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## BoE approves new budget

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — On a day when temperatures outside topped 90 degrees, the discussion inside grew just as heated as the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education passed the 2024-25 fiscal year budget at its meeting Tuesday, June 18.

General fund revenues are expected to be \$101,676,319, with expenditures of \$102,676,319. That means the district will have to spend \$1 million from its fund balance, which will drop fund equity from about \$9 million to \$8 million.

The final vote was 5-2, with President Sean Cotton, Vice President Ahmed Ismail, Treasurer Terry Collins, Secretary

Lisa Papas and Trustee Ginny Jeup voting in favor. Trustees Valarie St. John and Colleen Worden voted no.

The budget includes some \$5.5 million in cuts, primarily related to the end of about \$4.5 million in COVID-related federal funding. A majority of the cuts come from not filling 18 vacant teaching positions, most due to retirements and one teacher layoff. Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said she believes the budget can be balanced in future years by not filling vacant teaching positions since the district is below the state average for student-to-teacher ratios. She added the new budget does not cut any programming for students.

It includes step increases and a 1 percent pay raise for teachers and staff.

Temperatures began to flair after Worden said she would not support the budget due to what she called its lack of detail.

"It doesn't say what teaching positions are being cut or at what

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The result of a house fire in the 1400 block of Lakepointe Saturday, June 15.

## House fire in the Park

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — There are as many questions about how a multi-alarm house fire on Lakepointe started Saturday night, June 15, as there are about why it reportedly took firefighters so long to put out. No one from the city's administration, public safety or public works departments responded to written requests for interviews or information about the incident that ended with destruction of a house behind a house in the 1400 block plus a garage next door containing a parked car. Both structures abut the alley. Despite help from firefighters from the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and Detroit, flames grew intense enough to melt the car's front wheels, char a utility pole and evergreen tree across the alley,

soften and deform vinyl siding on numerous nearby residences and garages. A neighbor agreed with a TV news report and residents' chatter about officers taking a while to find working hydrants and water pressure sufficient to battle the fire. Park officials stated on the municipal Facebook page, "(The) 1400 block of Lakepointe does have working fire hydrants.

Due to the nature of the fire, our firefighters had to pull (water) from multiple fire hydrants, which is not uncommon. As an example, once the second hydrant on the street was tapped, the hydrants began competing with one another from the same water supply. To counteract this, additional hydrants on adjacent streets need to be accessed."

— Brad Lindberg

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## Rite Aid on Hill to close

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — As Rite Aid proceeds through bankruptcy court, its Grosse Pointe Farms location at 107 Kercheval has become the next domino to fall in phased closures throughout Michigan and Ohio.

The anchor store on The Hill will remain open until July 28 — liquidation of merchandise already has begun — while the pharmacy department will close its shutters Thursday, July 11.

"Rite Aid's been in bankruptcy since October of last year," said Don Spencer, pharmacist at the location



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rite Aid on The Hill will close at the end of July.

since 2012. "Everyday you come to work expecting the worst and then finally it happens.

"We kind of thought we might've been spared, because we survived all the initial closings and all

these other rounds of random closings here and there, but then when the news came out about what their plans were, it was a bit of a shock."

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## Helm secures senior millage ballot proposal in Pointes

By Laurel Kraus and Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer and Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE CITY, SHORES & WOODS** — Councils in the remaining three Pointes last week joined the Farms and Park in approving a six-year, 0.35-mill levy proposal for the Nov. 5 ballot.

"While even a bingo game provides important socialization opportunities, millage dollars will be used to fund expansion of important essential health and wellness services," Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall

said, "as well as many new services we feel are needed in the community — adult daycare, off-site programming throughout the community, home visitation programs and new expanded evidence-based programming."

Voters in four of the six communities The Helm serves — the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods — will need to pass the proposal for it to take effect.

Ballot language in the City of Grosse Pointe is as follows:

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Local rower heads to Paris to compete for Olympic gold.

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# Having a bash getting splashed

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Dressing for success has a different meaning when sitting on a trap door over a 350-gallon dunk tank full of water.

For Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield, it meant wearing a suit and tie.

“The mayor pro tem should be in a suit and tie,” he said.

He and other municipal and business leaders volunteered as fall guys for last Saturday’s Patterson Park playscape fundraiser during the first of three Kercheval After 6 street fairs scheduled this summer.

Caulfield was dunked at least a dozen times by people lined up to throw a ball at the tank’s bulls-eye, opening the trap door.

“It was a riot, espe-

cially when the kids did it,” he said.

Patrick Gleason, the newest recreation commission member, said he was dunked at least a dozen times.

“Smiles on the faces of each of the kids was worth it,” he said. “It’s a good cause.”

Money raised by the dunk tank, one of many attractions and activities during the three-block fair in the Kercheval business district, helps fund efforts by playscape-backers to restore the 10,000-square-foot, wood playscape which volunteers built 33 years ago.

“We raised about \$1,900 so far,” said Howard Bouton, co-chairman along with James Ceuninck of the recreation commission playscape subcommittee. “Online donations continue.”

As befits a playscape, restoration is being done

in baby steps.

“Our current project is power washing, staining and getting pea gravel and sand spread out,” said Paisley Mackie, a subcommittee member.

“It’s my understanding that we need about \$200,000 to \$250,000 to fix everything and set up the current structure to survive the long term, by which I hope to mean 10-plus more years,” Bouton said.

As happened a generation ago, volunteers are doing the work.

“It’s a team effort,” said Ceuninck, the other co-chairman. “We have the subcommittee together and have put together a wonderful website (pattersonplayscape.org). It’s great to be part of bringing it back to life. We’ve been having so much fun with it.”

“I really love the playscape,” said Mackie, mother of two children



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Nick Sizeland pushes the red button to release the seat causing Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield to slide into the dunk tank. Caulfield showed up to be dunked in a full suit and tie. Sizeland had his turn in the dunk tank once Caulfield finished his 20 minutes.**

aged 4 and 2. “They love it.”

Gleason prepared documents for the Friends of the Patterson Playscape to have non-profit status.

“I’m happy to be part of

it, but it is minor compared to what they did,” Gleason said, referring to work by co-chairs Bouton and Ceuninck.

Volunteers are invited to set aside all or part of Saturday, Aug. 24, to restain the structure.

“We will need at least 40 volunteers on staining day,” Bouton said. “That will get us through the

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**It’s a fort, it’s a jungle, it’s a pirate ship, it’s a space station, it’s massive,”** said James Ceuninck, part of a group of volunteers restoring the Patterson Park playscape, built 33 years ago by volunteers.

season and stable into next year. The city has nothing left in the budget for repairs or general maintenance of the playscape for now. They will be buying supplies for the staining, providing some manpower from city employees and use of equipment and tools.”

Additional subcommittee members are Matt Kahl, who with Mackie helped develop the website; Tyler Klifman, Jeff Pressler and Recreation Commissioner Mike Bannon.

In addition to the website, contact the playscape group by emailing to freinds@pattersonplayscape.org.



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addition of new 0.35 mill levy (\$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of six years, to collect approximately \$163,639.00 in revenue in the first year, to be disbursed to the Grosse Pointe Active Adult Commission for the purpose of supporting services to older citizens, including transportation, activities and facilities directed toward the improvement of the overall health and welfare of older persons? If approved, this senior millage will only be levied by the City of Grosse Pointe if at least four of the six Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities approve their respective senior millages.”

Ballot language in the Shores and Woods is identical aside from not-

ing the Shores would collect \$126,284 in revenue the first year and the Woods, \$322,217.

The levy in the first year would cost the average homeowner \$64.70 in the City; \$126 in the Shores; and \$45 in the Woods.

If approved, an Active Adult Commission — like the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board, made up of one designee per city and an additional at-large member — would serve as the policy-making body.

“The commission ... which is made by the designees of the various councils, has the ultimate authority to define what the contract is,” City of Grosse Pointe city attorney Charles Kennedy said. “(The Helm is) going to have ideas on how they think it should be operated and they’re going to present that to the board, hoping the board will agree with them, but it

doesn’t have to. The designees of the various cities ultimately control the money.”

Residents of any community that does not approve the millage likely will be charged a higher, compensatory rate for use of The Helm’s services than those that do.

“It may be that the membership fee is six times what somebody else’s membership fee is,” Siddall said. “Or if there is a membership fee, then they waive it for the communities that pass it and then have a much larger one for the communities that don’t.”

The possibility of the organization’s services becoming only available to communities which pass the millage also has arisen.

“My preference to that and our board’s preference to that would be no, because we serve all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods,” Siddall said, “but we’re going to have to decide if only four are passed out of the six.”

City of Grosse Pointe City Council Monday, June 17, approved the ballot language 5-0, with councilmen Chris Moyer and Terence Thomas absent.

“My concern initially was that there was not a mechanism in place to properly administer those public funds,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

“With this agreement now and the way it’s been scrutinized ... I feel comfortable that if it does pass, this will be properly administered.”

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council at its committee of the whole meeting Monday, June 17, voted unanimously to put the millage question on its consent agenda for its regular meeting the same night, which it then approved.

“Although we hope to have your individual support, all we’re asking is that you give voters the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want to support our senior citizens,” said Prudence Cole, president emerita of The Helm’s board of directors. “We are the comprehensive and primary provider of services for our seniors.”

She also said The Helm’s philanthropic efforts — which so far have been the organization’s only source of funding — will continue. If the millage passes, it will allow for expanding programming, including adult day care and home visits.

“We understand the concern about taxes, but we can’t continue just with philanthropy,” Cole added. “And cities that don’t approve the millage will end up paying one way or another.”

Without millage

approval, she noted there would be more ambulance runs, a deteriorating housing stock and more police calls for safety checks as the population in the Pointes ages.

“The Helm has a real impact on Woods residents,” Councilwoman Vicki Granger said. “The reality is older people want to stay in their homes longer. I think this is in the best interests of our residents.”

Just after the Woods council adjourned its meeting, Cole received a call from Siddall letting her know the City of Grosse Pointe council approved putting the millage on the ballot the same night.

“We’re not safe yet,” Cole said. “We still have to get the community to vote for it.”

Cole and The Helm began pitching the idea of a millage to city councils last year but faced a chilly reception.

“I was surprised because I thought it made so much sense,” Cole said, “but we took that feedback, did our homework and came back with a new picture.”

Grosse Pointe Shores City Council approved placing the millage on the ballot by a 4-2 vote after a lengthy discussion at its meeting Tuesday, June 18.

Voting yes were councilmen Donn Schroder,

John Dakmak, Robert Barrette and John Seago. Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert voted no. Councilwoman Sandra Cavataio was excused.

“The Helm charges \$60 a year for a membership and now they’re asking everyone in the Shores to pay \$126 a year in taxes,” Gehlert said in explaining her vote. “We’ve got 46 percent of our residents under the age of 40 and 70 percent under the age of 64. I don’t think it’s fair for our residents to be taxed for something they don’t use.”

Kedzierski said he understands the need for senior citizen services, noting he’s been thinking of selling his two-story home and buying a ranch as he gets older.

“It’s a tough decision because it’s easy to spend someone else’s money,” he added. “We have some real challenges. Our pension costs went up \$190,000 last year and we just sold \$8 million in bonds so we have to be cautious.”

Shroder said public comments on the matter were persuasive, with five people speaking in favor of the millage.

“I don’t think this would have passed without your comments,” he said. “It’s up to the residents to decide.”

Dakmak said although he voted in favor of the measure, he is unsure how he’ll personally vote on it come November.

“I was very close on this one,” he said. “We have to be very careful how we spend people’s money, but the polling data is enough to let the people decide.”

Harper Woods City Council will vote during its next meeting Monday, July 8, whether to include the proposal on its November ballot.



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# First KA6 sets tone for summer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Lily Riddle, 3, doesn't talk to strangers, but she's nice to them.

The sun hadn't come close to setting on the first Kercheval After 6 street fair this summer when Lily, standing with her parents near the bandstand, gave a man walking by a blade of grass and, by doing so, wrapped him around her little finger.

"That's typical," said her mother, Becca Riddle of St. Clair Shores. "She likes to share anything she finds."

"She's very friendly," said her father, Travis Riddle, a Park public works department employee.

Cool people refer to Kercheval After 6 as KA6. The one Saturday evening, June 22, in the Kercheval business district was the first of three scheduled this summer.

Nearby Park resident Josh Nosedo, a banker, walked to the scene to join friends.

"It's in the neighborhood, it's family-friendly with good fun, good drinks and good food," he said.

Trenton Chamberlain, new president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association and district restaurateur, feels good about the event drawing people from numerous area cities.



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Above, Jason Melville holds his 4-year-old daughter Holly in his lap who was delighted to slide down the 30-foot-tall, 65-foot-long Velocity Super Slide. Below, Malek Haurani and Tommy DeGemmis had their caricatures drawn by Andrew Sigman.



The key is "community," he said. "Community is a group of people with like-

minded needs or wants. Having like-mindedness and people supporting us and continuing to support us as we grow is key."

In the same way Lily Riddle seemed born with the affability of a golden retriever, Luca Fishaw, the 2-year-old son of Justin Fishaw and Laura Szymanski of the Park, is an infant geologist.

His parents stood patiently while he played with cups of pea gravel at an information booth about restoring the Patterson Park playscape.

Restorers are raising

funds to, among other things, buy pea gravel for parts of the playscape site.

"He likes being out in public," Szymanski said of Luca.

"Anything that's not normal entertainment, he wants," Fishaw said. "He wants rocks, flowers and things he shouldn't touch."

The couple has been to KA6 before.

"We come to support local businesses, see people and friends," Fishaw said.

Kercheval After 6 was presented by Red Crown, The Bricks



Above, Madison Lytle and her brother Tucker, cooled off with sno cones on a hot summer night at After Six.



Left, winning twice at the Water Race Game Trailer got Ada Gifford a colorful octopus she thought made a nice hat..

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Kercheval After 6s Pizzeria, Coreander's are scheduled 6 to 10 Children's Bookshope, p.m. July 27 and Aug. 24 LeRouge Boulangerie, on Kercheval between Brine Oyster House and M a r y l a n d a n d Corner Active & Leisure. Nottingham.

Additional sponsors were Brosnan Builders, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Carly Copus Insurance, Atwater Brewery, Harvey Animal Hospital, AWBS (All Well-Being Services) and Pointe Alarm.



Lily Riddle offers a blade of grass.

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Luca Fishaw plays with pea gravel.

## Windmill playscape dedication Saturday

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A free lunch awaits attendees of the playscape ribbon cutting at Windmill Pointe Park 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

"It's encouraged, but not required, to register in advance for a lunch ticket if you attend the ceremony," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

Register by emailing Craig at ccraig@grossepoindepark.org.

"Tell me how many family members will be attending," he said. "Attendees have an opportunity to appear in a group photo and enjoy the new playground. We'll follow that up with lunch."

Menu options are a hot dog or cheeseburger, chips and soft drink provided by the snack shack.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation funded the playscape and construction.

"We're very grateful for this project and the hard work, time and

effort that foundation member Bob Lucas put into this project," Craig said. "Bob was asked by the foundation to head this up because he was heavily involved with the tot lot through the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club (at Elworthy Field, City of Grosse Pointe). It's been a longtime coming to upgrade and replace current play amenities at Windmill Pointe Park."

Children began enjoying the playscape during winter warm snaps.

"On days when weather was nice enough, people were down there using it, for sure," Craig said. "We wanted to wait for a formal ribbon cutting until leveling the ground and seeding grass."

The playscape isn't far from other foundation projects at Windmill: the Tompkins Center (1986), Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center (2003), the fountain and zero-depth kiddie pool (2008) and Tompkins Center atrium (2018).

—Brad Lindberg

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# From the Park to Paris

## Pointes rower qualifies for 2024 Olympics

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Writer

Representing the United States and rowing in the Olympic Games is something Grosse Pointe Park native Sorin Koszyk has been aiming for ever since he first got into a boat. He missed out on making it to Tokyo three years ago, but now the dream has finally been realized in 2024 as Koszyk is headed to Paris to row in this summer's Olympics.

Koszyk and his rowing teammate, Florida native Ben Davison, secured their spot on Team USA at the 2024 World Rowing Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland, in May by finishing first in the men's double sculls final.

"What got us there was just trusting in our training and being consistent

all year," Koszyk said. "Knowing that we were definitely fast enough and should have qualified last year, we just trusted in that and kept our heads down and just trained consistently."

Waiting to qualify until just a couple of months before the Olympics started was not quite what Koszyk had planned during his years of training. Koszyk and Davison would have liked to have locked up their Olympic qualifying spot last year at the 2023 World Rowing Championships, but were unable to finish high enough to do so.

Koszyk attributes the underwhelming performance in those races partly to lingering issues with a back injury. Despite last year's disappointment, everything seems worth it now for him and Davison.

The teammates began



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Grosse Pointe Park native Sorin Koszyk, left, and teammate Ben Davison will row in the men's double scull during this summer's upcoming Olympics in Paris.

rowing together in early 2023, while they were both training out of the California Rowing Club in Oakland, Calif. Being a

two-man team, Koszyk and Davison must have a lot of trust in each other. As Koszyk sees it, it is mostly about teamwork and simply just being fast.

"The biggest thing is being really in sync with the person sitting in front of you because I sit in the bow," Koszyk said. "I have to follow him and have to call any sort of pushes that we're going to make. ... There isn't a whole lot of strategy. You're just going as hard as you can and hoping

This will be Koszyk's first appearance in the Olympic Games and the second for Davison, who rowed in Tokyo in 2021.

what you put down is going to be faster than anybody else."

Out of the two teammates, Davison is the one with previous Olympic experience. He raced as part of the eight-man boat for Team USA at the Olympics in Tokyo three years ago, finishing in fourth place.

While making the Olympics has always been a goal for Koszyk, the reality that he will soon be there does not have him filled with nerves. This summer's games in Paris will be the biggest stage Koszyk has ever rowed on, but he knows in order to be at his best, he needs to treat the Olympics like he

would any other race.

"Personally, I'm not nervous," he said. "I think the nerves were primarily for getting qualified because it would have been three years' worth of effort for nothing if we didn't qualify. ... We kind of know how fast we can go, so it's just a matter of executing it on race day and being healthy and ready to go."

The Paris Olympics begin with the opening ceremony July 26, and Koszyk will start rowing the next day in the men's double sculls heats July 27. If he and Davison end up making it to the final, that will take place Aug. 2.

The support from Koszyk's friends and family will be stronger than ever during his Olympic races, even if he wants to just treat it like any other race. Still, he knows how special of a stage it is and will have some time to take it all in and savor the experience once it is all said and done.

"I think while we're there, we're going to be pretty locked in on racing," Koszyk said. "The regatta will finish up early on in the program so we have a week or so where we're going to be done. I'm looking forward to spending a few days there with friends and family and getting to check things out after the racing."



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## RITE AID:

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As the news of the closure spread last week, Farms residents took to social media to lament the impending loss of their favorite pharmacist. Many have said they'd like to follow him wherever he ends up next.

The appreciation is mutual.

Spencer, who lives in Canton, said his time behind the counter on The Hill has been the highlight of a career in pharmaceuticals that began in 1984.

"Some people say, 'Why do you drive so far?'" he noted. "I said, 'Well, it's worth it.'"



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Don Spencer has served as pharmacist at Rite Aid on The Hill since 2012.

"It's 42 miles, I think, exactly. It can be a challenge sometimes in the winter, but it's always been worth it to me to have the opportunity to take care of these people."

Over the years when needed, Spencer has been known to drop off prescriptions at customer's homes on his own way home.

During the pandemic, he also made visits to housebound patients who requested vaccinations.

"I know one customer who makes the world's best strawberry jam," he added. "She brings me jars of it and it's just the most delicious stuff. My wife and I, we actually refer to it as crack jam because it's so good."

Chain pharmacies like Rite Aid typically are not associated with the small town and personal approach Spencer intentionally cultivated more than a decade.

Many customers he

knows by name, having watched their kids grow up, go to college and start families of their own.

"Even if they're not coming to pick up a script — they're just coming in to get a Band-Aid or a snack — I still talk to them, smile and wave, ask them how they're doing," the pharmacist said. "That's my approach. That's how it's always been and that's how it's going to be."

Set to turn 60 in a few weeks, Spencer does not yet know what is next for his career. He may seek part-time work.

"I've had people tell me that even though their insurance tells them they need to go to CVS, they still want to come to see me," Spencer said, "and those little things like that tell me that I'm doing something right."

"So I just want to thank them all for letting me be part of their life and I will truly miss them all."

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Stolen Mercedes

An unlocked 1995 Mercedes was stolen from the rear of a service station in the 17000 block of Mack at 3 a.m. Monday, June 10.

The suspect is described as a black man wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt.

## Broken window

The rear window of a 2006 Volvo was damaged between 10:30 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, while parked in a driveway in the 600 block of Lakeland.

## Indecent exposure

After being reported for taking off his clothes in the 600 block of Cadieux, a 26-year-old Detroit man was cited for urinating in public at noon Thursday, June 20.

A 28-year-old Detroit man with him was cited for driving with a suspended license.

## Two-wheel get away

A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested while attempting to flee on a bike after stealing several bottles of alcohol from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 4:20 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

## Animal cruelty

A 28-year-old Detroit man was cited for animal cruelty after leaving a small dog in his car — with the windows rolled up and engine off — while he shopped inside a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 12:45 p.m. Friday, June 21.

The temperature outside was 84 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Not again

After stealing \$1,078 worth of clothing from Lululemon in The Village at 5:07 p.m. Sunday, June 23, two suspects drove off in a red Chevrolet Cruze.

They are described as a black man in a white tank top and pink shorts and a black woman in green shirt and tie-dye shorts.

— Laurel Kraus

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Sleeping inside

When a resident informed officers of a 52-year-old Detroit man seen entering a vehicle parked at a local auto shop at 1:22 a.m. Saturday, June 15, the man was located sitting in the backseat of a Ford Transit Connect. He was arrested for trespassing and released with a court date.

The man three days earlier had been advised on trespassing for sleeping inside an unlocked vehicle in the same parking lot.

## Unlocked

After being left unlocked and with the keys inside, a black GMC Yukon was stolen from Country Club Lane at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Security video shows two men arrive in a Silver Chevrolet Camaro before one suspect begins checking vehicles in the area and ultimately drives away in the Yukon.

## \$2 short

For paying only \$1.97 for a doughnut and soda worth \$3.97 at a business in the 19000 block of Mack, a 52-year-old homeless man was cited for trespassing at 6:08 p.m. Monday, June 17.

He left the business before officers arrived and was located sitting on a front porch in the 400 block of Allard eating the doughnut.

## Shots fired

After a 65-year-old Detroit man called officers to the 18000 block of Mack at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, with a report of being shot at, he then said he heard gunshots but was unsure if they were directed at him.

A LEIN search showed the man had a Wayne County felony warrant for possession of controlled substances, for

which he was arrested.

## Found items

A men's mountain bike was found near Kercheval and McKinley at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

An empty Kate Spade purse was found near McKinley and Ridge at 11:36 p.m. Sunday, June 23.

Both items are being held at the station.

## Unlocked

An unlocked vehicle parked in the 400 block of Colonial was rummaged through between 8:20 p.m. Thursday, June 20, and 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

No items of value were taken.

## No plate

After being pulled over on Mack at 12:35 p.m. Friday, June 21, for driving without a license plate displayed, a 62-year-old Detroit man was cited for failure to transfer plates, as well as driving on a suspended license.

## Trying luck

Thieves were seen pulling on door handles and entering one vehicle in the 100 block of Touraine at 10:05 p.m. Sunday, June 23.

While two other individuals waited in a car, one suspect is described as a tall, thin black man wearing all black. Officers were unable to locate the suspects or vehicle involved.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Larcenies from autos

◆ During evening or overnight hours of Friday, June 14, a black purse containing \$80 was stolen out of an unlocked vehicle parked curbside in the 600 block of Pemberton.

The purse was recovered but not the cash.

◆ Security video at

2:15 a.m. Saturday, June 15, showed an unknown male enter an unlocked vehicle parked at a house in the 700 block of Lakepointe.

Investigation revealed a checkbook and the ignition key missing from the vehicle. Both were found in the area.

Police said the suspect wore a checkered jacket, baseball hat and shorts.

◆ During the same period and in the same neighborhood as two other larcenies from parked autos last week in the Park, someone stole a \$400 Canon camera from an unlocked vehicle in the 1200 block of Maryland.

The incident happened between 9 p.m. Saturday, June 15, and 10 a.m. the next day.

◆ A wallet containing credit cards was reported removed from an unlocked vehicle while parked overnight Wednesday, June 19, in the 1300 block of Maryland.

◆ Loose change totaling about \$5 was reportedly stolen out of an unlocked vehicle parked roadside in the 1000 block of Maryland between 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

◆ During the roughly 24-hour period starting 2:15 p.m. Saturday, June 22, about \$3 in miscellaneous change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

## Bike stolen

A boy's black and silver bicycle was stolen off the front porch of a house in the 900 block of Nottingham between 1:18 p.m. Sunday, June 16, and noon the next day.

## Failed car theft

Two unknown black men wearing black and red hooded sweatshirts, respectively, are accused of trying to steal a woman's 2013 Kia Soul at 11:16 p.m. Monday, June 17.

The car was parked on the street in the 1400 block of Wayburn.

“(She) witnessed the

suspects break the window and enter the vehicle,” police said. “(She) yelled and the suspects fled the area on foot. Further investigation revealed the suspects damaged the steering column in attempts to steal the vehicle.”

## Drunk and sleepy

At 3:16 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, a 31-year-old Roseville man being investigated for running a red light on Jefferson and stopping in the roadway near the intersection of Balfour was arrested for drunken driving.

“(He was) asleep behind the wheel,” police said.

## Impalas stolen

Police categorized it as a “push steal.”

A 2017 Chevrolet Impala was stolen overnight Tuesday, June 18, from a driveway in the 1200 block of Three Mile.

“(It was) taken from a driveway without keys,” police said. “Evidence on the vehicle suggested it was a push steal,” meaning thieves pushed it to start the engine.

Park officers used the car's tracking system to recover it on Haverhill in Detroit.

Three days removed from the first theft last week of a Chevy Impala in the 1300 block of Whittier, a second — a white 2020 model — one was taken from a driveway overnight Sunday, June 23.

## Jeeps stolen

Two Jeep Grand Cherokees were stolen last week while parked in the same neighborhood Thursday, June 20.

The first happened in the 1300 block of Wayburn between 3:49 and 4:49 a.m. Thursday, June 20.

The second happened between 4:30 and 6:30 a.m. in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

## Window smashed

The female owner of a 2013 Kia Soul discovered

the car's driver-side window smashed last week while it was parked in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

She told police the incident happened between 12 and 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, June 19.

## Shoplifting

An unknown 5-foot-tall, 120-pound, black man between the ages of 30 and 40 reportedly bypassed the cash register upon exiting a store in the 15100 block of Charlevoix with two bottles of wine and two packages of meat in his backpack, according to a clerk.

Surveillance video recorded the theft at 8:34 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Drunken driver

A 51-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving around 4:15 p.m. Friday, June 21.

Officers were alerted by dispatch in the Farms that one of their off-duty officers was following the man. He was pulled over on northbound Lakeshore near Fontana and said he was returning home from Ann Arbor.

He was arrested and lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail after a blood test showed his blood-alcohol content was 0.18. He also was ticketed for refusing to take a Breathalyzer test.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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### OUR VIEW

## Our kudos to The Helm

**C**ongratulations are in order for the staff and board of directors of The Helm at the Boll Life Center.

They have secured approval from the city councils of all five Pointes to place a millage question on the November ballot. They should be recognized for their persistence and willingness to listen over the past 16 months.

Harper Woods City Council is slated to make its decision on placing the millage on its ballot next month, but that is now a moot point. An interlocal agreement drafted by city attorneys and city managers stipulated four of the six municipalities had to agree to put the question before voters in order for it to move forward. That occurred the evening of Monday, June 17, when the Woods and City both voted in the affirmative. The Shores did the same the next evening, while the Farms and Park had done so previously (see story, page 1A).

The six-year, 0.35-mill proposal would mean around \$1.2 million in funding annually for The Helm. Its current budget is similar, with the bulk of that money — around \$700,000 — coming from donations. Another \$300,000 comes from grants and \$100,000 from program fees.

While grants are helpful, they can't be counted on every year and generally are seen as seed money to develop new programs, rather than a continual funding source for operations.

Staff and board members from The Helm began visiting city councils early last year, seeking approval of a 0.5-mill proposal for the primary ballot in August 2023. The response was lukewarm, to say the least. They were met with everything from mild support to outright rejection. And questions. A lot of questions.

Council members across the Pointes wanted to know how The Helm arrived at 0.5 mills, exactly what the money would be spent on and who would control the purse strings.

The timing also raised concerns. The presentations didn't begin until mid-March, less than five months ahead of the primary. Council members knew how many months, if not years, they put into making decisions to ask voters for millage approvals, detailing the scope of work, how much to ask for, how long of a duration and how to effectively persuade voters to give their support.

The decision to retrench came after just two months and it was the right thing to do. If the councils had voted in 2023, all of them most likely would have said no. Such a setback would have been negative publicity for The Helm and perhaps cost it years before broaching the subject again.

In regrouping, The Helm decided instead to ask for 0.4 mills. That was reduced to the current 0.35 in consultation with city administrators while drafting the interlocal agreement. That meant they had the support of city managers regarding the dollar amount, who in turn have the ear of their respective city councils.

The agreement put to rest the question of



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

handling the finances. It would create a board to oversee the money, much like how the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board functions. Each city will appoint one person, with an at-large appointment rotating between them to ensure the body has an odd number of votes.

The Helm then contracted with EPIC/MRA, the most respected political polling firm in the state, to help make its case. A poll of 400 registered voters gave The Helm solid numbers about support in each city as it began making the rounds to council meetings again this year.

Even at the original 0.5-mill level, 60 percent of respondents said they would support the millage. That included 56 percent who were a definite "yes" and 4 percent who said they were leaning that way. Another 29 percent said they would vote against it, with 11 percent undecided.

Among those who said they would vote no, 28 percent said taxes already are too high. Another 10 percent said in a wealthy community like the Pointes, seniors should pay out of their own pockets. Another 7 percent said donations were sufficient.

Not only was the survey helpful in establishing support for The Helm, it now knows what arguments it must make in campaign material moving forward to convince non-supporters.

Not that The Helm's hard work meant it was smooth sailing. While the City, Farms and Woods voted unanimously to place the millage on the ballot, the Park was a narrow 4-3 in favor and the Shores voted 4-2 with one member absent.

Perhaps the best testament to the second effort by The Helm comes from the City. Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak a year ago April told a Helm board member this after their presentation: "If you want us to put this (the millage proposal) on the ballot, I would fight

that." Tomkowiak last Monday was one of five council members — two were absent — voting yes to place it on the ballot.

Helm leaders do expect to see a dropoff in donations if the millage passes, especially among smaller amount donors. That makes sense because homeowners on average would pay an additional \$45 per year in taxes in the Woods on the low end and \$126 in the Shores on the high end. The City and Park both come in at \$65, with the Farms at \$82.

We could not blame those who stop writing checks knowing the money is automatically being charged to them, especially those who vote against the millage.

The larger donations, those in the five-figure range and above, most likely will continue. Those primarily come from foundations that are obligated by law to give away a certain percentage of their money each year.

The Helm's request is not out of the ordinary. The Michigan Legislature in 1978 approved letting municipalities ask for up to 1 mill to support senior services. Some 72 of the state's 83 counties have such a millage in place, as do several individual municipalities.

We are unsure if Wayne County has ever considered the issue, but we would strongly object to such a measure. As with the county school tax, the Pointes would be donor communities, paying more than we get in return. There's also the question of financial instability in many of the 43 cities throughout the county. The Detroit bankruptcy and Highland Park's refusal to pay its Great Lakes Water Authority bills come to mind.

While the really hard work for The Helm's leadership may be just beginning, they've shown they can handle it.

## LETTERS

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

## Closed minds create closed schools

To the Editor:

Excuse my laughter after reading comments by Grosse Pointe Park Councilwoman Christine Gallagher and Mayor Michele Hodges decrying the decay and vandalism at the once proud Trombly Elementary School. Gallagher wistfully said she hoped the Cotton family will make it "an elementary institution once again."

My somewhat sarcastic laughter is due to the fact that a solution was presented last year when The Hill Pointe School held a public forum in GPP to propose a classical K-5 school in Trombly. More than 120 people attended, but not one school board member or GPP council member was present, despite widespread invitations.

Whether it's weak council leaders, overprotective school board members or church leaders who have empty school buildings, all appear to share the same goal: stifle educational innovation and school choice in favor of the status quo. Unfortunately, this comes at the expense of the hundreds of families that seek school choice for their children and whom these leaders supposedly represent.

I reject the premise by any city council that they have "no power" when it comes to GPPSS buildings. Though there is a division of power between the school board and the councils, of

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



# Animals, like humans, grieve too

**E**motion and grief surrounding death isn't just felt by humans, animals feel it too. When my female cat passed away a year and a half ago, the male cat who was left behind, grieved her and missed her especially since he had never been the only cat in the house. He meowed for days and began talking more. His behavior changed. It was hard enough in my own grief but I made sure I paid extra attention to him.

can alter their behavior becoming depressed and listless. Cats or dogs, when they grieve, can have a decreased appetite and lose interest in playing. Dogs have been known to stand sentry at the graves of deceased loved ones.

Elephants have grieving rituals such as surrounding the elephant that is dying and attending to them even after death like a vigil. Scientists have observed them showing empathy, trying to help dying elephants crying out in distress.

Monkeys will guard their deceased loved ones, screaming out in grief. They will gather in groups, hugging one another.

Dogs grieve as well. Much like people, they

Jane Goodall witnessed a young chimp named

Flint pass away only a month after the death of his mom, Flo. Flint was so despondent after she died that he stopped eating or socializing and it got to the point where he just couldn't survive.

Giraffes wrap their necks around one another in a hug-like fashion when grieving.

Crows send out an alarm call to alert other birds in a response to a dead crow. Some birds can exhibit grief by appearing listless, having posture that droops, and some remain near their babies for a while after they die.

When they grieve, wild animals can wander aimlessly and might also reorganize the pack or group. Female orcas have been seen carrying their dead infants

through the water for days trying to keep them afloat, eventually dropping the dead calf.

Researchers have observed magpie behavior of burying their dead under a pile of twigs as though it was a funeral. Some scientists are reluctant to say this is grief because they don't know what motivates this behavior. I say it is grief because these behaviors are only motivated by the death of one of their own and this behavior isn't displayed when death isn't present.

Ellie Laks, founder of a farm sanctuary in California, called The Gentle Barn, says animals have taught her about life, death and everything in between. She recalls a story about one of her cows named

Witness. When it was time for Witness to go, she laid down and did not move, making soft moaning sounds. Laks called the veterinarian but before he got there, she says what the cows did next was amazing. All the cows followed the lead of the matriarch cow named Karma, and formed a circle around Witness. Karma went first and came up to Witness and rested her chin on Witness' back. She stayed there for several minutes saying her final goodbye. When Karma stepped back into the circle, the next cow did the same thing, and the next and the next until every cow had a turn to say goodbye. Once they all had a turn, they wandered off with one cow staying behind

with Witness and every so often they rotated, taking turns. When the vet arrived, the cows left Laks and the vet to be with Witness in her final moments. Laks said she would never forget what she experienced that day.

This isn't about anthropomorphizing and giving animals human qualities, this is real emotion displayed by these animals. And, who are we as humans, to say that because they are animals, it isn't grieving?

We need to understand that animals grieve in their own way, just as humans do and attachments and emotions are part of their language, as it is part of ours, and part of the web of life whether you are two-legged, four-legged, winged or webbed.

## LETTERS:

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course they have a voice, and responsibility, to engage in all discussions and/or innovations to improve our community's public education offering.

If the GPP city council really wanted to solve the Trombly problem, they would at least sit with supporters and founders of The Hill Pointe School and any others who have educational innovation options.

Until then, it's simply a lot of wishful thinking and hot air, not leadership.

MURRAY SALES  
Grosse Pointe Farms

(Editor's note: Sales is president of the board of The Hill Point School, a charter school trying to obtain a facility in the area.)

## Harmful effects of smartphones

To the Editor:

I echo the sentiments of the community member who made a public comment at the June 18 Board of Education meeting about the harmful effects of smartphones and social media on student mental health.

The speaker referred to a book by social scientist, Jonathan Haidt, titled "The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness." According to Haidt, "phone-free schools and more free play...would be more effective than all of the other measures schools are now taking, combined, to improve the mental health of their students."

Free play is a necessary component of healthy child development. Unfortunately, pressure to improve test scores resulting from educational reforms has led to misguided reductions in recess, a trend that the American Academy of Pediatrics reported in 2013 could be counterproductive to academic achievement. It also warned that withholding recess may hinder a child's ability to acquire important life skills such as communication, cooperation, negotiation, problem solving, and perseverance, all "necessary socially structured means for managing stress."

Growing awareness of the harmful effects of social media has prompted a phone-free schools movement and a call by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to place warning labels on social media platforms. He noted that these harms "are not a failure of willpower and parenting; they are the consequence of unleashing powerful technology without adequate safety measures, transparency or accountability."

Fortunately, people from across the political and ideological spectrum are coming together to face this important challenge—to form a united front in promoting online safety and healthy child development.

MARIA WILLIAMS  
Grosse Pointe Park

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1949

75 years ago this week

**DANCES APPROVED AS MEMORIAL'S FIRST SOCIAL FUNCTION:** The first step in the social uses of the War Memorial will be taken next month when two dances will be held. The first dance will be for teenagers and the second for the younger married groups and the age brackets above 20.

**FARMS TO BID ADIEU TO OLD BELL:** An interesting ceremony will take place on Kerby Road next Sunday, when the Farms officially bids adieu to the old bell which has hung in the tower on the municipal building these many years. The following day the bell will be removed. Any residents having any information concerning the historical background of the old bell are asked to submit information to Village Engineer Murray Smith for historical records.

### 1974

50 years ago this week

**CHRYSLER DONATES PROPERTY FOR EYE CENTER:** Improved facilities for better eye care will result from Chrysler Corporation's donation of property to the Detroit

**Institute of Ophthalmology.** The property, on East Jefferson at Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park, includes a house, two parking lots and a former auto dealer facility. The property will be renovated into an ophthalmologic research and teaching center plus offices for private practitioners, prosthetic and contact lens services, optical shop and pharmacy.

### 1999 2014

25 years ago this week

10 years ago this week

**NORTH, SOUTH LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF CLOSED CAMPUSES:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has asked the principals at North and South high schools and district administrators to look into what it would take to close campuses at both schools during lunchtime. Student safety has been the key concern surround the discussion of closed campuses at both schools for some time, especially after two separate three-car car accidents occurred after school just outside of North on June 10.

**STUDY WILL DETERMINE FUTURE OF HILL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT:** A study to

determine the best use for the Hill business district in Grosse Pointe Farms should be finished in time to coincide with the December expiration of a moratorium prohibiting the altering of structures within the commercial area. The \$28,000 study will take place in three steps and include a "retail enhancement program" to explore everything from roof pitches to color schemes for "revision to the existing (Farms) master plan, which can ... encourage retail land uses."

the making, features a German beer garden theme with more than 40 different beers on tap. The menu, overseen by the Epicurean Group, includes traditional German fare including bratwurst, schnitzels and sauerkraut. Rieth and company converted the Grace Church into the bar and restaurant, maintaining many of the unique features of the church, including the stained glassed windows and the pews for seating in the large dining room.

**WE HAVE SPLASHDOWN:** It's a wet and wild summer on the splashpad at Osius Park. Children scrambled onto the pad upon its dedication Tuesday evening, June 17. "When we cut the ribbon, I counted 24 young children in the splashpad," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores and member of the Shores Improvement Foundation.

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# Park farmers market reaps what it sows

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Vegetables from Michelle Whittaker's garden are as home-grown as they get.

"I turned my backyard into a farm," she said. "I have about eight grow-beds. I cordoned off a section with gates for tomatoes, cucumbers and squash."

Whittaker, owner of Luv Roots, came from her house-now-farm in Redford Township last

Saturday to set up a shop at the farmers market on lower Kercheval.

"I sell at other markets and got a call asking if I'd be interested in Grosse Pointe," she said. "Absolutely."

Customer Zoë

Masterpole of Detroit bought enough basil to make caprese sandwiches.

"We were in the neighborhood," said her husband, Arron Sepulveda. "There are nice shops to visit. We saw the farmers market was happening and needed things for home. Lucky enough, there were things we found here."

To complete the recipe, all they had to do was turn to a neighboring stand where the people from Cheese to Please on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods displayed products from the trunk of a Volkswagen Beetle.

For bread, another turn to Hillside Hearth bakery, also based on Mack in the Woods.

Owner and baker Kevin Rentenbach said he gets up at 2 a.m. to prepare fresh products for the day.

"Bread, croissants — we try to bring top-sellers to the market," he said.

"There are wonderful



Fresh basil from Luv Roots does it for Zoë Masterpole during the farmers market last Saturday morning on lower Kercheval. Luv Roots owner, Michelle Whittaker, of Redford Township, is left. Her daughter, Tavia, is right. "It's quite a drive, but it's worth it to check out new things and opportunities," Tavia Whittaker said. "So far, it's been a wonderful experience."



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For Eva Dunwoody, part of the market's appeal is being within walking distance of her house. She bought a croissant from Kevin Rentenbach, owner-baker of Hillside Hearth on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

products," said Eva Dunwoody, a Park resident buying a ham and cheese croissant.

She's a fan of the market.

"It supports the neighborhood," Dunwoody said. "It's walkable. Very nice."

"I thought it would be a great business opportunity to branch out and

get more customers," Rentenbach said.

Whittaker named her company with help from artificial intelligence.

"I put in what I wanted the company to represent — loving, organic, things like that — and it shot out 15 or 20 names," she said. "I love rooting, so that one stuck out."

## Silent vigil in Woods

June 7 was Wear Orange Day in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence.

Around two dozen people showed up for a silent vigil in front of Grosse Pointe Woods city hall on Friday, June 7.

Attendees wore orange and placed signs that read, Uvalde, Columbine, Sandy Hook, Oxford, Pulse, Parkland and Las Vegas. Some held signs with the name of who they were wearing orange for.

The people who attended the silent vigil in came together with a simple message: there's more we can do to end gun violence. We wear orange to symbolize the immeasurable value of a human life. Orange is the prominent color for gun violence prevention awareness.



Dawana Davis, Arielle Anderson's mom, and Micaela Fraser and Mary Fraser, Brian Fraser's sister and mom, carry signs saying they wear orange for their children and brother who were killed in the shooting at Michigan State University on Feb. 13, 2023.

"My parents and I will continue to fight for an end to gun violence in hopes that no other family will have to experience the pain that we feel," Micaela Fraser said.

"Despite the fact that my amazing daughter Arielle is an angel in Heaven, I will continue to fight for her and other victims of gun violence," Davis said. "This must end."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Marissa Ford holds a sign saying, "I wear orange for Paige" in honor of Paige Stalker whose life who was cut short by gun violence in 2014, when 30 rounds of bullets were fired into the car she was in with three other kids.

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## Park trending toward short-term rentals

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Members of

the Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing next month about the latest proposed updates to the zoning ordinance.

Members anticipate hearing mostly about short-term rentals.

The ifs, whys, wheres and hows of whether short-term rentals should be allowed, regulated or banned in the city has generated the bulk of public comment during months of commission meetings, city council meetings and community engagement sessions while the ordinance is revised to address modern issues.

Latest updates are the main topic during a hearing scheduled 7 p.m. Monday, July 22, at City Hall.

"I don't think it's going to be the last one," said Warren Rothe, commission secretary and assistant city manager. "We're close to getting to the finish line on a

good deal of this ordinance."

Commissioners discussed the third and current draft of the ordinance June 17. Only two members of the public attended, both regulars with nothing new to say.

Short-term rentals are defined as any dwelling rented or sublet on a premises for 28 days or less.

Section 3.14 of the draft separates short-term rentals into two categories based on ownership and whether the owner lives on the rental property or elsewhere.

"One is investor-owned, the other is principal residence," Rothe said. "Investor-owned is where the principal resident is not the owner of the property. A principal resident owner is a principal owner."

Investor-owned STRs would be allowed only in commercial districts,

according to the draft. On the other hand, principal-residence, or owner-occupied, operations would be allowed in commercial and residential districts.

Both must meet municipal licensing standards in addition to state laws. Both also are treated in the draft as legal, nonconforming uses. Proprietors hoping to open new ones must win over the commission.

The draft proposes to allow investor-owned STRs already operating in residential districts to continue doing so — under a practice called grandfathering — but forbids the establishment of new ones. Such terms are intended to eventually rid residential neighborhoods of investor-owned STRs by attrition.

"No new ones would be allowed, ever," Rothe said. *See RENTALS, page 10A*

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# Delgado new principal at North, other positions to be filled

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Sara Delgado, principal at Parcels Middle School for the past year, will assume the same position at Grosse Pointe North High School after being approved by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, June 18.

She replaces Kate Murray, who resigned earlier this month.

"Not only am I excited for her to further her professional career but also to bring her exceptional talents to the North team," Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said in announcing Delgado. "She has consistently and effectively demonstrated positive leadership and possesses all the necessary qualifications."

Delgado spent 12 years with GPPSS, starting in



Sara Delgado

2007, before resigning in 2019 due to her husband's job transfer. She began as a traveling Spanish teacher and taught at Monteith Elementary School before serving as principal at Kerby Elementary School.

"I appreciate the confidence from you and from the board of education," she said at last week's board meeting. "The students, staff, parents and community members at Parcels have been nothing short of amazing and

I will continue to be connected to Parcels as a parent there and will work with the new principal to ensure a smooth transition for them."

Delgado and her husband, Alejandro, live in the Woods with their three children, two of whom will be at North in the fall and one at Parcels.

When Delgado resigned in 2019, it was due to her husband being named chief financial officer at General Motors Mexico in Mexico City. When COVID hit and he was able to work remotely, they returned to their home in the Woods.

She coordinated the OneGP virtual learning program for GPPSS during the 2020-21 school year, then spent two years as director of elementary instruction for Fraser Public Schools before being appointed principal at Parcels.

"One thing I seek to

bring on a daily basis in any school community is a sense of calm," she said. "Grosse Pointe North has been led by a strong team of administrators and teachers for a long time. My No. 1 goal is to maintain that tradition of rigor and excellence while offering all of our stakeholders a sense of stability and continuity during this transition."

Delgado said Parcels families have reached out to her after hearing the news.

"The general consensus is that they're disappointed to see me go, but are glad in a couple of years their kids will be back under my care," she said. "Having those relationships will make their transition to high school easier."

The district now has to fill the remaining administrator vacancies at North. Assistant Principal Katy Vernier is set to become the new principal at Kerby, while

Michelle Davis and Geoffrey Young resigned as athletic director/assistant principal and assistant principal, respectively.

Tuttle said about 50 people applied for those positions and roughly 11 were interviewed for both.

"Our interview process has been inclusive and comprehensive, including coaches, parents, central office, teachers and staff," Tuttle said.

After three rounds of interviews, Tuttle said the district has reached a consensus on who they plan to offer the positions to, including two external candidates, but cannot name them as reference and background checks are still being performed.

Tuttle did say Kevin Shubnell will be offered either the athletic director or assistant principal role, based on what the team needs. He has been serving the past two

years as North's dean of culture and community and varsity baseball coach.

"He applied for both positions and has been very humble and gracious and said he'll go wherever needed," Tuttle said. "When I announced his potential placement to the North team, it was met with a resounding ovation."

The board voted 7-0 to allow Tuttle to make an offer to Shubnell for one of the positions. The vote was 6-1 giving Tuttle the same authority on the remaining positions. Trustee Valarie St. John was opposed, saying she preferred having a special meeting to further discuss those offers.

Tuttle said the principal position at Parcels has been posted, but there might be a need to appoint an interim.

"We are committed to making sure Parcels is in highly capable hands, as it has been," she said.



## Windows repaired

Trombly Elementary School's broken windows are fixed. A photo in last week's Grosse Pointe News showed plywood covering nine of the vacant school's rear-facing, first-floor windows. This week, appearances are back to normal. "We have a great facilities director, Ben Matteson," said Ahmed Ismail, a member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. "He jumped on the project and arranged to have the windows replaced." A repair crew also installed clear protective sheeting over each formerly broken window. "Ben does a phenomenal job for us," Ismail said. "I don't know what we'd do without him."

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

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schools," she said. "Parents want to know that information. I'd also argue in this situation that we've been paying for three superintendents. As much as I appreciate Dr. Tuttle, she is paid one of the top superintendent salaries in the state. That's a slap in the face when we're only giving teachers a 1 percent raise."

Worden was referring to the fact former Superintendent Jon Dean was paid \$195,000 as part of his separation agreement when he retired last summer and the district paid Christian Fenton to act as interim superintendent for five months.

Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News, reminded Worden she voted to approve hiring Tuttle in a unanimous vote. Her contract is for \$310,000 annually.

Tuttle said she was "flabbergasted" by Worden's comments.

"I've shared with you numerous times how we got to these numbers," she said. "The COVID funds also should not have been used for recurring expenses and because it was used in that fashion there now has to be cuts."

"I take some offense to the fact that you continue to say we have not been

transparent," she continued. "Regarding my contract, I applied for this job because I love Grosse Pointe and because of the posting that was put out there. I was offered the position and for you to continue to attack that is offensive to me."

The board agreed last fall to post the job with a starting base salary of between \$275,000 and \$350,000.

Ismail said he was "embarrassed" for the board.

"I'm getting sick and tired of this political posturing," he said. "We could have a balanced budget tomorrow if we cut programs and cut staff. Dr. Tuttle has done an excellent job so far and she deserves our support, not to be belittled in public."

Cotton said he supports "the budget, Dr. Tuttle, the team and the process. We are deficit spending so we can give raises and have no impact on students."

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# How to combat the summer slide

With summer here, parents and educators face the perennial challenge of the “summer slide,” where students lose some of the academic progress they made during the school year. English Language Arts (ELA) skills are particularly vulnerable to this regression. However, technology offers innovative solutions to keep young minds engaged and prevent this backslide. One such solution is using generative AI, such as ChatGPT, to create student-specific literature tailored to individual interests, making daily reading both enjoyable and educational.

## The Promise of Student-Generated Literature

Imagine a typical student moving from fifth to sixth grade. This student, like many others, has unique interests and a vivid imagination. By leveraging generative AI, parents can help generate original stories that captivate their child’s attention. For instance, if the student is excited about an upcoming swim meet between the Gators and the Norbs, generative AI can create a story set around this event. The narrative could include the buildup to the meet, the excitement of the competition and the camaraderie between teammates. This person-



## Academic Pointers

by Glen Hipple

alized approach ensures the student remains engaged and motivated to read every day.

### Engaging Daily Reading

Setting aside 15 to 30 minutes a day for reading is a manageable and effective strategy. With generative AI, parents can produce short stories or chapters that align with their child’s interests. Here’s how it can work:

- ◆ **Short Fiction:** Stories about fantastical adventures, such as a young wizard discovering a hidden lair beneath their school in the Scottish Highlands.
  - ◆ **Historical Contexts:** Narratives set in different historical periods, like two young detectives solving mysteries in ancient Egypt.
  - ◆ **Hobbies and Interests:** Stories based on the child’s hobbies, such as a tale about a robotics competition or a thrilling swim meet between the Gators and the Norbs.
- Reading two or three prompts, each generating a few paragraphs, can

take about 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the child’s reading speed and comprehension level. This daily reading habit helps maintain and improve their ELA skills over the summer.

### Enhancing ELA Skills Through Enjoyable Practices

Using generative AI to create student-specific literature not only keeps children engaged but also enhances essential ELA skills:

- ◆ **Vocabulary Acquisition:** Generative AI can introduce new words within the context of a story. For example, if the story is about a swim meet, words like “competition,” “relay,” and “freestyle” can be highlighted. AI can provide definitions and usage examples, helping students learn new words in context.
- ◆ **Sequencing:** AI can generate questions to assess understanding of the story’s sequence. After reading, the AI can ask, “What happened first at the swim meet? How did the Norbs prepare for the final race? What was

the outcome of the relay?”

- ◆ **Inference:** AI also can create questions that require students to infer meaning or predict outcomes, enhancing critical-thinking skills. Students could be asked, “Why do you think the Norbs chose to practice in secret? What do you think will happen in the next swim meet?”

Research supports the importance of maintaining reading habits over the summer. According to a study by the Northwest Evaluation Association, students who read regularly during the summer maintain or even improve their reading skills, while those who do not can lose two to three months of reading progress.

### Gradually Increasing Complexity

As students become more comfortable with these practices, parents can gradually increase the complexity of the tasks. With generative AI, it’s easy to adjust the difficulty level by specifying the reading grade level. Here are some ways generative AI can help increase complexity:

- ◆ **Reading Level Adjustment:** Instruct the AI to “write the story at a fifth-grade reading level” or “write the story at a sixth-grade reading level.” This change will naturally incorporate

more complex vocabulary and sentence structures appropriate for each level.

- ◆ **Example for Fifth Grade:** “The Gators practiced every day for the big competition. They were excited and a little nervous.”

- ◆ **Example for Sixth Grade:** “The Gators trained daily for the upcoming contest. They felt both excitement and a bit of anxiety.”

- ◆ **Increasing Vocabulary Difficulty:** The AI can use more challenging words appropriate for higher grade levels.

- ◆ **Example:** For fifth grade, the story might use “competition” and “team.” For sixth grade, it could use “tournament” and “squad.”

### Balancing Traditional and Generated Reading

While generative AI offers a wealth of personalized and engaging content, it also is important to balance it with traditional reading. Classic literature, non-fiction books and even comics provide diverse perspectives and writing styles that enrich a student’s reading experience. Encouraging a mix of AI-generated stories and traditional books can help foster a well-rounded reader.

Additionally, balancing screen time with paper reading is vital for young

readers. Printing AI-generated stories for paper reading can reduce screen strain and offer a tactile reading experience. Furthermore, generative AI’s capability to read stories aloud provides an auditory dimension to learning, benefiting auditory learners and offering a break from screen exposure.

Preventing the summer slide in ELA skills is a challenge that can be effectively addressed with the help of technology. By using generative AI to create student-specific literature, parents can establish a daily reading routine that is both enjoyable and educational. This approach not only keeps children engaged but also enhances essential ELA skills, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to excel. Embracing this innovative method, balanced with traditional reading, can transform summer reading from a chore into an adventure, fostering a lifelong love of learning.

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## RENTALS:

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said. Existing owner-occupied STRs also are grandfathered, yet new

ones are allowed in all residential districts, from multi-family to estate.

“New ones would be allowed only as a special land use in any residential zoning district,” Rothe told commissioners. “It would be through the special land use process. There would be a public hearing and (alerting) neighbors (by mail). (Applicants) come before this body. Those would be the only ones allowed in residential zones going forward. The only short-term rentals (allowed) in a residential district in Grosse Pointe Park would be principal residence ones as a special land use.”

There is no proposed cap or limit on the number of such businesses allowed to operate in the city.

“We would be eliminating a cap, because the only way it would ever grow would be on a case-by-case basis,” Rothe said. “In our next meeting, we’ll have our attorney here and (the ordinance) will be more flushed out.”

Chairman Patrick Coletta, an attorney, asked Rothe to clarify

the definition of an owner-occupied STR in the multiple housing districts.

“If you own a quad and live in one of the units in the quad, the other three are good, right?” Coletta asked. “That’s what we mean as principal residence?”

“Yes,” Rothe answered.

“It’s not the tax definition of a principal residence?” asked Coletta.

No, Rothe said.

Commissioner and financial planner Michael Vethacke asked rhetorically whether an owner-occupied STR can maintain operations upon the property’s sale to another party.

“The license doesn’t transfer?” he asked.

Rothe said the license wouldn’t transfer.

“I’m super reluctant to comment on hypothetical drafts until we see an actual draft,” said Commissioner Kristin Taylor, an associate professor of political science at Wayne State University. “Before we look at a closer-to-final draft, we need some

kind of estimate of how many (STRs) do we think are around here?”

“I think there is about 40ish — ish,” said Commissioner Jimmy Saros, a Realtor.

Rothe thinks there are 30 to 40, pausing, then adding, “ish.”

“That’s total units, not total properties,” Saros said. “Some of those are four units in one building. It’s not an overwhelming amount of units.”

City officials, not having regulated STRs until preparing to do so now, don’t have a tally of the number operating.

“Do you have a sense of how many are investor-owned versus primary resident?” Taylor asked her colleagues.

“I don’t,” Saros said. “The only way we can figure it out is through this (ordinance). They (owners and operators) have to apply.”

Rothe said he modeled the draft after an Ann Arbor ordinance.

“They did in 2021, except not a special land use,” he said. “This (the Park version) is stricter.”

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All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the designation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk’s Office before July 8, 2024.

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## Friendly competition with a twist

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Dan Paterek made his annual trek to Lansing this year, his usual load was quite a bit heavier, thanks to a few friends.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident this spring donated 645.1 pounds — yes, pounds — of pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House. The nonprofit works with a local recycler to turn those tabs into money to fund its programming, which provides accommodations to families

whose critically ill children are being treated at nearby hospitals.

“They can operate for a month on what they receive in scrap aluminum,” Paterek said.

According to Ronald McDonald House, it takes 1 million pull tabs to equal 1,000 pounds. Recycling the tabs brings 56 cents per pound.

Paterek first started collecting pull tabs in 2012, when he served as president of the Detroit Parrothead Club, a community of Jimmy Buffett fans who enjoy music, charity and social events.

“We do charitable things and decided to start collecting pull tabs,” he said. “Then we got together with the Port Huron club. The president there, Jim (Racz), lost his son, so the Ronald McDonald House is near and dear to him.”

In the early days, Paterek and his Detroit club, Racz and his Blue Water club and Bobbi Woods and her Lansing club would collect around 40 pounds of tabs, which representatives from each club would take to Lansing to donate. They’d have lunch, drop off the tabs and call it a day.

“That’s the kind of group we are,” Racz said. “It’s not about a pat on the back. It’s about sharing what we do with everybody.”

The stakes were raised when Paterek issued a challenge to the other clubs, to see who could raise the most.

“It turned into a competition between Parrothead clubs — Blue Water, Lansing and Detroit,” he said.

### The Detroit club

Though 645.1 pounds is the largest batch of tabs Paterek has donated, he had some help amassing the collection.

“A friend of a friend is big into NASCAR and she had NASCAR people from around the country saving their pull tabs,”



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAN PATEREK

**Dan Paterek’s vehicle was loaded with hundreds of pounds of pull tabs before a recent trip to Lansing.**

he said. “When they come to MIS (Michigan International Speedway), everybody brings tabs.”

NASCAR fan Kimberly Barg and her husband, Craig, have been collecting tabs for Paterek the past four years, amassing nearly 150 pounds the first year and gaining momentum every year since. This year’s NASCAR donation tallied more than 410 pounds, with help from social media.

“I belong to the Infield @ MIS Facebook page,”

Barg said. “I decided I was going to ask for help so I posted, ‘I need tabs.’ It took off from there.”

Barg, who works at Schuchard Elementary School in the Utica Community Schools district, also calls on her students to donate. They drop pull tabs into a bucket labeled “Kids Helping Kids,” which also is turned over to Paterek.

“You don’t always have money to donate, but every little tab adds up,” Barg said. “It’s an amazing thing what it

can do for kids. And it takes two seconds out of your time.”

Barg also recruited fellow Infield @ MIS member Lisa Love. The Pennsylvania resident spread the word at Holiday Campground in Andover, Ohio, and has had the same success growing her collection the last three years.

“It started with friends around a campfire pulling tabs,” Love said. “We have a Facebook page on the campground and my boyfriend, Shawn, is boisterous there. He puts reminders out there.”

Shawn Undercuffler also built a mailbox for pull tabs near their campsite so anyone driving by can contribute.

“There are 3,500 campgrounds on 600 acres,” Love said. “A lot don’t even know me personally; they just know me as the Tab Lady.”

Collections take place August to August at the campground. When Love visits MIS, she brings quite a haul.

“Our last race in August, we brought 383 pounds,” she said. “Every year it gets better.”

“... Even my dentist gives me a little bag every six months when I see him because he knows it’s important to me. If I can help one child, one family, it fulfills me.”

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**Jim Racz, president of the Blue Water Parrothead Club, left, and Dan Paterek, past president of the Detroit Parrothead Club, stand amidst boxes of collected pull tabs.**

## Fourth book details world traveler’s collections

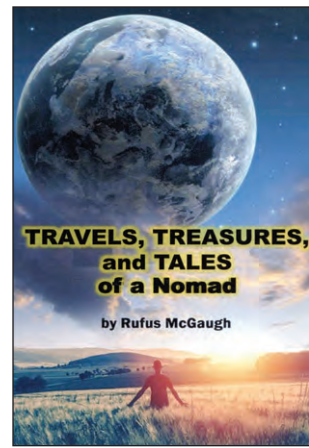
By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In his fourth and final book, “Travels, Treasures and Tales of a Nomad,” City of Grosse Pointe resident Rufus McGaugh takes readers through the trinkets and tidbits he collected during his mission to visit every continent and country in the world.

It was a task he completed in 2017, and he has the baubles to prove it. His personal museum is nestled in his basement and every nicknack has a story — hence, his latest book.

“I still had more stories to tell,” he said. “As long as I had stories, I just kept going. Now, I think I’ve said what I have to say about my travels, adventures and experiences.”

His latest book, which is nearly double the size of his previous three, follows a similar structure. In it he shares his travel



McGaugh’s fourth book.

adventures in snippets and with a touch of humor. This one, however, is based on the souvenirs he collected over the years.

“I have a little museum in the basement with a lot of cool things in it,” he said. “Some stuff you look at, like a coaster from Samoa, and say, ‘Big deal.’ ... But that coaster brought out a story, something funny.”

McGaugh shares funny and not-so-funny reflections in his latest book

while taking a look at “a few souvenirs, some historic items, some valuable, all quite interesting,” he said. “I was on a budget; I traveled lightly. I was limited to what I could bring back. The coaster from Samoa makes me smile. It’s something nice I can look back on.”

Among his most notorious items is a collection of nearly 400 air-sickness bags from around the world. Among the most sentimental are trinkets he and his wife, Monica, brought back from Russia in 1996, when they adopted their son, Eric.

Photos dot the museum, including one McGaugh took of lions sleeping in trees in Tanzania, as well as photos of McGaugh during his adventures: at a Habitat for Humanity build with Jimmy and Roslyn Carter and during his highest climb — 18,700 feet up the

Himalayas.

He has an empty can of Billy Beer, which he drank with its namesake, Bill Carter. He has 14 passports, all but one of which has extra pages. He has a mask from Dominica, a pack of cigarettes featuring Josef Stalin, a lion tooth and claw from Africa and a host of other novelties.

Much of what he brought home he used in the classroom while teaching the political and social sciences in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

“I have a hat collection, a hat from every country I taught,” he said. “I didn’t use a book when I taught. Instead, when I traveled, I would pick up the national hat.”

Now retired 14 years, McGaugh is quick to point out contributions from former students, who liked to torment him by gifting him Richard Nixon paraphernalia.

“I never liked him,”



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

**Rufus McGaugh sits among his collection while holding a photo of himself standing in Angola — one of the last countries he visited — and its Kalandula Falls.**

McGaugh said of the former president. “A lot of political things (in the

museum) were given to me. See TRAVELS, page 2B

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From left, museum Executive Director Steve Mrozek, Ralph Wilson Trustee Jeffrey Littmann and museum Special Events Director Ed Kaminski.

## Selfridge Military Air Museum receives \$25,000 Ralph C. Wilson Jr. grant

On May 20, the Selfridge Military Air Museum was awarded a \$25,000 Ralph C. Wilson Trustee Program Grant. The grant was presented to museum Executive Director Steven Mrozek by Jeffrey Littmann, a trustee for the Wilson Foundation. To date, it is by far the largest donation received by the museum.

Building on STEAM-based programs, the Selfridge Military Air Museum is embarking

on an effort to incorporate distant learning technology and bring educational programming to Macomb County schools.

“The field of aviation is well suited for the study of STEAM objectives,” Mrozek said. “Our focus will be primarily on aeronautical engineering and aviation technology, introducing students to the science of flight. This grant is a positive step in demonstrating the

necessity of STEAM programs such as this.”

With 106 years in service as one of the nation’s oldest continually operating military airfields, Selfridge is steeped in history that chronicles not only Michigan’s legacy of flight, but also the nation’s history. With hundreds of exhibits, interactive learning demonstrations and a collection of aircraft and historical displays, the Selfridge Military Air

Museum is one of Macomb County’s hidden gems.

Base access and museum admission are required to visit. Veterans receive a reduced-price admission; active service men and women are admitted free of charge. Visitors are advised to visit selfridgeairmuseum.org at least a week in advance for additional details, including requirements and assistance for base access.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ 1,000 Hours Mud Day, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Readers’ Choice Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 30, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Adventures of Drawing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer STEM: Color Science, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Summer STEM: Color Science, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods. ◆ All Ages Comic Making Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Mini Secret Gardens, 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### 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:

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 28, sponsored by Temrowski Eldercare. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

◆ Treasure or Trinket? 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, with a DuMouchelles appraiser.

◆ Handmade Greeting Cards, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, with instructor Patricia Schaden. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ Cake Decorating, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 11, Friday, July 12, and Friday, July 19, with instructor Erica Clark.

◆ Thursday Night at the Movies, “The Holdovers,” 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11. Cost

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## TRAVELS:

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me by my students. In my classroom, Nixon was always the fall guy. ... I got all these Nixon buttons, campaign posters from the kids.”

The last country McGaugh visited to “seal the deal” was war-torn Libya in 2017.

“That was one of my travel nightmares,” he said. “Most of my lifetime, Libya was closed to travel. I was done (visiting every country) in 2015, except for Libya.”

Though he was able to visit — “on a small plane from Tunisia in the middle of the night” — he said he didn’t get to see as much of the country as he’d hoped.

“That was one of the more dangerous trips,” he said, adding he did get to see “the greatest Roman ruins in the world, Leptis Magna. I was able to do that in two and a half days.”

There are a few items in McGaugh’s museum he’s considering donating to “real” museums, including a sign he snagged while in Atlanta that reads, “This is Maddox Country,” in reference to outspoken Southern segregationist Lester Maddox. He’s considering donating it to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

To a military museum McGaugh is considering a much more personal contribution.

“The day I was wounded in Vietnam, our unit was sent on a rescue mission to save a five-man Marine recon mission,” he said. “... I was shot three times on the chopper; the worst of it was in my leg and hip.”

“I had a C-ration can in my cargo pants,” he continued. “... The round hit the rim — the strongest part of the can. (The surgeon) said, ‘It might have saved you from losing your left leg.’”

“When they were digging shrapnel out of me, it took five or six hours,” he added. “They give you the shrapnel as a souvenir.”

Among the shrapnel he received was a rivet from the Marine helicopter that had been pushed into his leg by a bullet.

Another item McGaugh considers of great value is one that literally was by his side the past half century: “My very own first-aid kit that goes on all trips with me since 1974,” he said. “Actually it is no longer a real first-aid kit but a single Band-Aid from the kit that evolved from me attempt-

ing to pack lighter and lighter each year. Trust me, a single Band-Aid circa 1974 that has traveled to hundreds of countries in tropical weather over many years does not look too good. The writing on the cellophane wrapping disappeared long ago and I would imagine that would also be true for the adhesive on the single Band-Aid. Some very mean and cruel people who have seen this ancient artifact of an old withered Band-Aid ask, why even bother? But my answer is that you can never be too careful about your health, especially in emergencies, so the single Band-Aid tags along on every trip.”

With his mission accomplished and his stories told, McGaugh has no plans to stop traveling, though he’s likely to stay in the U.S.

“I’ve seen everything, though there are places I’d go back to,” he said. “But I’d like to go out west mountaineering. ... I’ve seen all the great sights — canyons, redwoods, mountains — but you just never see it all.”



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

A selection of collectibles from McGaugh’s travels includes a chain of owls wrapped in gold foil — considered good luck in Burma — and a chunk of black obsidian from Armenia.

“Travels, Treasures and Tales of a Nomad” is available on amazon.com. Copies also are available at McGaugh’s house.

“Stop by and have a

beer and buy one that way,” he said. “While you’re here you can visit this world-class museum that’s worth \$47.23. The curator’s one hell of a guy.”



Not all of McGaugh’s trinkets are from foreign countries. This E.G. Booz Co., Old Cabin Whiskey bottle originated in Philadelphia.

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Pushpins point out every stop McGaugh made during his world travels.

## ENGAGEMENT



Michael Gula and Ariana Conti

## Gula—Conti

Gary and Cindy Gula of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their son, Michael Gula, to Ariana Conti, the daughter of Vera Conti of Grosse Pointe Woods and Gary Conti.

Mr. Gula earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University. He is a builder.

Miss Conti earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. She is an account executive with UiPath.

An August 2024 wedding is planned.

## Third annual Living Donor Awareness Night is Friday, June 28

The third annual Living Donor Awareness Night takes place at 7:05 p.m. Friday, June 28, during a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

Sponsored by Henry Ford Health and the Living Liver Foundation, the event will honor living donors, educate the public about living donation and inspire more donation. The game will be followed by fireworks. More than 30 living kidney donors and living liver donors will sit together behind home plate.

Several other special moments are planned:

◆ The national anthem will be sung by the niece

of a living donor recipient.

◆ A living donor transplant recipient and his pre-transplant nurse/coordinator will throw out the first pitch.

◆ After the first inning, an altruistic living donor and recipient will meet for the first time on the field.

◆ Throughout the game, Henry Ford Health and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will staff information tables where the public can learn more about living donation. Public service announcements on the scoreboard also will share advancements in living liver transplant and living

kidney transplant.

◆ Between two innings, living donors and recipients will be invited onto the field, the names of the living donors will be read and they will be honored as the game's hometown heroes.

◆ During the game, living donors will participate in a prize drawing. The grand prize is a cabana suite rental for a future game as well as a gift basket.

Approximately 104,000 Americans are on the transplant list awaiting an organ. Of those, most are waiting for a kidney or liver, but there aren't enough donations from deceased

donors to meet the need. Living donation helps fill the gap.

In 2023, there were 2,637 living kidney donations and 658 living liver donations. Many people know of the option to donate a kidney, but many don't know a living donor can donate a portion of their liver. After donation, the donor's liver and recipient's new liver grow back to full size in about two months.

Tickets for the ballgame are available and range from \$6 to \$20. To purchase tickets, visit [uspbl.com/single-game-ticket-sales-in-detroit-mi/](http://uspbl.com/single-game-ticket-sales-in-detroit-mi/) or call the box office at (248) 759-5278.

## LWV hosting candidate forum

The League of Women Voters, Grosse Pointe, partnering with the League of Women Voters, Detroit, will conduct a virtual candidate forum for the Michigan House of Representatives, 13th District on Tuesday, July 9. The forum will feature the following candidates: Republican Martell D. Bivings and

Democrats Shakira Lynn Hawkins, Shri Thanedar and Mary Waters.

This forum is not open to the public. The session will be recorded and may be viewed on the League's YouTube channel on or after July 10.

The public is encouraged to submit questions for the candidates.

Due to time constraints, the League may prioritize or combine questions based on general interest and a goal of avoiding redundancy. The question submission form is available on the League's website at [lwgvgrossepointe.org](http://lwgvgrossepointe.org).

The deadline to submit questions is Monday, July 8th at noon.

Nonpartisan candidate forums are part of LWV history. Leagues around the country continue to hold debates and forums for local and state offices.

Additionally, voters can find information about any candidate on the League of Women Voters nonpartisan Voter Guide at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) as of June 27.

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## Group effort

Since issuing the challenge, the Detroit, Blue Water and Lansing Parrothead clubs all have been awarded million-tab certificates. Blue Water already has received a multimillion-tab certificate.

This year, Paterek would have received his first multimillion-tab certificate, but plans changed.

"I called Lansing and said, 'Let's surprise Dan,'" Racz said. "'Let's donate to Skeeter, but we won't tell Dan until we get there.'"

Skeeter, aka Elise Paterek, was Dan Paterek's wife who passed away from lung cancer in 2019.

"We decided to give all our tabs to Skeeter to get her name on the board," Racz said. "She was part of this, going to Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. We were already a million-tab club, so let's get her in the million-tab club."

The three clubs combined donated 1,328.9 pounds of pull tabs in Elise Paterek's name.

"She always supported the whole pull tabs thing," Paterek said. "She was part of the team. She was always active in Parrothead and pulling tabs, collecting. Her smile would light up the room."

The Blue Water club contributed 549.1 pounds of pull tabs this year; Racz gets help from Port Huron-area organizations like American Legion, 4H clubs, schools and others.

"A lot of people know me," he said. "It's not for me though; it's for the club."

"... We have no religious affiliation, no political affiliation with anyone," Racz added. "We say we're a party



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Paterek's wife, Elise, helps load up for a previous donation trip. She passed away in 2019. Donations this year were given in her name.

with a purpose. We do what we want to, not what we're asked to do. Ronald McDonald House is close to my heart."

Racz and his family lived at Ronald McDonald House nearly 11 years while his son was receiving treatments.

"My son had epileptic seizures and was wheelchair bound for his whole life," Racz said. "He lived only 11 years. They took care of us."

He began collecting pull

tabs his first day there, after noticing a canister near a Coke machine.

"Now it's my passion," Racz said. "I do it in memory of my son, but I also do it for families at Ronald McDonald House. They do an awesome job. This little bit of money helps them out."

While the three clubs' collection raked in more than \$750 for Ronald McDonald House, it's a slow process. A gallon bag holds 2.5 pounds;

Paterek uses his bathroom scale to weigh the tabs.

He also regularly receives pull tabs in the mail from as far as Toronto and Florida. He sometimes comes home to bags of pull tabs on his front porch. Not to men-

tion what he collects himself.

"I always have a dryer full of pull tabs," he laughed. "They're always falling out of my pockets."

Those interested in contributing to his collection are welcome to drop off pull tabs on the porch of 2058 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It's fun; it's not about the money," Paterek said. "It's something fun and easy to do — to help kids, help families. It's about the camaraderie."

Added Racz, "It doesn't take much to do what we do. Whether it's a snack-size bag or a pound bag, every little bit makes a difference and helps out a great organization."

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Your first days as a newly-minted official twosome deserve more than shorts and tees. Wherever you might be jetting off to, whether a tropical paradise or a historic European adventure, be sure to pack a few upscale togs for an elegant, romantic dinner or two — or anywhere that a little more formality is apropos.

Dressing up need not be stuffy. Looking your finest while enjoying a relaxed fit and comfortable fabrics gives you the best of both worlds. We've assembled some top-drawer ensembles and beautiful accessories that will fill the bill.

We didn't have to look far into Grosse Pointe to find the chic we were seeking! Capricious, Village Palm and Iris all had stunning finds for the ladies to dance the night away under the stars with their new hubbies. Grosse Pointe Woods' Rimanelli's Custom Tailor had just the right touch for the men to present themselves at their best for their new brides.

From clothing to stylish accessories, it's great inspiration for remembering to take along a few of the elegant outfits that will linger in your minds for many anniversaries to come.

Happy honeymooning!

### Essential accessory

Lilly Pulitzer raffia and gold crossbody bag, right, features a shimmering gold finish over natural raffia. This versatile accessory is great for both casual outings and dressy occasions, adding a touch of easygoing style. From **Village Palm**.



### Step into style

AGL Angie gold-mirrored sandal, left, is from **Capricious**. This super attractive and reflective sandal sports a sleek design and a touch of glamour. It's the ideal luxe finish to make all your honeymoon looks shine!

Malachite represents transformation and new beginnings, as well as a grounding to nature. It's an ideal piece to wear to begin your new life together!

### Malachite magic

Dean Davidson malachite drop earrings, far right, showcase stunning, oval-shaped stones encircled in elegant gold-plated frames. From **Capricious**.

Matched with **Capricious'** Dean Davidson malachite statement pendant, right, they are as perfect together as the two of you.



### Light and lovely

The Fifteen Twenty Tessa blouse in jade green, right, will have you feeling like the leading lady of your honeymoon that you are! The relaxed and flowing silhouette whispers class and style. It's dressy but still chill for the carefree vibe you seek. It's from **Capricious**.

Pair up with the Fifteen Twenty Gina pants in jade for a stylish and comfortable ensemble for hitting the scene with your hubs. The trending color and easy design is perfect for travel too. Also from **Capricious**.



### Pearl girl

**IRIS'** Federika Padula studded pearl earrings, right, feature delicate gold and crystal floral tops, paired with baroque pearls, embellished with multicolored gemstones. A luxurious and elegant accessory so perfect for sightseeing or a cafe lunch for two.





**Love is in bloom!**

The Pink Reef blue pearl and topaz drop flower earrings, left, are from **IRIS**. A beautiful double floral drop is enhanced with a gorgeous hand-painted pop of color. Much like marriages themselves, no two are alike.

The Dean Davison malachite statement ring, below right, is from **Capricious**. Green is so hot this season! This bold and elegant piece exudes a blend of modern sophistication and timeless beauty, making it a standout accessory for any occasion (and perhaps your next favorite ring – beside your wedding set.)

# SO CHIC



**For his delicate flower**

Lilly Pulitzer floral gold metallic earrings, below, are light and breezy for summer. Perfectly packable for honeymoon dressing. Find them and so much more at **Village Palm**.



The Lilly Pulitzer Shealyn stretch maxi caftan, above, in the Barton Blue "Shell of a Good Time" pattern features a vibrant seashell design on a flowing, comfortable fabric. Wear it for cocktails at the pool or lounging in your romantic tropical hideaway before dressing to hit the clubs. From **Village Palm**.

He'll only have eyes for his bride in this Trina Turk Marley dress, right, from **IRIS**. Stunning sequins add effortless shimmer to this stylish, short sleeveless mini – making it the perfect choice for a glam dinner with him or dancing at the hotel club. Pair it with heels for for glitzy-glam style.



The Tiana New York striped beaded clutch, right, from **IRIS**, is 100% handmade and has a magnetic snap closure. It comes with a chain or strap, and has a small pocket inside to ensure valuables are kept safe with you while you're on the go far from home.

# HIS STYLE



**Man with a plan**

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The Hagen dress shirt, left, has impeccable fit and features high-quality fabric. These stylish shirts offer a polished and professional look that stands out in the office and during a candlelit dinner as husband and wife. From **Rimanelli's Custom Tailor**.

The elegant lavender-toned Robert Jensen tie, center left, is crafted with exquisite attention to detail and premium materials, offering a sophisticated touch to any suit. Check out the full selection of dress ties at **Rimanelli's Custom Tailor**.

The Torino brown leather belt, far left, accents his total outfit with natural warmth. From **Rimanelli's Custom Tailor**.

Patterned Marcoliani Milano pima cotton socks, left, offer the most exceptional comfort and a refined look, making them the ideal complement for your dressy attire. From **Rimanelli's Custom Tailor**.

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Above left, more than 400 people walk in the Eucharistic procession alongside Lake St. Clair. Above right, the procession begins at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

# Eastside Catholic Eucharistic Procession

More than 400 individuals of all ages gathered for a Eucharistic procession along the shores of Lake St. Clair on Sunday, June 2. The Eastside Catholic Eucharistic Procession brought together parishioners and students from across the community, marking an unforgettable day of faith and unity.

Participants from at least eight parishes — St. Clare of Montefalco, Grosse Pointe Memorial, St. Paul on the Lake, St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Matthew, St. Ambrose and St. Lucy churches — joined the event. Additionally, students from De La Salle Collegiate and Regina high schools

took part, further emphasizing the communal spirit of the day.

The procession began at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, with participants walking prayerfully and joyfully along the lakeside streets of Grosse Pointe. The event culminated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church with a solemn benediction. The church was filled to standing-room-only capacity, a testament to the devotion of those in attendance.

Following the benediction, Knights of Columbus councils sponsored a hospitality gathering, allowing participants to reflect on the significance of their faith and the unity it fosters.

The success of this event was made possible through the collaboration of local public safety officials, pastors, parish staff and numerous volunteers. Their efforts ensured a safe, well-organized and spiritually enriching experience for all involved.

The Eastside Catholic Eucharistic Procession was not only a celebration of faith, but also a reminder of the strength and unity within the community. Organizers said the sight of hundreds walking together in devotion along Lake St. Clair will be remembered as a blessing for all who participated and witnessed this profound display of faith.



Above, the procession proceeds along Lakeshore toward Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Below, participants join from at least eight parishes.



## Summer carillon concerts at Memorial Church

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

Concert-goers are invited to listen from anywhere on or near the church campus. Some listeners bring a picnic dinner to enjoy during the music. This year, ice cream treats will be available for purchase from a Captain Kool Ice Cream Truck before



COURTESY PHOTO

The church's carillon is a set of 48 tower bells.

and during the concert. The 45-minute concerts are family friendly and presented rain or shine. A closed-circuit

TV screen is provided so listeners can watch the performer's hands and feet on the carillon keyboards.

## Memorial invites children to 'Scuba VBS: Diving Into Friendship with God'

A summer kids' event called "Scuba VBS" will be hosted at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, from Aug. 19 to 23, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Children will dive deep into an undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

For children entering kindergarten through fourth grade, VBS takes place 9 a.m. to noon, offering games,

music, art and Bible study.

Middle school youth are invited for a full day of activities from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will serve as counselors in training in the morning, assisting adult volunteers in classrooms. After lunch, they will go off-site to enjoy activities like a TreeRunner ropes course and miniature golf.

Further details on pricing and registration are available online at [gpmchurch.org/scuba-vbs](http://gpmchurch.org/scuba-vbs) or by calling the church offices at (313) 882-5330.

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# Pointe native produces documentary about dance

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In the trailer for “Shake These Bones,” a documentary produced by Grosse Pointe native Amy Sewell, one of the subjects sums up the purpose of the film: “Someone asked, ‘Is what we do essential?’ Dance might not be essential to survival, or the arts in general, but they are essential in order for us to live.”

The documentary follows Gibney Dance from March 2020, as it embarks on its first major expansion — doubling the size of its ensemble — through its navigation of the pandemic. The company’s dancers not only are devoted to the arts, but also to giving back through social justice causes.

Sewell, who describes the film as “Fame” meets “Glee,” was hesitant to get on board.



“Shake These Bones” was filmed during the pandemic.

“Being a producer is physically challenging,” she noted. “I tend to get too involved. But I have a boring, ugly day job — professional publishing work to pay the bills — so I find myself getting into these creative projects and getting energy.”

What changed Sewell’s mind was speaking with Executive Producer Bethany Menzies, who approached Sewell — an experienced documentarian — to ask how to make an impactful documen-



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The documentary culminates with the company’s performance at the Joyce Theater.

tary about contemporary dancers.

Sewell’s “Mad Hot Ballroom,” about the arts in public schools, earned many accolades following its 2005 premier.

“We were the little engine that could; a Cinderella story come true,” she said.

Menzies also wanted the film to give back in some capacity. As founder and executive director of The Ready Foundation, Menzies works with at-risk and underserved groups in

New York City’s five boroughs. Her focus is advocating for the role of strong mentors and coaches in helping to build successful careers.

Sewell saw a connection between The Ready Foundation and Reel Works, a nonprofit which with she’s been affiliated the past 20 years. Reel Works helps underserved children by offering after-school programs that pair teens with professional filmmaker/mentors to create documentaries, narra-

tive and experimental films.

Following that connection, the project was launched.

“We had a meeting in December and by January, we had two-thirds of the funding,” Sewell said. “Filming began in February 2020.”

“There were 2,000 applicants from around the world,” she continued. “Six hundred of them were interviewed, 200 were invited to rehearsal and six people were picked to expand the company.”

“Shake These Bones” examines the trials and triumphs of the dance company as they prepare for a world premiere program at the Joyce Theater. It includes snippets of dance, as well as a social justice angle as the company’s dancers each contribute their talents and time to social causes.

“It’s athletic,” Sewell said. “There’s sweat and grit that goes into building a dance company. And they’re social justice warriors. The dancers are beautiful. It’s nice to see them on the big screen and listen to their stories.”

“Shake These Bones” had its premier at the 2024 Big Apple Film Festival in New York and was selected to appear at the 2024 Seattle Film Festival.

“I would love it to be a theatrical release,” Sewell

said. “It has a great cast and crew — 12 dancers from all over the world. Reel Works came in with a junior workforce. (Cinematographer) Daniel Kharlak, (Associate Editor) Gerson Legend, (Associate Producer) Liam Mejia all came up from Reel Works.”

“I agreed to work for free,” she continued. “Any proceeds will be split between The Ready Foundation and Reel Works, which floats my boat knowing the money will be going to two great causes.”

“We’re getting such great press, attention, accolades, it’s almost driving itself,” she added. “I’m

Right, “Shake These Bones” star Zui Gomez.

Below, a still from the film, “Shake These Bones.”

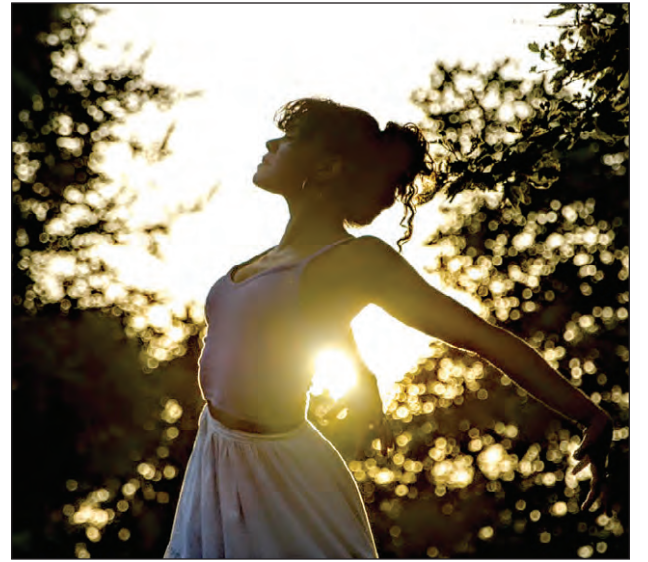
proud because the content speaks for itself. It’s a great film that shows that dance is essential. It’s like going to church: I would like everyone to see it and feel at peace. Whether it gets a deal to help contribute to two amazing nonprofits — Reel Works and The Ready Foundation —

so be it. It’s really just a beautiful film to feel at peace with while watching.”

Sewell, who currently lives in New York but fondly recalls her formative years in Grosse Pointe, credits her Grosse Pointe Public School System education for her success.

“My roots always go back to the people that supported me and my dreams,” she said. “I can’t thank my teachers enough — Mr. Barr, Mr. Harchick, Mr. Ebert. I don’t think I would have gone down this path to write and paint, which I combined to be a filmmaker. Growing up in Grosse Pointe, I can think of a million things about it, but it is home.”

While “Shake These Bones” is Sewell’s last documentary, she doesn’t plan to stop putting her creativity to good use. Her attentions now are turned to releasing her next book, a thriller titled, “The Hole in the Rabbit,” due out this summer.



Urania Meyers-Magkanaris, left, and Isabella Boedecker



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## Florence Miller Award

Isabella Boedecker of Grosse Pointe North High School and Urania Meyers-Magkanaris of Grosse Pointe South High School have shown outstanding leadership, as well as community service and academic excellence, making them this year’s recipients of the Florence Miller Award, given by Chapter AO, Grosse Pointe of the international Philanthropic Educational Organization, or P.E.O.

The local award given to high school juniors at the school year’s completion also helps contribute to fees for college applications the rising seniors will be working on this summer and fall.

The award is named for the late Grosse Pointe educator Miller, who was an active leader in Chapter AO, as well as an active community member, teacher and assistant principal at Grosse Pointe North.

For more information on P.E.O., which supports women’s education, visit [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)

## Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship

Mikinzi Allen, a 2024 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was awarded the Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in the Art from Chapter AO of the Philanthropic Educational Organization in Grosse Pointe.

The harpist, who will attend Oberlin College in Ohio, was recognized not only for her musical talent, but also her involvement in many activities and outstanding academic success.

The award honors the late Johanna Gilbert, who was a dedicated member of P.E.O. Chapter AO, which supports educational goals and achievements of women. Gilbert, a talented performer and community volunteer, left a legacy scholarship administered by her daughter, Melanie, through Chapter AO to support Grosse Pointe South High School seniors as they further their musical and academic careers.

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## Vivian Rizer receives Star Scholarship

Women helping women achieve their educational goals is a mission of Chapter AO of the international P.E.O. Sisterhood. The chapter recently announced this year’s local senior nominee won a competitive national scholarship.

Vivian Rizer, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, is the P.E.O. recipient of a \$2,500 Star Scholarship, given in recognition of leadership, academics, extracurricular activities as well as community service. Rizer will attend Calvin College in Grand Rapids and also swim for the Calvin College team.

The P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Sisterhood is one of the oldest women’s organizations in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1869, P.E.O. has provided more than \$389 million in financial assistance to more than 119,000 women through loans, grants and scholarships.

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Above, the bench's plaque.

Left, Grosse Pointe Academy teachers and parents of Nicholas Bojarczyk's graduating class raised funds to donate a bench on the Grosse Pointe Academy front lawn to commemorate his 23 years. Seated are Michael Bojarczyk, Jennifer Bojarczyk, Meaghan Bojarczyk, Camille DeMario and Beth Plotzke. Back row are Emily Scupholm, Debbie Wolney, Chris Vermet, Stephanie Vermet, Carol Cinnamond, Debbie Minanov, Gus Andreason, Jennifer Andreason, Linda Abar, Matt Abar, Molly Donaldson and Wendy Jerome.

## Celebrating Nicholas

Many friends, family and Grosse Pointe Academy faculty members turned up to celebrate the 25th birthday of Nicholas Bojarczyk on his actual birthday Saturday, June 8.

As part of the celebration, a ginkgo tree and bench were commemorated on the front lawn of The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Bojarczyk, a Farms resident and Academy alumnus, was killed by a drunken driver June 24, 2022, when he was 23 years old.

"This school meant the world to him," mother Jennifer Bojarczyk said. "This community meant the world to him."

"Nicholas was my north, my south, my east, my west, my Sunday

best. He was that to everybody and he will remain that to everybody.

"We take solace in knowing that he is with God. I thank God every morning that I had 23 beautiful years with him."

A Grosse Pointe Academy scholarship in Nicholas' name is forthcoming.

— Laurel Kraus



Alongside sister Meaghan Bojarczyk, bottom left, mother Jennifer Bojarczyk, bottom right, and father Michael Bojarczyk, top right, Nicholas Bojarczyk's friends celebrating his 25th birthday are Jacob Yezback, Christopher Kolomjec, Cameron Francis, Meghan Ryszewski, Sophia Yezback and Maria Betanzos.

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Susie Rohde, LMSW

## It all belongs

Mental health data over the last decade shows that record numbers of kids report persistent feelings of sadness, anxiety and hopelessness and that mental health issues have been further exacerbated since the pandemic. There are many contributing factors, among them our culture's focus on performance and the excessive use of social media. Paradoxically, another stressor can be parents' focus on their children's happiness. Though well-intentioned, this may be counterproductive to children's well-being in the long term.

As parents, we understandably want our kids to be happy. Optimism and positivity are traits that contribute to satisfaction and competency across all life areas. Focusing too exclusively on happiness, however, can actually undermine our children's ability to identify and manage the complicated or painful emotions they inevitably experience.

It is difficult as parents to watch our children struggle, but there are

risks in trying to move them to a positive place too quickly, rather than observing or validating where they are. Children can mistakenly internalize the idea that they are supposed to feel happy or satisfied all the time. They learn to mask or deny undesirable or negative feelings, or to seek unhealthy coping habits to numb their discomfort. They need room to attend to the negative landscape, learn how to tolerate the difficult emotions and trust themselves to regulate them or reset in a constructive way.

There are costs to neglecting our negative emotions. There are also gifts in observing them:

◆ When we identify feelings like anger or grief, we have more control over how they take shape. Being aware of what's driving us is the difference between being intentional or reactive.

◆ Negative emotions can help us problem solve. For example, anxiety can motivate us, anger can prompt us to have boundaries or set limits, and envy may help us clarify

what we want for ourselves.

◆ Our capacity for empathy, compassion, intimacy and resolving differences is enhanced through our ability to identify and express our needs and emotions.

Helping our children foster happiness and positivity is important. But realistically, it all belongs. Our wide emotional range – with all the good and bad that comes with it – is invaluable in navigating life's difficulties, developing our competencies, recovering from disappointment, and pursuing what is meaningful to us. Our resilience comes from our challenges.

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The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at [familycenterhelps.org](http://familycenterhelps.org).



Nicholas Bojarczyk's family members sprinkle potting soil around the ginkgo tree, which was his favorite species.

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## How can I break the chains of my work phone?

**Dear Gabby:** I cannot get off my phone for work, always getting texts and having to read documents, etc.

My children see this and I'm sure they just assume it's fine to be chained to your phone all day. How can I stop this madness?

—Phone-cuffed in the Farms

**Dear Phone-cuffed,** Try choosing a block of time during the day (after school might work best) where you are decidedly NOT on your phone.

You could also suggest to coworkers (and bosses) that they call you if there is anything pressing — no texts or emails. There will be no reason for you to check your phone, as it will ring if you are needed. That way, you can put in some

serious QT with the kids, minus the technology.

After you have given your children the time and attention you feel is appropriate, excuse yourself to your office or bedroom to catch up on anything you may have missed.

— Gabby

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## Confess my feelings or stay silent about my work crush?



**DEAR ANNIE:** I have been employed at this local government agency for years and have had the pleasure of working closely with “Catie” for the past four years.

While we are not in the same department, we have collaborated on numerous projects and have developed a close friendship.

Over the course of our

friendship, I have come to care deeply for Catie. I have hinted at my feelings on occasion, and she has been receptive to them. However, I have never taken any physical advances, as we are both happily married.

Recently, I have been feeling dishonest with her by not directly discussing my feelings for her. I believe that it is important to be open and honest with her about what I have been going through, and I would like to make a confession to her in order to clear my mind and conscience.

I hope that you can provide me with some guidance on how to approach this situation in a respectful manner. — Mutual Caring Friends.

**DEAR MUTUAL CARING FRIENDS:** Interesting that you care so much about honesty with Catie, yet you deny your wife that same cour-

tesy. If you really want to clear your conscience, drop the work crush and start focusing on your “happy marriage.”

**DEAR ANNIE:** I'm in quite the pickle and need your guidance. My husband, “Peter,” and I have been married for eight years, and while our relationship has always been strong, I've recently found myself in an unexpected situation.

About six months ago, my old college friend, “Scott,” moved back to town. We were close back then, and catching up with him has been wonderful. The problem is, sparks have flown between us in a way I didn't expect.

Scott is charming, funny, and reminds me of a time when life felt simpler and more exciting. We've started meeting up for coffee and the occasional lunch, but it's clear there's a deeper



## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

connection forming. I haven't crossed any physical boundaries, but emotionally, I feel torn.

I love Peter deeply and don't want to hurt him, but the feelings I have for Scott are confusing and strong.

Peter hasn't noticed anything, but I feel guilty and anxious all the time. I don't want to end my marriage, but I also can't seem to let go of these feelings for Scott. Is it possible to have feelings for two people at once?

How do I navigate this without causing a disaster? I don't want to lose my friend, but I also don't want to betray my husband.

Please help me figure

out what to do before this situation spirals out of control. — Conflicted in Colorado

**DEAR CONFLICTED:** Emotional affairs can be just as damaging as physical ones, and your guilt is a clear sign. You're playing with fire every minute you continue flirting and rekindling a connection with Scott.

Remember, infatuation can be temporary. The commitment you made to your husband is not.

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.*

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If you've been reading this column for some time now, you know how much I love my Kindle. I got it as a gift almost exactly a year ago and I'm on my 16th book so far in 2024. I absolutely love the convenience of the Kindle, the ability to download books in an instant and how easy it is to travel with.

I usually read every night before bed. Once I'm in my bed, all cozied up under 17 blankets, the last thing I want to do is reach out from underneath the covers to tap the screen and turn the page. I know, first-world problems.

It's been a minor inconvenience for some time now, but I didn't really mind it all that much. But when my friend called and told me she ordered an electronic page-turner for her Kindle on Amazon, you bet I had it ordered before our phone call ended.

After using the page turner for more than two months now, I am a big fan of this product. It allows for hands-free reading, which is especially beneficial if you're eating, cooking or doing any task

that requires your hands. You can easily turn the pages without needing to



touch the device at all. With a simple click of a

button on the small remote, the page is turned.

While I typically use it when I am laying down and simply too lazy to lift my arm to turn the page, I can see this being useful in many different types of situations.

For example, my grandma loves to read but has terrible arthritis. This device is super simple for her to use and allows her to enjoy her Kindle without having to swipe the screen or press tiny buttons. The simply designed remote fits

easily in her hand and is very user-friendly.

This device also allows readers to multitask while reading. The page turner would come in handy if you are trying to read while walking on the treadmill or any task where it is uncomfortable to raise up your arm every few seconds to turn the page.

The page turner is compact and portable. It enhances the overall reading experience greatly because readers can enjoy uninterrupted reading sessions without the hassle of manually turning pages. While I tried it out of

sheer laziness and convenience, I've found that it is a great accessory for avid readers and I am giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators.

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## From baguettes to quiche at Hillside Hearth

From baguettes to BLTs, muffins to macarons, cookies to quiche, scones to soups and rolls to rye. Where am I?

Hillside Hearth, where sweet and savory surpass all expectations.

In 2018, when the space at



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19497 Mack became available, including the massive oven used by the previous owners of Breadsmith, Kevin Rentenbach saw a possibility and his bread-baking heart told him to further inquire.

With 15 years as a chef and kitchen experience under his belt, he told himself, “Without risk, there is no reward.” Fully knowing this space needed a facelift and some major renovations, Rentenbach

signed the lease papers in December 2019, and Hillside Hearth was born.

Growing up, Rentenbach's grandfather owned a tool and die shop in Roseville called Hillside. He also enjoyed baking bread as a hobby out of his home and often fed the neighborhood. “Baking with him as a child was maybe where the bread bug bit me,” Rentenbach said.

Paying homage to those memories, Hillside Hearth officially opened in June 2020, smack in the middle of the pandemic.

Opening a specialty bak-

ery is no easy task to begin with, but opening a retail-to-go type of food establishment during this specific period turned out better than expected. Successfully providing safe and easy curbside pickup and online ordering gave Rentenbach a different advantage to welcoming the community to his new adventure.

Growing up in Grosse Pointe was an added bonus in bringing familiar faces to the new storefront, once word got out that the “open” sign was on again. You could smell the fresh



## Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

bread all the way down the block. And this wasn't your typical bread.

“The plan was to bake sourdough bread and focus on traditional baking techniques — flour, salt, water,” Rentenbach said.

He quickly took that up a notch with multiple styles of fresh bread baked daily. Aside from sourdough, you can choose from the perfect

baguette or rye, multi-grain, country or Italian loafs, rustic French or the neighborhood favorite, farmhouse wheat, just to name a few. Customers who get there early for “happy hour” receive a free coffee with any purchase just by asking.

When there is warm bread, baked goods and

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# Chicken kabobs with chardonnay-herb marinade and Alabama white sauce

By Olivia Monette  
Guest writer

During the summer, my family spends a lot of time in Lexington. At our cottage, there isn't much to do except spend time outdoors, play board games with one another and eat.

My grandma is the absolute best at finding delicious recipes and cooking them to perfection. She always has made incredible meals my entire life and her recipes seem to get even better during the summer.

Last weekend, we had a crowd of family and friends stay at the cottage and this recipe from Southern Living magazine was the perfect dinner meal that satisfied everyone. It's easy to make in large batches, insanely delicious and a fun way to get everyone outside grilling together.

The marinade is out of this world and the Alabama white sauce elevates the entire meal. Give this one a

try while the summer sun is still shining!

## Chardonnay-Herb Marinade:

(makes 1½ cups of marinade)

½ cup Chardonnay

¼ cup olive oil

1 shallot minced

2 garlic cloves, finely grated

3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

2 tbsp chopped fresh basil

1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme

1 tbsp dijon mustard

2 tsp sugar

1 tsp kosher salt

½ tsp black pepper

Chop all herbs and mince shallot.

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and whisk together.

## Chicken Kabobs:

3 pounds skinless, boneless chicken thighs

8 to 10 wooden skewers

2 tbsp vegetable oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Trim excess fat from thighs. Cut each thigh lengthwise into 1 ½-inch strips.

Reserve and chill a quarter cup of desired marinade. Place chicken and remaining marinade in a large zip-top freezer bag. Seal and turn bag to coat.

Chill the chicken in the marinade for three to eight hours. Turn occasionally.

Preheat grill to 350 to 400 degrees. Remove chicken from marinade. Pat chicken dry with paper towels and thread three chicken strips in a loose accordion-like style onto each skewer.

Brush with vegetable oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.



PHOTO BY OLIVIA MONETTE

Put the kabobs on the grill and cover with lid. Turn occasionally for about 14 minutes or until chicken is done.

During the last five minutes of grilling, brush kabobs with reserved quarter cup of marinade.

Serve with Alabama white sauce and enjoy!

## Alabama White Sauce:

(makes about ⅔ cup)

⅓ cup mayonnaise

3 tbsp chopped fresh chives

1 tbsp horseradish

4 tsp apple cider vinegar

2 tsp creole mustard

1 tsp black pepper

¼ tsp sugar

1 finely grated garlic clove

Combine all ingredients and enjoy as a dip for the chicken kabobs.

## Home cellar part 3: storage

Starting a wine cellar isn't complicated, but once you decide to stash 20 or 30 bottles of wine, a key decision is where it should go.

The worst location is where it is 70 F or more. Wine is fragile and, like beer, must be kept cool to retain freshness and perhaps even improve in the bottle. Cooler is better.

My first wine cellar was underneath my house. Terra cotta drainage tiles were embedded in the earth, each holding a bottle. The system maintained cool temperatures. Four decades later, some bottles remain in good shape.

Subsequent investments in storage proved worthwhile, a fact well known by wine-collecting friends. But you need not spend much or anything to do it right —

until the space is no longer large enough!

Most homes and apartments have small spaces that can be cleared out where bottles can be protected from light and kept cool, such as an under-stair cubby, beneath a bed or in a closet with a solid door.

If there's no room for a rack, just clear a flat spot on the floor and stack bottles atop one another. As long as cork-sealed bottles are on their sides, they'll be fine.

There are two exceptions. Sparkling and screwcapped wines are best stored standing up. The reasons are complicated, but that's the way I've done it for years; it works great.

As wine collections grow, the next decision is what to do next. To

determine whether to expand the space, assess how long it was before you began to stashing wine. If it was more than a year, you're likely in no rush to buy an expensive refrigerated unit. If the space you're using is large and cool enough, all you need is a few more racks. But if it was only a few weeks and the space is already bulging, you may need to find a larger location.

Decades ago, a friend used an old "closet" that once housed his water heater. He added insulation and a small air conditioner, which became a cellar housing 200 bottles. When it began filling up, he began drinking wines he knew might not be perfect for additional aging.

Determining how much space to allocate

for wine depends on how diligent you are in terms of consuming them. I suggest drinking roses, whites and lighter reds before heavier reds.

One exception is fine chardonnays that are young. Some may improve with a year or two in the bottle. I prefer reds with less than 14 percent alcohol. Wines with 15 percent alcohol or more are usually questionable in terms of aging.

The best temperature at which to serve almost all wines is around 60 F to 68 F. I often decant wines for 15 to 30 minutes before consuming; aeration usually helps young wines, including those sealed with a screwcap.

As for wine cabinets, many are made to protect fragile older wines



from deterioration. But for wines that should be consumed sooner, these units are too expensive because they do not improve most of those wines.

In fact, such units may actually retard young wines that need to develop some of their aromatics. Keeping such bottles cold actually can harm the development of fine red wines. Enjoy them while they're still fruity.

**Wine of the Week:**  
2022 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Blanc, Central Coast (\$18) — Vermentino is a white Italian grape with

remarkable characteristics if it's harvested early and allowed to retain its tropical fruit-like elements. In this wine, 60 percent is from that grape and 40 percent is grenache blanc. The primary aroma is fresh pears from the former grape and a delicate spice from the latter. The wine is dry but still succulent! It's occasionally discounted to about \$15.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).  
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fresh croissants, they disappear fast. No waste happens here. Hillside also has partnered with downtown hot spots like Marrow, Ash Bar and Barda, as well as with Ferlito's just down the street.

Rentenbach knew there was more to offer than just loaves of bread. His specialty deli-style sandwiches are a hidden gem. Always aiming for fresh, locally sourced produce and affordable ingredients, these sandwiches — made with the freshest of bread, flour straight from Vermont and fancy European butter — are out of this world. Big enough to share, the Dinty Moore, roasted chicken club, Parisian ham & cheese and BLT are regular menu options.



French Dip.

To find seasonal weekly specials, like a hot Italian beef sandwich or a stacked-high French Dip, check out Hillside's social media pages.

Breakfast sandwiches are served all day as well.



Avocado Toast.

The avocado toast is one of the most popular items, with pickled cabbage and an over-easy egg. I assure you, it's like eating a piece of art. For the summer they've added chicken salad to the mix, as well as an excellent chickpea salad. Both are great grab-and-go options.

In the winter months, I highly recommend the soups. Hillside's white bean, turkey sausage and kale soup is something I look forward to every week. And the tomato bisque is one of the best on Mack. A cup of soup with a delicious ham and cheese scone makes for an

excellent lunch.

And gazpacho has made its return for the summer — topped with crumbled feta, too. The chicken pot pie in the cooler months sells out before noon, so you definitely don't want to miss out on those when they're available.

Rentenbach does a great job keeping a constant rotation of eclectic and flavorful gourmet quiche options. He has a knack for knowing which seasonal cheeses and vegetables flow. One slice is a meal in itself.

Another item in a constant flavor rotation is the very popular macarons. These colorful sweets make for a great treat or boxed up as a gift. Muffins and giant cookies, made fresh daily, welcome customers upon entry and make for a hard decision.



Macarons.

Saturday mornings are dangerous with extra special breakfast items, like stuffed brioche buns, buttery stuffed croissants and massive cinnamon rolls. There's not one thing I've ever tried that I didn't say, "Wow, that's good."

This summer you can also grab Hillside Hearth weekly goodies at the Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

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"I never thought I would live a life where I wake up at 2:30 a.m., drive 30 minutes from Ferndale to Grosse Pointe Woods and bake as

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# Fishing Classic wraps with big tales and smiles

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

We are in the waning hours of the 2024 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic, which ends today, Thursday, June 27.

As the last lines are thrown in the water, we can't help but reflect on the enthusiastic turnout, the gorgeous sun-drenched Grosse Pointe days and the spectacular bass, pike, muskie and walleye that were reeled in by the skillful hands of old pros and beginners alike.

Tonight the contest ends and final tallies will be tabulated to appear in the July 18 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. This week's cash prizes were awarded for each eligible fish category, plus two overall largest fish prizes going to one angler in the 12 and under divisions and one to the 13 and up divisions, by

both boat and on shore. Weekly raffle prizes will also be awarded from a random drawing.

Leading in the winner's circle is Adam Morath, of Grosse Pointe Park, He caught the overall largest fish this week with his 24" pike. He also placed No.1 in the pike category in Division B.

Five-year-old Parker Hurd took the youth prize for largest overall fish, an 18" walleye. He also won for the walleye category in Division A. Walleye and muskie made themselves scarce this year in the competition, so his was a rare win.

The boaters showed up big this week with Tom Kolojeski leading the pack with a 17.5" smallmouth bass, taking top position in that category for Division D.

This shot of Ben Jacob's 15" smallmouth bass, above, captures the essence of the Fishing Classic experience by boat. Jacob caught the fish on Lake St. Clair's Kerby Cove. Beautiful!

*2024 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic*

- DIVISION A (ON SHORE) - Ages 12 & under
- DIVISION B (ON SHORE) - Ages 13 & older
- DIVISION C (BOATING) - Ages 12 & under
- DIVISION D (BOATING) - Ages 13 & older

Fishing area: Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land or boat

Dates: May 30 - June 27, 2024

**Cash prizes:**

- \$50 per fish category for the A & C divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.
  - \$25 per fish category for the B & D divisions, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week.
- ALSO weekly drawings for gift cards, gear and other prizes.

Visit [grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic) for full contest rules and details.

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# TOP FISH



## LEADERBOARD

★ LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK PER AGE DIVISIONS

★ LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK PER FISH CATEGORY IN DIVISION

### DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

- 1 PARKER HURD 18" WALLEYE ★★
- 2 MACKENZIE HURD 7" SM BASS ★

### DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER NO ENTRIES

### DIVISION D BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

- 1 TOM KOLOJESKI 17.5" SM BASS ★
- 2 ANDREW PHILLIPS 17" LM BASS
- 3 ANDREW PHILLIPS 15" LM BASS (TIE)
- 4 BEN JACOB 15" SM BASS (TIE)
- 5 CHRIS RAMALES 14.5" SM BASS
- 6 CHRIS RAMALES 14" SM BASS
- 7 WILLIAM BUHALIS 13.5" LM BASS

### DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

- 1 ADAM MORATH 24" PIKE ★★
- 2 BEN JACOB 20" PIKE (TIE)
- 2 SKIP MOODY 20" PIKE (TIE)
- 4 JOSEPH O'LAUGHLIN 19" SM BASS ★
- 5 JOSEPH MILLER 18.5" SM BASS
- 6 MALCOM RICHARDS 17" LM BASS
- 7 BEN JACOB 16.5" SM BASS
- 8 ANDREW PHILLIPS 15" LM BASS
- 9 JOSEPH MILLER 8" SM BASS

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CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!



This 24" pike, above, caught by Adam Morath, of Grosse Pointe Park, was reeled in at Windmill Pointe Park. The giant fish made Morath this week's pike winner as well as the top fisherman in all categories.



Tom Kolojeski, from Grosse Pointe Farms, nabbed a big 17.5" smallmouth bass to take the category for Division D.



Joseph O' Laughlin, from Grosse Pointe Farms, pulled up the 19" smallmouth bass, above, at Farms Pier Park. The sizable fish made him the category winner for Division B.

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# 9 Holes of Fishing - Part 2



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Skip Moody's 20" pike was caught at City Park. for Division B.



The 20" pike, above, caught by Ben Jacobs, of Grosse Pointe Farms for Division B, came from the waters of Pier Park.



Joseph Miller got the whopping 18.5" smallmouth bass, above, at Windmill Pointe Park. Miller, of Grosse Pointe Park is competing in Division B.

By Brian Owen  
Guest Writer

Last week I shared the concept of a 9-hole fishing course as a way to gamify fishing, along with the first three holes of the fictional Grosse Pointe Municipal fishing course.

One of the keys to fishing smallmouth on Lake St. Clair is to be willing to move from spot to spot in search of fish. Some spots may hold fish at different times during the day so luck and timing are factors.

One thing I've observed using this concept is that I am more willing to leave a spot if I'm not getting any bites or if the fish are small. I'm less likely to wait around for the action to come to me, especially if I have a list of proven spots.

Two of the holes for this week are manmade. One a shipwreck and the other the remains of days gone by. What they have in common is they are excellent landmarks for smallmouth fishermen who rely on structure to attract fish.

Here are holes 4-6:

**Hole No. 4 — Delphine**  
42.38287° N, 82.89896° W

In the early 1920s, Horace Dodge took possession of the SS Delphine, a 258' yacht he had commissioned. Dodge kept the Delphine docked at his estate in Grosse Pointe Farms where today you can still find the remains of the pier along with the channel that was made for its safe passage. The channel is deeper and surrounded by weed beds. The abandoned wood and stone pilings of the former pier hold fish throughout the summer.

Tip: The Delphine Channel runs southeast from the coordinates above to the shipping channel. The deeper channel should hold fish during the hotter summer months.

**Hole No. 5 — Shipwreck**  
42.36862° N, 82.91480° W

Your landmark here is the culvert next to Patterson Park. At these exact coordinates, you will discover what appears to be the remains

of a shipwreck which is also surrounded by a smattering of boulders. Smallmouth can often be caught directly off the shipwreck itself and the surrounding areas.

Tip: Try burning a lipless crankbait over the underwater ruins of the Delphine's pier or the shipwreck in the early morning. Smallmouth could be foraging nearby!

**Hole No. 6 — Trombley Garden**  
42.36662° N, 82.91934° W

At this location is a giant weed bed extending from shore to about 1/2 mile out from the foot of Trombley. There are also massive boulders before the weed bed coming from the south. Smallmouth can be found in the weeds or the surrounding areas almost any time of the fishing season.

Tip: On a bright day, cast a spinner bait above the weeds and retrieve it fast enough that it doesn't get caught in them. You can often watch the fish emerge from the shade of the vegetation to ambush your lure! On an overcast day or earlier in the morning, try a topwater bait here.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN OWEN

Brian Owen is a local fishing aficionado who loves the sport and enjoys sharing his knowledge and experiences with other anglers.

## FISH

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Joseph O' Laughlin was the bass winner for Division B, with an 19" smallmouth caught at Pier Park. O' Laughlin resides in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Three-year-old Mackenzie Hurd won the bass category for her 7" smallmouth caught at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The raffle winners walked away with great prizes this week including a \$100 gift card from Fishbones for Chris Ramales of Grosse Pointe Woods. Dinner at Fishbones is always a delectable treat this winner will be sure to enjoy.

Joseph Miller, of Grosse Pointe Park, was the lucky draw for the gift card from Lakeside Fishing to select some new gear or tackle.

Joseph O' Laughlin, of Grosse Pointe Farms, won the gift card from Fairway Packing's The Steak Shop. He'll get to enjoy some delicious prime meats this summer. The Wally's frozen custard gift card went to William Buhalis, age 13. Malcom Richards, age 13, won a gift card from the Chocolate Bar Cafe.

The two winners who each get to pick a prize from the Logitech electronic prize box are Ben Jacob and

Skip Moody. Both are from Grosse Pointe Farms.

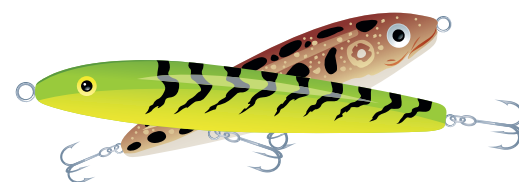
There is one more day to qualify for the raffle prizes — and all you have to do is enter a fish of any size!

Congratulations to all of our winners this week as well as all contestants. Everyone is a winner who gets outside for some fishing fun. Those who braved the heat and humidity this week and fished anyway deserve an extra round of applause.

Sponsors Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, Lakeside Fishing, Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.'s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Wally's Frozen Custard, Chocolate Bar Cafe and the Grosse Pointe News are so happy that the community has rallied to get in on this good-natured competition and a chance to hone their fishing skills.

Be sure to get in on this last day of the Classic — get out to the piers and parks — or jump on the boat and reel in a contender of your own.

Big finish, fishers!





# Adorable **WINNING KIDS!**

*This precious duo, from the Hurd family of Grosse Pointe Woods, took top prizes this week in their division. Congratulations to these little ones with the HUGE fishing skills!*



**Parker Hurd, 5, won both the biggest fish in his age division and tops in category with this 18" walleye, above.**



**Mackenzie Hurd, 3 took the category with a pretty 7" smallmouth bass, above, caught at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.**

## **BOATING FOR BIG BASS**



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ENTRANTS

**William Buhalis, 13, caught this nice 13.5" largemouth bass, above, on Lake St. Clair. Buhalis entered this fish in Division D.**

**The 14.5" smallmouth bass, right, was caught by Chris Ramales, of Grosse Pointe Woods for Division D.**



**Andrew Phillips caught this great 17" largemouth bass, above, on Lake St. Clair for Division D. The skilled fourteen-year-old also caught a 15-incher at Lake Front Park this week.**

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# COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!



**FIRST PLACE**  
**KATE PADESKY • AGE 7**

Congratulations to our two winners of a \$25<sup>00</sup> Whistle Stop Gift Card!

**SECOND PLACE**  
**EMMELINE MOORE • AGE 5**



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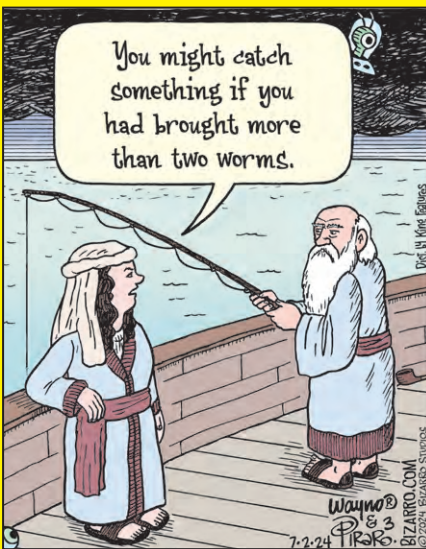


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**Bizarro** Dan Piraro and Wayno

**Ziggy** Tom Wilson



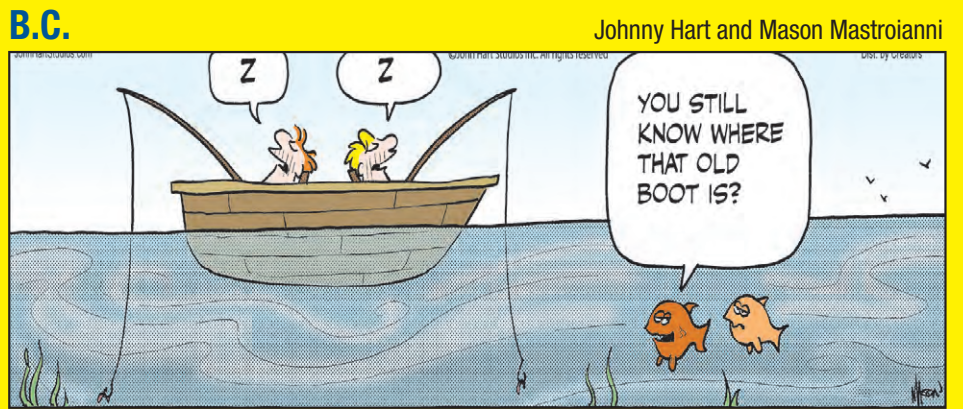
**Marmaduke** Paul & Brad Anderson

**Dennis the Menace** Hank Ketchum and Marcus Hamilton



"I agree with you, but fish like worms."

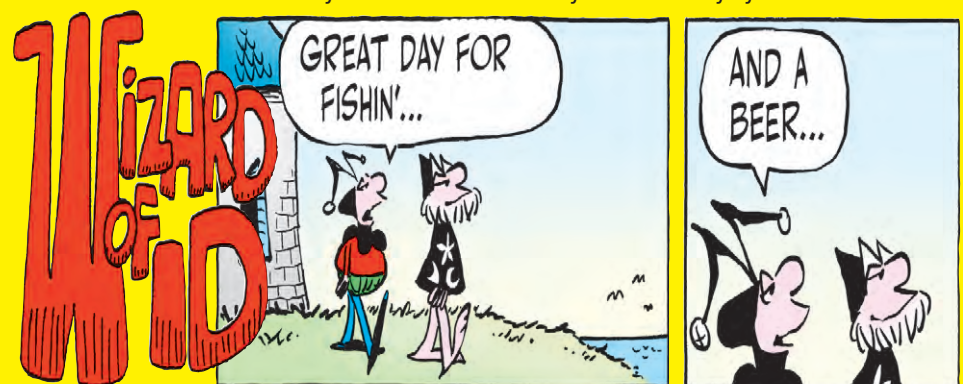
"SEE, DAD... AT LEAST YOU GOT YOUR BAIT BACK. WIN-WIN!"



**Hagar The Horrible** Dik Browne and Chris Browne



**Wizard of Id** Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



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Left, Owen Wilson as Nate Pullman, Izabela Vidovic as Via Pullman, Jacob Tremblay as Auggie Pullman and Julia Roberts as Isabel Pullman in the 2017 movie "Wonder," written by Stephen Chbosky, Steve Conrad and Jack Thorne and directed by Stephen Chbosky.

MOVIE REVIEW  
"Wonder"  
2017 - Rated - PG  
1 hr 53 min  
★★★★☆

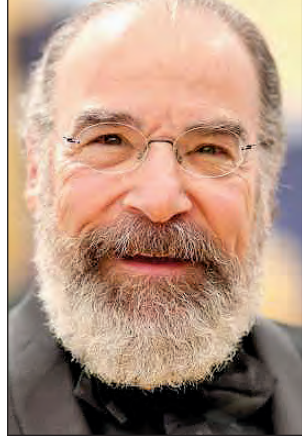
It's a wonder I wasn't aware of this remarkable film when it was released in 2017. You'd think with a lineup of stars like Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay (the gifted young actor who made his debut in "Room"), it would have gotten more buzz. It was brought to my attention

when it popped up as a rec on Netflix, and I must say, I can't recommend this family drama highly enough.

"Wonder" is based on the best-selling novel of the same name by R. J. Palacio and adapted for the screen by Steve Conrad, Jack Thorne, and the writer/director Stephen Chbosky ("The Perks of Being a Wallflower"). They've created a beautiful film that is guaranteed to tug at your heartstrings.



Teacher Mr. Browne played by Daveed Diggs.



School principal Mr. Tushman played by Mandy Patinkin.

The story is about ten-year-old August "Auggie" Pullman, a young boy who was born with Treacher Collins syndrome, which required him to undergo a string of 27 operations to reshape his face. Even with all the surgeries, his appearance is still a bit off. Because of this, his parents opt to home school him to allow him to grow up in a safe, comfortable environment.

Isabel (Roberts) put her pursuit of a master's degree on hold to devote herself to raising her son. He also has the full support of his loving and fun dad Nate (Wilson), and his attentive sister Via (Izabela Vidovic).

Auggie is a brainy kid and a science nerd who dreams of one day becoming an astronaut. When he goes out in public, he dons his beloved space helmet, which gives him confidence,

He's greeted by the kindly school principal Mr. Tushman (Mandy Patinkin), who jokes about his funny sounding name and makes him welcome. He's given a tour by some of his classmates and there his new life begins. Auggie strikes up a friendship with Jack (Noah Jupe) and the two seem to be buds. We witness the usual and expected amount of ostracism and derision from the kids. This actually surprised me a bit because I'd have thought the school would have prepared the students for the arrival of an unusual boy like Auggie. I guess it wouldn't have made as interesting a story if everything went smoothly.

A device the director Chbosky used quite effectively was dividing the film into several chapters that were nar-

rated by the principal characters. Not only did this give the viewer a different and more diverse perspective, it gave the film some added depth. It would have been less interesting if the story was told only through Auggie's eyes.

The story also follows the exploits of Auggie's sister Via. She's extremely supportive of her brother although she does harbor a bit of resentment because the whole family is part of "Team Auggie." When she returns to school, she tries to hook up with her childhood friend Miranda (Danielle Rose Russell). She spent the summer at camp and is now sporting some striking pink patches of hair. She won't return Via's texts or calls and it appears she's now too cool to hang out with her. Fortunately, Via is lured into participating in the school's drama program by Justin (Nadji Jeter). Before long, the two strike up a romantic relationship. And getting involved in the school play helps her come out of her own shell and find herself.

While several subplots do occur, the film is ultimately about Auggie. We see the encouragement he gets from a couple of devoted teachers Mr. Browne (Daveed Diggs) and Ms. Petosa (Ali Liebert). He comes to terms with the bullies at school and he befriends a smart young girl Summer (Millie Davis) as well as his old pal Jack. And he comes to the realization of what an exceptional person he is and what a loving family he's part of. To quote Via, "You can't blend in when you were born to stand out."

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



Currently streaming on Netflix and Tribeca Shortlist, and available to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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

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Auggie (Tremblay) gets more than his fair share of attention.



Jack (Jupe) and Auggie (Tremblay) on the school trip.



Auggie donning his space helmet



The cool kids at lunch.



Auggie (Tremblay) has lunch with Jack (Noah Jupe).



Dad (Wilson) and Auggie (Tremblay) have a heart-to-heart.



Taking a Christmas selfie.



Isabel (Roberts) with Auggie (Tremblay).

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 27, 2024:**

You're watchful, diligent, energetic and strong-willed. You have strong moral convictions, and you know how to defend yourself. This year will bring change and increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever might impede your progress and growth. Be ready to act fast on new opportunities. Travel is likely.

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

This is an excellent day for behind-the-scenes research. You will also have success quietly networking with others, perhaps online. Very possibly, your research will help a family member, a family business, or it might have something to do with home repairs. Tonight: Restless.

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

This is an excellent day to get advice from others, especially people who are older or more experienced. Very likely, a discussion with someone will illuminate matters for you to the extent that you might change your immediate goals. Expect practical information. Tonight: Friends.

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

Look sharp and be on your best behavior today, because a conversation with a boss or someone in authority might indirectly boost your income or have a favorable repercussion on your wealth and assets. This could be an introduction, a piece of advice or maybe a job offer. Tonight: Independence.

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

If you study anything today, you will likely learn something practical and useful. This could be information related to higher education, travel or something related to the government and the legality of doing something. Listen to anyone who has something to offer. Tonight: Changes.

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

Your interactions with others will benefit you in practical or financial ways today. Perhaps someone has advice about how to deal with debt or taxes. A discussion could relate to an inheritance or a beneficial government program. Listen to what others have to say. Who knows? Tonight: Check your finances.

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

This is a great day for a heart-to-heart discussion with a friend or a member of a group. Basically, your ability to work with others is excellent today, which means you can brainstorm ideas and share approaches about how to do things. Accept help wherever you find it. Tonight: Surprises.

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

This is a good day to talk to bosses, parents and people in authority to find lasting solutions to problems. Or perhaps you want to map out some goals or a strategy for the future. Others will listen to you, and you will be happy to listen to others. This will be a mutually beneficial conversation. Tonight: Check on your pets.

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

It will be easy to study and learn today. You might even choose to learn legal approaches to something or explore the intricacy of rules and reg-

ulations regarding travel. Get involved in discussions about healing, the law and medicine. Tonight: Plans change.

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

This is a good day to learn information about insurance issues, especially that apply to your home. You also might want to get more information about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. Stay on top of this practical info; it could be helpful. Tonight: Domestic surprise.

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

You want to have a meaningful discussion with someone today -- something real, not superficial. You want the luxury of saying what you think and feel to someone who will really listen to you. Ideally, this person is a partner or close friend. Tonight: Caution.

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

This is a productive day at work for any task that you choose. Very likely, whatever you do will boost your earnings or favor you. You might get advice about how to repair or take care of something. This advice also might relate to your health. Keep your ears open. Tonight: Check your belongings.

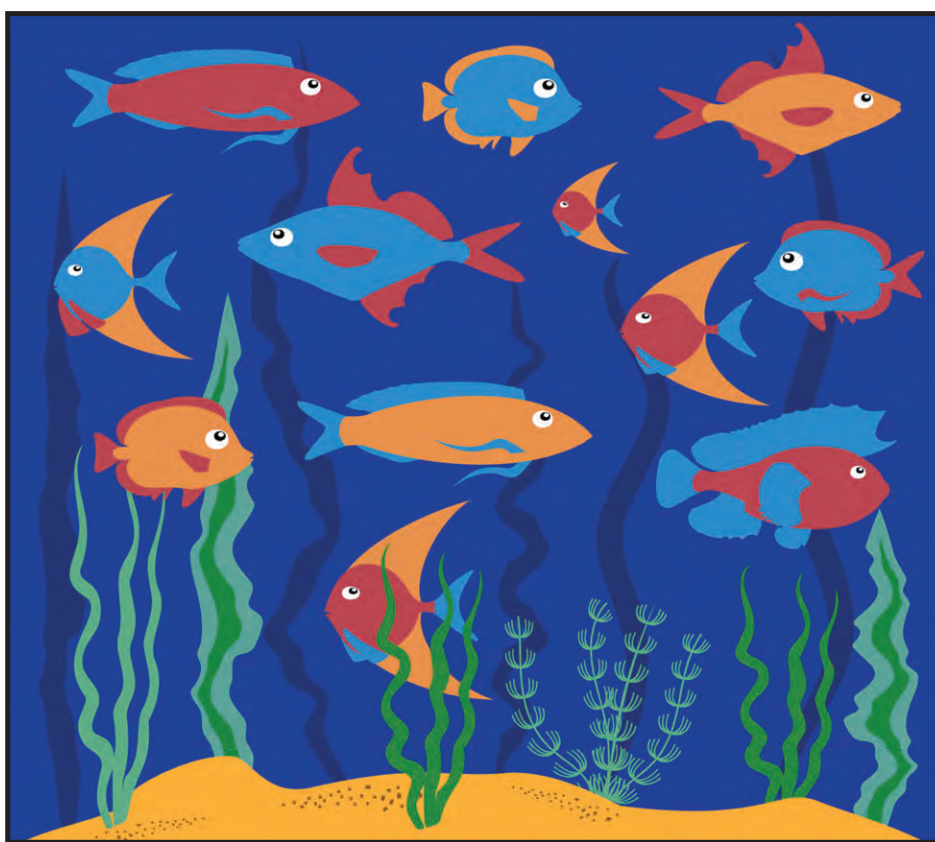
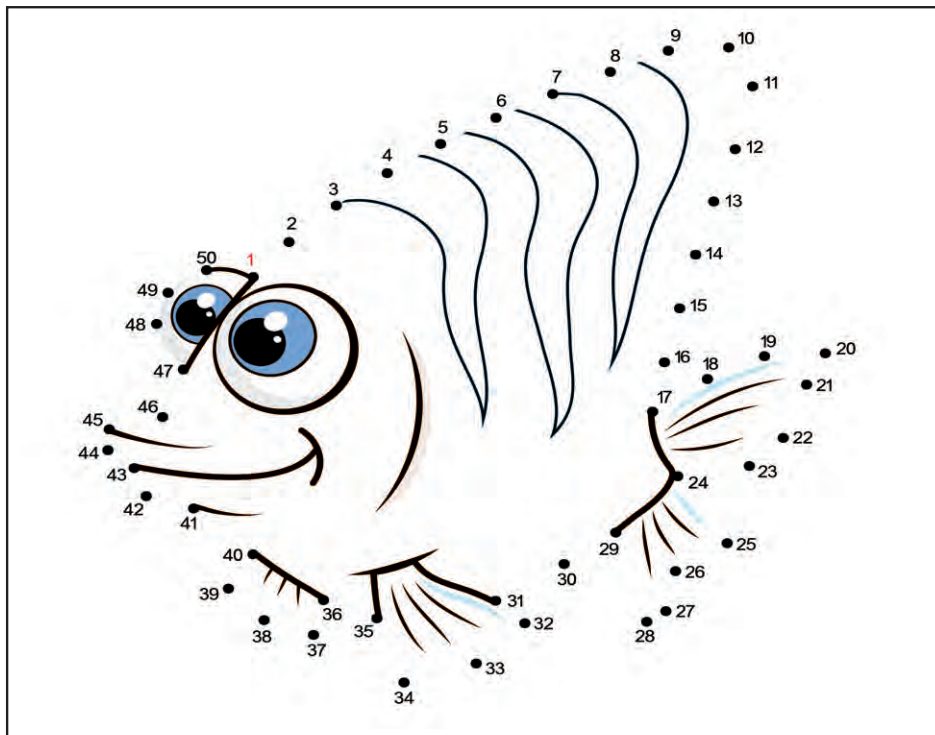
**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

A conversation with someone might lead to creative results today. This interaction could relate to the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. You have ideas to share! Tonight: Impulsive!

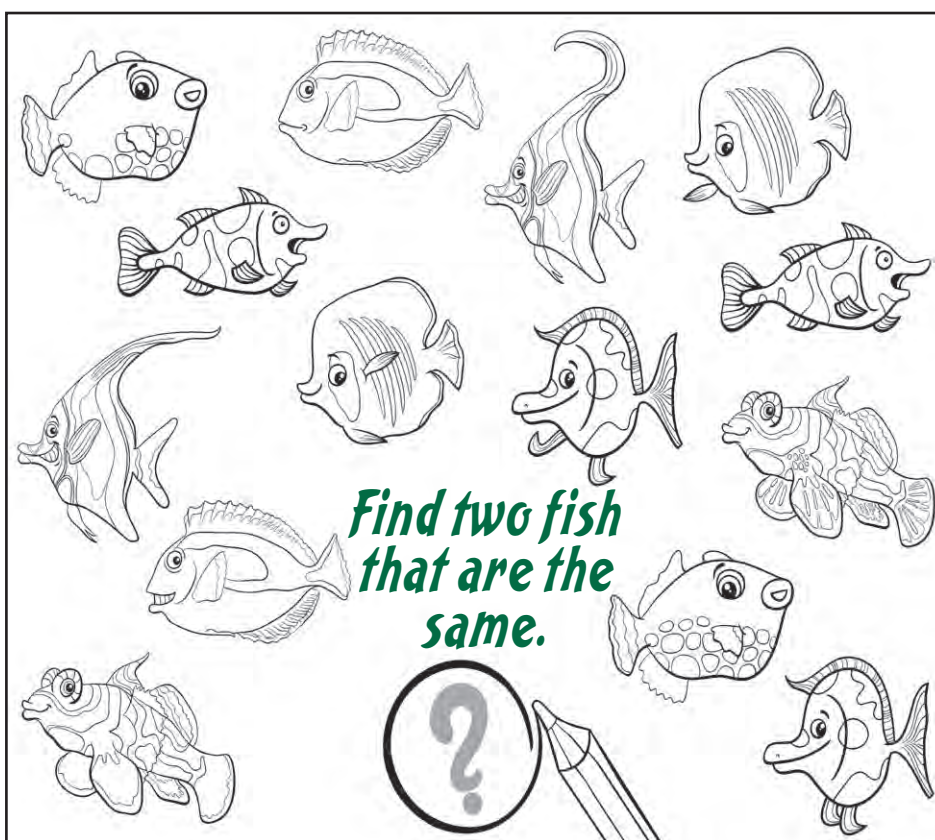
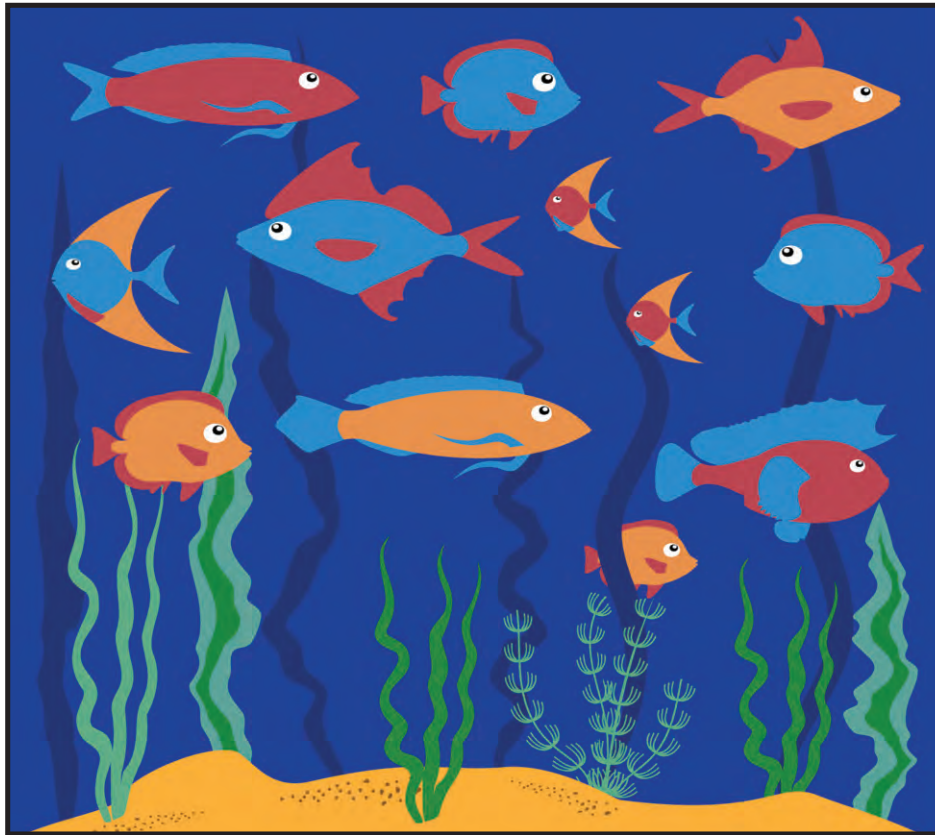
**BORN TODAY**

Actor Tobey Maguire (1975), filmmaker J.J. Abrams (1966), actor Chandler Riggs (1999).

## Connect the Dots & Color the Picture



## Find 10 Differences



Find two fish that are the same.

## Contract Bridge

**WARNING: DANGER AHEAD**

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

—  
♥A Q J 9 2  
♦9 8 4 2  
♣Q 10 8 5

**WEST**

♥K Q 10 6  
♦10 8 6 3  
♣Q 10 6  
♠K 2

**EAST**

♥A J 9 8 5 4 2  
♦7 4  
♠A J 3  
♣7

**SOUTH**

♥7 3  
♥K 5  
♦K 7 5  
♠A J 9 6 4 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♠	4 ♠	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Dble			

Opening lead — king of spades.

There are no magic rules to guide one to the best opening lead, and occasionally the wrong choice will produce a disastrous result.

Consider this deal where South wound up in six clubs doubled. Perhaps East should have opened three spades, which might have shut the opponents out of bidding. Instead, he started with one spade, allowing North-South to find their club fit.

West's spade lead was a dubious

choice, as he should have realized that North's four-spade cuebid indicated a void in the suit and that a spade lead would therefore accomplish nothing. Whether West should have led a diamond or a heart is debatable — but his actual lead proved fatal.

Declarer ruffed the spade in dummy and led the queen of clubs, on which East followed low. South made a good guess by going up with the ace and leading five rounds of hearts, discarding all three of his diamonds in the process.

West ruffed the fifth heart, but by then the setting trick — East's ace of diamonds — had already flown the coop. As a result, declarer made the slam and scored 1,660 points instead of going down one, which would have been his lot had West led a diamond originally.

Had it occurred to West that a spade lead was wrong, he might of course have misguessed and led a heart, in which case declarer would still have made the contract. But then again, West might have led a diamond and beaten the slam.

The bottom line is that since a spade lead did not figure to gain anything for his side, West should have dismissed it as a possibility and considered an alternative.

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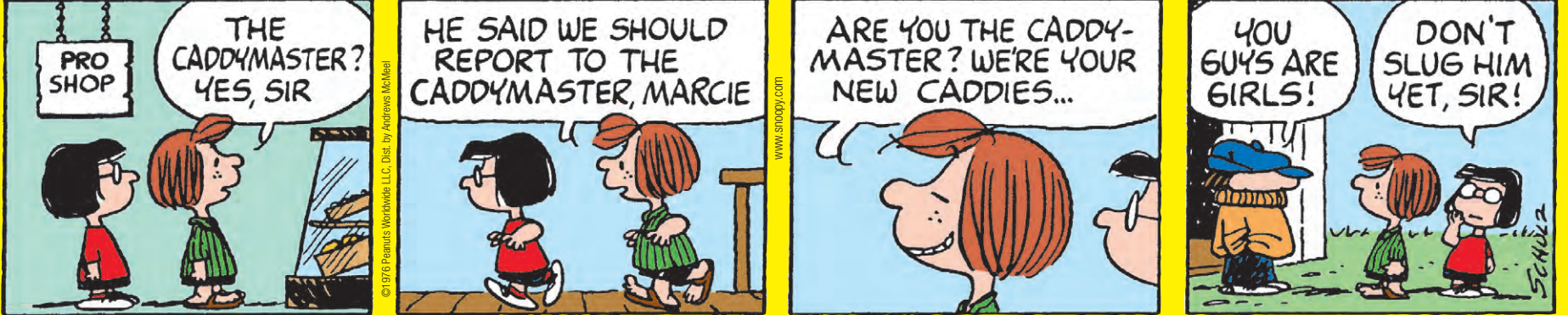
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



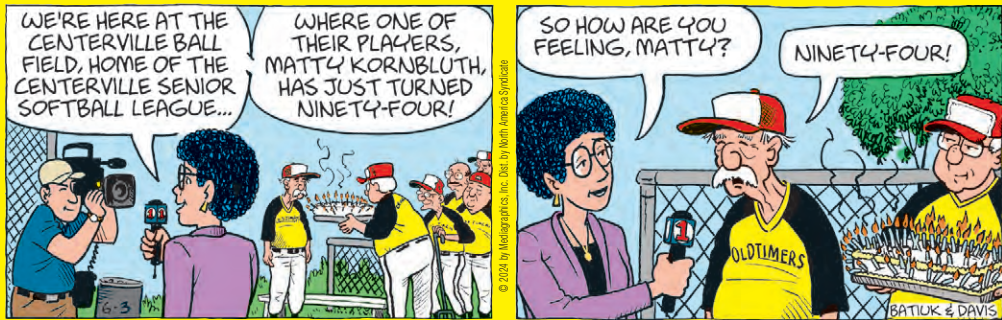
## Hagar The Horrible

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## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



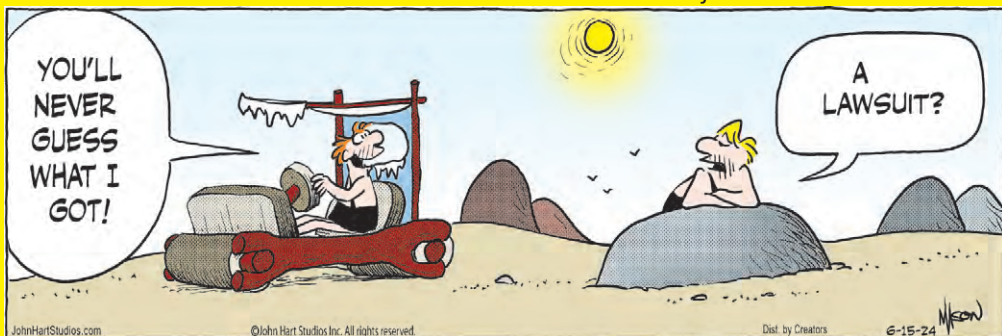
## Carpe Diem

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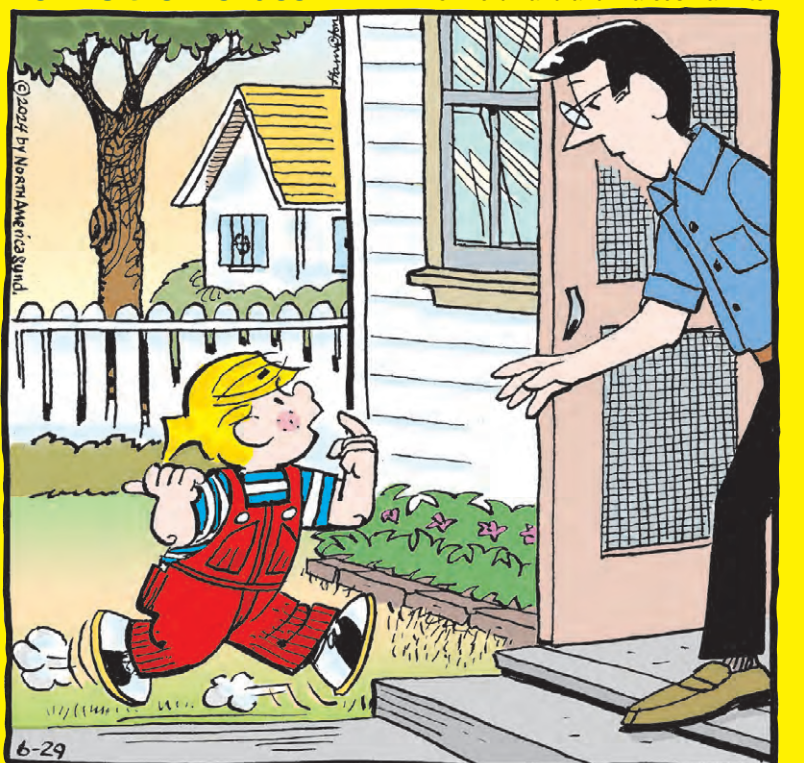
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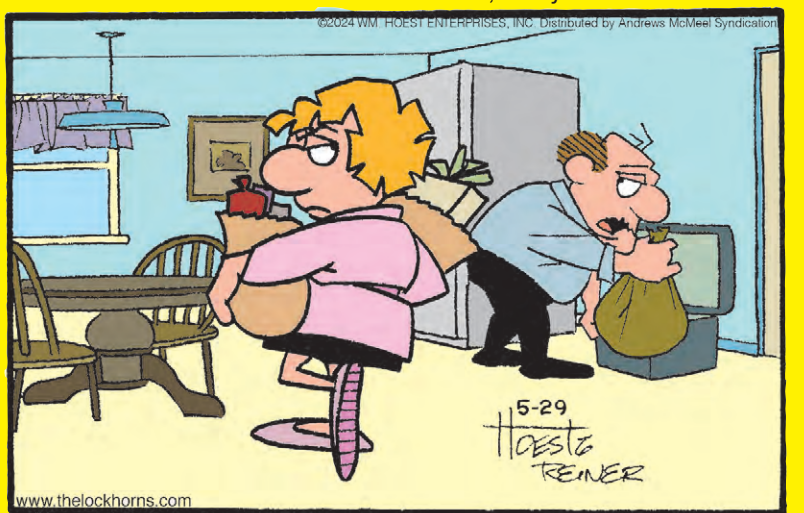
## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## The Lockhorns

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Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the five mistakes in this article. Then write it correctly on the lines or a sheet of paper.

## Legends of the Shapes and Shadows

Look at the face of a full moon. What do you thought the shapes and shadows look like?

Today, people know that the shapes and shadows on the fill moon are craters, mountains, valleys and plains. Long ago, people made up stories to try and explain these shapes and shadows. Some people thought the mon was made of cheese.

Some ancient Greeks beelieved a goddess lived in the moon, while the French saw a giant rabbit on the moon. And some Native Americans saw the shapes as a frog weaving a basket.

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Standards Link: Understand the origins of myths and legends.

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**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**

This week's word: **PHASE**

The noun **phase** means a step in a process of change.

The moon is very bright when it's in its full **phase**.

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

# Does the Moon Change Shape?

It might look like the moon changes shape, but it really doesn't. Do the phases of the moon experiment to see why it seems to change shape.

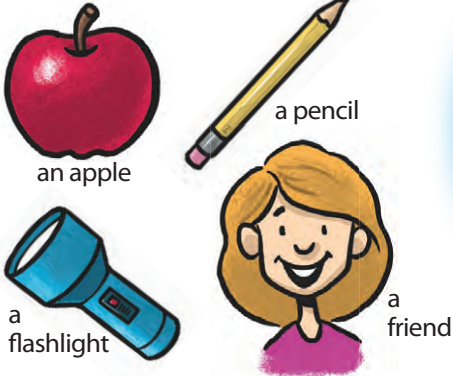
## PHASES OF THE MOON



Standards Link: Science: Understand cyclical phases of moon.

## Phases of the Moon Experiment

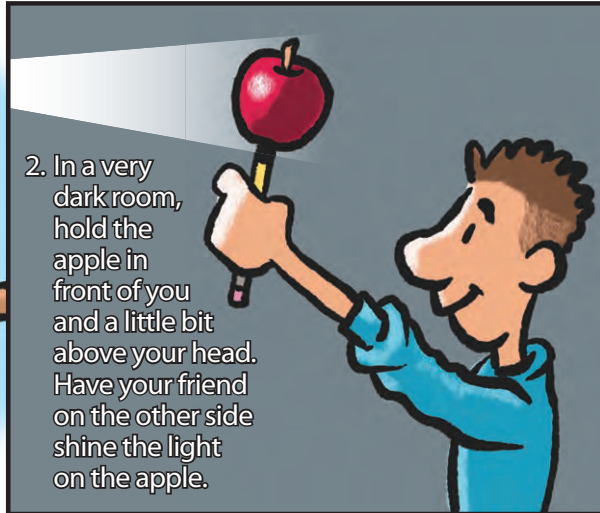
Stuff You'll Need:



1. Stick the apple on the pencil.

The apple is the moon, and your head is Earth. The flashlight is the sun.

2. In a very dark room, hold the apple in front of you and a little bit above your head. Have your friend on the other side shine the light on the apple.

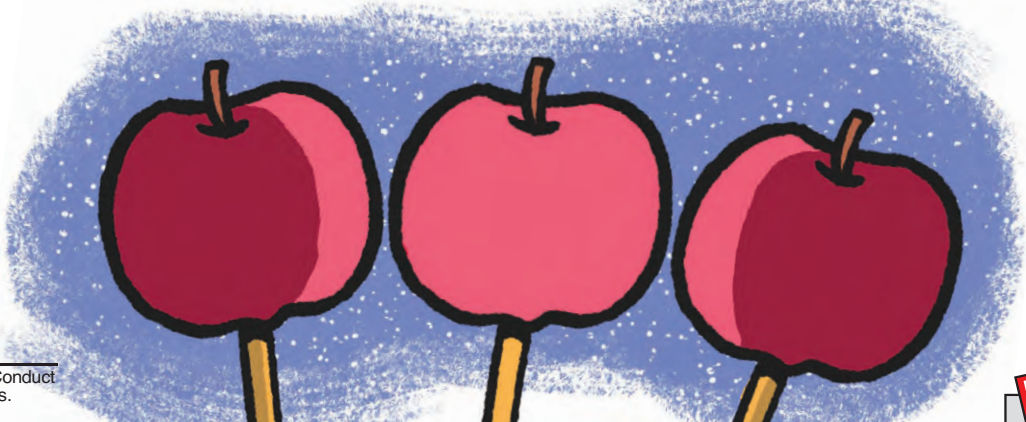


3. When you see only the dark side of the apple, this is like a new moon. When the sun is directly behind the moon and blocks the sunlight, that phase is called the new moon.

4. Stay in the same spot and turn your body slowly. Soon you will see a small part of the apple (moon) lit up. This is called a crescent moon.

5. Keep turning and you'll see more and more of the apple (moon) light up. At one point, one whole side of the apple will be in the light. This is the full moon phase.

6. Keep turning and you will see less and less of the apple (moon) lit up. When you can no longer see any of the apple (moon) lit up, you will have seen all the phases of the apple—er, moon!



Standards Link: Science: Conduct simple science experiments.

**Extra! Extra!**

### Pack for the Moon

What would you take if you were going to the moon? Look through the newspaper for five things you would pack.

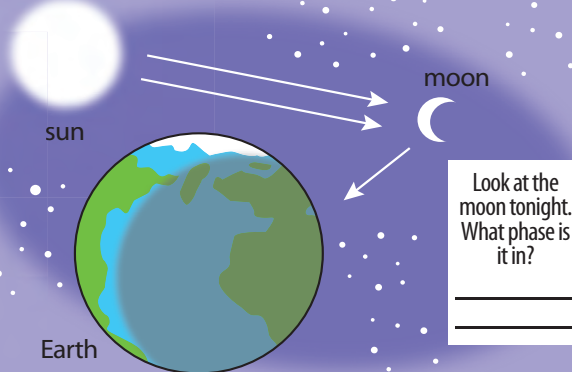
Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Does the moon really shine?

To discover the answer, cross out all the words below that rhyme with STAR.

THE CAR MOON TAR DOES GUITAR ARE NOT RADAR ACTUALLY JAR SHINE. IT IS SCAR LIKE A FAR MIRROR AND AVATAR REFLECTS THE JAGUAR LIGHT OF PAR THE HANDLEBAR SUN.

Standards Link: Science: Understand cyclical phases of moon.



Look at the moon tonight. What phase is it in?

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## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### First on the Moon

On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon. Use the code to find out what Armstrong's first words were when he set foot on the moon's surface.

CODE	A=10	M=5
	E=9	N=4
	G=8	P=3
	I=7	S=2
	L=6	T=1

"That's one  $\frac{2}{2} \frac{5}{1} \frac{10}{9} \frac{6}{3}$  for man, one  $\frac{8}{8} \frac{7}{7} \frac{10}{10} \frac{4}{4} \frac{1}{1} \frac{6}{6} \frac{9}{9} \frac{10}{10} \frac{3}{3}$  for mankind."

—NEIL ARMSTRONG

Standards Link: Follow written directions.



## Double Double Word Search

- APPLE
- CRESCENT
- DARK
- EARTH
- HALF
- LESS
- MIRROR
- MOON
- SEE
- SHAPE
- SHINE
- SPOT
- SUN
- TURN
- UP

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

S R O R R I M H J C  
D P F S H L T O S V  
A E O L E A S P O B  
E H N T Y L L U P N  
L T B I O E K F N R  
P E P A H S Y H M U  
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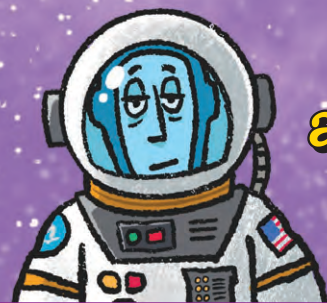
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Making Strides

Find a newspaper article about an advancement in science, education, art, the quality of life in your community, etc. Tell someone why you think this advancement will make life better for people.

Standards Link: Read from a variety of sources including newspapers.



## What do astronauts do when they get hungry?

ANSWER: They take a launch break.

## Write On!

### Cheese Moon

If the moon were made of cheese... Finish this story.

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.

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## Spring athletes end school year with All-State honors

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Summer is here and another exciting school year of high school sports action has concluded. High school sports champions for the spring were crowned in recent weeks and several spring athletes were recognized for their achievements with All-State honors in their respective sports.

Twenty-five athletes from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School found themselves on All-State lists across eight different sports this spring to commemorate their strong performances.

The sport where the most athletes from the Pointes received recognition this spring was girls soccer. Nine soccer players from the three schools were honored by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association on their All-State lists to end the season.

South had six players make the list in Division 1. Junior Savannah Spangler earned second-team All-State honors. Lilia



South's Addie Waller received an All-State honorable mention in Division 1 for softball.

Moussiaux, Morgan Lainey, Lilia Brundage, Brooke Hepner and Ava Pappas all earned honorable mentions.

Amelia Streberger from North made the first team All-State list in Division 2. Liggett had two players receive honors in Division 4, with Sofie Ancona being named first-team All-State and Kerith Short making third-team All-State.

Two baseball players were recognized by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association for their play on the diamond this spring. After helping lead North to an appearance in the Division 1 state semifinals, senior Brennan Hill was named first-team All-State as a pitcher. Also in

Division 1, South catcher Andrew Dilodovico made second-team All-State.

South senior Addie Waller was the only softball player to make the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-State list, being named an honorable mention in Division 1.

In girls tennis, six athletes were recognized by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

After being named Miss Hockey at the end of the winter season, University Liggett senior Sofie Ancona ended the spring season by earning first team All-State honors in Division 4 on the soccer pitch.



North senior pitcher Brennan Hill was named first team All-State in Division 1 after helping to lead the Norsemen to an appearance in the state semifinals.

lacrosse.

When it comes to boys lacrosse, four Blue Devils made the end-of-season list from the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association. Goalie Lucas Valice and defensive midfielder Jackson Rybicki received third-team

All-State honors in Division 2. Jack Smith and Ryan Peabody were Division 2 honorable mentions.

Based on their performances at the boys track and field state finals earlier this month, three athletes finished high enough on the podium to be named All-State. Clinton Allen from North received the accolade after winning the Division 1 state championship in discus. In

See ALL -STATE, page 4D

## Blue Devils' DiVita commits to volleyball powerhouse Nebraska

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

With the college sports recruiting cycle for the class of 2026 now open, one athlete from the Pointes already has made a major commitment. Grosse Pointe South High School rising junior Gabby DiVita announced her commitment Sunday, June 16, to join the women's volleyball team at the University of Nebraska.

"It's really surreal," DiVita said about receiving a scholarship offer from Nebraska. "I'm super excited and it's such a great opportunity. I honestly couldn't believe it."

DiVita currently is ranked as the No. 9 over-

all player in the country for the class of 2026 by PrepVolleyball.com. In her sophomore season with the Blue Devils, the outside hitter finished with 522 kills and was named second team All-State.

When she finally gets to Nebraska in a couple of years, DiVita will officially join her older sister in the ranks of the family's Division I athletes. Her sister, Jada DiVita, is a rising junior on the volleyball team at Lipscomb University in Tennessee.

With her older sister already having gone through the Division I recruiting process and her mother, Janeil DiVita, as her varsity coach at South, DiVita is

grateful for her family's help in deciding to join Nebraska.

"They've been such a great support system," she said. "My sister helped me a lot on June 15, keeping me grounded and giving me advice and everything. I can't thank them enough for everything they've done and for being super supportive."

The Cornhuskers are widely considered to be a "blue blood" program when it comes to college volleyball. Nebraska has won five national championships, most recently in 2017, and reached the

Grosse Pointe South rising junior Gabby DiVita proudly wears the logo of her future school as she recently announced her commitment to play Division I college volleyball at the University of Nebraska.

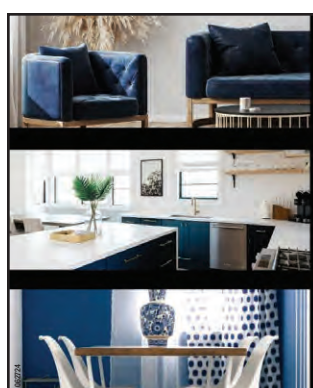
national title match in 2023. The program also holds the NCAA record for most all-time wins.

She still has two years of high school volleyball left at South and DiVita is looking forward to improving her skill set while helping the Blue Devils to wins before joining one of college volleyball's premiere programs.

"I think I can improve in every single aspect," DiVita said, "just getting stronger in the off-seasons and making sure I'm as prepared as I can be going into Nebraska and try and contribute."



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In recent weeks, various champions have been crowned for the 2024 Little League baseball and softball season. This year's champions in the Grosse Pointe Park, Farms-City and Woods-Shores Little Leagues and Grosse Pointe Little League Softball have all been determined after another great season of action and excitement on the diamond. Congratulations to this year's champions!

### Little League Softball



The Longhorns took the title in the Minors division after defeating the Bruins 8-3.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TIM LINDOW

The Peppers became this year's Majors division champions with a 10-5 win over the Scrap Yard Dawgs in the championship game.



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In the AA division, the Hooks lifted the trophy as champions.



### Farms-City Little League



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The Red Wings earned this year's AAA division championship by defeating the Space Cowboys 7-5.



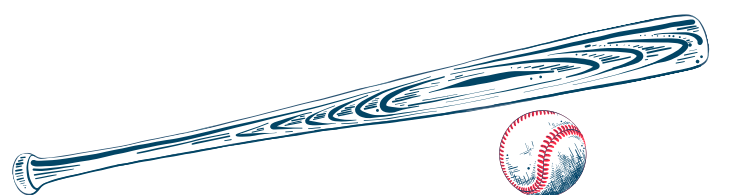
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The Grasshoppers wear their championship medals proudly after winning this year's A division title.



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The White Sox display their medals after becoming champions of the Majors division.



# LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS | 3D

## Park Little League



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In the AAA World Series, the Pirates battled to a championship victory over the Mets in three games.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE KIDDER

The White Sox claimed the title in the Majors division with a World Series win over the Dodgers in three games.



The Orioles were crowned champions of the AA World Series after winning two games over the Mariners.

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## Woods-Shores Little League



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATHAN TRESKA

The Tar Heels celebrate with their trophies after becoming Collegiate Division champions.



The A's reigned supreme this season in the Majors division.



In the Minors division, the Lugnuts took home this summer's title.



# 4D | SPORTS

## ALL-STATE:

Continued from page 1D

Division 3, Liggett's

Jake Juip was state champion and All-State in the 100- and 200-meter adaptive races.

Also from Liggett,

Santino Cicarella was All-State in the 100- and 200-meter sprints after reaching the podium in both events.



North senior Amelia Streberger was named first team All-State in Division 2 soccer for a second consecutive season.



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South boys lacrosse goalie Lucas Valice ended the spring by making the third team All-State list in Division 2.

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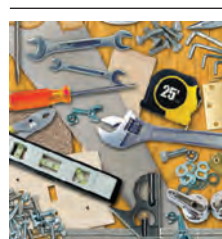
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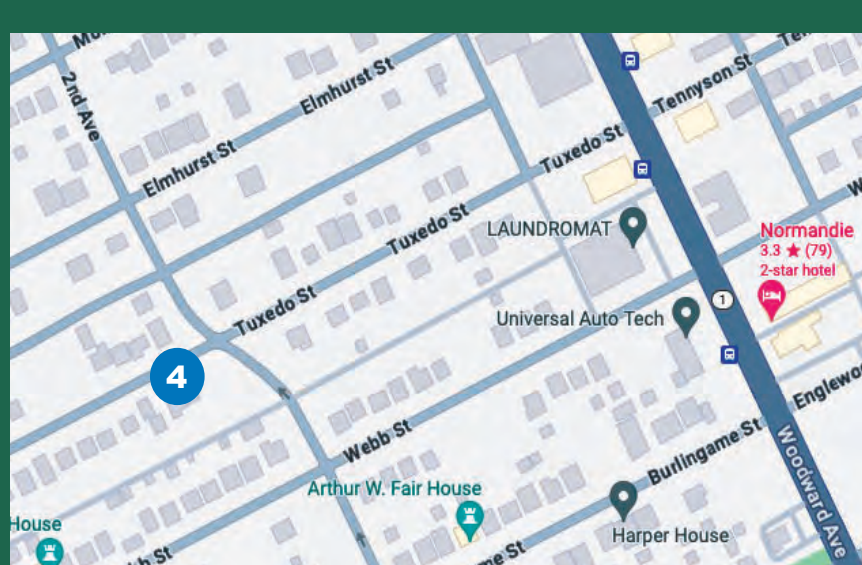
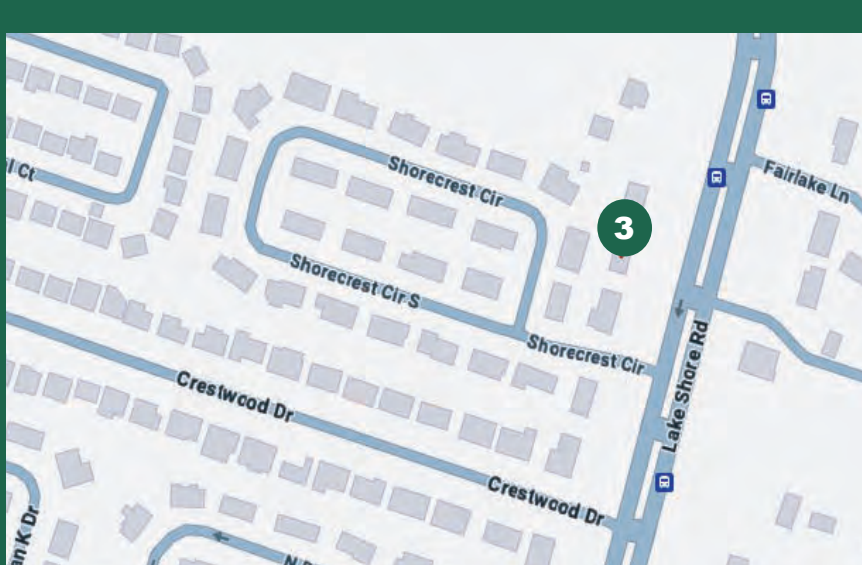
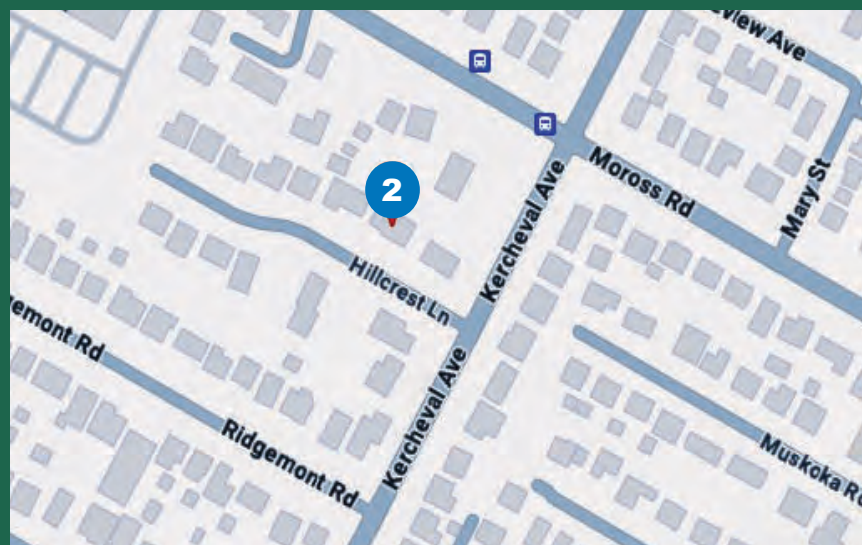
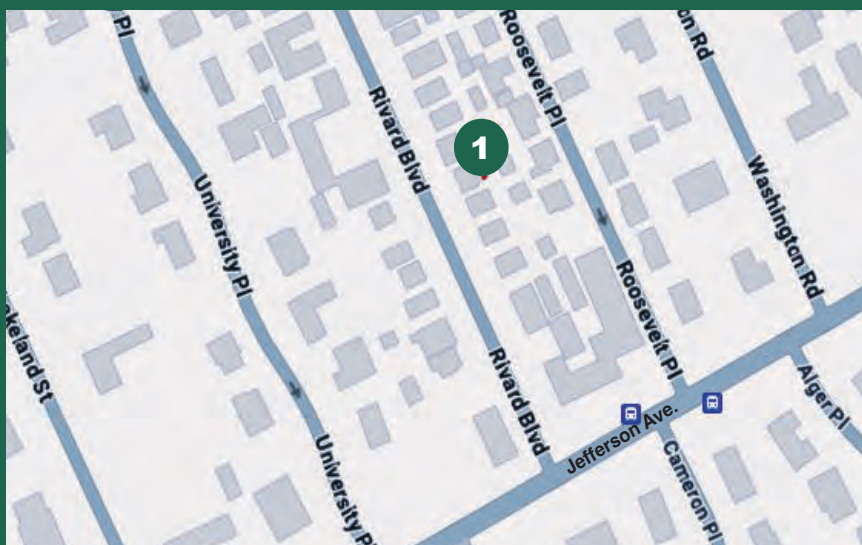
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**THIS WEEK**

1. 312 Rivard, GPC
2. 160 Hillcrest Lane, GPF

3. 1001 Lake Shore, GPS
4. 109 Tuxedo, Highland Park

● = ESTATE SALE  
○ = YARD SALE

See Classifieds for more details

6D | SPORTS



# Little League photo of the week

While celebrating their 30 year reunion, members of the Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1994 celebrated by taking a fathers and sons coaches picture, as eight members of the Class of '94 are currently coaching in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League. The coaches and Class of '94 graduates include Nathan Treska, Sean McBrady, Emmett DeGuvera, Andrew Daniell, Ryan Locke, Mark Aliahmad, Michael Collins and Robert McLeod.

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# Figure skaters to represent Pointes on national stage

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Claire Wengel, above left second from left, finished first at the Cherry Classic in Traverse City earlier this month and will compete in the U.S. Figure Skating Excel National Festival in July. Pierce Middle School seventh grader Evelyn Sherding, above right, also earned her spot in the national competition which will be held in Boston, Mass. beginning on July 11.

# Athlete of the Year contest voting continues

By GP News Staff

News Athlete of the Year contest is now open. Sports fans from around the community can now cast their votes for who they think should be named male and female Athletes of the Year. Readers can vote for one male and one female athlete every 24 hours until voting concludes at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Voting

can be done online; the virtual ballot may be found on [grossepointe-news.com](http://grossepointe-news.com) or through Grosse Pointe News social media channels. A copy of the paper ballot can be found to the left and submitted to the Grosse Pointe News office, 16980 Kercheval in The Village.

Of the 38 outstanding athletes who make up this year's finalists, four will receive honors as Athletes of the Year. One male and one female athlete will be named the winners of the Readers' Choice vote. Additionally, one male and one female athlete will be named Athlete of the Year winners by the Grosse Pointe News staff.


All four winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship to their respective college or university courtesy of the Grosse Pointe News. The Athlete of the Year contest is a chance for these athletes to once again be recognized for their incredible achievements and the memories they have made throughout their high school sports careers. The contest is meant as a reminder of how important athletics is to a community like Grosse Pointe and how these athletes will continue to have an impact on their respective schools and programs for years to come.

Once again, the Grosse Pointe News would like to thank Expert Heating & Cooling, Village Grille, Pointe Capital Management LLC and Shana Sine-Cameron and Sine & Monaghan Real Estate for being Athlete of the Week sponsors throughout the school year and for supporting these great athletes and their achievements.

If you are interested in becoming an Athlete of the Week sponsor in the future, please contact [media@grossepointe-news.com](mailto:media@grossepointe-news.com).

The Grosse Pointe News encourages subscribers to participate in voting and support the recognition of these talented athletes. The winners of this year's Athlete of the Year contest will be announced in the Grosse Pointe News and on social media July 18.

Voting for the third annual Grosse Pointe




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### ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2024 VOTING FORM


Please fill in the circle next to one male and one female athlete.

<p>First Name _____</p> <p>Last Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>	<p><b>MALE</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clinton Allen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Preston Auld</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Preston Barr</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brady Beers</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hunter Belanger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Drew Brady</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ben Bryan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rocco Cardinale</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sebastian Courtright</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wyatt Hepner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brennan Hill</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Maksim Johns</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Troy Liu</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tommy Moreland</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Karter Richards</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Rochon</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gary Stacy</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jordan Stefanides</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brennan Sullivan</p>	<p><b>FEMALE</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sofie Ancona</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Natalie Babcock</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elsa Bachert</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Avery Beal</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Avery Bellish</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Maddy Benard</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Abby Brink</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Carly Brown</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brynn Collins</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hallie Marcero</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Allison Mattes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Peberdy</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lily Petz</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Milania Rodriguez</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Allie Roth</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rosie Smith</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Savannah Spangler</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Anne Wayman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jenna Winowiecki</p>
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### 2024 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION AND PENALTIES

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Tim Rowland  
 Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller

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### VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY

#### NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 282

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting held on June 18, 2024, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 282.

Ordinance No. 282 amends Article VI, Chapter 6 of the City Code of Ordinances by adding new Section 6-175, allowing, in certain circumstances, the use of automatic retractable swimming pool covers in lieu of the current requirement of continuous outdoor swimming pool perimeter fencing.

A copy of Ordinance No. 282 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

Bruce R. Nichols  
 City Clerk  
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