game, race over to pages 4-5D to take a look at Grosse Pointe's top of the crop.

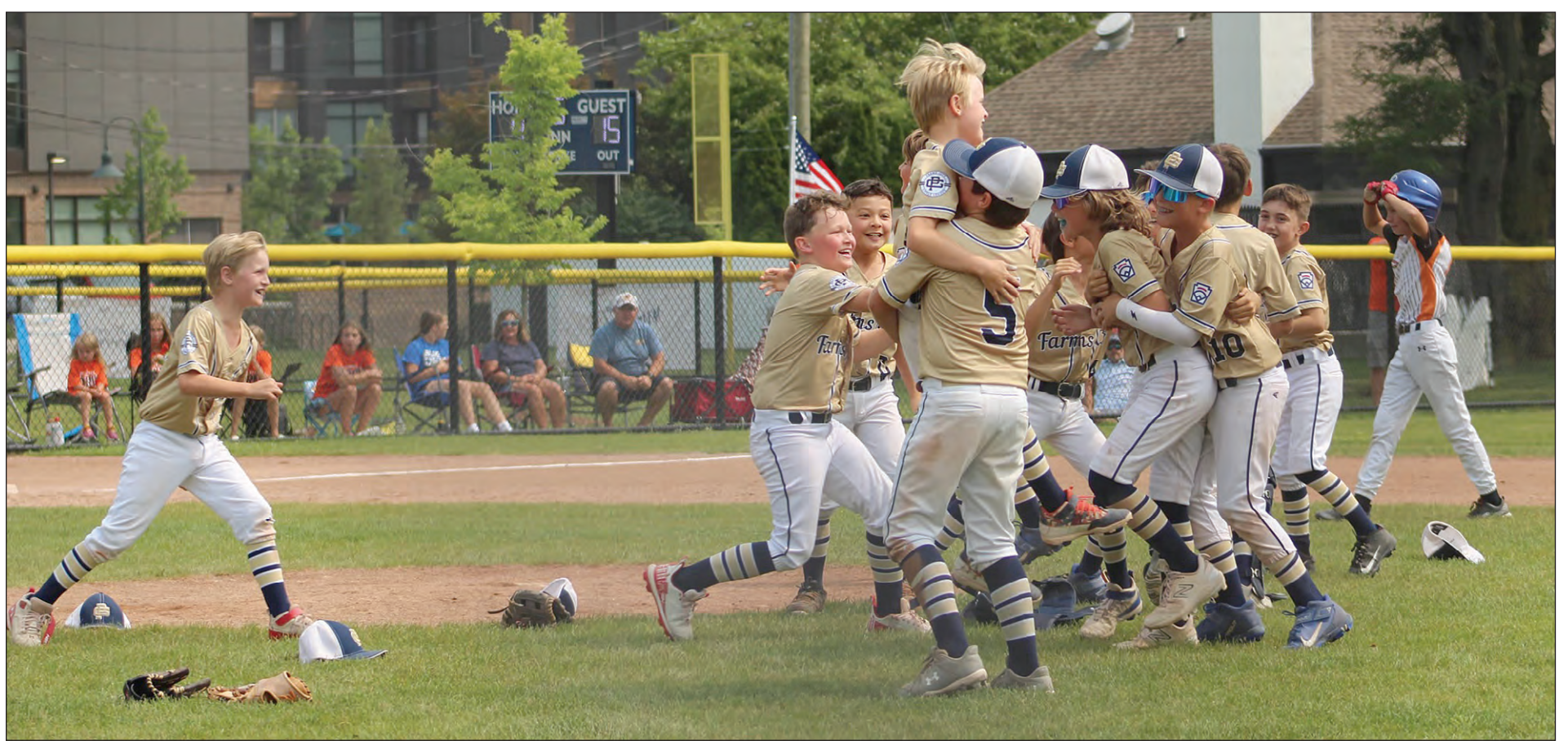


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Teammates storm the field after the last out to capture the 2023 10U state championship for Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League.

Farms-City Little League 10U strikes back with second consecutive state championship

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

BIRMINGHAM, MICH. — For a group of 10 year olds that went undefeated against teams in its age

group this season, Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League's all-stars knew heading into the 10U state tournament it was a championship or bust. And win it they did,

with a definitive 15-4 victory over Byron Township Little League Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Birmingham. But before they hoisted the trophy, the team found itself facing adver-

sity for one of the first times this season in its semifinal game against Midland Northeast Tuesday, Aug. 1. By mid-game, with Farms-City down 5-0, all

bets were off. "Midland was up 5-0, and we had a situation of Murphy's Law," said Farms-City's manager Chip Getz. "We had like a 10-minute period where

everything was going wrong and fluky things were happening." But, Getz said, his players knew a championship was within reach. See CHAMPS, page 2D

2D | SPORTS

Little League ump offers inspiration for girls

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Mia Tedesco has loved baseball ever since her brothers began playing the game as young kids. She had a Little League baseball career of her own as well, but for the past few springs and summers, Tedesco has gone from being at the plate to being behind it.

This season marked Tedesco's fourth year of umpiring Little League baseball. She began when a family friend helped set her up with the job and has never wanted to quit since. Just like when she was playing, Tedesco almost always is the only female umpire in the program, but that is exactly why she does it.

"I played baseball and was the only girl on my team," Tedesco said. "So one thing I wanted to bring to umpiring was also being the only girl, so I could show other lit-

tle girls who have dreams like that they can do it."

Tedesco mainly oversees games for the 8U age group and sometimes younger age groups as well. She is about to enter her senior year at Grosse Pointe North High School and has become a leader in the young umpire community.

Most Little League umpires, especially for the younger age groups, begin like Tedesco did, while in middle school, then continue into high school. Now age 17, Tedesco is helping younger umpires learn the ropes and earn the respect of the players, coaches and parents.

"I was one of the younger ones when I began and it was challenging because I feel like I wasn't looked at as a professional or respected," Tedesco said. "As the years went on, it felt nice to know that I was becoming a leader.

... Kids coming in to umpire are usually around 11 to 17 (years old) and parents usually take that into consideration. There are times where they look down at you and don't think you know what you're talking about, but then you can prove them wrong."

It has not been hard for Tedesco to win over the parents in the stands. She prides herself on being as fair as possible during every game, like any good umpire, but also on being an inspiration for other girls who might not have even considered becoming an umpire before seeing Tedesco behind the plate.

"I had a game where there were two girls on the field and they were the only girls I've seen playing in my years of umpiring," she said. "... After the game, the moms came up to me and told me I did a great job and that I was inspir-



COURTESY PHOTO

Mia Tedesco, 17, has been serving as a Little League umpire the past four years.

ing to their girls."

Moments like those make it worth it for Tedesco to do what she does, working through

the spring and summer with the umpire pads on. The best times she has while umpiring also come from seeing young

players start to fall in love with baseball.

It has been a while since Tedesco played on the diamond herself. She now focuses most of her athletic career on being part of the Norsemen volleyball team. However, umpiring helps keep her love of baseball alive and lets her enjoy the moments when younger generations realize they love the game, too.

"There are kids with special needs that have been through the game and I love being able to help teach those moments and watch them hit their first ball or score their first run," Tedesco said. "... I love being able to watch the kids warm up and have that long throw for the first time or make a good play. They're just ecstatic and it feels really special, because it shows how they're going to fall in love with the game and the sport."

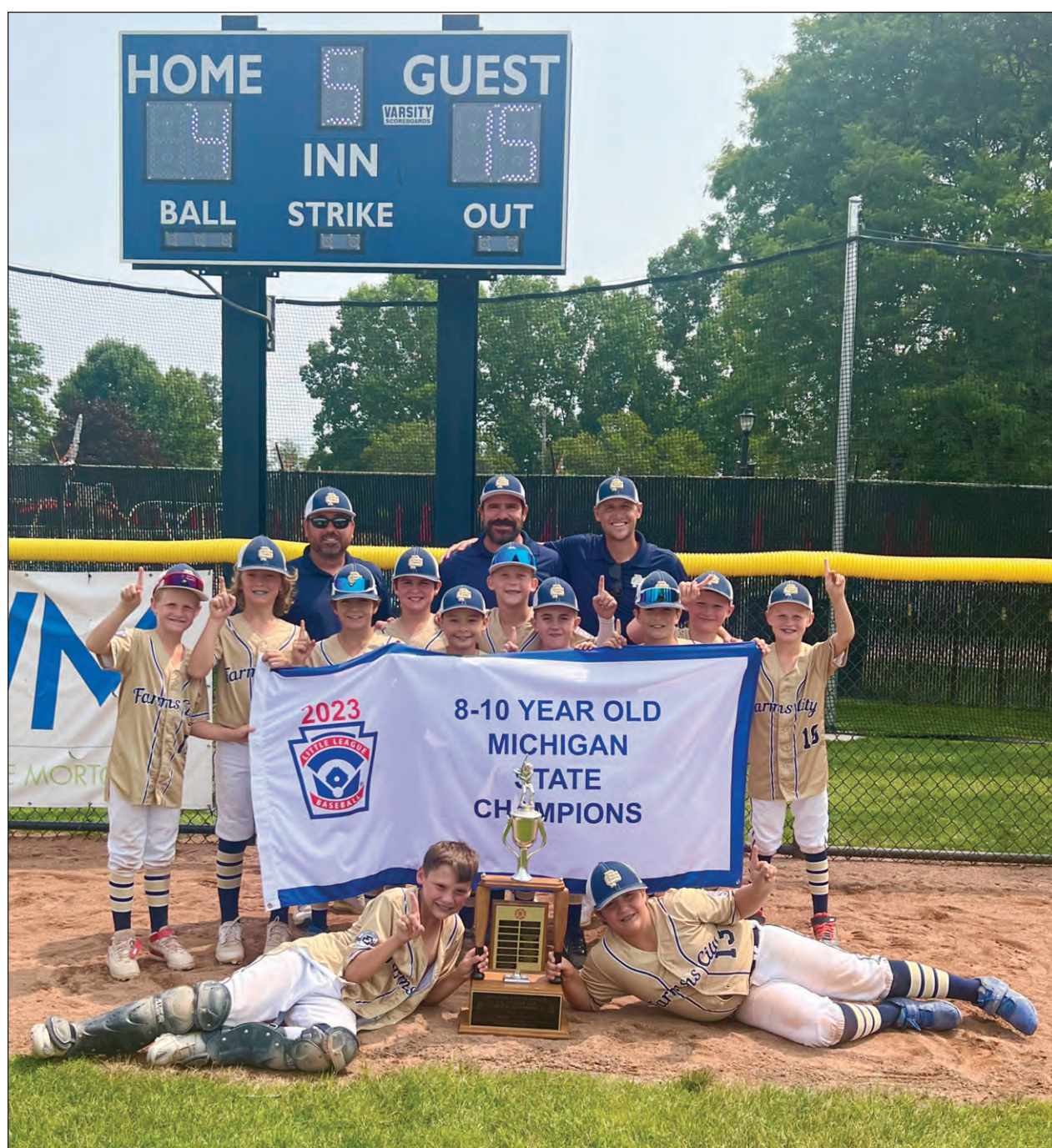


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Grosse Pointe Farms-City 10U Little Leaguers celebrate its state championship win Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Birmingham.

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was in reach and just kept battling. The team tied it back 5-5 when Getz, along with his assistant coach, Joe Michelotti, felt the tide turn.

"It was 5-5 with two outs and they had a runner on second," Getz said of the game's pivotal moment. "They hit a single, the runner on second heads to home, and we hit the relay to our cutoff from center.

"... It's the perfect throw and tag, and he was out. Momentum shifted all the way and everything went our way from there."

Farms-City scored one more run to eke out a 6-5 win to advance to the state championship against Byron Township.

"We knew Midland was good, but we showed

up for this tourney and very quickly within about one minute after watching Byron play, we thought they would be the hardest for us," Getz said.

As anticipated, Byron came out swinging. Farms-City quickly fell behind 4-2.

"Kids were looking around and we just kind of thought, 'How are they going to react?' It's the top of the fourth inning and you don't get runs there, more pressure builds," he said. "But we stayed in the game, made their pitchers grind out pitches, we scored some runs and got him out (of the game) in third. ... Within a few at bats, we mercied them."

Getz credits his team for being a set of coachable players, noting that when the staff gives them a plan, they listen and execute.

Still, he said he feels fortunate to win it all, the same emotion he had when he led the same team to victory in last year's 9-year-old local tournament.

"It still requires so much luck," he said. "Injuries happen and fluky things happen. We were so fortunate in that regard."

Getz also credited his assistant coach Michelotti for seeing this team's potential early on.

"Joe saw them when they were first starting and identified them as a special group," Getz said. "But (winning it all) was just an abstract idea at first.

"... Many of these players have older brothers and knew what it took to win," he added. "It's always great to see in pressure-packed moments how are they going to come together

and who will step up. Every single one of our players stepped up and played a role."

The 2023 10U championship marks back-to-back seasons where a 10U team from Farms-City has won the state title. In addition to winning it all in 2022 and 2023, Farms-City 10U also won in 2002 and 2007. Grosse Pointe Park Little League won the 10U state tournament in 2011.

The newly crowned 10U state champions include Beau Wortman, Blake Steiner, Bobby Michelotti, Cooper Getz, Evric Arnold, Felix Martinez, Grayson Winkler, Gregory Nicholson, Mason Philbrick, Mickey Peplinski and Zander Steiner. The coaching staff includes Chip Getz, Joe Michelotti and Mike Peplinski.

All in the family

Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League's 10U manager, Chip Getz, is fresh off of winning a Little League state championship with his 10-year-old twins, Cooper and Crosby (see story on 1D).

They belong to a family with one of the community's richest Little League baseball histories in Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms-City, with a nearly 70-year collective involvement. Among its litany of accomplishments, each branch of the family tree has won a Little League state championship either as a coach or a player.

"When I would occasionally look out (on the field) and see my identical twins up the middle, it's not lost on me," Chip Getz said of his family's most recent state championship experience. "It's good to see my kids and their generation start to be a part of that."

A look at the Getz family's Little League legacy begins with Arthur Getz Sr., who coached his son, Art Jr., in Grosse Pointe Park. He then moved on to serve as assistant district administrator (ADA) for District 6 in the early 1960s, then as district administrator (DA) from 1963 until 1994.

Art Getz Jr. served a term as ADA from 1991-94, during his tenure as Farms-City's president from 1992-93. He then became DA from 1994-2003. He initiated the first 10-year-old local district tournament at Elworthy Field in 1991, which Little League eventually adopted statewide.

Getz Sr.'s other son, Mike, coached a state championship in 2002, while grandsons, Chip, Chris, Max and Charles and great-grandsons Henry, Cooper and Crosby have won Little League championships either as a coach like Chip Getz has, or as players.

Chris Getz moved on to win the 2001 high school state championship at Grosse Pointe South, the program's first-ever state title. He eventually made

it to the bigs, enjoying a 10-year major-league career after being drafted 125th overall in the fourth round of the 2005 MLB draft by the Chicago White Sox.

The Getz family also played a pivotal role in allowing Grosse Pointe Little League's first female player, Gini Bruce, to compete in what was a "boys-only" league. The family later helped bring Little League softball to the Pointes, in tandem with the city of Harper Woods and the Neighborhood Club.

Little League state championships for the family include:

◆ 1995 Chris Getz: 12-year old state championship (Grosse Pointe Farms-City)

◆ 2002 Max Getz: 12-year-old state championship, coached by Mike Getz (Farms-City)

◆ 2002 Charles Getz: 10-year-old state championship (Farms-City)

◆ 2022 Henry Getz: 12-year-old state championship, with assistant coach Chip Getz (Farms-City)

◆ 2023 Cooper Getz: 10-year-old state championship, coached by Chip Getz (Farms-City)

◆ 2023 Crosby Getz: 10-year-old state championship, coached by Chip Getz (Farms-City)

For Chip Getz, he said he is acutely aware of the unique opportunity kids in the Pointes, including his own, have in playing Little League.

"I love Farms-City Little League and it's among the last bastions of community baseball left in this country. We have hung on to it and I hope it continues ... the pageantry, the fact you are playing with neighbors, your classmates and not someone from an hour-and-a-half away that you're never gonna see again. It's just different. ... I draw that connection back to my grandfather and to my uncle and cousins.

"(Winning this year) was very special and it was hard not to get emotional thinking about it."

Lochmoor claims top spot at swim finals

CCD, GPYC make Top 5

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Fourteen clubs from around metro Detroit, including three from the Pointes, descended on Western Golf and Country Club in Redford July 28 to 30, at the 2023 Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association (MICA) finals. The Pointes were represented well throughout the weekend as Lochmoor Club took first place overall in the final standings with Country Club of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Lochmoor's swimmers finished first in 22 of more than 60 events over the weekend. One of the biggest highlights in those top finishes was the 8 and under 100 medley relay team of Gigi Thibault, Liam Hafner, Bridget Beland and Mia Fozo, who broke a 23-year league record with their first-place time of 1:18.37.

In addition to the broken league record, some new Lochmoor Club records were established during the finals as well. Ella Hafner broke

two club records in the 50 and 100 freestyles for 11- and 12-year-olds. Clare Hafner set a record in the 13- and 14-year-old 50 breaststroke,

with Liam Hafner breaking the 8 and under 50 freestyle record. In the 15- to 17-year-old division, Tommy Moreland set Lochmoor's new record in the 50 fly.

While Lochmoor finished with 1,029 total points for

first place, CCD's 549 points put the club in fourth place overall. One of the big performers for CCD at the finals was Quinn Ryan in the girls 11- and 12-year-old division. Ryan took first place in the 50 backstroke and 50 fly finals.

Whitney Handwork was another top performer from CCD. While Handwork did not collect any first-place medals, she finished among the top three in almost every event in which she participated. She earned second place as part of the girls 200 free relay team and was third in the girls 15- to 17-year-old 50 meter breaststroke.

CCD's top boys swimmer for the finals was Pete O'Donnell, who took second in two events, the boys 13- to 14-year-old 50 back and 50 fly.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's team was fifth overall with 502.5 points. Eleanor Early helped GPYC in the standings with two first-place finishes in the girls 9- to 10-year-old 25 fly and 100 IM. Evie Melhem also had a pair of titles in the girls 8 and under division by winning the 25 fly and 25 backstroke. Christian Fosse was first in the boys 8 and under 25 free and took second in the 50 free.

It is the fourth consecutive year Lochmoor has won MICA finals.

Visit grossepointenews.com for full detailed meet results from this year's MICA finals.



PHOTO BY ANNE GRZYENIA

Fans begin to fill the grandstands during prelims Friday, July 28, for the Michigan Interscholastic Club Swim Association's finals meet at Western Golf Club in Redford.

Sailors from 7 countries race on Lake St. Clair

By Clare Ramsdell
GPN Intern

One-hundred sixty sailors from all over the world gathered at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Crescent Sail Yacht Club this past weekend to compete in the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) US National Championships, which attracted high-caliber sailors from seven countries.

"It was really cool to host such a high-caliber event with some of the best sailors in North America here," Grosse Pointe sailor Billy Vogel said. "We had a Canadian Olympian, we had a lot of people on the U.S. Olympic Development Program team here and just a lot of high-caliber racers present and it was very eye-level competition, which was awesome to race against them."

The event started on

Thursday, Aug. 3 with a practice race, where the race committee went out and got the course entirely set up. Afterwards, the competitors went out to explore and race the course before the real competition started Friday, Aug. 4.

On Friday morning, four races took place, with the first of two experiencing a medium breeze of about eight to 10 knots. The wind kicked up a little more in the afternoon to about 12 to 13 knots for the last two races.

On Saturday, sailors faced a breeze that was quite a bit lighter at about five to six knots, only allowing for two races.

"Really the only issue was, you know, the wind Saturday was lighter, but it was nice because we got a couple of light wind races in," Vogel explained. "But it was...challenging on

Saturday with all the powerboat chop on Lake St. Clair and only about four to five knots of breeze, it was tough to get more races off."

However, Sunday was when the real fun happened, with about 17 knots of breeze and some big waves on Lake St. Clair. Four fast races took place.

"We had like two-foot rollers, 70 knots of breeze gusts up to about 20. And we got four races and it was great," Vogel said. "Sunday was the best day for sure. It was super awesome just getting to sail that breeze and you know Lake St. Clair tends to be a lighter breeze in August, so we just got super lucky having such an awesome breeze that day."

"And it was a blast," he added. "I mean, everyone was excited to be sailing it and it was a lot of work, a lot of hiking, a lot of balancing



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROB WOOD

Over 150 laser sailors facing high winds and big waves on Sunday, Aug. 6, during the ILCA US national championships.

keeping the boat flat and just working upwind."

Over the three days, organizers fit in 10 total races, with four fleets overall — two fleets for the ILCA 6, one for the ILCA 7 and one for the ILCA 4.

Vogel, who sailed in the ILCA 7 fleet, has sailed in the past three U.S. national championships. In 2021, he competed in Norfolk, Va. Last year, it was in Brand Beach, N.J., and this year Grosse Pointe's

local clubs had the privilege of hosting it.

This year, Vogel ended in 21st place out of 46 in his fleet.

While no Grosse Pointer finished in the top three in Sunday's finals standings, the following sailors from across the world stood on the podium, including:

ILCA 4 fleet:

Kousei Hatter, San Diego Yacht Club
Jackson Wilcox, LYC/HYC

Beck Brill, Coral Reef Yacht Club

ILCA 6 fleet:

Jake Homberger, Lauderdale Yacht Club
Tanner Krygsveld, St. Thomas Yacht Club
Hamilton Barclay, Houston Yacht Club

ILCA 7 fleet:

Ford McCann, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club
Marshall McCann, TCYC/AmericaOne Racing
Lee Parkhill, Oakville Yacht Squadron

Hitting the links

Grosse Pointe North parents, alumni, coaches and supporters came out to the North Booster Club's second annual golf outing at the St. Clair Shores Golf Club Sunday, Aug. 6. Event organizers believe the outing raised close to \$15,000 for North's athletic booster fund, around \$6,000 more than the \$9,000 raised at the 2022 event. The athletic booster fund finances requests from North coaches and teams for anything and everything to help their programs. Next year's event takes place Aug. 4, at the St. Clair Shores Golf Club. More information and sign ups will be available later this year.



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By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Sophie Schuetze, Senior, Grosse Pointe South



SOPHIE SCHUETZE
Grosse Pointe South
Swim & Dive

- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on Oct. 6, 2022.
- Schuetze earned All-State honors in three seasons in 2019, 2021 and 2022 (COVID cut short the 2020 season).
- As South's co-captain, she led the Blue Devils to three top-five finishes at the Division 2 state championship, earning 30 points as South's highest point winner at finals.
- She helped lead South twice to second place in the state finals in 2019 and 2021, the program's best all-time finishes.
- In three state final meets, she earned All-State honors in five individual events and six relays, including 100 fly, 200 individual medley, 200 medley relay team and 400 free relay.
- She is a 2023 Academic All-American.
- Beginning this month, Schuetze will become an NCAA Division I athlete for the varsity swim and dive team at the University of Cincinnati.

Jake Juip, Junior, University Liggett School

- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on June 15, 2023.
- Juip (pronounced "YIPE") was diagnosed in fourth grade with Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare degenerative disease that affects the nervous system. He competes in his wheelchair as a member of the Knights' varsity track and field team.
- He is a two-time track and field Division 3 state champion in the 100-meter adaptive races in 2022 and 2023.
- In 2023, six weeks before the state finals, Juip underwent surgery on his spine, making his hopes for back-to-back titles uncertain. He rehabilitated, worked hard and competed in the state final, where he beat Alec Chapman from Perry for the title.
- The MHSAA considers its adaptive race program a "pilot." This summer, the organization will decide whether or not to make the program permanent. Juip and his family have already expressed their advocacy to the organization for the program to remain. That way, more adaptive race athletes like him will have the chance to forever call themselves champions.



JAKE JUIP
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STAFF PICKS

Jarren Purify, Senior, University Liggett School

- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on July 6, 2023.
- Purify was named to the elite 2023 All-state Dream Team.
- He earned 2023 First Team All-State honors.
- Helped Liggett finish as the Division 2 2023 state runner-up (he won the 2021 D3 state championship at Liggett).
- Purify also was named starter on the 2023 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star team, which is considered a collection of the state's best players.
- He is the Prep Baseball Report (PBR) 2023 Division 2 Player of the Year.
- He is PBR's 2023 Co-Position Player of the Year.
- He was named to the PBR Elite Top 25 for 2023.
- Beginning this month, Purify became an NCAA Division I athlete on the varsity baseball team at Clemson University.



JARREN PURIFY
University Liggett School
Baseball



LOGAN HEPNER
Grosse Pointe South
Swim & Dive

Logan Hepner, Senior, Grosse Pointe South

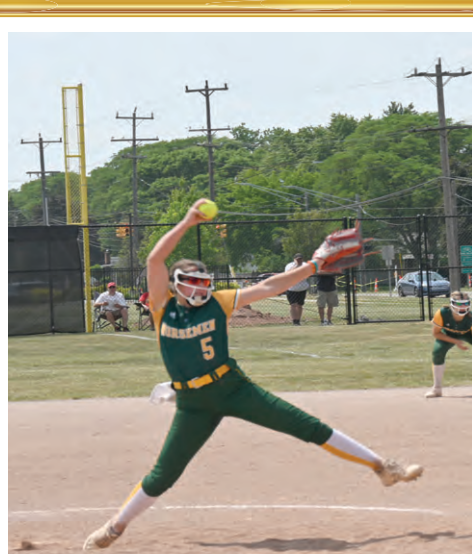
- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on Dec. 15, 2022.
- Hepner won the Division 2 diving state championships in 2022 and 2023, breaking the D2 state diving record with 560.80 points this season.
- He was named All-American in 2021, 2022 and 2023 by the National Interscholastic Coaches Association (COVID canceled the 2020 state final).
- He was named a 2023 Academic All-American, All-State Dream Team member and First Team All-State.
- He is the state's "Mr. Diver" for 2023, selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.
- He now holds the 11-dive and six-dive pool records and school records at South.
- Beginning this month, Hepner became an NCAA Division I athlete for the varsity swim and dive team at the University of Michigan.

Ryleigh O'Donoghue, Senior, Grosse Pointe South

- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on Dec. 1, 2022.
- O'Donoghue won the 2023 National Championship in the Women's Youth 4+ at USRowing Youth National Championships in May.
- She did not begin rowing until high school. She also is a competitive ice skater and ice hockey player for South's girls varsity hockey team.
- She competed for Team USA in 2022, after being selected as one of approximately 40 rowers from around the country for the U.S. Rowing Olympic Development High Performance Program.
- Beginning this month, O'Donoghue became an NCAA Division I athlete on the women's crew team at the University of Wisconsin.



RYLEIGH O'DONOGHUE
Grosse Pointe South
Rowing



KAITLYN BARR
Grosse Pointe North
Softball

Kaitlyn Barr, Senior, Grosse Pointe North


- Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on June 29, 2023.
- Barr co-captained North to its first regional championship in 31 years in her senior season, advancing to the Division 2 state quarterfinal.
- She earned 2023 individual and team All-Academic All-State honors.
- She was named to the All-MAC Red, All-District and All-Region teams, and also won the Captain's Award from the Michigan Softball Coaches Association.
- She was selected as North's 2023 Team MVP, pitching 144.1 innings for North this season and recording 200 strikeouts.
- She is the 2023 recipient of North's Scholar Athlete award and the Brian Aulph Attitude and Effort award.
- Beginning this month, Barr became a NCAA Division 3 athlete on the women's varsity softball team at Worcester Polytechnic University in Massachusetts, where she will study aerospace engineering.

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Cifuentes conquers Lake St. Clair

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

For the second time in five weeks, a major professional bass fishing tournament was held on Lake St. Clair. This time it was Bassmaster Elite rookie sensation Joey Cifuentes III, aka "The Cowboy," hoisting the trophy on Championship Sunday in front of an impressive crowd at Brandenburg Park in New Baltimore. Cifuentes' four-day total of 91 pounds, 8 ounces consisted of 20 bass, all smallmouth. It also set a Bassmaster record for the most weight caught on Lake St. Clair.

The field of more than 100 anglers took off early Thursday morning in search of five-pounders. Shane LeHew of North Carolina led after day one with a 24-pound bag, all smallmouth. LeHew could only find about 18 pounds on day two and slipped to 15th place. Meanwhile Taku Ito, the crowd favorite from Tone River, Japan, jumped into the lead, thanks to his bag of 25 pounds, 8 ounces, which was the best single limit of the tournament. Cifuentes and Oklahoma angler Luke Palmer also both weighed their best bags of the tournament on day two. In fact, 33 anglers



PHOTO BY BRIAN OWEN

Michigan angler Chad Pipkins speeds through Lake St. Clair to find a winning fishing spot.

weighed in over 20 pounds on day two.

With the field trimmed down to the top 50 anglers, Luke Palmer took the lead Saturday with a three-day total of 68 pounds, 7 ounces, followed by Cifuentes and Ito, who were just 12 and 13 ounces behind Palmer, respectively, setting up an exciting Championship Sunday.

Only the top 10 compete on the final day and nine of them put their faith in the waters of Anchor Bay. Anchor Bay was producing big fish all week and Ito's big bag of the tournament was

caught there. Only one angler made the run to Canadian waters on Championship Sunday. The cowboy from Arkansas ran more than 20 miles to his spot near the south shore of Canada, where he fished all week and it paid off. One smallmouth jumped right into Cifuentes' lap as he tried to boat it.

The Bassmaster Elite format includes a live weigh-in, which is what draws the crowds. Fans are there to see their favorite anglers and also their favorite fish. The bigger the fish, the bigger the reaction is from the

crowd as each angler weighs in and hoists their top two fish for the fans to see. They then have the option to weigh their biggest bass if they think they may be in the running for Big Bass.

Adding to the excitement is the Bassmaster Elite emcee, Dave Mercer, who is known for his angler intros, interviews on the weigh-in stage and getting the crowd going. With only three anglers left to weigh in, it was Ito's turn to weigh in his smallmouth. As "Smallmouth Disneyland" by Upside of Maybe played over the

sound system, Ito leaped from his boat with his giant bag of bass and ran up to the stage as the crowd cheered. Twenty-two pounds, 1 ounce put Ito in first place with just two more anglers left to weigh their fish.

It was definitely "Taku Time" as Ito and Mercer had the crowd laughing with their banter.

"What if it's 'Cowboy Time?'" Mercer joked. "No Cowboy Time. Taku Time!" Ito replied, making the crowd laugh even louder.

Unfortunately for Ito, Cifuentes took the lead with five smallmouth, tip-

ping the scales at 23 pounds, 13 ounces and only one more angler to go. Luke Palmer needed 23 pounds, 2 ounces to overtake Fuentes.

As Eminem's "Lose Yourself" played, Mercer rattled off each of Palmer's previous wins as he calmly made his way off his boat to the stage, high-fiving a few fans along the way. Palmer and Cifuentes stood side-by-side as Mercer read Palmer's tally, "21 pounds, 15 ounces. The Cowboy conquers Lake St. Clair and doubles down in 2023!"

With his second win in his rookie season, Cifuentes is in the lead for Rookie of the Year and has moved up in the standings for Angler of the Year. He also qualifies for the 2024 Bassmaster Classic, the Super Bowl of bass fishing, which will be held at Grand Lake O The Cherokees in Tulsa, Okla., next March.

The Bassmaster Elite series continues next month with two more tournaments to close out the season: Lake Champlain, followed by the St. Lawrence River, which may be Lake St. Clair's only competition for the title of "Smallmouth Disneyland."

Fish on!



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Scouting it out

Coaches from Capitol University (Ohio), Albion College, Madonna University, Northwood University and Siena Heights University take front row seats to watch local lacrosse players at a recent showcase, hosted by 313 Lacrosse. The event took place at University Liggett School's athletic complex Wednesday, July 26, as storm clouds gathered before the skies opened up in Grosse Pointe later that afternoon.

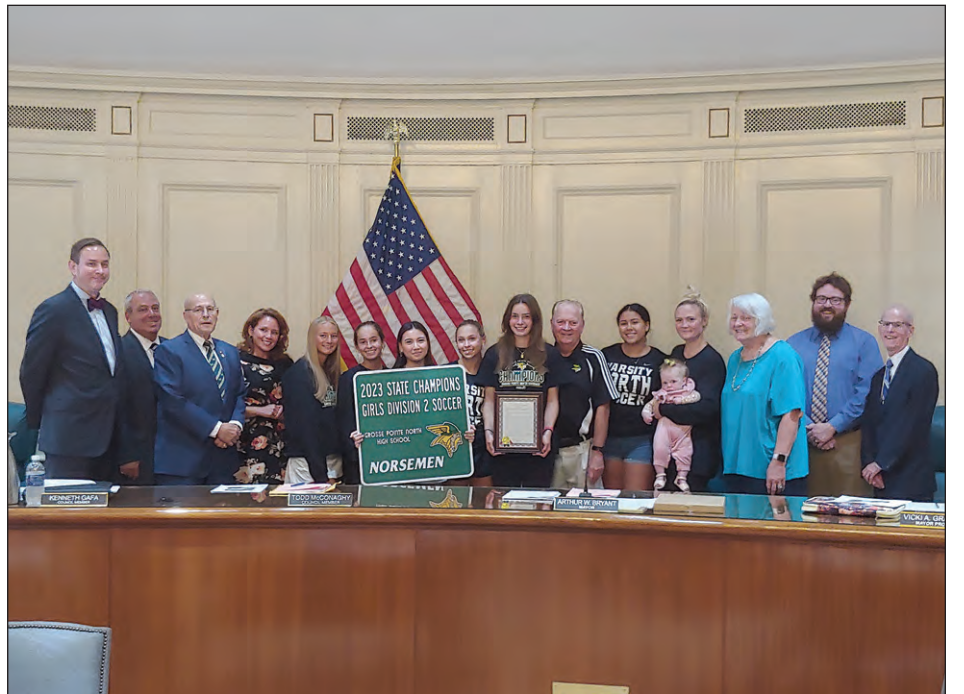


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Sign of honor

The Grosse Pointe North High School girls soccer team was honored as MHSAA Division 2 state champs by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council at its meeting Monday, Aug. 7. Green signs recognizing the accomplishment, like the one seen here, will be installed at four main entrances to the city on Mack and Vernier.

We Tried it! Sports edition

Taking the (hot and cold) plunge

By Clare Ramsdell
GPN Intern

I am currently in the midst of training for a marathon and was looking for ways to soothe my legs and quicken my recovery after subjecting them to the strain of running 10-plus miles every week. I have increasingly seen videos of celebrities and influencers doing hot and cold plunges all over social media and decided I wanted to give it a go because of all the claimed benefits, including improved circulation, reduced muscle soreness, accelerated healing and enhanced overall performance. By alternating between hot and

cold water, these plunges are believed to promote blood flow and reduce inflammation, aiding in the repair and rejuvenation of muscles. As a result, they can be particularly beneficial for athletes who endure high-impact activities regularly.

They also are said to stimulate the release of endorphins, providing a natural mood boost and helping alleviate stress and anxiety. Cold exposure triggers "good" stress that activates genetic pathways to help regulate life stressors, reducing sensitivity and increasing stress tolerance.

RAMP Athletics, a

sports performance and recovery facility located on Mack Avenue in Detroit, offers the only hot and cold plunge in Michigan, so I thought I would try it. Nervous yet excited, I scheduled an appointment. The employee walked me through the process, explaining they recommend three minutes in each pool, three rounds through, and ending in the cold pool for maximum benefits, so that's exactly what I did. They have two cold pools, set at 50 degrees and at 45 degrees. I started with the 50-degree pool. The area is slightly elevated and separated from the rest of the facility, which

I liked because it gave me some privacy. It also includes a timer clock on the wall you can control to keep you on track.

I got into the hot tub first, which felt warm and wonderful. After three minutes it was time to face the cold tub. I didn't give myself time to think about it and just got in. It was definitely a shock to my system, but I threw on some music on my phone and breathed through it. After about two minutes, I got used to the coldness and it didn't feel so bad, but as soon as the clock got to three minutes I was reluctant to jump back in the hot tub. I noticed when I got back into the hot tub, my

body tingled a little bit, adjusting to the temperature, but that didn't last long.

The second cold plunge didn't feel quite as cold as the first, but I did experience some pain in my fingers and toes, which was difficult to endure while it lasted, but it went away after a minute or two. Apparently, this occurs because blood vessels shrink or constrict in response to cold temperatures, which can feel painful, but is normal because your body is trying to preserve heat by decreasing blood flow to your skin. However, over time your blood vessels should get in better shape and the pain should decrease. Which I hope is true, because that was my only con in the experience.

When leaving the cold plunge, I felt refreshed and relieved of some of

my soreness. The experience made me feel awake and put me in a great mood for the rest of my day. If you have considered trying a cold plunge, I recommend giving it a go, especially if you exercise frequently. My advice would be to push through that first minute and a half in the cold water, as you eventually reach a point of slight comfort (or you just become a little numb to it).

RAMP Athletics offers hot and cold plunges at \$20 a session, or \$49 for an unlimited monthly membership. RAMP also offers other services and unique tools, including strength coaches and trainers, massage therapists, IV therapy, infrared sauna and cutting-edge tools like Venom and Normatec. Visit ramp-athletics.com/ or text or call (313) 355-3840 for more information.