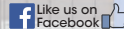




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## Park reserved about short-term rentals

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — With the premonition of many thousand sports fans needing overnight accommodations when converging on Detroit next spring for NCAA March Madness and the NFL draft, Park officials want to get ahead of the game.

“We’ve received calls from residents, Realtors and other parties interested to learn about short-term rentals in the Park,” City Manager Nick Sizeland told the council Monday, Aug. 14. Rules are languishing

in Lansing to regulate renting residential property as an alternative or addition to hotels, but nothing has come of it.

“The state has been talking about short-term rentals since 2016, when I arrived here,” Sizeland said. “I recommend moving forward with considering further clarity for short-term rentals in the Park. It is better that we be prepared than we not be prepared.”

Because short-term rentals are matters of land use, and amendments to the zoning ordinance require a public

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PHOTO BY SCOTT COOPER

## ‘Light’ shift

A collection of running shoes belonging to members of Grosse Pointe North’s varsity girls cross country team huddle by a lantern’s light before the squad competed in its first competition of the season at the Lamplighter Invitational Friday, Aug. 18, at Ford Field Park in Livonia. Boys and girls teams from North and Grosse Pointe South raced in this runners’ version of “Friday Night Lights,” an early season competition gave more than 3,000 runners a chance to race at night, with lanterns helping light their way. For more, head to our fall sports preview pages, beginning on page 1D.

## BoE, GPEA reach TA

By Ted O’Neil Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and the Grosse Pointe Education Association reached a tentative agreement on a contract for the upcoming school year shortly after midnight Thursday, Aug. 17.

The one-year contract replaces the two-year collective bargaining agreement that expired Tuesday, Aug. 15.

According to a joint statement, both parties agreed to keep the terms of the tentative agreement confidential until the union’s members have ratified it.

“We know that our teachers are committed to providing the best education to our students,” according to a statement from GPEA Co-Presidents Taryn

Loughlin and Jackie Shelson. “We hope that the board realizes the important asset that are the GPPSS teachers and that they make decisions reflecting the value of our teachers going forward.”

The GPEA’s 500-plus members started voting on the contract this week.

“The Grosse Pointe Education Association negotiating team and our administration worked late into the night to reach an agreement that was fair and reasonable in light of the school system’s available financial resources,” board President Ahmed Ismail said. “I am hopeful that the staff members vote to approve the tentative agreement so that we can start the 2023-24 school year with a focus on what we all care about most — our students.”

The board in July

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## City welcomes new manager

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — This week marks City Manager Joe Valentine’s first week on the job, with city council officially approving his contract Monday night, after former 17-year manager Pete Dame returned to his hometown of Portage earlier this year. Having grown up in St.

Clair Shores, Valentine comes to the City from a position as assistant city manager for Farmington Hills.

“You’re walking into a great operation,” Councilman Dave Fries said. “We’re fortunate to have you.”

Among a number of council comments welcoming Valentine to the City were testimonials to the dedicated staff he

joins. Exemplary of its makeup was the response in the aftermath of the July 26 storm, during which winds of up to 80 mph toppled numerous trees onto roads, power lines and homes.

The all-hands-on-deck situation led to the City’s public works department working around the

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Joe Valentine

## Lawsuit filed as Shores council seeks pit bull ban

By Ted O’Neil Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A civil lawsuit has been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court over a June pit bull attack on Lochmoor. City council, meanwhile, has instructed its attorney to draft an ordinance that would ban the breed.

The lawsuit, filed in late July,

names David Montgomery, who signed with the Detroit Lions as a free agent in March, and his girlfriend, Tatum Causey, as defendants. Montgomery, a running back who spent four seasons with the Chicago Bears, signed a three-year contract with the Lions for \$18 million.

The suit, filed by Mark and Dana Owen, stems from an

incident Sunday, June 4, during which they and their dog were attacked by a pit bull owned by Montgomery and Causey.

According to a Shores public safety report, the Owens were walking Maddie, their 14-year-old cockapoo, on Lochmoor when the pit bull, Lola, ran from its backyard and attacked. Maddie’s left front paw had to be amputated and the Owens

suffered puncture wounds, scratches and bruises.

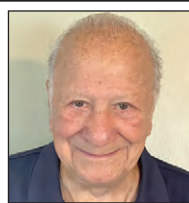
Causey, who told officers the couple had just moved into the house that week, was ticketed for harboring a vicious dog. Municipal Judge Charles Bershback ordered the pit bull be euthanized. Causey is due back in his court next month to

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### Dominic Bonanno

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Magician Eugene Clark got help from Greyson Keyser, who volunteered during a past End of Summer Bash. For this trick, Clark asked Keyser to hold the wand and every time he gave it to him another wand appeared, which made Keyser laugh along with the audience.

## Fireworks, fishing rodeo at annual End of Summer Bash

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Kicking off with the annual fishing rodeo and set to wrap up with a fireworks display, the Grosse Pointe Farms End of Summer Bash returns Saturday, Sept. 2,

for the celebration of Labor Day Weekend.

Fishing rodeo check-in begins at 8 a.m. — doughnuts, juice and coffee will be served, while participating children receive a free tub of worms to use for fishing — before the competition runs 9 to 10:30 a.m.

“At the conclusion of the fishing rodeo we will provide free hot dogs to all participants and award prizes for first fish caught, largest fish and largest game fish to a boy and girl,” the city’s website notes.

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## Big street fair this Saturday

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Joni Mitchell sings of moons and Junes and Ferris wheels. Make that “August” and you’ve got a deal.

A 40-foot Ferris wheel is the largest attraction scheduled for the After 6 on Kercheval family-oriented street fair, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

“Entire families can enjoy the ride overlooking Kercheval,” said Chad Craig, supervisor of the Grosse Pointe Park recreation department, organizer and host. “It’s the coolest thing. The neat thing is the light show on it. Once it starts getting a little darker during the event, people will really enjoy the lights.”

Three blocks of Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham are blocked off for food trucks, entertainment, children’s activities and vendors.

This is the third and last street fair of summer. If things go as usual, it’s likely to be the most well-attended of the trio.

“Having it on the fourth Saturday in August is between everyone coming back from vacation and getting ready for the start of school,” Craig said. “This is a farewell to summer and one more opportunity for a family celebration.”

Music lovers get an earful of what makes hipsters tick when Park resident RJ Spangler’s Planet D Nonet jazz band takes the stage. They play the same notes as Beethoven. The difference is the space between.

Planet D Nonet won a Detroit Music Award this year for outstanding traditional jazz artist.

“RJ’s a super cool guy,” Craig said. “He does a little bit of jazz and there might be some swing.”

Additional scheduled activities are:

◆ magician Gary Thison,

◆ juggler Jonathan Haglund,

◆ two-man improvisational interactive show and

◆ Grosse Pointe Alarm & Friends dunk tank.

After 6 on Kercheval events are organized by

the recreation department with support from area businesses.

“All the bands we had this year had members from Grosse Pointe Park or other Pointes,” Craig said. “We didn’t go outside the Pointes, because we have so much talent here.”

Scheduled food trucks are Batter Up Waffle Co., The Little Donut Factory, The French Cow Crepe Shop, People’s Pierogi Collective, Sno Biz and Cult of the Joe Burger.

Craig enjoys organizing After 6.

“It brings the community together to celebrate having a good time,” he said. “Although the fairs have a big-town feel, they’re also a smaller community event that brings our residents together. It’s also an opportunity to showcase our community and draw individuals from other areas to potentially move here.”

Presenters are Red Crown restaurant, The Bricks Pizzeria, Coreander’s Children’s

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hearing by the planning commission, Sizeland recommended the commission take the lead in developing regulatory guidelines.

“I recommend we actively engage our residents,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

“It might involve a

town hall (meeting),” Councilman Marty McMillan said.

“Short-term rentals are currently not described in the (city) code,” Sizeland said. “We’re trying to fit short-term rentals into a rental ordinance.”

Rather than start from scratch, Councilman Max Wiener recommended researching how comparable communities

address the matter.

City Attorney Dan Kelly said his firm has worked on several short-term rental ordinances.

“We would provide you copies,” he told the council.

“Clearly, there’s a lot to consider,” Hodges said. “It’s an important topic. Residents have to live next to this. We need their feedback and understanding of what

the implications might be.”

“Resident input is vital on this topic,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance committee. “Having said that, (short-term rentals) are here. They’re not going away.”

Wiener and others questioned letting residential property owners operate as hostels.

“We’re not exactly a holiday community,” Wiener said. “I have a lot of reservations about doing this.”

Councilman Vikas Relan said some short-term landlords operating in the Park sweeten the deal by advertising access to the city’s residents-only parks.

“Vacation behavior tends to be a little different than your everyday

Monday through Friday ...” Councilman Brian Brenner said. “Whether we like it or not, people are going to do it. If we decide against it, penalties should be (great enough to act as a) deterrent.”

“I don’t think there’s a way to stop it, so I’m more interested in enforcement, regulation and registration,” Caulfield said.

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provide evidence. A status conference in the civil case is scheduled for Oct. 26.

It is unclear how much

money the lawsuit is seeking. Civil suits seeking more than \$25,000 in damages are filed in circuit court, per Michigan law. The Grosse Pointe News has reached out to attorneys for both parties for comment.

The Shores council voted 4-3 at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 15, for the city attorney to prepare an ordinance banning pit bulls to be voted on at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19. The council previously reviewed three potential ordinances at a work session, two of which did not include the breed ban.

Voting in favor of the motion were councilmembers Donn Schroder, Robert Barrette, John Dakmak and John Seago. Mayor Ted Kedziarski and councilmembers Sandra Cavataio and Danielle Gehlert voted no, saying

they wanted to review a final version of the ordinance that would ban pit bulls along with one other option.

Under that second option, which would allow pit bulls, a judge could make a determination that a vicious dog does not have to be put down, depending on circumstances, and could remain in the city if it were to attack a person or another dog. The owners would have to display a sign indicating “vicious dog on premises” readable from the sidewalk, keep the dog in a pen when outside, muzzle the dog when out for

walks and use a choker collar no longer than three feet.

If the breed ban passes, owners of pit bulls that are licensed when the ordinance takes effect would be allowed to keep them. Owners must provide proof of liability insurance of at least \$100,000 covering any damage or injury caused by the pit bull and must provide proof the dog is spayed or neutered. In the event a licensed pit bull should have a litter, the puppies must be euthanized or removed from the city. Authorized pit bulls also must be kept in a secure pen

when in the owner’s backyard.

Kedziarski said there currently are five licensed pit bulls in the city, but suspected that number could be two or three times higher.

“We have to do a better job letting people know about our licensing requirements,” he said.

Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said there currently are 84 licensed dogs in the city. He added there have been 14 instances in the last two years of dogs attacking people or other dogs, six of which involved pit bulls.

About 50 people attended the meeting. Public comments were evenly split in favor of and in opposition to the ban.

JoAnne Raffoul said a house on her street is for sale and if the new owners have a pit bull she would move.

“We’ve lived here 30 years and I’ve never been afraid,” she said. “But I don’t want to be afraid to play outside with my two grandchildren.”

Corinne Martin, founder and CEO of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, said a ban would hurt the organization. She said GPAAS has placed 5,215 dogs since it opened, with 75 percent of them in the Pointes.

“Yes, pit bull bites can be serious, but a lot of breeds can bite,” she said. “I would never put a dog out there that displayed aggressive behavior, whether it’s a pit bull or a chihuahua.”

Some 37 cities across Michigan ban pit bulls, including Grosse Pointe Woods.

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# Change coming to cost recovery

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The public safety cost recovery program has netted nothing in its infancy.

Although seeking reimbursement from non-residents for prompting usage of a city's emergency services is a nearly nationwide practice in which all of the Grosse Pointes also participate, the Park hasn't received anything since enacting the policy late last year at the urging of the former public safety director.

"To date, we submitted upwards of 30 reimburse-

ment cases varying in the amounts of dollars," said Jim Bostock, appointed Park director of public safety this summer. "We've received zero dollars."

Park residents, property owners, taxpayers and residents of rental property are exempt from cost recovery charges unless triggering a public safety response by breaking a municipal ordinance, local, state or federal law.

Cost recovery never was billed as a cash cow or moneymaker.

Both Park police and Regina Moore, CEO of R. Moore Solutions, the

Ohio firm with which Park officials contracted to manage collection efforts, said the goal is to recover funds already spent in response to negligent behavior by non-residents.

But recovering nothing is going too far.

"There is a backstory to this," Bostock said. "Regina, the owner and basically sole agent of the firm, passed away a couple months ago. So, we're in limbo with R. Moore Solutions. I'm going to suggest (we) opt out of our contract and start looking for another vendor."

Bostock's predecessor,

Bryan Jarrell, began urging the city council to pass a cost recovery ordinance in April 2022.

"If it's a resident, they will not be addressed at all," Jarrell said at the time. "It's only for people who don't live in the Park who cause a drain on our resources that they don't pay taxes for."

He added in December, "The intent of the ordinance is to recover costs from people who are negligent (and) rely on resources that we would normally provide (our residents) by patrolling the streets, responding to calls for service like a robbery or something."

# Ambulance service going well

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — It's been a smooth shift to MedStar contracted ambulance service, according to the public safety director.

"After the first six weeks of transition to MedStar, we've had

approximately 40 medic runs of various degrees of urgency," said Jim Bostock, sworn in as chief in June and a 20-year veteran of the department. "The average response time for all of the runs has been under six minutes for the arrival of advanced life support, which is

under the national standard of eight minutes."

Park officers, who had been handling ambulance runs but no longer do so, still answer medical calls and provide initial aid.

"Park officers have kept up their end of the bargain," Bostock said. "Their response time is

between two and three minutes."

The only difference is two Park patrol officers no longer operate the ambulance, each run of which can take an hour due to time spent at hospitals and filling out paperwork.

When proposing the transition earlier this summer, Bostock said

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account, which the city should have always had but never had."

"This is long overdue," Councilman Vikas Relan told Moriarty. "Thank you for your work."

"This is the essence of our professionalization as a city and solid financial management," Hodges said. "We're \$47,000 toward another police officer."

The Park charter contains the potentially cumbersome provision of having the finance director, in the role of general finance officer, "be responsible to and work under the supervision of the council," not the city manager.

As such, the need for teamwork between the two administrators is par-

amount.

"Working with Ginger, we identified low-hanging fruit, new opportunities and process improvements which will assist the new generation of the finance department in the Park," City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

"At this time, we are getting 3.47 percent on our interest-bearing checking account with JP Morgan Chase Bank," Moriarty said. "Manager Sizeland went with the bank. As of now, we have moved all our checking accounts into interest-bearing from non-interest-bearing."

Sizeland's analogy of picking low-hanging fruit, representing the easiest-to-achieve and most obvious opportunities for improvement, implies more difficult work to come.

"I've had talks with Ginger and I'm absolutely shocked at what (opportunities) we passed on," Caulfield said.

Hodges told Moriarty, "We fully support all you're doing to transform how we operate in the city, as we should have been operating for a long time."

On the council agenda Aug. 14 were 11 items of truly new business. Moriarty presented eight of them.

Items included routine budget amendments, but this time coupled with shifting the recording of financial transactions from a catch-all general capital projects category into separate, specific funds for better transparency and ease of analysis.

"As we go forward in preparing budgets in the future, we ... can see, collectively, the capital out-

lay account within each of those accounts," Moriarty explained.

She described as "housekeeping" matters having the city adopt state-required resolutions regarding

◆ the acceptance of payments to the city by electronic means, such as credit cards and more,

◆ designating the financial institutions serving as depositories of municipal funds and

◆ establishing an investment policy to include, among other things, "safeguarding government financial assets."

Moriarty successfully advocated for the city to join the Michigan CLASS investment pool.

"(It) emphasizes safety, liquidity, convenience and competitive yield," she told the council.

She looked at the city's



# Main Street GP board seats open

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Alongside visible improvements with the implementation of The Loop Social District, expanded annual events and new holiday decor, much of Main Street Grosse Pointe's work to revitalize The Village takes place behind the scenes and only is evidenced by the recent influx of new businesses: Lululemon, Joli Bump, Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails, Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

"It's exciting and I think the board alto-

gether has done an amazing job," board member Anne Murphy said.

The Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors currently is accepting applications to fill board member terms expiring in 2024, 2026 and 2027.

While the board is exploring the process of altering its bylaws to allow for a greater variety of membership opportunities, it at the moment is restricted to a structure of seven members with a business or property in the district, one resident, a Wayne County representative,

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clock; Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Chris Hardenbrook coordinating and sending out Nixle updates to residents from his phone while at a campsite on vacation; and interim City Manager Steve Poloni missing his wife's birthday.

"We were faced with having to potentially cancel the sidewalk sale less than 16 hours before, just because city resources were so stretched," Main Street Grosse Pointe Director Cindy Willcock added. "The city vehicles that typically are able to block the streets for our events downtown were all needed to focus on the clean-up effort."

"... Our businesses rely on this event to help make their budgets for the year, to clear out merchandise for the fall and incoming winter (stock) and in some instances even pay for that."

But thanks to the determined efforts of Public Works Supervisor Pete Randazzo and Public

Safety Director John Alcorn, the makeshift blockades were compiled from a number of sources — other Pointes sent police vehicles, Ray Laethem Motor Village lent two vehicles and MSGP board chairwoman Kasey Malley handed over the keys to her personal vehicle — and the show went on.

"I tear up when I think about the dedication of this staff," Mayor Sheila

Tomkowiak said. "We are thrilled that that's the kind of staff we have to tell our new city manager (about). You're one lucky guy and we're lucky, too, to have you."

With Valentine's first week on the job, Poloni can return his entire focus to his position as city manager of Grosse Pointes Shores, having served in both roles since April.

"Back from your chief

of police days to now your interim days, you've been a rockstar the whole time, so we all knew that when we went this direction and you didn't disappoint us," Councilman Chris Walsh told Poloni. "You were above and beyond the call and, for all of us, that's been a relief and we couldn't tell you how appreciative we are of the role that you played in this community."



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## Nine decades of entrepreneurial spirit and the American Dream

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

It was on his way to a high school double date with another girl in 1948 — while waiting for his buddy's girl to finish getting ready — Dominic Bonanno first set eyes on the woman with whom he would share 65 wonderful years of marriage.

"I'm waiting in the car and my wife (the sister of my buddy's date) comes out and says, 'Hey boy, come on in. They're going to be a while,'" he recalled. "So that's how I first met her."

Thus began his courtship with Bernice, affectionately known as Bunny. The two spent many a Friday night at St. John Berchmans Catholic School dances, were never deterred by the intimidation tactics of a pesky ex-boyfriend and remained solid even when Bonanno received his draft papers at the start of the Korean War.

"We wrote to each other every day," he said.

Following two years of service — "They lost my orders (and) they never did find them, so I remained stateside for the balance of my time in service," Bonanno said in what he calls an act of God — he returned home August 1952, and the two were wed in May 1953.

Coinciding with the times, catering for the Italian wedding's breakfast, afternoon buffet and evening reception with around 500 guests cost only \$960, while the couple paid \$11,900 for their



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Left, Dominic and Bernice "Bunny" Bonanno were married 65 years. Above, Bonanno and his four children in May 1965.

first house on Moross at Beaconsfield.

As a product of the Great Depression, being born in 1932, it was the offer of a 10-cent raise that brought Bonanno out of the accounting department at Swift & Co., a ham and sausage plant, and into the manufacturing realm after graduating from business school.

But what ultimately took him on a decades-long journey to running seven meat plants as executive vice president and owning Ham Supreme Shoppe on Harper in St. Clair Shores was the principle to work for anything you want, which was instilled in him at a young age by his parents. His mother, interjectably, was a fire-

cracker, who, when asked by the priest at the altar whether she took his father for her husband, replied, "What do you think I'm doing here?"

Bonanno remained at Swift & Co. on Gratiot 13 years, becoming assistant foreman, before happening upon the president of Glendale Foods when he went to pick up his father-in-law's personal belongings upon his death.

"When I was sitting in the vestibule waiting, the owner of the company comes and says, 'Who are you?' Bonanno recalled. "... We sat down and we talked. We talked for three hours, him and I."

Cut to a matter of weeks later and he got a

call offering him the position as foreman of Glendale Foods' ham-processing business. It was his idea to begin working the leftover ham trimmings into the plant's sausage operation — "We ended up using 50,000 pounds of trimmings in six months," he said — and he, later, was integral in expanding Glendale Foods from a one-plant operation to seven, with product shipping to all 50 states.

When Honey Baked Ham Co.'s 28-year patent on spiral sliced ham ended in 1978, Bonanno saw a secretive ad for a spiral slicing machine. Desperate to get into the business, he hunted down the seller: a machine company in Warren called PTE.

The owner of PTE was a neighbor of the founder of Honey Baked, both

Grosse Pointe residents. "I took a box of hams and I drove over there and I knocked on the door and said I want to slice these hams," Bonanno recalled. "... Show me how they slice and I want to buy 10 machines right away."

"We were the first plant in the United States with spiral-sliced ham," he said. "We started doing so well that I said let's start selling machines, so I took over

the sales (from PTE)."

After selling 450 machines, he started setting up franchises and ended up with 28 stores across the country.

To the 51-year Grosse Pointe Woods resident, integrity always was of the utmost importance in every business dealing. "If you're honest, you never have to remember what you said," he noted.

Bonanno sold the spiral-sliced ham machine manufacturing business a few years back, but remains active with sales. His beloved Bunny having passed on five years ago, the remainder of his time is filled with 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Numbers 19, 20 and 21 currently are on the way. At 91 years old, the Woods resident continues living independently and driving and last year published a memoir detailing nine decades of growing up in simpler times, business prowess and family legacy. "Vagabond" — named for his childhood baseball group — is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble.



Dominic and Bunny on a picnic date.

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**DUDE 8:00pm**

**BRENDA 9:45pm**

**Sunday 9/3**

**Tosha Owens and the Stable Dudes 3pm**

**Phil Profitt and His Fast Fortunes 5:15pm**

**The Whiskey Charmers 7pm**

**Winestoned Cowboys 8pm**

**Jo Serrapere and the LaFawndas 9:30pm**

**Monday 9/4**

**Corktown Popes 3pm**

**John Holk and the Sequins 5pm**

**Mark Paul and the Red Flags 6:30pm**

**Evan Perri's Post Detroit Jazz Festival Jam Session (from the Hot Club of Detroit) 7:30pm**

**Labor Day Weekend  
Over 20 Bands**

## BASH:

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Family-friendly activities running noon to 3 p.m. include:

- ◆ face painting near the walkway to the pool,
- ◆ bounce houses in the peninsula area near zero dock,
- ◆ magic shows at the basketball courts at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.,
- ◆ inflatable boat races at the pool at 3 p.m.,
- ◆ a cornhole tournament from 3 to 6 p.m.,
- ◆ and a 3-on-3 basket-

ball tournament at 4 p.m.

Attendees may purchase food at the Pier Park concession stand, or get wood-fired pizzas for \$10 at a Hearth, Wood & Fire Pizza food truck, as well as purchase beverages from a beer tent in front of the community building from noon to 9 p.m.

Drink tickets will be \$7, with cash, Venmo or credit card accepted.

Bands scheduled to play at the pavilion are The Klik — playing classic rock from the '70s and '80s — from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and the Oneders — playing music from the '90s and 2000s — from 6 to 9:30 p.m., when fireworks will be shot off a barge on Lake St. Clair off the north side of the park.

Put on by the Farms parks and recreation department in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, the event is open to Farms residents and up to two guests per park pass.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Case closed

Following a retail fraud from a business in The Village earlier this month, two Detroit women — ages 38 and 58 — were arrested at their home at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15.

## Swindled

Two suspects purchased \$2,000 in prepaid gift cards from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, but only paid \$500 by swindling the cashier with multiple cash exchanges back and forth.

The suspects are described as a white man with a beard and a heavy-set white woman.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Three for one

Change was stolen from three unlocked vehicles parked in the same driveway in the 400 block of Chalfonte at 12:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14.

The homeowner heard her dogs barking and saw a hooded individual near her front lawn, with two others at the street corner on bikes.

## Hit &amp; run

After striking an 18-year-old Woods woman's vehicle while she was stopped at a red light on Mack at 11:41 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, a 56-year-old Grosse Pointe woman drove away, but was spotted by officers pulling up to her home in the damaged vehicle.

Admitting to taking "an extra" Valium, the

woman also smelled of intoxicants. A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be 0.25 percent, for which she was arrested.

This is the woman's second operating while intoxicated offense.

## No turning back

After turning from westbound to eastbound Mack at an intersection marked "No U turn," at 9:09 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, a 25-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over and ticketed for driving while license suspended and an improper plate.

## AC stolen

An air-conditioning unit was discovered stolen from the backyard of a home for sale on Mapleton.

## Blocked

After paying a \$17,000 deposit for a cabinet company to redo his kitchen, a 58-year-old Farms man had to cancel the renovations and the company agreed in May via email to refund all but \$2,000 for time spent designing.

Since then, the man said he has not received the money and the company's CEO has blocked his number.

## Caught in the act

Nothing was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Ridgemont when the owner saw a suspect rifling through the cup holder at 6:12 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

The police were called, but the suspects got away in a vehicle.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## LFAs

Police received three reports last week of larcenies from automobiles. All thefts were from unlocked vehicles:

◆ overnight Monday, Aug. 14, in the 1300 block of Devonshire, someone took a black Nike backpack;

◆ overnight Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the 1300 block of Wayburn, a thief took AirPods wireless headphones and

◆ overnight Saturday, Aug. 19, in the 1400 block of Balfour, a victim's wallet containing credit cards.

In a related case, at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, officers interrupted four youths roaming the area trying to open doors of autos parked in the 1100 block of Lakepointe.

"After brief foot chases, the suspects were apprehended," police said.

The quartet consisted of three juveniles and one 19-year-old, all of Detroit.

"(They) were cited for curfew violations," police said. "No thefts were identified at the time of the incident."

## Car thefts

Police recovered two of three cars stolen last week.

Officers found the first — a 2023 Ford Expedition taken at 3 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, while parked unlocked in the 1100 block of Devonshire with the key fob inside — behind an abandoned

house on Goulburn Street on Detroit's east side.

The second — a 2020 Dodge Ram stolen while parked unlocked in the 800 block of Grand Marais overnight Wednesday, Aug. 16 — wound up discarded in the 11000 block of Morang in Detroit. Although the owner made it easy for crooks by leaving a key fob in the vehicle, police tracked a cell phone left in the Ram to find the pickup.

The third theft — a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked unlocked in a driveway with key fob within — happened between 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, and 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, in the 1000 block of Kensington.

A fourth theft failed overnight Sunday, Aug. 20, in the 1100 block of Grayton. Police said steering column damage to a parked 2015 Hyundai Sonata was consistent with an attempted theft.

## B&amp;E

More than 90 percent of burglar alarms are false, but the one at Park Place Market, 15135 Charlevoix, at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, wasn't.

"Officers responded and discovered several items were taken from the store, including cigarettes, vapes and liquor," according to police.

The suspects are described only as two males.

## Burglary arrest

Officers arrested a 56-year-old Detroit man last week for allegedly trying to break into a pair of houses.

"Residents at two loca-

tions reported evidence that someone attempted to enter their homes through windows," police said.

The attempts reportedly happened between noon and 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, in the 1300 block of Berkshire and 1100 block of Maryland.

"Follow-up investigation revealed the same suspect went to both locations, attempted to enter the homes through locked windows, but was unsuccessful," a detective said. "(The suspect) was identified with the assistance of several local surveillance cameras. Multiple felony charges are being sought."

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Concealed carry

A 71-year-old Detroit man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon during a traffic stop on Lakeshore near Fairlake around 1 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21.

The man was pulled over on suspicion of drunken driving after officers saw him swerving and driving up on the median. The man had not been drinking but told officers he was tired from working so much.

After he said he had a handgun in his pocket, officers discovered his CCW license expired in May.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety,

(313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Double trouble

One Kia was stolen from the driveway of a house in the 1500 block of Brys and a second was almost stolen around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The owner went outside after hearing a car alarm to discover the first vehicle missing. The second Kia had a broken window and damaged steering column. Both were locked at the time.

## Shady

Five pairs of designer sunglasses valued at \$1,200 were stolen from two unlocked cars parked behind a business in the 19000 block of Mack around 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17.

Wireless headphones worth \$150 were stolen from the second vehicle.

## Phone scam

A resident in the 1600 block of Anita filed a report around 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, after being scammed by what she thought was her cell phone provider.

The woman was told she could lower her monthly bill to \$90, but had to purchase two gift cards worth \$270 each and call back with the numbers on the back of the cards. After doing so, the person told her to buy additional cards, at which point she realized she was being scammed.

— Ted O'Neil

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

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approved one-year contracts with bargaining units representing office personnel, paraprofessionals and maintenance workers that include new salary schedules and longevity bonuses. Non-union employees received a 2 percent raise.

Ismail at the time noted the board put \$875,000 in the fiscal year 2023-24 budget to cover employee pay raises and that could be increased to \$1.5 million. Michigan's education budget is the highest in state history and includes a \$458 increase in per-pupil funding.

The first work day for teachers is Tuesday, Aug. 29, with classes beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5.



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### OUR VIEW

## Enjoy those pools while you can

With the last two weeks of summer staring us down and school set to resume Tuesday, Sept. 5, we'd like to suggest you take advantage of the wonderful pools and other amenities our city parks have to offer before the spigot gets turned off come Labor Day.

Maybe you've been a regular attendee since opening day and plan to backstroke your way into fall with daily visits.

Or maybe you've been too busy with vacations and boating and Little League to dip a toe in the water. Now is your chance, since the pools have extended open swim hours after the end of swim team season.

Let's take a look at what these pools and parks have to offer.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Woods:** Who doesn't love a good water slide? Talk about a refreshing way to cool off after an exhilarating game of tennis or pickleball at Lake Front Park. There's also mini golf, shuffleboard and bocce ball after you're done swimming laps. If being in the sun isn't your thing, the activities building offers basketball, racquetball, air hockey, pingpong and the landlubber's version of pool with que sticks and balls.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Farms:** The pool at Pier Park has something for all ages, including a large pool, baby pool and splash pad. Unfortunately, the beach area has been closed most of the summer due to E. coli levels, but city staff is monitoring the situation and sewer projects farther upstream in St. Clair Shores should reduce future contamination. The pool is a great destination after taking some batting practice or playing pick-up soccer at Kerby Field.

◆ **City of Grosse Pointe:** If you enjoy Neff Park and are looking for something more exciting, try renting a kayak and heading out on the open water for anything from recreation to exercise to fishing in shallow spots. Elworthy field offers tennis and pickleball courts, along with the Rotary Tot Lot.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Park:** Why do dinner and a movie when you can do swimmer and a movie? Head to Windmill Pointe Park to enjoy a dip in the pool, then catch a first-run movie in either the Oluski Family Theatre or the Carol C. Schaap Theatre. Patterson Park, meanwhile, offers a splash pad, bocce ball, a putting green and, in the winter, an ice rink.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Shores:** Last but not least, it's said the best thing about Osius Park is that it's never overcrowded. That makes sense to us, given that the Shores is the smallest of the Pointes. Aside from the pool and splash pad, the city recently outfitted it's beach volleyball court so it also can be used to play beach tennis. The budding sport uses a slightly different racket and ball than regular tennis, but the rules are the same other than the point ends when the ball hits the ground.

So, the count is on. You've got 11 days to make the most of summer. Enjoy!



## Pure GP

Santa and Mrs. Claus brought a touch of winter wonderland to the July heat July 25, at Ford House. They arrived in a red Ford Mustang convertible — their summer sleigh — to spread some early holiday cheer and to help announce “Home for the Holidays at Ford House,” Ford House’s new winter holiday event. Along with the announcement there was music and snow. Visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) for more information and to get tickets for the holiday event.

Left, along with seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus, Maggie McGregor was delighted to see it “snow” in July.

Below, Santa and Mrs. Claus in the red Ford Mustang convertible.

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## LETTERS

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### Bravo, GPSC

To the Editor:

I had the great pleasure of attending the Grosse Pointe Schools Choir performance at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts

Center, Grosse Pointe North High School, Friday, Aug. 18. The experience was beyond my wildest expectation. I was truly flabbergasted. The connection the soloists, ensembles and collective choirs had with those fortunate to be in the audience was incredibly moving.

I look forward to any performance, play or concert the GPPSS has in the upcoming school year and I encourage all of you to put down the tablet, pause the streaming, turn off the phone and attend one of these productions. You will not be disappointed. You just might get a glimpse of the bright future these young folks are bringing to our world.

TOMB BATTIS  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### A big thank you

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center, a non-profit organization with the mission to promote education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in our community, would like to thank all who participated in our 31st annual garden tour. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and helps support the many projects we sponsor throughout the community.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the six homeowners and Coreander's Children's Bookshope who opened their beautiful, unique gardens to the public.

Publicity is such a major part of any event. Thanks to the Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library (seed program) and many other organizations who supported our tour.

The Public Safety Departments in the Park, Farms, Shores and Woods were cooperative and available to ensure the safety of the public during the tour in their cities.

Many others helped make this tour a success such as local businesses who sold the tickets and the sponsors and donors who provided financial support. A big thanks to the artists, many from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association who painted in the gardens, Master Gardener Program, local garden club members and volunteers who worked in all the gardens.

For membership and other information on the Garden Center, call (313) 499-0743, email [gpggardencenter@outlook.com](mailto:gpggardencenter@outlook.com) or visit [gpggardencenter.org](http://gpggardencenter.org). We are now in the process of selecting homes for the 2024 Garden Tour on June 21-22. If you or anyone you know is interested in being on a tour, contact the Garden Center.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



## Thanks for the memories

**H**i, Dad. Can you believe it! We're celebrating your 90th birthday this month. You've taught my siblings and I a lot of things and have shown us what to do and what not to do. You've given advice, been the handyman, the mediator, the provider, cheered your kids and grandkids on in sports and have supported us in many ways. There are so many happy memories of the life we — you, Mom, my five siblings and I — shared in the house that you and Mom built and turned into a happy home.

Growing up, it was hot in our house because we didn't have air conditioning, just an attic fan, but we got around that by riding our bikes to the park and spending the summer in the swimming pool and going to the car dealership on Kercheval to play Barbies in their air-conditioned waiting room. There were a lot of kids on our block and the blocks surrounding us. It was a great location to grow up.

In the beginning, we didn't have a lot of money, but we didn't know that because our life was rich with fun, friends, family and good times.

One of my favorite memories will always be the green bike from Belle Isle. Back in the day when you used to be able to go

to Belle Isle and rent a bike or canoe, every time we went I would ask the guy who owned the rental place if I could have the "green bike." It was a dark, deeper green and the guy always knew which bike I meant. I loved that bike even though it only had one speed, but I thought it was great. One year, as a surprise for my birthday, you arranged to purchase that green bike from the guy who ran the bike rental shop on Belle Isle and I was thrilled when I saw my present. I rode that bike everywhere until it pretty much fell apart.

I remember when you gave us kids a Kennedy half dollar, but we didn't understand its significance the way you did. We were just kids and thought we were rich with 50 cents. The problem was we lived a block away from Lou's, a penny candy store. Lou was happy to see the half dollars and we were happy to walk away with a little brown bag filled with candy. Little did we know. Given the same choice today, I would keep the coin and not buy the candy. Hindsight, right?

I always knew when advice was coming because you'd lean back in the chair and cross your arms. Whether I agreed with you or not, you always made a good point.

We love to hear stories about the shenanigans you were up to when you were younger because it offered us the opportunity to see you as a person,

separate from just being our dad, to hear about you as a young man. It was a window into your life when you were growing up and also a chance to see Grandma and Grandpa in a different light. My siblings and I have stories about our shenanigans growing up, but we don't need to bring those up right now. Besides, you already know most of them and we're past the age where you can ground us!

You have many a funny story, some you can't even get through telling because you're laughing so hard. Stories about you and your best friend, Pete, who you always fished with on the river; many of them about almost being run over by freighters; and helping the local police by using your diving gear to look for a car or two that had gone off Lakeshore Road into the lake.

You're a Korean War veteran and you've shared a couple of your crazy Army stories. For instance, if someone in your platoon got into trouble, the officer in charge would make them cut the grass at night with scissors or clean the latrine with a toothbrush. I once shared that story with a brigadier general who laughed and said, "Yeah, we still do the scissors thing." I never understood that and thought it was mean until the brigadier general told me it taught you detail and respect for orders.

I remember hitting tennis balls against the garage door and shooting

hoops on the garage that Clarence, who used to own Pointe Hardware, helped you build. You made us kids a platform in the wider part of the apricot tree in the backyard where, before cell-phones were invented, we used our imagination to play, create scenarios and make up games.

We all still tell the story of how, when the eight of us would go on vacation, we each got one of the old-fashioned, hard-sided, cardboard beer boxes to use as a suitcase for travel because they were all the same size and they all fit in the car top carrier. I loved the station wagon that had a backward-facing seat all the way in the back because it offered a different view.

You have been volunteering almost your whole adult life with such organizations like CFM and Focus Hope, Prison Ministry, Cursillo, St. Vincent de Paul and more. We boycotted grapes, then lettuce, with Cesar Chavez in order to help the workers get better pay, protections and benefits. You and Mom marched for civil rights in front of the federal building downtown in the '60s. These were the seeds planted in my childhood and part of the reason why I continue my activism to this day. Thank you for showing me how important it is to help others, stand up for others and to take care of our neighbors, literally and figuratively.

Thanks, Dad, for the memories and so much more.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**SEES SOLUTION TO POINTE'S RAT PROBLEM:** Dr. Thomas S. Davies, Health Officer of Grosse Pointe, has been making tests of a patented liquid spray as a repellent for rats and insecticide which, from his early experiments, he believes may settle the rat problem for Grosse Pointe. The liquid is put on with a spray and whatever it touches is avoided by rats as humans avoid a plague.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**PARKING LOT CURFEW SET:** Around two dozen residents demanded swift action on the part of the Woods Council to curb noise and nuisance conditions in the immediate area of Lochmoor Lounge, on Mack at the Hampton Road municipal parking lot adjacent to the lounge. The solons unanimously approved that this lot be closed at 11 p.m. and that the public safety depart-

ment take whatever steps are necessary to correct the situation, including the use of additional manpower for a minimum of two weeks.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**LIBRARY GETS BY WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS:** The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library recently pledged \$80,000 over two years to pay for 36 personal computers and related furniture for the community's Park, Central and Woods public libraries. In addition to providing approximately one-fifth of the cost of the project's hardware, the Friends will sponsor workshops for residents on how computers can be used for genealogical, medical and financial research.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**THREE GARAGES BURN:** Fire destroyed three neighboring

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# Water the focus of new SCS company

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**ST. CLAIR SHORES** — As Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote in “Rime of the Ancient Mariner,” water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink.

That explains how Mike Shock felt when he was trying to find the cleanest drinking water possible and why he recently opened Current Water Co. at 22430 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, just a few blocks from the Woods.

“This all started about nine years ago when my oldest was born,” he said. “When it came time to start her on formula, I didn’t think the filters you attach to your faucet were able to remove all the impurities. And buying bottled water leads to lots of waste.”

Shock said he also wasn’t happy with the answers, or lack thereof, he was getting from



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Current Water is open at 22430 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

water delivery services. After years of research, Current Water was born.

“I want to be clear that we don’t make any health claims,” Shock said. “I compare this to organic produce. It’s for people who care about what

they put in their bodies.” The store sells two types of water — reverse osmosis and alkaline.

“The alkaline is reverse osmosis water with the essential minerals added back in,” said Adam Reed, Shock’s business

partner who oversees the store on a day-to-day basis. “People say that gives it a little more body.”

Those minerals include magnesium, sodium, potassium and boron.

The process starts

using tap water that is run through nine stages in a large, custom-made machine that can be seen through the store’s front window.

“It takes out all the chemicals and solids,” Shock said. “You never know what the infrastructure is made up of. Look what happened in Flint.”

Customers can bring in their own containers to fill or purchase reusable BPA-free jugs ranging in size from one to five gallons.

“Using your own container means you know exactly how well it was sanitized,” Reed said. “Some of the smaller containers have a tap, so they’re nice for fitting in your fridge or taking out on the boat for the day.”

The store also sells top spouts and hand pumps for larger jugs for people who don’t want to buy the type of electric cooling stand often seen in

offices.

Cost is 70 cents per gallon for reverse osmosis and \$1.50 a gallon for alkaline.

“That’s about half the cost of a case of bottled water and you’re not putting all that plastic in the landfill,” Reed said.

Although the store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, water can be purchased at any time in a secure vestibule that accepts bills or credit cards.

“Customers can request a PIN for access and the door locks behind them,” Shock said. “The filling stations accept any size bottle.”

Shock said he’d eventually like to open more locations and offer delivery service.

“Things have been steady,” he added. “We’re not quite doubling our number of customers every day, but it’s close.”



COURTESY PHOTO

## New to the chamber

FiberTime, specializing in tote bags, recently celebrated joining the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon-cutting event. The online store was created by turning a lifelong love of sewing into curated products from fiber and thread. For more information, visit [fibertimebags.com](http://fibertimebags.com) or email [fibertime@outlook.com](mailto:fibertime@outlook.com).

Pictured during the chamber event are, from left, Lisa Frasier, director of accounting for the chamber; Tom Atkins and Dianna Atkins; Stephanie, Sarah Westrick and Karen Westrick; and Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator.

## Pointes real estate merger to occupy 1 Kercheval

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Renovations are forthcoming at 1 Kercheval, as Real Estate One Grosse Pointe prepares to move into the location at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher in late fall.

The new brand is the result of a merger announced in early June between Johnstone & Johnstone and Real Estate in the Pointes.

Johnstone & Johnstone in 1995, was acquired by the Real Estate One Family of Companies — the largest brokerage in Michigan, as well as No. 6 in the country — while Real Estate in the Pointes joined the group in July 2022.

The merger was not the result of financial struggles on either end, as both organizations individually were successful, reported Bonnie Richter, vice president of education and brokerage services with the Real Estate One Family of Companies.

“It was a relationship that was fostered over many years of admiration of each other’s business and each other’s talent pool,” Richter said, “and we felt

that the two organizations together with similar ideals, similar ways of operating business, would be best to serve the community as a collective.”

The new brand essentially is a one-stop shop for all real estate needs, she added, including residential and commercial bro-

kerage, investment real estate, mortgage services, closing services and insurance.

The collective team now boasts 55 sales associates — none from either company were let go in the process of the merger, Richter reported — and likely will grow to around 80 in the new Hill location.

“Grosse Pointe’s doing well in the real estate world,” Richter said. “It’s a wonderful community, which is why we are investing significantly in this location and our branding and our marketing, because it’s a destination location for many people for many reasons.”

While the 1 Kercheval location is being renovated, Real Estate One Grosse Pointe continues to offer services out of the Real Estate in the Pointes former location at 18472 Mack.

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garages and scorched a house in the 400 blocks of Madison and Lothrop early Aug. 18. The first of three alarms sounded at 3:36 a.m. Fire truck sirens broke the silence in parts of the lower Pointes as officers from the City of Grosse Pointe and the Park answered the second and third alarms, respectively.

**DANCING QUEENS:** Sisters and

Grosse Pointe residents Natalie, Alexandra and Caroline Gormely earned high marks for their respective dance numbers in their respective categories at the Star Systems National Talent Competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Representing Juliana’s Academy of Dance in Madison Heights, Natalie, the youngest of the three at 10, placed first in the Top 12 and under Shooting Star Jazz Soloist for her piece, “Burning Up.” She also was named overall winner in the Junior Shooting Star Solos division.

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## Disorderly better defined

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Officials are making it easier for people to be a pain.

A proposed ordinance revision to Chapter 16 of the city code broadens the scope of disorderly conduct to include a host of bad behaviors.

“Disorderly conduct is important because our current city code only has drunk and disorderly,” said Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman. “That doesn’t qualify for every situation.”

He sought a better ordinance from the Ordinance Review Committee.

“When the department of public safety says, ‘We could use some help,’ I want to give them the tools they need right away to help you do their job,” Warren Rothe, assistant city manager, told Pittman during the committee’s

meeting July 11. “We’ve talked for a while about amending Chapter 16, which is our catch-all criminal offenses section.”

“We needed more of a catch-all for any disorderly conduct, not just drunk and disorderly,” Pittman said. “We were running into problems with just regularly disorderly people and not drunk and disorderly.”

The committee recommended forwarding proposed revisions to city council for consideration Aug. 14.

“Currently, the code is written piecemeal,” Park Prosecutor Jake Mertes said. “If the council adopts this amendment, we could eliminate a lot of redundancy for rather specific offenses that don’t really make sense with the disorderly adoption.”

Some prohibitions in the amendment are acting in a violent or tumultuous manner, jostling people in

public, obscene behavior in public, disturbing the peace with loud noise or shouts, provoking a fight or riotous conduct and acts of violence that interfere with another’s “pursuit of a lawful occupation.”

In the Park, since 2018, there have been 19 reported cases of disorderly conduct or vagrancy, according to the public safety department’s annual reports. Both crimes are compiled in a single category.

During the same period, there were 42 cases of obstructing police. On the other hand, cases of obstructing justice during the period dropped from an average of 34 cases per year between 2018 and 2020, to none in 2021 and 2022.

The amendment’s rules against obstructing a pub-

lic place were written to keep order, but also protect the right of peaceful protest, according to Mertes.

“People have the right to protest, but they can’t just block the flow of traffic,” he said. “If you’re going to shut down a sidewalk or something, you’re acting disorderly, but if you are just standing there with a sign, that’s different.”

“This gives you the opportunity to say you can peacefully protest, you just can’t block traffic,” Committee Chairman and Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

“If they’re getting into pedestrian walkways and traffic ways, they can be, under this statute, (considered) disorderly,” Pittman said. “It becomes a matter of public safety when an ambulance or fire truck can’t get to your block. If we can get an ambulance to your block, (protestors) are probably fine.”

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Park officers made 312 ambulance runs during 2022. Ambulance operations kept officers off road patrols for 624 hours during the year, the equivalent of one officer being off duty for nearly 16 weeks.

The Park city council on June 12 voted 6-1, **C o u n c i l w o m a n** Christine Gallagher opposing, to approve a three-year contract with MedStar to free-up officers’ time for more road patrols and crime prevention.

“(Our officers) are very appreciative of the fact that MedStar is assisting us and able to get back in service pretty much immediately after they hand over the patient to MedStar and get back out on patrol, which is

good for everybody,” Bostock said.

“I’ve received compliments from residents and business owners about seeing more of a presence of officers patrolling now that we have MedStar,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “Our officers and staff have good relations with the MedStar folks.”

Sizeland said the \$49,000 annual cost of retaining MedStar balances favorably with the benefits of increased patrols and the cost of maintaining the department’s 15-year-old ambulance, which has roughly five years of operational life remaining and a replacement cost of at least \$300,000.

MedStar already served in a back-up role for the Park. The company is contracted for ambulance service in the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and Woods.

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the mayor and a city council member.

“More than a majority has to have a business interest in the district according to the DDA statute,” Executive Director Cindy Willcock explained, meaning the board currently only can accept members who own property or business in The Village.

As it stands, the board is comprised of members Kasey Malley, owner of Small Favors Gift Gallery; Hans Brieden, president and CEO of Brieden Consulting Group, which is housed in The Village; June Lee, who holds the position of Wayne County representative; Chris Moyer, a City resident; Anne Murphy, owner of Apple Blossom Baby & Decor; Lanna Young, owner of Savvy Chic Boutique; and council representatives Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and

Councilman Terence Thomas.

The Main Street board currently meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month in city council chambers; however, it may soon vote on a day and time more convenient for all members.

As a working board, members should be ready to act as liaisons and chairs for Main Street Grosse Pointe’s four committees: promotions, design, economic vitality and organization.

For those who may prefer a simpler commitment and wish to get involved, MSGP also is seeking committee chairs and members.

To apply for a seat on the board, or to chair a committee, visit [tinyurl.com/5a9m6fsr](http://tinyurl.com/5a9m6fsr).

Applications for board appointments will be reviewed during MSGP’s September meeting, before recommendations are passed along to city council, which gets the final say.

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COURTESY RENDERING

A variety of colorful items will replace the current structure at the Patterson Park play area.

## Patterson to get new play equipment Park Foundation fundraisers planned Aug. 31, Sept. 9

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

If all goes according to plan, visitors to Patterson Park will notice a colorful new addition this fall as the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation enacts its plan to install a new Playscape.

“It was originally installed in 1990, so it’s pretty old,” said Bob Lucas, chairman of the Playscape project. “Since it was installed, there have been changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act and now equipment is being designed specifically to comply with the act, for children on the spectrum or with physical disabilities. The new Playscape will be 100 percent ADA compliant.”

Some of the new fixtures will be wheelchair accessible, he added, and some will address the needs of children on the autism spectrum. Lucas, who helped bring the Rotary Tot Lot re-imagining to fruition in recent

years, said the Patterson Park project is following a similar process.

“We contacted Stu Alderman with the Neighborhood Club,” he said. “He recommended people from Beaumont who work with children.”

Christina Panicia, department head of pediatric physical therapy at the Neighborhood Club, and Jennifer Cotzias, Neighborhood Club Preschool director, were asked to select pieces of equipment from a GameTime catalogue.

“They had several excellent suggestions that we have incorporated in our final equipment selection,” Lucas said.

Pleased with its work at the Rotary Tot Lot, the foundation selected Sinclair Recreation as its contractor.

Installation of the new equipment is scheduled for October, “so we don’t disrupt children’s use during peak months,” Lucas said.

Tentatively, tear out of



Equipment will be updated to make it 100 percent compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as offering equipment for children on the autism spectrum.

the current structure will begin next month.

The foundation is working with Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit, which will remove the current structure and either repurpose, recycle or sell its parts.

In a letter to the foundation, ASWD Executive Director Chris Rutherford wrote, “Instead of demolition, ASWD will systematically dismantle the structure for reuse. In

conjunction with the city and foundation, we will be offering a variety of options, from memorial benches to planter boxes and picnic tables fabricated from the salvaged lumber. Some of these features are planned to be incorporated back into Patterson Park, as well as being made available to residents for purchase.”

“They’re taking everything,” said Shery Cotton, president of the foundation. “Nothing is going to the landfill.”

Added Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig, “There won’t be any waste. Everything is being repurposed, not tossed out and wasted.”

The repurposing of old items is especially important to project planners, who noted the current Playscape, which is made of wood, was a community project led by Park residents.

“Being able to do the benches and picnic tables is a nice way to tie the old in with the new,” Craig said. “We want to keep the community work as a feature at the new Playscape. ... It’s a beautiful castle, but ...”

The first, for project sponsors, takes place Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Stratton House, which was built by William Stratton for his wife, Mary Chase Perry Stratton, co-founder of Pewabic Pottery. Designed during the 1920s, the house is rooted in an English Arts and Crafts manner and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The current homeowners are Phillip Morici and Joseph Nieradka, owners of fleurdetroit, a design house, floral studio and retail oasis for home and garden.

“Docents will be guiding sponsors through the house itself,” Detwiler noted. “And there’s a huge garden adjacent to the home. It’s very naturalized.”

“It’s a spectacular garden,” Cotton added.

The party will be catered by Gathering Pointe Venue & Catering, formerly Cabbage Patch Catering.

Those who wish to become sponsors — and receive an invitation to the sponsor party — should call Courtney Delmege at (313) 822-4380.

Following close behind is the foundation’s annual fundraising party, planned 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the home of John Francis and Kim VanElslander.

“This is the house where the actress Julie Harris was raised,” Cotton noted. “And it turns 100 years old this year.”

Hence, the party is being billed “100th

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The current wooden play structure will be repurposed by Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit into benches and other items for the park.

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# The Family Center debuts new look

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Jennifer Bingaman wants to make it clear: Though The Family Center is debuting its new look — including a new icon and tagline, as well as a revamped website — the organization itself will remain the trusted resource that has served the community more than two decades.

“It’s something that’s been on the mind of the board of directors,” said Bingaman, executive director of The Family Center, “to have a strong look and have a tagline that explains what we do. We’re called The Family Center, but it’s not like we have an actual, physical center people can come to. So how do we encapsulate what we do so people understand what we do?”

The answer comes in the form of its new logo and tagline, featuring updated colors and the message: “Empowering families. Enriching Lives.”

According to design firm, roundtable6, the color orange conveys optimism and energy, while light blue conveys trustworthiness and reliability. The image itself evokes connectedness.

“I like the colors,” Bingaman noted. “There’s a lot of energy in the colors.”

Refreshing its brand was a result of a recent community survey.

“We knew there was a lot of confidence and history in The Family Center name, so we didn’t want to change the name,” she added. “We just wanted to freshen up the look.



## The Family Center

EMPOWERING FAMILIES. ENRICHING LIVES.

We also revised our mission and vision statements.”

Its updated mission statement is, “To help build happier, healthier families.”

“We really felt like it’s the core of what we do, to help build happier, healthier families,” Bingaman said. “It’s short, sweet and to the point. ... We fulfill our mission by partnering with and supporting our local schools, organizations and our Association of Professionals to provide free programs and resources on a variety of topics important to families.”

As for its updated vision statement — “To be the first resource for building connected, resilient families who thrive at every stage” — she said, “The curated content on our website is hyperlocal so we are the first source to provide information to families in the community. We want to provide that opportunity for families to be together, to meet at our programs and events,

because part of learning from each other is about coming together. We provide our resources, expert panels, the books we select for our community book club, but it’s also about families sharing their experiences and having that socialization.”

Building strong connections and resilience is as important to The Family Center, Bingaman continued, as it always has been. And though the organization’s full name is The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, the community it serves is boundless.

“Our resources are available 24/7 on our website for anyone who wants them,” she added. “It’s not like we’re checking IDs at our programs. We wanted to open ourselves up to anyone who wants to benefit from our programs.”

Currently, The Family Center is gearing up for a full lineup of fall programming, including core offerings such as its Preschool Playtime and its Wellness Series.

Additionally, special programs on tap include a parenting program, Narcan rescue training, a community baby shower, suicide prevention training and a men’s night out, among others.

The Family Center also recently took the lead on the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition, which is dedicated to understanding and reducing substance abuse and improving mental health.

“We’re really excited to be leading the coalition, which includes representatives from the 12 sectors of the community,” she said. “It will be a working coalition. We want to have programs, like the town hall we had (Wednesday, Aug. 9). We know there’s an (opioid) issue, so how can we address it together? Who

can we get to get involved? How can we get information out to the community?”

She said the coalition is a perfect fit with The Family Center as it will allow the organization to expand its work in substance abuse prevention while continuing to provide the support, guidance and programming to families through every stage of life.

“It’s a new look, but we’re still the same trusted resource you’ve relied on,” Bingaman said. “We’ll continue to build on the success we’ve had over the last 23 years.”

The Family Center’s new website is scheduled to launch next month.

For more information, visit FamilyCenterHelps.org or call (313) 447-1374.



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### A year of good

In the past year, The Family Center has hosted or participated in 101 programs and events that help families become more resilient and connected to the community. Among the highlights are:

- ◆ Working with seven school systems — Grosse Pointe Public School System, Harper Woods Public Schools, The Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett School, Chandler Park Academy, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School — to provide 30 in-school programs, including wellness days promoting healthy coping skills and substance use prevention, as well as requests from principals and social workers for programs for students, parents and teachers on a variety of topics.

- ◆ Offering Preschool Playtime, a weekly class designed to provide social and learning opportunities for toddlers and their families to combat isolation and pandemic-related developmental delays.

- ◆ Establishing the Special Needs Resource Alliance, a collaboration of local nonprofit organizations, school systems and service providers who work together to offer support for individuals with special needs in southeast Michigan. The alliance hosted its first Special Needs Resource Fair in February, featuring 40-plus vendors and more than 150 attendees.

- ◆ Co-hosting the seventh annual Suicide Prevention Walk & Mental Health Fair, demonstrating community-wide support to those affected by suicide and bringing awareness to mental health resources available in the area. Twenty-five vendors and more than 200 people participated.

- ◆ Mobilizing a crisis response to the Michigan State University shooting by coordinating community grief centers staffed by local therapists, working with CNS Healthcare to establish a hotline for people affected by the tragedy and circulating trauma and grief counseling resources.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Benefit

The 30th anniversary Benefit on the Bay VIP Night takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at HOOK Restaurant, 24214 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$250, and include heavy hors d’oeuvres and dinner by Chef Bobby, premium bar including Celani wines and desserts by On the Rise Bakery and Cafe. Guests also are treated to a night with the brothers of the Capuchin ministries,

who will speak about their mission. Proceeds from the night benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Visit benefitonthebay.org/VIP-Night for tickets.

### Friends of GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library continues its Used Book Sale for the Friends of the Friends Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Woods branch,

20680 Mack. For \$5, teachers can fill a bag with children/young adult books, puzzles and DVDs.

### Harper Woods

The Harper Woods Neighborhood Economic Development Coalition and Christian Financial Credit Union present the 2023 Walkathon, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at Salter Park, 19430 Harper, Harper Woods. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. All ages are welcome and donations are appreciated. To register, email contact information to teresafooster5@gmail.com with “walkathon august 26” in the subject line.

### Library

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

- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 bag sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 1,000 Hours Walk & Talk: Once in a Blue Moon, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Back-to-School Reader Dog, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### 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.

- ◆ Concerts on the Lake: Michigan Philharmonic, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25. The theme is “At the Movies: Icons & Superheroes.” Ticket prices vary.

- ◆ Explorers: Mushrooms & Moss, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, for ages 6 to 9. Cost is \$5 per child.

- ◆ Story Studio: Rockin’ Rainbow, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, for ages 3 and older. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

- ◆ Autumn Landscape Tours are offered Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

- ◆ Fall Garden and Grounds Tours are offered Sept. 1 to Nov. 22. Tickets prices vary. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

### The Helm

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

- ◆ The movie “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 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.

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

- ◆ Bingo and treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes one card and snacks.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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.

- ◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Roseville Public Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

### GPAA

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

- ◆ “Imitating the Masters of Landscape,” a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays. Aug. 31, and Sept. 7, the class examines Joseph Mallord William Turner.

- ◆ Fabric Color Workshop with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

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# Teen takes up Barbie collection for young patients

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After 14-year-old Claire Nurse set a goal of collecting 50 Barbie dolls for patients at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, the Grosse Pointe community answered in the only way it knows how: by going above and beyond, donating 93 dolls to the Nurse home in Grosse Pointe Woods. By the time orders started arriving, the family had nearly forgotten their request.

The drive was advertised on social media and directed would-be donors to an Amazon Wish List, which shipped orders directly to the Nurse home in Grosse Pointe Woods. By the time orders started arriving, the family had nearly forgotten their request. "The first day our Amazon driver came to our house, we got this massive delivery," Julie Nurse said, noting her daughter thought it may have been gifts for her birthday, to which she countered, "I didn't order that much."

"Then we remembered," she added. "Every day we had piles

and piles of Amazon boxes on our front porch. It was like the movie, 'The Santa Clause.'"

Barbies of myriad professions and ethnicities, male and female, made their way to the Nurses' front porch.

"There were doctors, retro Barbies from the '80s, models, fairies, mermaids," said Julie Nurse, who teaches a 3/4 split classroom at Mason Elementary School.

The more packages that arrived on their doorstep, the more smiles they were able to give young patients, which was one of the reasons Claire Nurse decided to host the drive.

She recognized that a lot of youngsters wouldn't be able to see "Barbie," the movie, which was released in theaters July 21. To date the film has made more than \$1.2 billion.

Mother and daughter dropped off the dolls at the hospital Aug. 9, and said the staff was grateful for the donation.

"We wanted to bring them joy," Claire Nurse



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Claire Nurse sits on her front steps with the 93 Barbies she collected to donate to children at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She and her mom, Julie, loaded up their car to personally deliver them.

said. "A nurse said a lot of kids were asking for Barbies since the movie came out, so it was the right timing. They were really grateful and we know it's going to make

a lot of kids happy."

A more personal reason for choosing the Ann Arbor hospital was because of the care a family member recently received.

"We were really lucky with U of M Hospital," Claire Nurse said. "My grandma had a stroke and they saved her, so we wanted to give back to them."

Added her mother, "It was a rewarding experience because the U of M doctors really worked hard to help my mom when she had a stroke, so we chose to give back to a hospital that impacted our own family."

Plus, Claire Nurse was treated to a tour of the campus; U of M is her dream school, her mother said.

"She's a synchronized swimmer and they have a synchronized swim team there."

The Nurses already have seen "Barbie" twice, noting the movie shares "a lot of good messages about female empowerment," Julie Nurse said, adding that Barbie played a special role during her daughter's childhood.

"Barbie was the ideal toy that brought me so much joy," Claire Nurse explained, noting the creativity she was able to

express playing with the iconic doll. "She could do anything she wanted. She could express so many different things."

Claire Nurse said following this drive's success — "It was really fun and it feels good to help the community" — she's considering hosting a drive to benefit animals.

"I'm extremely proud of Claire," her mother said. "She was willing to reach out and ask family and friends and the community to help donate to children who are not able to experience the joy of the Barbie phenomenon. This is something that made both of us feel very good, doing the in-person drop-off with this huge cart of Barbies. The staff was blown away by the amount. It felt good to give back."

"In such a world of sad news and difficult times that you see in the media, it was truly rewarding to give back and make someone else feel happiness and joy in their lives. Barbie represents that joy."

## St. Clair Shores snack shop among finalists

The top 20 finalists have been named in the statewide MI New Favorite Snack Competition. Among them is Sherman's Tennessee Hot Crackers of St. Clair Shores, a finalist in the Crunchy Cravings category.

The 20 finalists — from the Upper and Lower peninsulas — will com-

pete for more than \$75,000 in cash prizes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the McMorrin Place Plaza in downtown Port Huron. The public is invited to attend.

"We had some excellent entries this year and our team had some very spirited discussions regarding the finalist

selection. ... It was not easy," said Jon Holden, vice president of sales and marketing at All Star Services, a Break Room Services company based in Port Huron and a competition partner. "We are very excited about sharing the 20 finalists with our judges in September. They will have some very difficult decisions to

make." To purchase a wristband/ticket to attend, visit the MI New Favorite Snack page on the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce website at [bluewaterchamber.com](http://bluewaterchamber.com)

The MI New Favorite Snack Competition, now in its second year, aims to provide capital to a few micro-businesses — con-

sisting of 10 or fewer employees — based in Michigan. In both 2022 and 2023, the competition attracted 50 entries from both peninsulas of

Michigan. The grand prize winner will again receive both a cash prize and also a distribution agreement with All Star Services.

## Correction

In the Aug. 17 YourHome section, the photo caption accompanying the story, "McCarver Mechanical specializes in boilers," should have read Chris McCarver is the owner of McCarver Mechanical Heating & Cooling.

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## 4B | OBITUARIES

# OBITUARIES

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

## David M. Pendency

David Michael Pendency, 63, passed away suddenly Monday, Aug. 14, 2023.

David was born Tuesday, April 12, 1960. He was courageous, independent and enjoyed leading others and bringing excitement into the lives of his loved ones.

David was the proud owner of Pendency's Grosse Pointe and previously owned The Hill Seafood & Chop House, with his wife, Susan. During their ownership, The Hill was voted Restaurant of the Year by Detroit Free Press on a Tuesday and on Thursday was voted Restaurant of the Year by HOUR magazine.

David had one brother, James, whom he idolized. He was the son of an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. John Pendency, whom he greatly admired, and Elizabeth Pendency, whom he adored.

David was a loyal and devoted friend, generous to a fault and never selfish. He took great pride in being a fixer of problems. He sponsored people coming from Albania with jobs and hired immigration attorneys to help them gain citizenship. Friends he made in grade school and high school remained lifelong friends.

David was sociable and had a strong work ethic that fueled his passion for hospitality and being an esteemed restaurateur. He was extremely organized and valued people's time; he hated when others were not prompt for engagements and meetings.

He proudly maintained friendships with his former wives, Jan Kalb and Amy Ayoub.

David had impeccable taste and style, which he credited to his best friend, Patrick Kelly, for teaching him the gentleman's guide to dressing well. He held the same standards for himself as he did for all, insisting everyone take pride in their appearance and dress appropriately for the occasion: No hats in the restaurant.

David fancied Robert Talbott Best of Class ties in any color, but particularly pink and green or orange; his Gucci loafers or LL Bean "duck boots," and his collection of Detroit Watch Company timepieces, of which he was an aficionado.

David was never necessarily a car guy, but appreciated a beautiful car. Even though he never kept up with his oil changes, his car was impeccably cleaned every week, just like his shirts were freshly laundered and pressed. He was an undeniable "Prepster" and lived the Preppy Handbook like a badge of honor.

David played an impressive game of golf; his swing was one of the fiercest and he got a hole-in-one at Plum Brook Golf Club. His father was a scratch golfer and often set an early tee time to golf at Lochmoor Club before work.

David's favorite song was "Because You Love Me" by Celine Dion and he loved listening to

Diana Krall.

David grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores and though he moved out of state for a time, he was a Grosse Pointer at heart, which is why he moved back home in 2021, to be closer to family.

He attended Northwood University, was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and became a distinguished alumnus. He studied automotive in honor of his cousin, Ray Laethem, whom he greatly admired; however, when the economy became uncertain, David turned to hospitality and soared to new heights in the culinary arts, as a restaurateur and club manager. He was a certified country club manager at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Country Club of St. Albans in Missouri and Lakewood Country Club in Maryland. He was thrilled his son and daughter, Nick and Isabelle, were following in his footsteps.

David also had an affinity for anything related to the FBI and wanted to be a private investigator or enter the world of politics. He was a staunch conservative and stood for his beliefs.

His favorite pastime was watching movies — especially action films — and he could recite movie quotes verbatim. His favorites were from "Ricochet," when Odessa says, "Do you wanna know who's really got the power? Bring your ass to the tower," or "A Few Good Men," when Jack Nicholson says, "You can't handle the truth," or "Apollo 13," when Jack Swigert says, "Houston, we have a problem."

It wasn't uncommon to hear David recite movie quotes in his own context for a laugh and smile. Those who really wanted to hear David laugh the deepest watched "Home Alone" with him during the booby traps scene.

David had a refined palette and knew food and wine better than most; he loved a good medium-rare steak au pouvre, caviar, oysters and a good bottle of red. However, his favorite thing to do on an evening home with family was watch a movie and eat a Primos cheese and pepperoni pizza or buttered popcorn with parmesan cheese. He also loved a good Slim Jim combination from Big Boy, but when he picked up his kids from school, he made sure to have sugary bug juice, Funyons, Hot Tamales, Slim Jim's or a honeybun for them.

David's dogs, Goose and Olive, were named after his favorite cocktail, a dirty Grey Goose martini with olives. He often was invited to auctions due to his willingness to raise the paddle after drinking a few of them.

David loved sitting fire-side with family, especially his son, Nick, and loved hosting dinner parties with Susan. He would sit for hours in the car while Susan shopped, but also would do anything for anyone. He was a giver, his family said.

David loved being near

the water; it's where he felt most at peace and was able to reflect and think. He greatly enjoyed swimming and was honored to be a member of the Country Club of Detroit.

David truly was a kind soul and together with his best friend, David Webb, would share contemplations about life. One of their best: "You are what you were, when you were when."

David is survived by his wife of 24 years, Susan (nee Petrocy); children, David Kalb (Taylor), Keeley Thomas (Jordan), Nicky Pendency and Isabelle Pendency; grandchildren, Greyson and Parker; and nephew and niece, John and Kate Pendency. He was predeceased by his brother, Jim Pendency (Liz).

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's name may be made to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, [helmlifecenter.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay](http://helmlifecenter.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay).

A memorial gathering takes place from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at [wujekcalcaterra.com](http://wujekcalcaterra.com).

David's last words of advice would be, "Enjoy life ... eat out often and wear pink."

## Janet "Jan" Marguerite Nolan

Janet "Jan" Marguerite Nolan (nee Carrier), 86, of Grosse Pointe, peacefully passed away Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at her home in Arizona, surrounded by her loving family. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Janet was born March 18, 1937, to Louis and Jeanette Carrier. She grew up in Detroit and graduated from Dominican High School in 1955. While attending school, she met the love of her life, Edward "Bud" Joseph Nolan III. They were married June 8, 1957. They raised six children and enjoyed work, life and travel. They were happily married for 55 years until Edward passed away in May 2013.

Janet enjoyed spending time in the kitchen, creating delicious meals for her family and anyone who might stop by for a visit. She was happiest when her family and friends were around sharing food, drinks and stories. Jan had a passion for novels and read countless books throughout her life. There were very few times she wasn't holding a novel in her hands.

Jan also was dedicated to her work. She spent 20 years at St. Anne's Nursing Home while also enjoying her time serving guests at the family's local establishment, Nolan's Pub, until retiring in Florida and then moving to Arizona.

Jan leaves behind her children, Edward Nolan IV (Bonnie), Michael Nolan (Sandy), Jennifer



David M. Pendency



Janet Marguerite Nolan



Raymond Christensen, M.D.

Nolan (Dan), MaryBeth Austin (Jeff), Robert Nolan and Timothy Nolan (Lisa); 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her sister in-law, Darlene Carrier.

Jan was beautiful, fun and genuine, inside and out, and will be missed by her family and friends "always & forever."

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Raymond C. Christensen, M.D.

Raymond C. Christensen, M.D., 96, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Beyond his career, Dr. Christensen had a deep passion for his family. They were his home and his heart. He was the beloved husband of the late B. Catherine Christensen; dear father of Catherine A. Christensen, Mary Beth Christensen, Susan Christensen, Nancy Christensen Schlie (John), Kim McCormick (Kelley) and the late Chris Christensen. He also is survived by six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Raymond's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Gayle Shaw Camden

Gayle Shaw Camden, 77, of Grosse Pointe, died Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Gayle was born March 8, 1946, to Walter Carlyle Shaw Jr. and Anne Jane Robb. A Daughter of the American Revolution on both her father's and mother's sides, she grew up in Pittsburgh and, from the tender age of 2, spent summers in Chautauqua, N.Y.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew L. Camden; sister, Pamela Shaw Morey; and four nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Walter Carlyle Shaw III (Corky); and sister, Deborah Shaw Hiscox.

Gayle was admired, even from a young age, for her style and taste and known for her creativity throughout her life. Her twin passions for design and art were interwoven throughout her life and career like strands of her DNA. She was an accomplished, award-winning interior design professional whose work was featured in numerous publications. While operating her high-level residential practice, GSC Design Associates, since 1979, Gayle avidly pursued her love of art and became increasingly involved in the art world, most notably with the Detroit Institute of Arts. An example of her commitment to doing the best



Gayle Shaw Camden



Richard Hale Wendin

creative work possible and finding the right design is best exemplified by her encouraging a young child to use crayons to create a unique color for her bedroom walls.

Chautauqua was an integral part of Gayle's entire life and her life together with Andrew, who became a stalwart, dyed-in-the-wool Chautauquan as well. Arts are one of the four pillars of Chautauqua and certainly were a central pillar for Gayle and Andrew's life together. Gayle and Andrew are longtime supporters of the Chautauqua Theater.

After graduating from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 1968, with a degree from the School of Interior Design, Gayle worked continuously as an interior designer. She was a professionally accredited member of the American Society of Interior Designers since 1975. She also joined the Junior League of Detroit in 1975.

Gayle shared with Andrew a passion for international travel, which they often did to far-flung and exotic locations, eventually exploring more than 70 countries. Gayle learned to appreciate the native textiles and began to seek them out as another way to experience and explore the local culture more deeply. Gayle's keen eye led them to acquire many pieces that were of interest to DIA curators, causing the Camdens to gradually donate them to the DIA collection.

Gayle was an honorary trustee of the DIA and served on the board of the Friends of Modern and Contemporary Art at the DIA for 35 years. Her involvement in the art world spanned decades and she served numerous institutions and organizations, including on the boards of the Downtown People Mover Art Commission, Founders Junior Council DIA, Detroit Artists Market and American Society of Interior Designers.

Those who wish to further honor the memory of Gayle Shaw Camden may do so by making a contribution to Detroit Institute of Arts — Friends of Modern and Contemporary Art Acquisitions Fund, Attn: Edward Maki-Schramm, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, (313) 833-7900, [dia.org/support/auxiliary-groups/friends-modern-contemporary-art](http://dia.org/support/auxiliary-groups/friends-modern-contemporary-art); the Chautauqua Foundation, One Ames Avenue,

Chautauqua, NY 14722, (716) 357-6220, [chq.org/foundation/](http://chq.org/foundation/); or Planned Parenthood of Michigan, PO Box 3673, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, (855) 896-4966, [plannedparenthood.org/plannedparenthood-michigan](http://plannedparenthood.org/plannedparenthood-michigan).

Arrangements were made by the Ira Kaufman Chapel, (248) 569-0020, [irakaufman.com](http://irakaufman.com).

## Richard Hale Wendin

Richard Hale Wendin, 83, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023.

He was born Sept. 18, 1939, in Detroit, to Sigurd R. Wendin and Martha C. (nee Rich) Wendin. Dick attended Maire Elementary School and Williston Northampton School in Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale University in 1962, and served in military intelligence with the U.S. Army in post-war Germany.

Dick had a lifelong career with Heber, Fuger and Wendin and remained active as an investment advisor through July of this year. The beloved "City Man" leaves many friends as a member of the Detroit Racquet Club and welcomed patron to local eastside haunts. He proudly served as commander of American Legion Post 372 for many years. Dick cherished his lifelong visits to the family's Castle Park resort community in Holland, Mich.

His parents and his sister, Constance W. Sholem, predeceased him. He is survived by his brother, Sigurd Robert Wendin Jr. (Caesara) of Connecticut; nephews, Sigurd Robert Wendin III (Louise) and Michael Sholem (Sadie) of the United Kingdom and Theodore F. Wendin of New Jersey; and nieces, Caesara W. Brungraber (Griffin) of Oregon and Joanna Margaret Sholem of the U.K. He also leaves behind grandnieces and grandnephews, Sigurd R. Wendin IV, Sasha Wendin and Henrik Wendin, Bruce, Zoe and Chase Brungraber, and Florence, William and Reuben Sholem.

The family is most grateful for the great care Dick received, especially from the staff at Beechwood Manor in St. Clair Shores.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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## Paige Elizabeth Pringle

Paige Elizabeth Pringle, 28, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, in Jacksonville, Fla.

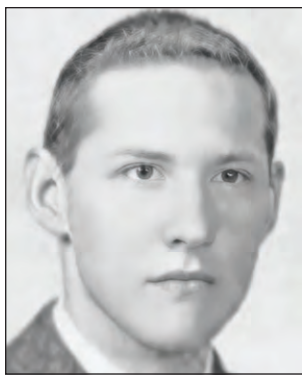
Paige was born April 30, 1995, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, the daughter of Bill and Lisa Pringle. She attended Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School from preschool through eighth grade. She graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2013, and attended College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Paige was a talented figure skater from an early age, competing in synchronized figure skating around the coun-



Paige Elizabeth Pringle

try and competing with Team USA in Europe. During her senior year of high school, she was awarded the U.S. Figure Skating Platinum Level Award.

Paige also was a gifted artist who loved to paint, sketch and make jewelry and crafts. Her warm and engaging personality enabled her to be an exceptional and beloved



James Richard Taugner

bartender at several bars and restaurants in Detroit and Jacksonville, Fla.

Paige possessed a loving radiance that enveloped everyone she met and left an indelible impression on many people. Her vibrant personality effortlessly made people feel loved and accepted. Loving kindness was her way of life. Paige is survived by

her loving parents, Bill and Lisa Pringle; brother, Billy Pringle (Lisa) and baby niece, Ila Pringle; loving aunts, Cheri Sieber and Susie Taylor; cousins, Tommy and Ellie Sieber, RJ Taylor (Mariana) and Lauren Taylor-Meier (Collin); and grandparents, Robert and Joan Sabo. She will be missed by many dear friends in Florida and Michigan.

Visitation takes place 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Paige will lie in state Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe

Woods.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville, Fla., with a celebration of life immediately following at Dos Gatos in Jacksonville.

As Paige was an animal

lover, memorial contri-

butions may be made to

the Grosse Pointe Animal

Adoption Society, gpaas.

org.

## James Richard Taugner

James Richard Taugner, 77, passed away in Chicago, Wednesday, May 13, 2020, after a long illness.

James was born Dec. 12, 1942, in Grosse Pointe, to Frank and

Sylvia Taugner, both now deceased. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1961, and attended the University of Michigan.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and Boys State, was an Eagle Scout, served as co-concertmaster violinist of Grosse Pointe High School's orchestra and played with string ensembles in college.

James was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his brother, Robert Taugner (Barbara); and niece, Emily Norton (Stephen).

A memorial service and interment take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Local quilter semi-finalist in international quilt shows

Melanie Jane Mitchell from Grosse Pointe Farms is a semi-finalist in two upcoming American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek shows, one Sept. 13 to 16, at the DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, the other Sept. 27 to 30, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

Mitchell's quilt, "Bees in Aunt Millie's Garden,"

along with 332 others, will compete for prizes in Grand Rapids. Her "Stars for a New Day" will compete with 210 other entries for prizes in Des Moines.

First, second and third place prizes in seven categories will be awarded, along with seven overall awards, including Best of Show. Winners will be announced at the show and posted on american-

quilter.com.

AQS President Bill Schroeder said, "Last year, we were so excited to be back to in-person QuiltWeek events. We cannot thank the quilters enough for their support of our shows coming out of the pandemic. The quilters want to see the quilts that are displayed, to marvel at the work and find inspiration for their own projects. I have

no doubt this year's quilts will do the same."

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Left, "Bees in Aunt Millie's Garden" and right, "Stars for a New Day."

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Birthday Celebration."

"It's become the party of the summer," Detwiler said, thanking the homeowners for opening their doors. "We usually have 275 to 300 people. This home is spectacular, so we anticipate a large turnout."

The party will be catered by The Roostertail and includes valet parking, a strolling dinner, cocktails and live music by Bob Mervak and Friends.

Invitations to the party may be accessed through a link at the top of the homepage on the foundation's website, [grossepointeparkfoundation.org](http://grossepointeparkfoundation.org). Tickets cost \$250 each and RSVPs should be made by Friday, Sept. 1.

Both fundraisers are chaired by Anna Pitera.

Cotton said she is grateful to Lucas for spearheading the project.

"It has been huge," she said. "We can't thank



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation hosts its annual party at this private home on Windmill Pointe Drive.

him enough.

"This has been one of the most enjoyable projects to work on," she added. "We talked about it three years ago, but then the flooding happened and the foundation went out of its usual donation bailiwick to help the city get drains put in that were needed. This was put on the back burner."

Added Detwiler, "Hopefully the 100th Birthday Celebration will

help raise funds for the additional things we need."

Cotton complimented foundation board members for being active and involved, and Detwiler thanked the community for its support.

"We have remarkable residents who are incredibly philanthropic," she said.

Cotton is a family member of Grosse Pointe News owner, Sean Cotton.

## The foundation

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation was established in 1984, and was the first private foundation of all the Grosse Pointes. Through its efforts, the foundation has supported projects that include both practical and aesthetic enhancement to the city.

"Over the years, the foundation has done tons of things for the Park," said Bob Lucas, chairman of the Playscape project.

Among its past projects at Patterson Park are the George Helm boardwalk, Robert Hutton ice rink, Denner fireplace and Lindell Lodge, updated gatehouse, Pitch & Putt Golf, splash pad and pickleball courts. At Windmill Pointe Park, additions include The Tompkins Center, atrium and outdoor patio and grill; Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center; Meade Fitness Center; Betty and John Stevens Atrium; McKeever Lounge; Golden Gym; fountain and zero-depth pool; and Okulski Theatre and Carol C. Schaap Theatre.

"We wouldn't have what we have today without the foundation," said Chad Craig, Parks and Recreation supervisor. "Just look at the names on the boardwalk, on the movie theaters. ... These are people who are willing to do it and who are passionate and care about the parks."

Craig said he's excited about the new Playscape and other improvements being made at the parks.

"These are ways we're able to spruce things up and bring life and color back to the area," he said. "People will see brighter, cleaner, nicer amenities, thanks to the foundation."

Outside of the parks, the foundation has installed flower pots throughout the city; new lighting along Kercheval and The Sail of Two Cities sculpture; updated the fitness room for the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department; and donated body shields for public safety officers. It also recently funded parts for an extreme emergency relief valve following massive flooding that occurred in 2021.

The foundation is able to fund its projects through tax-deductible community donations. Gifts may be given by individuals, corporations and other foundations.

For more information or to make a donation, visit [grossepointeparkfoundation.org](http://grossepointeparkfoundation.org).

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The festivities will fill a closed portion of Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## 17th annual Racing For Kids to the Hill returns Aug. 30

### Event again honors three courageous kids

The checkered pennants are again waving overhead and the engines will soon be revving up for the last blast of summer — the 17th annual Racing For Kids to the Hill. The event takes place Wednesday, Aug. 30, on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

“Every year, when the flags go up, the buzz begins and everyone starts to look forward to the event,” said Linda Finger, Racing For Kids special events director, who has served on the steering committee and designed the event every year since it began in 2007. “You can almost feel the excitement building.”

Once again, the event will include the presentation of the annual Racing For Kids Courageous Kid Awards to three young people who have shown strength and determination in dealing with challenging health situations.

This year’s honorees are 11-year-old Jenna Parys, 18-year-old Griffin Wright and 5-year-old Grant Maristela.

The day-long event starts with a street fair celebration, which is free and open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and includes games for kids, music, refreshments, car displays, the Globe of Thunder stunt show and activities for the whole family. The Grosse Pointe News will again sponsor a scavenger hunt, where kids collect prizes at different businesses along the map. Kercheval Avenue will be closed from McMillan to Hall Place for the street fair.

Then from 6 to 9 p.m., a cocktail reception and live luxury auction on The Hill will raise funds for the Racing For Kids hospital visit program, several local children’s hospitals and the Teen Street Skills program.

Over the years the event has raised more than \$2 million with the proceeds going to various pediatric programs at Ascension St. John Children’s Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation, Henry Ford Health System — Cottage and Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

This year’s gathering will feature gourmet fare from Dirty Dog Jazz Café, Bronze Door, Jumps, Café Nini, Luxe Bar and Grill, Fresh Farms Market, Pendency’s Grosse Pointe and National Coney Island. Dirty Dog also will provide musical entertainment and the auction will feature many luxury items, including exciting getaways and one-of-a-kind travel packages. New this year is the Globe of Thunder motorcycle stunt show that has amazed and excited audiences around the coun-



Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside interacts with a young Racing for Kids attendee last year.

try.

Major event sponsors include Peggy and Peter Kross, Ascension St. John Hospital, Crest Automotive Group,

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## Back-to-school tips for children

**Q: Do you have any tips for preparing my child for back to school?**

**A:** When I think about what children need as they head back into the schoolhouse, a lot comes to mind. Raising a balanced, healthy and productive child is no easy task, especially in uncertain times, but here are three things I hold in high esteem.

The most important thing your child needs in order to have success this school year will not be found on any of their back-to-school supply lists. It’s YOU! You need to be your child’s biggest cheerleader this upcoming year. Children need a consistent support system in place who reassures them that stress is an important tool that helps them grow, learn and ultimately gives them the power to deal with whatever life throws their way.

The second is to encourage your child to

have a physically healthy lifestyle. They should exercise daily, have adequate water consumption throughout the day, avoid eating lots of junk food and instead eat lots of fruits and vegetables. Going for walks and bike rides, playing outside together and involving kids in meal planning, food shopping and cooking are great ways to incorporate better health into your family’s lifestyle.

The third suggestion is to be of service to one person each day. This gives children a sense of purpose. It doesn’t have to be big things. A kind, open heart willing to smile at a passing stranger leads to positive mental health benefits. Brainstorming ways to help others is a wonderful activity on its own and volunteering together demonstrates your family’s values.

Every morning when we wake up we should start our day with grati-

tude. Why, you may ask? Because every day that we are fortunate enough to open our eyes and take our first waking breath, we have just been given two things we must not take for granted nor misuse. The first is an opportunity and the second is a choice. The new school year is the perfect time to embrace new opportunities and choose a happier, healthier lifestyle for your family.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Mom has terrible taste in clothes

**Dear Gabby:** My kids relentlessly make fun of my outfits.

Apparently I'm not cool enough and they want me to get Lululemon and things other moms wear.

I think it's ridiculous but at the same time I have flashbacks of being embarrassed about MY mom too (though I would have never dared say a word about it).

So what do I do?

Cave? Or stick to my mom-jeans guns?

— Fashion victim in the Farms

**Dear Fashion Victim,**

Showing your children that you can easily be talked into doing something you don't want to is setting a very bad example for them.

If you like your style, I urge you to wear it loud and proud. However, if you are not attached to your look and are in the mood for a refresh — why not make it a fun endeavor and have your kids help you with a mom style makeover.

Please do not feel the need to be so label

conscious.

Perhaps it can also be a bit of a finance and budgeting lesson as well for the kids.

Regardless of which route you choose, you are their mom and they will love you no matter what. Best of luck!

I hope your fashion journey serves as yet another way to bond with your children.

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## Deeply annoyed by dogs

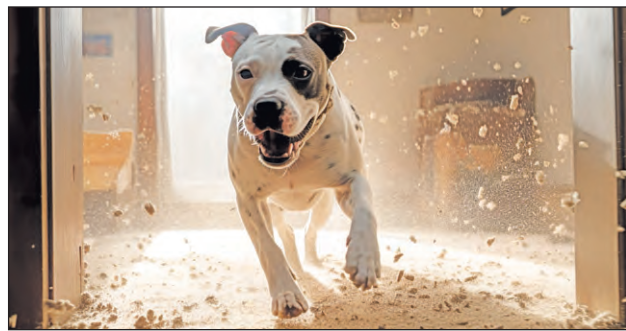
**DEAR ANNIE:** Let me preface this by saying that I am an animal lover, and I like dogs and cats. I grew up with dogs, but as an adult, I have become more of a cat person. While I enjoy dogs enough, my husband and I have talked about how dog ownership is a lot of responsibility and, at this point in our lives, we choose just to have cats.

My dilemma comes from my husband's family and their dogs. Both his sister and mother have two dogs each. The dogs are fine, but they are not very well-behaved and frequently have "accidents"; his mom and sister make excuses for the dogs and never apologize when they do.

They let the dogs up on all the furniture, much to my chagrin. They "ask" if the dogs can come over, but I always feel like I have no say in the matter or that I'm the bad guy because what I really want to say is they should have them boarded or watched elsewhere -- but that's costly and takes more logistical planning (more reasons I choose not to own dogs!).

His mother watches our children at least

weekly and always brings her dogs "because she has to." She is a wonderful help and truly a fantastic person, but her dogs are a nonnegotiable extension of her when she comes over. This has caused me stress.



The older dog smells bad and gets on the furniture, rolls in clean blankets and almost always leaves a "present" for us in the basement. The younger dog eats crayons and has chewed numerous kids' toys and books. The old dog gets a "pass," and the young dog is "so cute and sweet," meanwhile, I am just biting my tongue resenting these animals.

The dogs go outside and get muddy, and come in to directly jump on the furniture. My mother-in-law's priority is watching our kids, so I certainly want her attention on them instead of

the dogs' paws, but I can't stop thinking about these dogs just having free rein of my house on a weekly basis.

Our cat is a gracious host (more gracious than me, I suppose!) and doesn't seem bothered

by them.

Part of me wishes I could use the cat or allergies as an excuse, but we don't have allergies. And I love that my kids get time with Grandma each week and don't want to lose that, but Grandma always comes with her dogs. I do not like feeling this way and I also don't want to inconvenience these close family members when they come over, but hosting these dogs in my home consistently is really taking a toll on me.

I have brought it up as gently as I can, and it has not gone well. I feel

like I'm hurting her feelings because I don't love her dogs as much as she does. Again, it's very clear that we do not have dogs as pets, so I don't know why this is surprising to her that I feel like this.

I try to bond with them and buy them treats, but at the end of the day, I just feel extremely annoyed with the dogs.

Is there anything I can do to endure these frequent dog visitors in a healthier way? — CAT LADY

**DEAR CAT LADY:** Your irritation is perfectly understandable. Having up to four dogs at once poorly behaving in your space — wow, of course you are annoyed.

Since your husband shares your views on a dog-free home and it's his family causing issues, ask if he would be willing to speak to his mother and sister about this instead. It'll probably go over better coming from him than from you, no matter how delicately you try to put things.

See what sort of compromise you can come to that both you and your husband are comfortable with.

Whether that means only allowing the dogs



## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

over on certain days, in certain rooms or under closer supervision, it's worth not losing your babysitter or sacrificing all the time your kids get to see their aunt and grandmother.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I'm close to my nephews, one of whom recently married. The year before the wedding, during its planning, I told the couple that I would like to gift them their honeymoon to their choice destination, Greece, as their wedding present. They were thrilled. I gave them a check several months prior to the wedding to ensure they'd have any needed funds for deposits, airfare, etc., and told them it was fine to cash the check at that time.

I've since asked them to cash the check multiple times; the wedding and honeymoon having come and gone. My intended gift was the honeymoon, and my funds were not used for that.

I didn't intend to gift them a large sum for them to pay other expenses whenever they

wanted. It's disconcerting not knowing when the sum will clear my account. Is this a generational thing? What is appropriate at this point? Just wait it out? — CONFUSED

**DEAR CONFUSED:** There is not much to be confused about. They are very clearly acting inappropriately and ungrateful. Your gift was very generous and thoughtful, two qualities it seems that the recent bride and groom are lacking. The gift of giving someone an experience is very thoughtful.

The next step would be to call your nephew and simply ask him when and how he plans to use the money. When you call, keep in mind that they did just get married and are probably very busy, but it is certainly not too much to follow up and ask about your gift. Best of luck to you.

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Sneakers are an absolute staple in my wardrobe. I have different pairs to workout, to walk, for casual wear and some that are work appropriate. Even though some would say I do a little too much online shopping, each pair of shoes serves a different purpose in my wardrobe.

I've been on the hunt for a great pair of white sneakers that are comfortable, easy to get on and off, and appropriate yet still professional enough for casual days at the office.

I stumbled upon Kizik shoes online and began to browse. Kizik makes sneakers for men,

women and children and are available in a variety of colors and styles. I found a simple tennis shoe, the Kizik Women's Vegas, and I ordered them in ivory white.

I wasn't sure what to expect from this new brand, but I decided to give it a try. I've seen a few online social media promos showing children putting these shoes on with ease due to the hands-free technology this company uses in its shoes. I was curious to see if the shoes were as cool and useful as they were advertised to be.

When the shoes arrived, I was instantly impressed. They are made of premium, full-

grain leather and have a comfy sole. The shoes were extremely comfortable right out of the box and didn't need to be

broken in at all.

The best part about Kiziks is the shoes are so easy to put on. When you step your foot in, the



heel springs back and the shoe slips on with ease. No wiggling, no bending down, no heel crushing and no re-tying! It's pretty amazing and convenient.

These sneakers would be awesome for elderly people, pregnant women, children and anyone who has reduced mobility or difficulty tying shoes.

They look sleek and stylish and are definitely appropriate for the office, running errands or spending a day out on the town.

After trying out my pair for a few weeks, I ordered a pair for my youngest child for the upcoming school year.

For any kids who are still learning how to tie shoes, these sneakers are a must. They really stay tied and come in so many awesome color combinations.

We are giving these shoes 5 out of 5 alligators. They are reasonably priced, great quality and super functional.

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5 Out Of 5





# End of summer side

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I could eat corn all day everyday. Smear with butter and salt and pepper, it's the perfect accompaniment to a grilled dinner. What's even better than plain corn on the cob is Mexican street corn.

Since our daughter wears braces, she can't eat it off the cob. This recipe combines her needs with my favorite recipe for corn, Mexican street corn salad.

The corn is grilled alongside a jalapeño. It's got lots of lime juice and smoky paprika. There are so many amazing flavors happening in this salad.

This is a must try and perfect to bring to any end of summer barbecue. The best part is that I grilled steaks right alongside the corn and made the salad while the meat

rested. Keep this in your back pocket, you can thank me later.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Mexican Street Corn Salad

4 ears corn, shucked

1 whole jalapeño

Juice of 1 lime

2 scallions, chopped

1 tsp smoked paprika

2 tbsp mayo

¼ cup cotija cheese

2 tsp olive oil

handful of chopped cilantro

Start brushing the oil all over the corn. Grill on high heat for about five minutes along with the jalapeño.

Turn them every now and then until the kernels are a bit charred and the jalapeño is soft and blistered. Remove from the heat and let cool.

With a sharp knife, remove the kernels off the cob and put into a serving bowl. Remove the stem from the jalapeño and slice in half to scrape out the seeds. Finely dice and add to the corn.

Next, add the lime juice, chopped scallions, smoked paprika, mayo, cilantro and cheese.

Mix everything together and enjoy.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

## “Manufactured” wine

One traditional definition of wine is a beverage with moderate alcohol that is derived from the fermented juice of grapes. (No disrespect to dandelion wine, mead, perry or barley wine.)

In theory, grape wine doesn't contain water except for the tiny amount of incidental water that gets into it when the grape crusher is being rinsed.

probably never know since the makers of such products decline to state how the product is made.

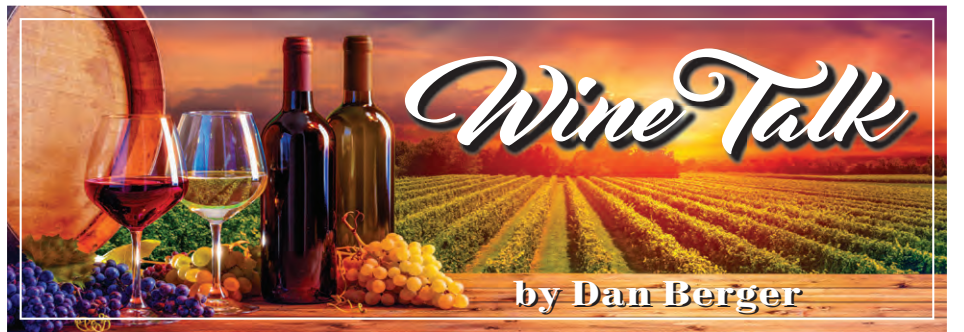
To do so, they argue, would be to divulge trade secrets.

These products, which are called wine with added flavors, fall under categories that the government's Tax and Trade Bureau classifies as not traditional all-grape wine. Because these

doesn't have to be revealed.

As you can imagine, grape growers don't like these products because they don't know what they are made from. And if they have large amounts of water in them, say the growers, it means they can be made without as much grape material.

To be sure, the wine part of these products



Alicante Ganzin is a deeply colored grape. It is an unusual variety in that it carries color-imparting molecules in its flesh, juice and skin, so even small portions of Alicante Ganzin will stain a blended wine with its color.

Yet there are products on grocery store shelves that are called wine that are not all grape juice. But how much other stuff is in there we will

products fall under the jurisdiction of a wine agency (and not, for instance, the Food and Drug Administration), the list of ingredients

has to be from traditional grape wine, but not long ago officials in the state of Washington accused the producer of the flavored wines of misrepresenting

sentation since they couldn't tell how much of the product was water and how much was grape-based.

Moreover, it is believed that the flavorings used in these products come to the wine company as a liquid, and that the liquid contains alcohol made from materials other than grapes. So one wonders how much of the alcohol actually came from grapes.

That leads us to other “manufactured” wines, such as red wines that use a legal additive called Mega-Purple.

When a wine is deficient in color, such as a Cabernet Sauvignon that should be dark but is rather pale, wineries are within their rights to add any other wine or wine product to make the wine darker. One such product, Mega-Purple, is an unfermented grape juice concentrate made from a dark-juiced nearly black grape called Alicante Ganzin.

When it is added judiciously to a wine deficient in color, it can turn a pink wine dark red.

But critics point out that such additives (there other brands on the market) also have an aroma and a taste all their own. So, in theory, adding it in larger amounts could change

the aroma of the wine to which it's added. Critics suggest that significant use of Mega-Purple changes the aroma of, say, a Merlot to that of Alicante Ganzin.

Then there is the ever-growing use of oak chips and other oak alternatives to flavor wines. Carefully used, chips have helped to make a lot of \$5 and \$7 wines more palatable to those who prefer an oaky taste, but who are on a budget.

With French oak barrels now costing \$1,000 each and more, many more wineries are looking into chips as a way of infusing lower-priced wines with the desired oaky flavor.

This trend prompted a team of researchers from Spain to investigate what the issues were for oak chip use in red wine. Their conclusions were published in the most recent issue of the Australian Journal of Grape and Wine Research.

They concluded that chips were “a good choice for producing short-aged wines.”

Many more techniques have been developed over the last few years to help wine makers improve their wines. The techniques include removal of alcohol,

removal of unwanted aroma elements and use of special yeasts to develop more desired aromas.

Purists often charge that such procedures alter what Mother Nature delivered. But it's hard to be too critical of a procedure when the end result is a better-tasting wine.

### Wine of the Week:

2005 Benvenuto de la Serna Blend, Mendoza (\$23). The aroma shows hints of blueberries and green tea and the mid-palate fruit consists of more red currants. A soft, lush entry and medium-full finish make this Argentine import, a 60-40 blend of Malbec and Merlot, a delight with steaks.

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Left, Glen Close as Joan Castleman and Jonathan Pryce as Joe Castleman in the 2017 movie "The Wife," based on the novel by Meg Wolitzer and directed by Bjorn L. Runge.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "The Wife"  
 2017 - Rated R  
 1 hr 39 min  
 ★★★★★

Such an ordinary title for such an extraordinary film. However, after watching "The Wife" it seems quite appropriate. It's another one of those movies that somehow flew under my radar.

When I saw it starred the hugely talented Glenn Close, I knew I was in for a treat. I don't recall her starring in anything that was less than great. What puzzles me is how did she not win an Oscar for her outstanding job in this captivating film?

"The Wife" is based on the novel by Meg Wolitzer and script by

Jane Anderson. Swedish director Bjorn Runge took a rather hands-off approach in making the film — he wisely opted to let the fine cast tell the story.

It didn't hurt that his crew included Jonathan Pryce, Max Irons and Christian Slater, who all turned in fine performances.

It's 1992 and we look in on an elderly couple Joe and Joann Castleman (Close and Pryce), in their bedroom. They toss and turn and are unable to get to sleep. The reason is Joe has heard rumors he's going to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature and they're waiting with much anticipation for the fateful call.

Sure enough, the

phone rings and Joe is informed he's this year's recipient of the highly coveted prize. They're overjoyed and are soon bouncing up and down on the bed with joy!

We next see them at a party in their sprawling Connecticut house, hosting a celebratory event. It's there we meet their daughter Susannah (Alix Wilton Regan) who informs them she's pregnant. Their son David is also in attendance, and we can feel the strained relationship between him, a young aspiring author, and his much heralded father.

At this event, Joe holds court with his adoring friends and family. He's so smug and full of himself, you just want to

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



smack him. While he's parading like a peacock, his wife is dutifully standing by his side.

We learn that she's the ultimate supportive wife — making sure he takes his meds, has his glasses, brushes off his jacket, etc. etc. All the while you can sense that although she tends to him, she's quietly seething underneath. I can only think of a few actors who could pull off the restrain Ms. Close displays here.

We take a quick leap back in time to 1958. Joan is a young talented literature student at Smith College and is taking a creative writing course from the popular professor Joe Castleman. Harry Lloyd and Annie Starke convincingly play the younger versions of the couple.

Joe can see just how talented Joan is and is happy to mentor her. It's not long before they fall in love and Joe has no problem leaving his young wife and child for Joan. If he can do this at the drop of a hat, just how faithful will he be with Joan? It's implied that she's had to put up with more than her fair share of his indiscretions over the years.

When they arrive in

Stockholm for the awards ceremony, Joe is absolutely beside himself. He thrives on all the adulation he receives while Joan stands off on the sidelines.

As usual, she remains his loyal sidekick, letting him be the center of attention. All the while, she's fuming almost to the boiling point. In the days leading up to the award ceremony, Joan is invited to go shopping, receive a spa treatment, and engage in other "womanly" activities. It's this blatant sexism that she abhors, and she opts to spend her time exploring the city. While doing so, she runs into Nathaniel Bone (Christian Slater), a journalist who's been assigned to write a biography of her husband.

She spends an afternoon in a bar with him where we hear bits and pieces of their conversation. He reveals that while doing some digging, he discovered some of her early writing, which he thought was more than impressive.

When pressed as to why she gave up her writing career, she admits that in the early 1960s, there just was no place for female authors. It was simply a male-

dominated world.

Ms. Close does such a remarkable job of exuding a quiet anger. You wonder what secret is she keeping and will the truth come out in the end? Rest assured, it does in this well-crafted story. Just about everything about it was perfectly constructed. It's one of those rare films that when the closing credits are rolling, you want to watch it over again. It's that good.

Note to parents: The film is rated "R" for language. I'd be tempted to rate it "PG-13" depending on the maturity of your kids.

Currently streaming on Netflix and to rent on Prime Video.

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

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [domin-mark@yahoo.com](mailto:domin-mark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).

# Pointes Art Festival draws crowds

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Edie Benoot and her daughter, Bailey, brought hand-knit items and embroidery pieces to the fair.



Laurie and the Lefties — the whole band is left-handed — entertain the crowd during the art fair.



Grosse Pointe Park resident Nick Roncone sits in his booth, which was full of handmade pottery.



Patty Moorman, left, and Mitzi Palms show off the scarves they purchased at Izzy Donnelly's booth during the Pointes Art Festival on Saturday, Aug. 5.



Rosi Triano shows off her handmade pottery at the Pointes Art Festival. Triano lives in Grosse Pointe Farms and was an art teacher for 35 years prior to retiring to create her own art.







I lounge on my veranda on a mild midsummer's eve  
I know I must go soon to bed, but somehow, just can't leave;  
This is, for me, a special time — the sun just out of sight  
With sky all bluish-silver, day is passing into night;

The fireflies start to flicker then they brighten to a spark  
At the far end of my garden in the fast-approaching dark;  
A baby robin gives a tweet from high up in its nest  
To say "good night," and settle down beneath its mother's breast;

A little rabbit hurries by then turns to look at me  
As if to say, "I'm headed for my warren in that tree  
But I'll be back much later in the middle of the night  
To find your flowers and veggies and to have a little bite!"

There's chirping of the crickets and the "ribid" of a frog  
Residing in the greenery around a nearby bog;  
Cicadas have gone quiet and the squirrels are in their trees  
Whose leaves begin to rustle in the early evening breeze;

Then all at once, near silence when I thank the gods with grace —  
I am so very grateful for this special time and place;  
"Please bless me with another magic night like this," I say  
And now, I, too, shall go to rest to greet another day.

Joan LeGro Bushnell



Above, crowds enjoyed a variety of booths and activities. Below, caricature artist Abby Ferry of Grosse Pointe Park draws Claudia Dancy.



# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions until 4:30 a.m. EDT today (1:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 24, 2023:

You have a sharp, critical mind that seeks the truth. Because of this, you're quick to see the subtext. You are hard to fool. This is a fun-loving, wonderful year to socialize! Let your hair down. Loosen up a bit. Have fun and enjoy contacting old friends.

**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

Your desire to make improvements in your life is strong now. In particular, you want to improve your health and your productivity because you want to get a lot done. Since motivation is everything, expect success! Tonight: Explore!

**TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

This is a wonderful time to express your creative talents. You might do this in your personal life or in your job. You also might use this strong sense of purpose and energy to improve your game or your style in sports as well as your ability to work with young people. You're in the groove! Tonight: Check your finances.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

Because you're tackling DIY and repair projects at home, it's fortunate that you have super energy to get things done. Oh yes, you're doing a lot of work to make improvements to your home, and possibly even to family relationships. Tonight: Listen.



**CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

Despite glitches that are happening now with Mercury retrograde, you're forceful and effective in all your communications with others. This means you will get excellent results if you're in sales, marketing, writing or acting. You rock! Tonight: Work.



**LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Despite delays in financial matters, you have a lot of energy right now to earn money, improve your earnings or modify and maintain your possessions. You are focused and serious about what you want to do. In a way, you want to clean up your act. Tonight: Relax..



**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You feel purposeful and optimistic because the Sun is in your sign, which means this is your chance to rejuvenate yourself and recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. Explore healthy ways to do this, especially through exercise and lifestyle changes. Tonight: Cocoon.



**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You're happy to be low-key and take a backseat right now. It's your chance to catch your breath before the Sun enters your sign in a few weeks. This is why the improvements that you have in mind are private. You know what you're doing, even if others don't. Tonight: Conversations.



**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You will be very effective in your dealings with groups and friends at this time. You might play a leadership role. You are certainly prepared to direct the activity of others and encourage

them to improve. Romance with a friend is possible. Tonight: Take care of your possessions.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your ambition is aroused now, which is a good thing. You will be able to get a lot done, especially because people admire you right now. This makes it easy for you to open important doors in order to get what you want. For some, romance with a boss will blossom. Tonight: You're in charge.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your desire to travel, study and learn more is very strong at this time. This is why many of you will be travelling for pleasure. If you can't do this, then at least be a tourist in your own city. Reach out; learn new things; see new places; meet new faces. Expand your world! Tonight: Solitude.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is an excellent time to deal with shared property, inheritances and determining how to divide or share something with someone else. You're on top of things, and you will make sure you get your fair share. Mercury retrograde will help you wrap up loose ends. Tonight: Friends.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

You might attract someone to you today who is powerful. In fact, they might suggest ways for you to make improvements in your personal life or improvements in your closest relationships. This person might be an old friend or a partner. Tonight: You're high-viz.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Anne Archer (1947), actress Marlee Matlin (1965), comedian Dave Chappelle (1973).

## Contract Bridge

**ALERTNESS AT TRICK ONE**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Declarer must always view the play of the hand as a whole rather than try to deal with each suit as entirely separate and distinct issues.

Consider this case where South arrives at three notrump on the bidding shown, and West leads the eight of hearts. The question is which heart declarer should play from dummy to the first trick.

South should resolve this question by referring to the bidding and the overall layout of the hand. Observe what happens if declarer unthinkingly plays, say, the ten of hearts at trick one.

East covers with the jack, and South wins with the king. Declarer then presumably leads a diamond to the king, taken by East's ace. East returns a club, and the contract is down whether South finesses or not. If he finesses, he goes down two after West wins with the king and returns a heart; if he doesn't finesse, the best he can do is to cash out for down one.

The result is the same if declarer plays the four of hearts from dummy at trick one. East allows the eight to run to declarer's king, and the rest of the play is identical.

The winning play is not that difficult to find, given the circumstances. East is known to have at least a five-card heart suit, and West is obviously leading his top heart. South can therefore go a long way toward neutralizing East's hearts by playing the queen from dummy at trick one.

East must take the queen with the ace — otherwise declarer will score two heart tricks instead of one. After taking the ace, however, East cannot return a heart without allowing dummy's ten to become a trick. Whatever East shifts to, declarer has time to establish his clubs and so finish with nine tricks consisting of four clubs, four spades and a heart. The diamond suit need never be touched.

Once the threat of East's hearts has been defused, South has nothing to worry about.

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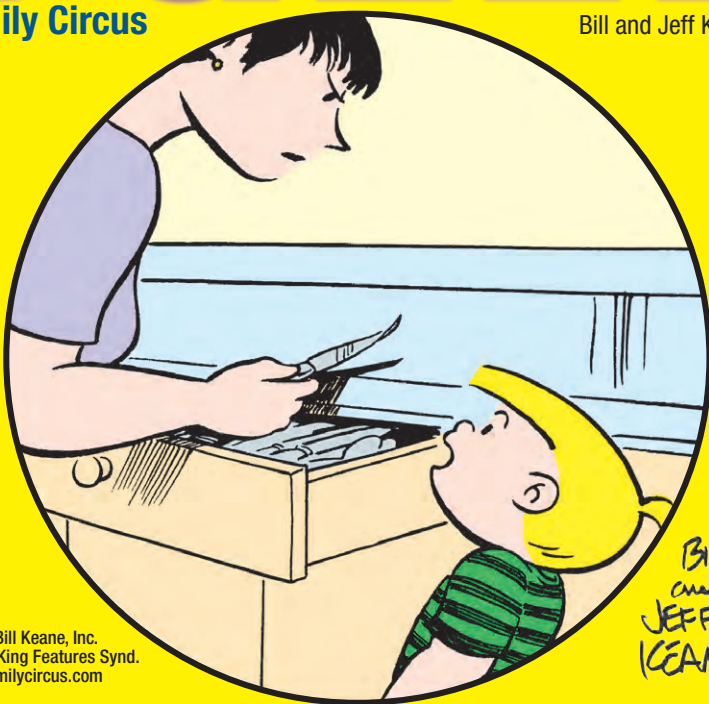
by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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**"That's the knife Daddy used when he couldn't find his screwdriver."**

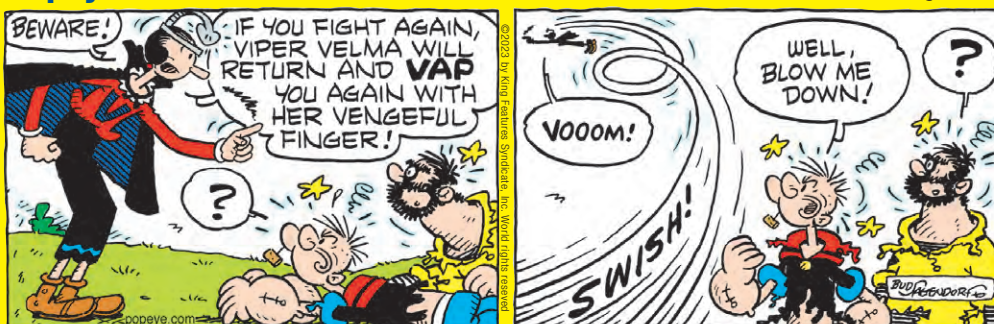
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Jim Davis



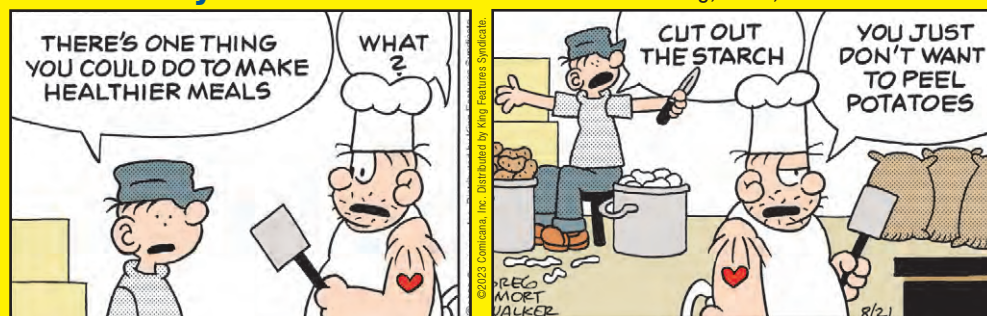
## Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



## Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



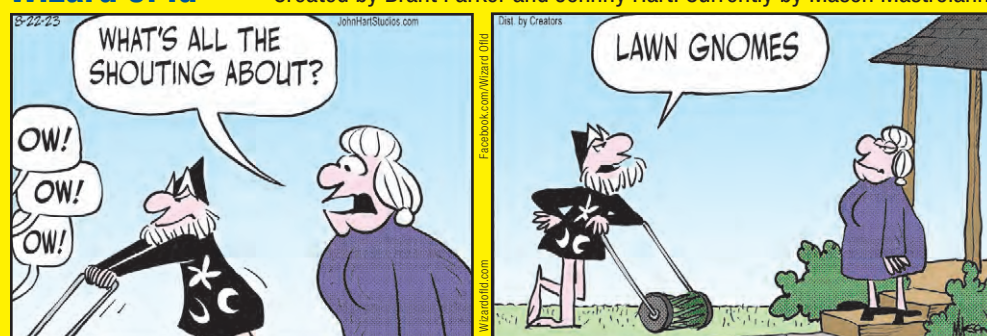
## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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## F Minus

Tony Carrilo

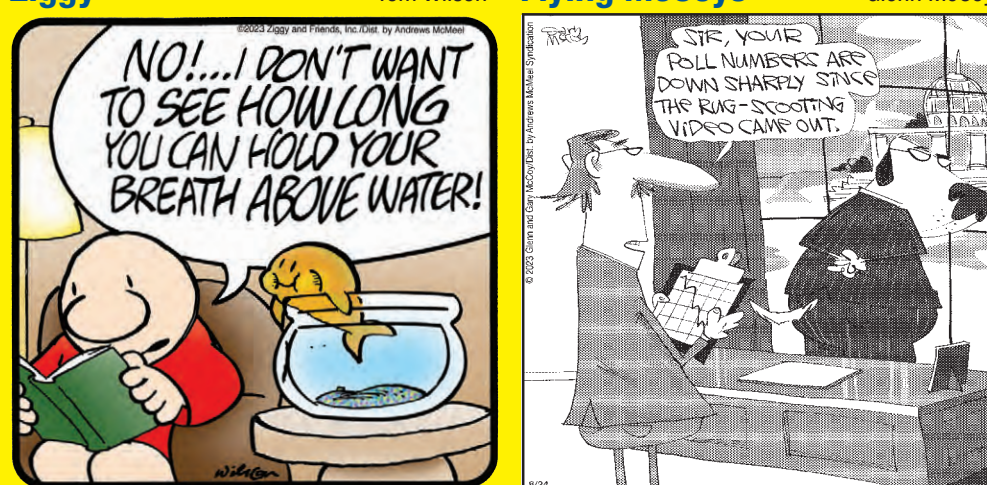


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

6			2					1
9			3		4			
	2		1					6
	7	9						
4	9	2	6	3	7			5
				1	9			
	8		4		2			
	3		9					8
1			5					7

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

### Previous puzzle solution

8	3	9	1	6	7	4	5	2
5	4	2	3	8	9	7	1	6
1	6	7	4	5	2	9	3	8
7	1	8	5	3	4	2	6	9
6	9	4	8	2	1	5	7	3
3	2	5	7	9	6	1	8	4
2	5	1	6	4	8	3	9	7
9	7	6	2	1	3	8	4	5
4	8	3	9	7	5	6	2	1

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 24, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Peak performance
- 6 Actor's assignment
- 10 Lovable feature of a dad bod
- 14 In the area
- 15 "My turn now!"
- 16 Unusual
- 17 Car first produced in 1908
- 19 Spanish for "those"
- 20 Imitated
- 21 \_\_\_ out (do nothing)
- 22 Show such as "One Piece"
- 23 Gives a try
- 26 Capital of Bulgaria
- 30 \_\_\_ browns
- 31 Representatives
- 33 Golfer's goal, at minimum
- 34 Extravagant buildup
- 38 Gets fast food, say
- 41 Word repeated after "Que"
- 42 \_\_\_ for president (had a major campaign)
- 43 Star born after Venus?
- 44 Clock face
- 46 Poker stakes
- 47 Manage to keep cool
- 53 Mystical glows

- 54 Word before "English" or "school"
- 55 Not in the dark about
- 59 Med. scans
- 60 Healthy toast option, and a hint to the ends of 17-, 23-, 38-, 47- and 60-Across
- 63 Water transport
- 64 Auto brand with a four-ring logo
- 65 Unsuitable
- 66 Land in the sea
- 67 Mythical monster's loch
- 68 "False!"
- DOWN
- 1 Sporty Italian auto, for short
- 2 Gunk
- 3 4,840 square yards
- 4 Parents' road safety org.
- 5 Certain source of shade
- 6 Uber's business
- 7 Alpha : first :: \_\_\_ : last
- 8 Chatter's chuckle
- 9 M.D. treating tonsillitis
- 10 Coiled musical instrument
- 11 Eye surgery acronym

- 12 Kitchen drawer?
- 13 Plague persistently
- 18 Egg cells
- 22 Clock batteries, perhaps
- 23 Bonnets and beanies
- 24 "Seriously?!"
- 25 Long-eared leapers
- 26 Wilts
- 27 Fairy-tale fiend
- 28 Phobia
- 29 Offensive
- 32 Grammy winner
- 33 ATM entry
- 35 Throw, in slang
- 36 Window glass
- 37 Greek H's
- 39 Cotton bundle
- 40 Udder part

- 45 "\_\_\_ between you and me!"
- 47 1942 Disney classic
- 48 Capital of France?
- 49 Common sans-serif typeface
- 50 Sweatshirt extensions
- 51 Island home to the National Immigration Museum
- 52 Citrus beverage suffix
- 55 "That's terrible!"
- 56 Well-kept
- 57 Touches with a chip card
- 58 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 60 Pale
- 61 Tinge
- 62 Get the gold

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

P	E	T	O	N	C	D	A	L	L	O	W
A	X	I	S	L	I	A	R	T	A	U	P
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M	A	R	O	O	N	L	I	T	E	B	E
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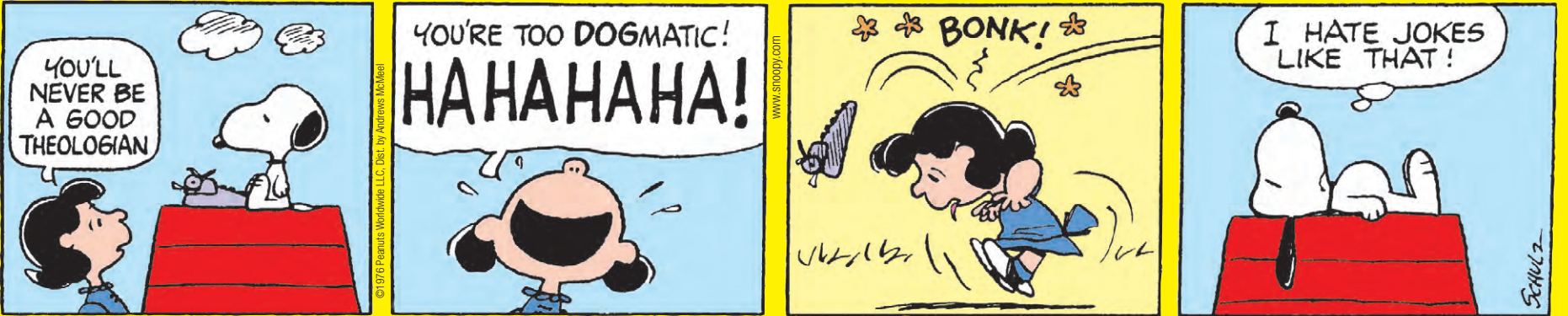
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



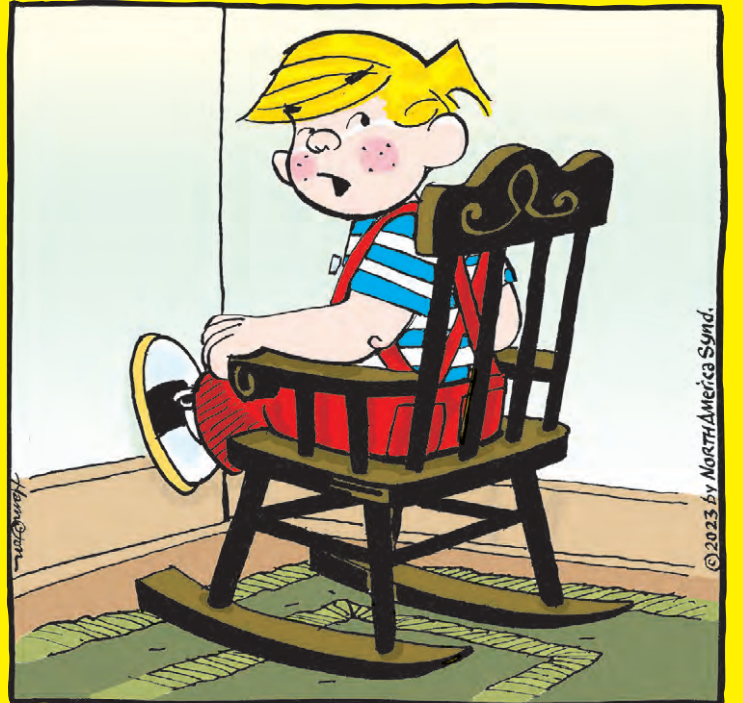
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



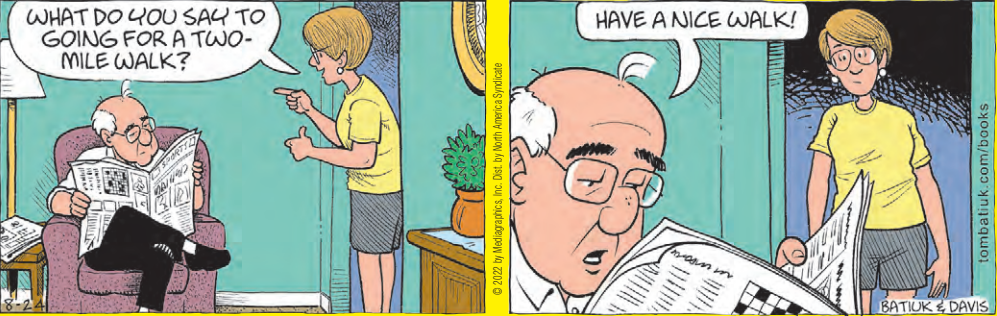
## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



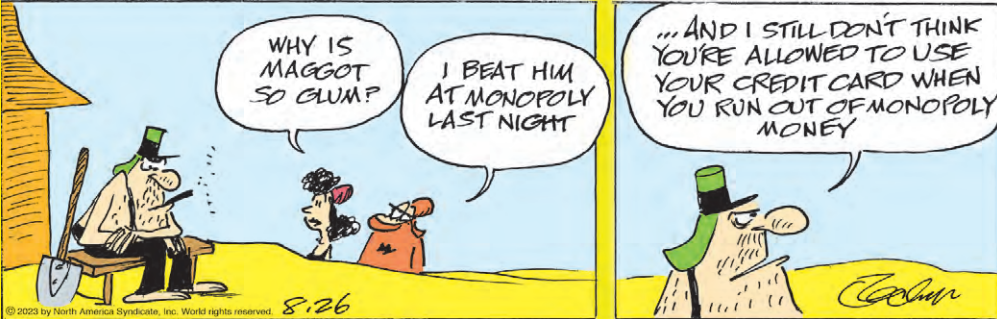
## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



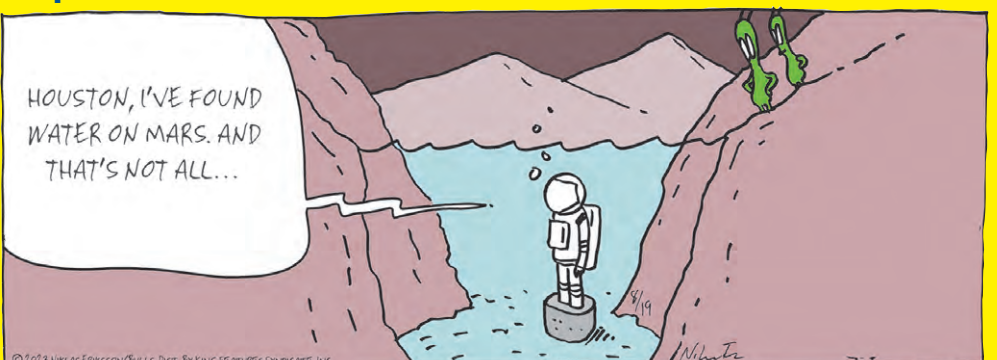
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Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



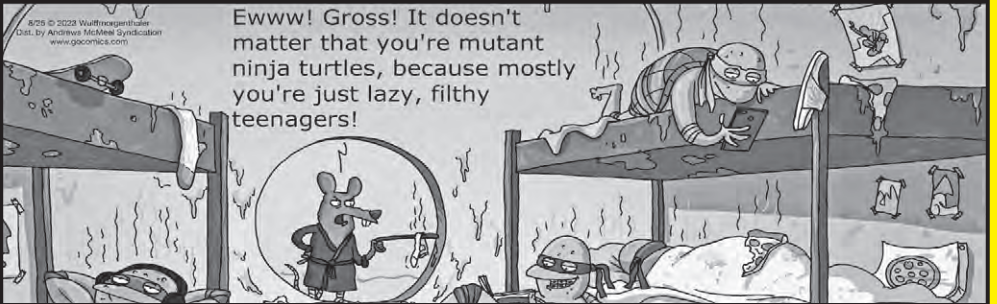
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



## Bizarro

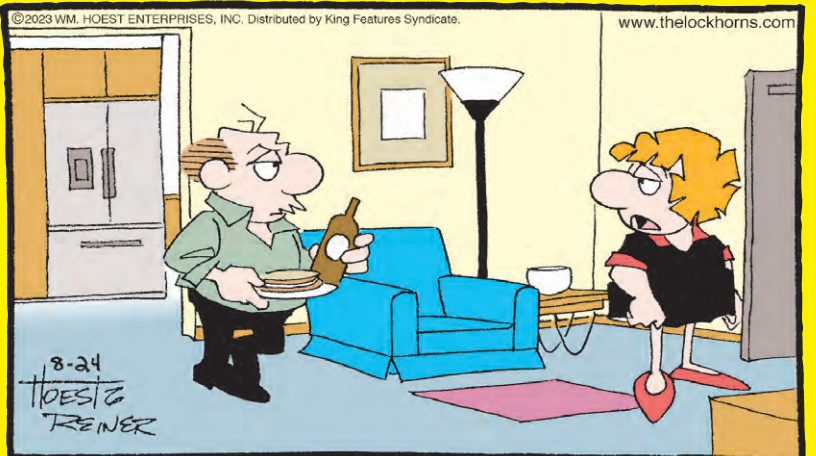
Dan Piraro and Wayno



"I'M NOT TRYING TO BE RUDE... I'M JUST OPINIONATED!"

## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"WHEN THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU TO WALK TWO MILES A DAY, HE DIDN'T MEAN BETWEEN THE TV AND THE FRIDGE."

## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"I used to be a dog person. Then I met Marmaduke."



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## Kid Scoop Together

### Let's Draw!

Follow these steps to draw an ostrich.

# OSTRICHES HEAD TO TOE!

When you think of a bird, what do you usually picture? A small bird that flies? Most birds are just like that.

But there is a bird in Africa that's different. An ostrich can grow to be 9 feet tall (2.7 m) and can weigh 320 pounds (150 kg). Even though it is gigantic, it has small wings and does not fly.



## Feathers

Males have fluffy black feathers with white plumes on their wings and tail, while females are grayish brown.

## Legs

Ostriches may not be able to \_\_\_\_\_, but they can run! They can reach \_\_\_\_\_ of over 40 miles per hour (70km per hour). An ostrich holds out its small \_\_\_\_\_ when running. This helps them keep their \_\_\_\_\_. And an ostrich's legs are also good for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ themselves from lions, hyenas, and other \_\_\_\_\_



## Ostrich Eggs

Ostriches lay the largest eggs in the world. Their eggs weigh about the same as two dozen chicken eggs.

Ostriches lay their eggs in shallow pits they scratch into the dirt. Mother and father ostriches take turns lying on top of their eggs. The mother's brown feathers camouflage the egg in the day. The father's black feathers camouflage it at night.

Baby ostriches are only about 10 inches (25cm) tall. They weigh about 2 pounds—less than 1kg.

Standards Link: Science: Students understand that animals have unique features for survival.

## Do ostriches bury their heads in the sand?

Hold this page up to a mirror for the answer!

mirrored text: "The ostrich does not bury its head in the sand. It is a common myth that ostriches bury their heads in the sand. In reality, ostriches do not bury their heads in the sand. They only bury their heads in the sand when they are sleeping or resting." (mirrored)

## Toes

Ostriches have two toes on each foot. And each toe has a long claw.

## Extra! Extra!

### Big, Bigger, Biggest

Look through the newspaper for a picture of something big. Then find another picture of something bigger. Then look for the biggest thing you can find in the newspaper. Glue these to a sheet of paper with the words **Big, Bigger, and Biggest**. Can you repeat this with pictures of things that are small, smaller, and smallest?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand comparative and superlative adjectives.

Circle every other letter to discover a surprising fact about ostriches.

A O B S K T L  
R Y I J C U H D  
E Y S I H T A C  
V O E U T X H  
I R J E B E H S  
Y T G O S M U  
A L C V H P S

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## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Whoops! This chicken is sitting on an ostrich egg! Help her find her way back to her own nest.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

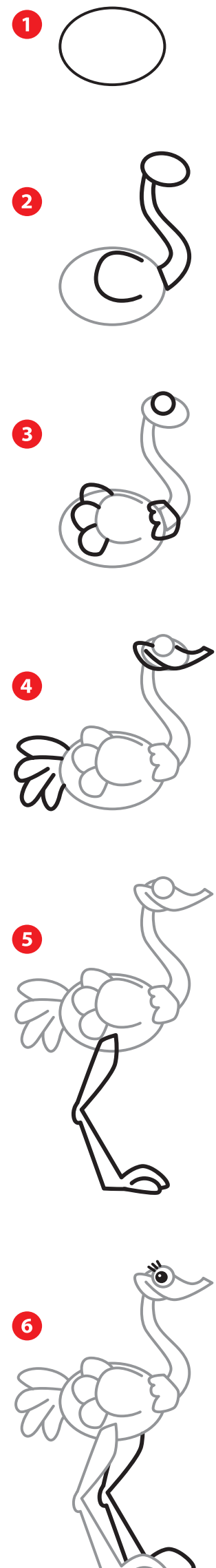
## Double Double Word Search

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

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

AFRICA  
BRAIN  
CLAW  
DIRT  
EGGS  
EYES  
FLY  
HIDE  
LIONS  
NIGHT  
OSTRICH  
PLUMES  
SAND  
SHALLOW  
WINGS

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



## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PLUME**  
The noun **plume** means a large, fluffy feather.

The fluffy **plumes** of ostriches give them a shaggy, almost furry look.

Try to use the word **plume** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Ostrich Poem

Look through the newspaper for the letters O-S-T-R-I-C-H. Write a little poem or a paragraph about ostriches using these words to start each line.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write in a variety of genres.

### What did the angry ostrich say after losing the animal foot race?

ANSWER: "The winner was a big ol' cheetah!"

## Write On!

### My favorite animal is ...

Finish this story.

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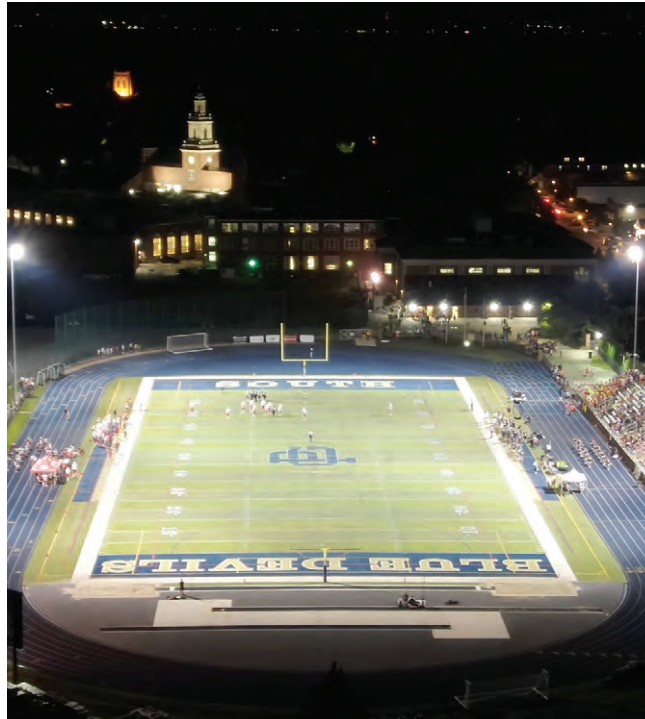
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# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

The 2023 fall sports season has begun and for the next few weeks, the Grosse Pointe News is taking a look at what to expect from your high school teams. Don't see your favorite squad covered today? Come back next week for more fall sports previews.



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# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### Varsity Football

# Veteran players, team culture key for North football in 2023

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

After finishing last season undefeated in the MAC Gold, winning the league title and reaching the state playoffs, one might think Grosse Pointe North head coach Joe Drouin is satisfied with the state of his program.

But complacency has no place with Drouin, who is ready to burst out of the gates for the start of the upcoming season, setting new goals for his 2023 team and building on what he says is a positive, "all-in" team culture.

"Culture eats strategy for breakfast," he said when asked how important team attitude is and

"We were academic honorable mention All-State as a team last year," he said. "I ran out of award (helmet) stickers for that. I had to order more, which is a good problem to have."

With growing team pride in the classroom and on the field, Drouin said he can feel the change in attitude about North football, both inside the program and outside of it, especially for a team that was 0-9 four years ago.

"We took some bumps a few years ago and we knew we would," he said. "But we looked at it from the long game, developing players and getting kids to want to be a part of this, and it's paying

year.

Re-establishing buy-in from coaches and players is an important catalyst for setting even higher goals this season, Drouin said. First is repeating as MAC Gold champs. Second, is beating "the boys on Fisher Road" (South). Third, is to reach the playoffs and advance out of the first round.

"They know they are going to have to work," he said. "But they are football players. They have changed their work ethic knowing they have to earn their time by working for it."

A major key to North's success will rest on its veterans, particularly the play of returning quarterback, senior Ryan Henderson.

Henderson, who replaced QB Danny Taylor just before last season started, led the team in all eight of its wins. He then got injured in Week 8 against Sterling Heights and played hurt the remainder of the season.

But he's back at full strength, Drouin said, and ready to run the RPO offense, or the run-pass option, which will give Henderson the decision to use his strong arm in the passing game or run when needed.

"Ryan really gets that decision," Drouin said. "He can check off for the pass, but he's a really deceptively fast runner."

Three "very good" running backs will share time in the backfield, including junior Andrew McGillis, Ethan Hamilton — a transfer to the district who had to sit out last season — and sopho-

more King Jackson. Drouin emphasized that making his quarterback scramble and absorb hits won't be at the center of North's game plan.

Stellar quarterback protection and a good running game will be helped by an experienced offensive line, a group Drouin considers the team's best position group.

It will be anchored at center by four-year starter Matthew Hallam, left tackle Brady Beers — a senior and "natural leader," Drouin said — and right tackle Je'Sean Woods.

North's receiving corps will include Rocco Cardinale, Sebastian Rouse and Leo Perettie.

On the defensive side, North took a big hit by losing Drew Hill to graduation. Hill was an All-State receiver and defensive back, who led the Norsemen in interceptions and tackles. Drouin plans to replace him with senior Rocco Cardinale in the second-

ary, along with Martez Jones and All-MAC two-way player Rouse, who had four interceptions last season, two of which he ran back for touchdowns.

North also returns All-MAC linebacker Ethan Bailey-Gonzalez and middle linebackers Jack Kezhaya, Jalen Hardy and Clinton Allen.

Drouin also has an eye to developing some younger players by using a "five quarter rule" approach.

"Our five quarter rule is as good as any other team in the state," he said.

Under that plan, players will play five quarters in a six-day period, alternating between playing three quarters on varsity and two with JV, or three

quarters with JV and two on varsity. Look for backup quarterbacks Jacob Sahadi and Daylon Doe to be key five-quarter players this season.

Drouin said the team has three games circled on its calendar: Week 2's matchup against Warren Mott, Week 4 against Warren Cousino and Week 9 against archrival South.

But Drouin said, in a welcome change, North also has a target on its back now.

"After last season, every team in MAC Gold will be watching us," he said. "People used to circle us because they thought we would be an easy win for them. But now we know people are circling Grosse Pointe North as the team they want to beat."

Drouin is eager to get the season started.

"As a whole, I think we are very balanced," he said. "We have grit and energy here. Our philosophy is we believe and we have confidence. There's a buzz about it and the kids are supplying it."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

**King Jackson is part of a trio of "very good" running backs, who will share time in the backfield, according to head coach Joe Drouin.**

believing in what they can achieve this season.

"We have a really good mix of kids, a good mix of talent and a real 'program' feel surrounding us," he said.

Drouin added that after last season's success, the program has a different mindset.

Drouin, who is now in his sixth season, led his 2022 team to eight straight wins to start the year before losing its regular season finale to Grosse Pointe South and its first-round playoff game to Allen Park. North finished 8-2 on the



**North football now has a target on its back, according to head coach Joe Drouin, thanks to a successful 8-2 campaign in 2023, where the team won the MAC White title.**

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

### Varsity Football

# New regime hopes to take Knights varsity football to next level

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The beginning of the 2023 season feels like the beginning of a new era for football at University Liggett. With a new head coach and staff taking the helm, the goal for this year is to take the first step on the path toward turning Liggett football into a program to be respected.

That new head coach is Kevin Glenn, a former professional QB who played 18 seasons in the Canadian Football League and had hall-of-fame careers in both high

school and college. This is Glenn's first time taking over as a head coach, and his enthusiasm to get the season started is just as high as that of the players who will be taking the field for him.

"The guys have really been focused and picking up on the details of how to prepare for the first game under a new coaching staff," Glenn said. "(Camp) has been fun but I'm glad it's almost over so we can finally get the season going."

Coach Glenn is focusing a lot on growth for the program this season, but has already seen the potential

that this team has. Most new coaching staffs may need a bit of time to get their feet under them. However, Glenn believes that the Knights have enough talented athletes to help the team hit the ground running this fall.

"We're pretty athletic when it comes to the skill positions," Glenn said. "There might be situations where we can simply be more athletic than the competition. In this game when you talk about speed and gaining an advantage, that's one thing where I think we might be ahead of previous years. At the end of

the day, it still comes down to being disciplined because at the end of the day the team that makes the least amount of mistakes wins the game."

Some of those skill position players that the Knights expect to have a big impact include receiver Andrew Stalker and quarterback Nikkos Davis. In charge of them and the offense will be one of the big names that Glenn has brought in to be part of his new Liggett staff, offensive coordinator Andre Rison.

Rison was a star receiver at Michigan State and a first-round NFL draft pick

in 1989. During his career, Rison was a first-team All-Pro, was selected for the Pro Bowl five times and won a Super Bowl in 1997 as a member of the Green Bay Packers.

This fall, Rison will be calling plays on offense for the Knights (something he found funny for a former QB to ask of a former receiver). After getting to know his players throughout the summer, Rison believes that he has the pieces to run an offense that is both dynamic and physical.

"We don't have an offense that's geared just toward one kid," Rison

said. "We're trying to play up-tempo and a physical style offense. We can run the ball in the rain or the snow but we want to be able to throw the ball for 300 yards too when it's available."

Physicality is going to be especially important for the Knights on the other side of the ball. A leader on defense will be senior Zach Hill, linebacker and team captain. He will be captaining a defense led by another new addition to the staff, defensive coordinator John Pittman.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Varsity Football

# With championships in sight, South football focuses on strengthening its foundation

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Chad Hepner is entering year two as Grosse Pointe South's varsity head football coach and is advising his team not just to think about winning, but to actually visualize it.

"You know we talk a lot about team goals and we kind of try to visualize (them) like a pyramid," he said. "There's a foundation that leads up to the peak, so the pinnacle of the pyramid is a state championship, but before you do that, there are so many other building blocks you have to (concentrate on)."

According to Hepner, the team is focusing on three foundational building blocks — to win every home game, win each MAC White league game and, "of course we want to beat Grosse Pointe North," he said. "If we do

White championship.

Last season's highlights included beating archrival Grosse Pointe North 44-14, which spoiled the Norsemen's perfect season. The Blue Devils also reached the playoffs, but lost in the first round of the playoffs to De La Salle Collegiate, a team that went on to win the Division 2 state championship.

Hepner said a challenge for him and his coaching staff is identifying new players from his varsity roster of 55, who will step up to replace some big, explosive playmakers who graduated in June.

But, he said, don't be surprised by his team's willingness to welcome that challenge, led by team captains Hunter Belanger, C.J. Schervish, Jack Kendall and Josh Lemanski.

"On the surface I think everyone knows Egan

core of seniors who are really doing a great job with their leadership and bringing everybody else along, but this year's juniors are a really good class in both talent and work ethic."

Hepner said he feels confident his team will fill in its positional gaps.

"We're surely optimistic about that, but there are gonna be some new faces in there for sure," he said.

One of those new faces is junior Jack Lupo, whom Hepner has named the Blue Devils' starting quarterback. Lupo showed good quickness escaping the pocket and running the ball in an intrasquad scrimmage last week, and that athleticism will be an important factor for the offense, Hepner said.

The offense also gets a boost from the return of the team's top offensive



Blue Devils receiver Vincent Vashon may also see some time at punter.

on the team, Wyatt Hepner will play on both sides, logging significant time at safety.

Even though the need arises to have some players play both ways, Hepner said he prefers specialization on offense or defense.

"Ideally in a perfect world, we would like to have them play one side (because) it gets more players involved and keeps them more fresh," Coach Hepner said. "This year we will have more kids who specialize on one side of the ball...it gives everyone more of an opportunity to play."

Another area of strength for the Blue Devils is the return of defensive end and tight end Belanger, who broke his talus bone at the base of his ankle in the preseason last year. Hepner hopes a fully-healed Belanger can contribute on both sides of the ball.

"We are particularly interested in seeing Hunter in at tight end this season," Hepner said.

The head coach also hopes to capitalize on an improved, more experienced defense than last year, particularly through his linebacking corps of juniors Lemanski and Lex Wilson. The defensive duo tied for the team lead in tackles as sophomores.

"There was a big learning curve for them coming up to varsity as sophomores," Hepner said. "But they gained some good

varsity-level experience and we will be able to use that to our advantage this season."

The team is still ironing out its special teams line up. There's competition at kicker between C.J. Rosati and Wyatt Hepner, while Vince Vashon may see time at punter.

"We emphasize it more than some others do in terms of special teams, and we take some pride in that," the head coach said.

After an off-season filled with strength and conditioning work, and three weeks of two-a-days and scrimmages, Hepner said his team is eager for the season to kickoff. It will do so at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at home against Port Huron Northern. The team is also circling upcoming big games against two MAC Red opponents in Anchor Bay (8/31) and Romeo (10/13), as well as hosting North Friday, Oct.

20, to end the regular season.

"I love playing (North) last," Hepner said. "I think it's great. It could work out that the winner of that game may or may not make the playoffs."

But Hepner said he and the team are committed to focusing on the game that's right in front of them.

"For the most part, we have the philosophy that the most important game on our schedule is the one we have this week," he said.

With championships and playoff expectations on the line, Hepner said he is in charge of maintaining the team's collective focus on building a strong foundation.

"The characteristics I want to build is a team that competes hard every play, regardless of the score," he said. "I hope (fans) see a team that plays clean, a team that goes hard every play until the whistle, but will show good sportsmanship and good character and play the game the way it is supposed to be played."

"And I hope they can see the passion and the desire that these players have," he added. "We've got some guys that I know have been working really hard, so I hope that comes through on game day. And I hope people can see that in the stands."



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Starting quarterback Jack Lupo (#7), pictured here in an intrasquad scrimmage Aug. 12, will use his athleticism to lead the Blue Devils in his junior season.

those things, and with the difficulty of our schedule, that will put us in the playoffs."

The Blue Devils enter the new season on the heels of a successful 2022 campaign, where the team finished with a 6-3 record in the regular season and won the MAC

(Sullivan) and Anthony (Benard) graduated, along with a lot of other good players," he said. "If there's any surprise, it's that our incoming juniors are going to come in right away and will contribute faster than anyone might have expected.

"We also have a solid

lineman, left tackle Schervish. "He looks the part," Hepner quipped.

Senior Joey Michelotti is the starter at running back, while his first cousin, junior Matthew Agnone, and junior Wyatt Hepner will spend some time carrying the ball as well. Like several players



James Michelotti (#84) makes a nice grab in some defensive traffic at a recent intrasquad scrimmage.

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Pittman previously spent eight seasons as the head coach at Voyageur Academy in Detroit. He sees the front of the defense as the unit's biggest strength heading into the season, being helped by new defensive line coach Terry Sanders. Pittman and Sanders have put a lot of emphasis this offseason on getting the defensive line and linebackers to have speed downhill and apply pressure, something they think will help the Knights win games if done right.

"Our defensive line and our linebackers are our strongest group," Pittman said. "They can dictate the game. They're fierce in stopping the run but they also help in the pass defense because of the

pressure that they bring."

Overall, the emphasis for this season is growth. The players want to improve and get stronger from week to week, and the new coaching staff will learn and grow beside them. There is of course the goal to win as many games as possible, but the coaches and players know that focusing on small improvements now could mean success this fall and in the future.

"I've seen transformation over the summer for a lot of guys and really want to see the growth," Glenn said. "At the end of the day, we talk about a triangle of success and at the top is improvement. I want us to get better each and every day and if as a team you can get better week in and week out, you'll get to where you want to be at the end of the season."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Zach Hill, pictured at running back against Cardinal Mooney last season, will serve as a captain for Liggett this fall at running back and linebacker.



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# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### Boys Soccer

## Norsemen look for consistency and confidence on the pitch

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Some familiar faces and plenty of new ones are getting ready to lace up their cleats and take the pitch for the Norsemen boys soccer team this fall. Last season was a mixed bag for North, who endured a long losing

streak through much of September but found enough left in the tank at the end to make it to the district championship game.

This year there still are some question marks surrounding the Norsemen. While the roster may show plenty of seniors, some of them are playing

their first years on the varsity program, making their experience and what they can bring to the table a little hard to predict. What North can control is its level of heart and enthusiasm, something the team already is showing plenty of as the season begins.

"There's a lot of commitment this year," North boys soccer coach Brad VandeVorde said. "The practices have had a lot of enthusiasm. You can tell everyone is engaged and wants to get some revenge from the district loss last year. There's a lot of time before we get to that step, but each day we're getting better and you can tell the kids are locked in and focused early on."

The Norsemen will have the leadership of some returning key players. A couple of the most notable are a pair of captains, senior Lorenzo Cavaliere and junior Matthew Robert. Their

leadership is going to be an important factor in helping North maintain strong morale throughout the season, wanting to have the mentality that they can compete with anyone and everyone in the MAC White.

"Our confidence really is key," VandeVorde said, "having mental confidence going into each match ... never-say-die attitude. Every game is a new game so we have to go into it with confidence no matter who we're playing."

That confidence is being built from the jump this fall as practices have gotten underway. North could see different variations of starting lineups throughout the fall given the different levels of experience and skill on this year's roster, but that confidence remains in the talent they have. No matter who is on the field during a given game, the Norsemen are more focused on keeping a

common mindset.

"One thing we talk about every single day in practice is to compete, whether you're a starter or not," said VandeVorde.

"... Obviously we want to get back to the district final or regional and make what I think would be five straight district finals. We always work and build on stuff to peak at the right time and make a run. We have a lot of potential."

A perfect example of potential surfacing at the right time happened at home for the Norsemen earlier this year. Players on the boys team were cheering on the North girls soccer program in the spring as they made a run through the playoffs to eventually win the team's first state championship.



Now the boys who were able to watch that happen are lacing up their own cleats this fall with the mentality that anything can be possible.

"The girls team was 4-7-7 and took off and won a state championship," VandeVorde said. "All it takes is that one game, whether it's in the middle of the season or end of the season, whatever. If we peak at the right time, then the sky's the limit."

The Norsemen opened the season at home on Monday, Aug. 21, against Lamphere in a game that ended in a 2-2 draw. North takes the pitch again on Friday, Aug. 25, hosting Chippewa Valley.



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North junior Matthew Robert, pictured at right in a game last fall against Fitzgerald, will be one of the captains of the Norsemen in 2023.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

### Boys Soccer

## New coach hopes to lead South soccer back to win column

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last fall was disappointing for the boys soccer program at Grosse Pointe South, especially coming off the heels of winning district and regional championships in 2021. The Blue Devils finished 2022 with a 5-13 record and went winless in the MAC Red. However, a new head coach taking the reins this fall is giving the program optimism that it can begin to right the ship back in the direction of success.

Chris Bolio is taking over head coaching duties for the Blue Devils boys soccer team this fall. South fans may already be familiar with Bolio, as he has spent the past several years coaching the

girls varsity soccer team in the spring. Bolio knows that there may be some growing pains with his first season coaching the boys, but is focused on creating just as strong of a culture in South's boys program as he has been able to build with the girls team.

"I really want to keep morale high," Bolio said. "The biggest part of my coaching philosophy is team chemistry. I want them to become a unit and believe in the same thing... We want to squeak out some wins in the MAC Red. That sounds like a small goal to have, but this team went 0-10 in the division last year."

Establishing a strong culture and chemistry this fall can be especially

important, as this Blue Devils team is young and includes several players who will likely be back for at least one more season beyond 2023. There are a few seniors on the roster, but South's squad is mainly built up of juniors and some sophomores, like rising star Cam Bartalino.

That amount of youth is something that makes what this year's South team is capable of both unknown but exciting. Bolio is still getting an idea for what the strengths of his squad will be. In the first weeks of practices and as the opening games of the season rolled around, Bolio has learned one thing, his guys are fast.

"We're going to play extremely direct," Bolio

said. "We have some kids who are speed freaks so we can definitely keep it fast."

The team already got its feet wet with early-season action last weekend in the 2023 Detroit Country Day Soccer Tournament. The results were a mixed bag for the Blue Devils, as they came away with a win, a loss and a draw over three games. On Monday, Aug. 21, South visited Warren Cousino from the MAC Blue and fell 2-0.

It is going to take some time for South to work out some of the kinks and establish a true lineup and style of play. The main goal is to leave the disappointments of 2022 behind and focus on this fall and the future.

"It's going to be a little



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Chris Bolio, left, kicks the ball around with fellow coaches and players before Monday's game against Cousino. Bolio has spent the past several seasons as South's girls varsity soccer head coach, and this fall is his first season as head coach of the varsity boys team.

process to get the program back to where it should be," Bolio said. "It's going to be tough being in the MAC Red again. This team struggled hard in the division

last year, so we want to see any improvement there. As long as we can build back the team chemistry and the culture, I'll be happy with that in our first year."

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

### Boys Soccer

## Liggett soccer hopes depth fosters success

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last year's boys soccer season for University Liggett School was one that showed potential for greatness. The team went undefeated in the regular season and won a Catholic League title, only to end with an early playoff loss in the

district round. However, some of the Knights' key pieces from last year are back and ready to replicate last fall's regular season success and reverse their postseason fortunes.

Liggett will have a mix of veteran experience and young talent

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Claudio Cavallo, pictured in a game last fall against Shrine, returns for the Knights this year as a senior and is expected to help lead the team's attack once again.



# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Girls Cross Country

# Blue Devils girls cross country team sets season's bar to great heights

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Not many coaches can claim they have led the same team into a new season for nearly a half century like Steve Zaranek can, but then again, not many coaches are like Grosse Pointe South's legendary girls varsity cross country coach.

Entering his 45th season as head coach of the Blue Devils program,

Zaranek is looking to use a successful 2022 campaign to springboard his new squad to achieve even greater heights this season.

"Our top goals always remain the same — to be the greatest of teammates, display the deepest sportsmanship possible and work hard every day to reach full potential," he said. "We are already in sync with these goals as we prepare for the season.

We have 50 amazing young women who are hard at work preparing for what promises to be a wonderful season."

South runners wasted no time getting things off to a hot start Friday, Aug. 18, at the 80-team Lamplighter Invitational, an enormous, early season competition that gave more than 3,000 runners a chance to establish a baseline. South set a high standard with dramatic

improvements from what they achieved at the same meet one year ago, according to Zaranek.

"Our talent level has definitely improved," he said. "Our girls are passionate about our team qualification to the state finals and competing well in the MAC Red. We have great opportunities ahead of us."

Leading the way for South will be a slew of veteran runners, led by

juniors Savannah Spangler, Chloe Caulfield, Adelina Parikh and Sarah Koval, and seniors Kloie Roy and Morgan Deenik. Newcomer freshman Erin Koval already has posted a 5K time under 23 minutes and will add huge depth to the team, according to Zaranek.

"We are working hard each day and we are developing into an incredible group of very supportive team-

mates," he added. "That is a great formula for success and we look forward to all the challenges that lie ahead this fall."

In addition to Zaranek, the 2023 coaching staff includes Leo Lamberti, Shawn McNamara and Susi Sipos.

Up next, the team will compete at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, in the Anchor Bay Early Bird Invitational at Lake St. Clair Metropark.



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South varsity cross country teammates gather for a pre-race prayer before last season's state regional race Oct. 29.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Girls Cross Country

# Cross country coach to lead positive, hard-working group of Norsemen in his final season

By Clare Ramsdell  
Staff Intern

The Grosse Pointe North girls cross country team is rostering a much smaller team this season with about 30 runners, compared to the usual 60 or 70 girls. However, this smaller team includes no slackers.

"We're a smaller team, but it's a really good team," Coach Scott Cooper said. "I'm really happy with everyone there. They're all working really hard and we have some new, good freshmen that are working hard."

Being in the MAC Red division, the highest division, teams are competitive across the board, so Cooper's goal this year is to get to the state finals as a top-three team, or at

least qualify a few individual runners. With the attitude and work ethic he's seen among his runners thus far in pre-season, Cooper is excited to see what the team has to offer.

"I see nothing but hard work from our new freshmen ... and all my seniors, every single one of them has been a leader," he said. "We have five captains, but the entire senior class is an incredible senior class. ... They're just all positive and work hard and no slackers this year."

Top returning varsity runners include junior Ashlei Anatalio, junior Lillian Deskins (currently the eighth-best runner in North's history), senior captain Lucie Leonhard, senior captain Emma Babcock, senior captain

Zofia Lutoborska, junior Katie Madigan, senior Emily Francis, senior captain Nicolina Gusmano, sophomore Lilliana Ivanaj, junior Mimi Trupiano and seniors Ellie and Belle Kalus.

The team competed in the cross country version of "Friday Night Lights" on Friday, Aug. 18, in the Lamplighter Invitational. The massive meet included more than 50 teams, where all varsity races took place at night under the lights, with lanterns helping light their way.

"We ran in the second flight with all the best and biggest schools," Cooper said. "Five teams finished last year in the top 10 at the state finals. We finished 21st, which was disappointing, but the

athletes ran very well. I was very proud of all of them.

Almost every runner finished one to two minutes faster than last year's first race, with some runners going three or four minutes faster, according to Cooper.

"Five freshmen ran and all five finished their first race, which is a great accomplishment," he added. "We are looking forward to a great season of many great accomplishments."

This season will be Cooper's 31st and final as the girl's cross country coach. As a Grosse Pointe North alum who ran for the boy's team from 1979-82 and won a state championship in 1982, Cooper hopes to make one last impression on the program. Joining him will be

two of his former runners, Erinne Lubinski and Maddy Denison, along with one of his former teammates at North, Susanne Babcock.

"This being my last season, I'm hoping it will be a memorable season with the girls," he said. "I'm really looking forward to having fun this year. I want to just have a lot of fun with them, get them working hard and have some good successes.

This senior group is just a special group. I think I say that every year about my seniors, but it's really an awesome group. And I feel bad leaving the other ones that aren't seniors, but my plan is to be around next year and at all the races, encouraging them."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

Molly Spend and Juliette Auoad running for the Norsemen in the Lamplighter race last week

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on this year's roster. While much of the starting lineup might already be set in head coach David Dwaihy's mind, the most important thing is making sure both the new and experienced players are focused on working toward a common goal.

"The leadership and the example setting has been high quality so far," Dwaihy said. "We have some really good freshmen coming in who can compete for starting minutes right away. I think it's our upperclassmen who

paved the way for that. ... We've got a really good thing going with a lack of ego and entitlement. People are fighting for positions but being good teammates and supportive."

Among some of those upperclassmen returning for another year with the Knights are attacking duo Cass Cooley and Claudio Cavallo. While those two will be expected to orchestrate much of Liggett's offense, helping lead the back line will be senior defender and

captain John Francis.

One of the only question marks in the lineup entering the season for Dwaihy has been the position of goalkeeper. The team has a few options



with players who are capable of playing in the field and in net when needed, but as the opening games of the season approach, it is looking like senior Preston Barr

might be called upon to don the gloves in net to start the year.

Having options of where to put certain players and when is something Dwaihy and the Knights see as a luxury they want to take advantage of as much as possible this fall.

"If you look at us from bottom to top, we have some really good, seasoned players in some of those key positions down the spine," Dwaihy said. "In the middle of that spine, I think we have some really talented and

exciting young players."

That depth is what the Knights believe can be their biggest strength this year. They have plenty of faith in their abilities on defense and particularly on offense, but having a deeper bench of talent is what Liggett sees as its key to winning games.

Soccer is not always a sport where there is a "next man up" mentality, with the bench players being just as capable of helping a team win as the starters. The Knights and Dwaihy might have the more fortunate problem this year of figuring out how to get all the

most talented players time on the pitch during every game.

"Usually you think you just have to figure out who your best 11 is," Dwaihy said. "This year I think it's our best 15 or 16 or 17, and they're all going to get out there. When we make substitutions, hopefully it raises our level. ... We probably have as much or more depth than we've had in years."

The Knights opened the season Tuesday, Aug. 22, after press time, against Riverview Gabriel Richard. The team then travels to its first road test of the year Monday, Aug. 28, at Hillsdale Academy.



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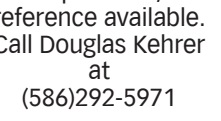
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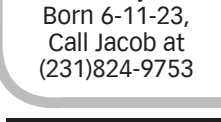
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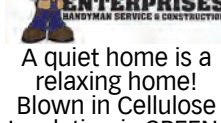
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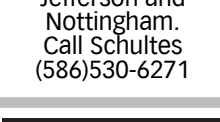
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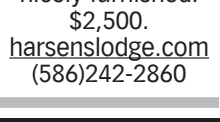
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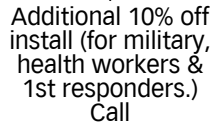
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