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Former councilman  
Doug Kucyk

## Kucyk honored

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Having resigned in May to move to South Carolina, former Shores councilman Doug Kucyk was honored for his service to the community through a proclamation from council Tuesday, May 25.

After moving to the Shores in 2012 with his wife, Mercedes, he joined city council in November 2015, and has served on the finance committee, planning commission, parks committee, tree board and beautification committee.

“His dedication personifies the meaning of being a person of others,” the proclamation reads. “... Mr. Kucyk will truly be missed as part of this community.”

As a graduate of E m b r y - R i d d l e Aeronautical University with a master’s degree in aeronautical science, Kucyk served as an air traffic controller in the U.S. Air Force 20 years.

Upon his retirement, he then worked in the defense field 18 years, as

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## Grill fire engulfs back of home

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — What started as a small barbeque grill fire in a La Belle backyard around 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6, morphed into 10-foot flames engulfing the rear of the home and half the yard by the time officers were alerted and

arrived on scene.

The homeowner first attempted to put out the small fire with a garden hose, before passersby noticed the flames and 911 calls began coming in.

“If you have a small fire, call us right away,” said Farms Lt. Tom Shimko, who was in charge of the scene. “We don’t mind coming to a small fire and put-

ting it out initially. But she initially tried to put the fire out with her hose, so that cost her time and that’s why the fire spread so (quickly).”

There were no injuries and officers were able to put out the fire in about 4 minutes, with help from Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods crews.

“We had a lot of water on it

quickly,” Shimko said. “The term is called ‘hit it hard from the yard’ and that’s what we did. We saw the fire, we put a lot of water on it and did a great knock down on it.”

The homeowner told officers she believed the cause was a leak in the gas line on the new

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## Don’t forget Dad!

**Grosse Pointe Park Director of Parks and Recreation Chad Craig, with sons KJ and Bryce, is among the local dads featured in our Father’s Day pages — which also include gift ideas for dads, the winner of our “Funniest Father” contest and suggested games to play on the big day — beginning on page 6C.**



COURTESY PHOTO

## Master plan open house gains feedback

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The Park’s planning commission held an open house at the Tompkins Center Tuesday, May 25, to reveal master plan survey results and further engage residents as it moves toward next steps in the update process.

Partnering group MKSK organized a survey to gather community feedback. Receiving community feedback via various methods has been in the works since January.

Parts of the process have been delayed due to COVID-19, and the team has had to figure out how to successfully gain feedback on the update process virtually. With new CDC guidelines and the ability to safely host an open house for feedback, the group jumped at the opportunity.

“Because of COVID we weren’t able to have anything in person until now,”

MKSK representative Ann Marie Kerby said during the event. “I think it’s going really well.”

The open house revealed the survey results on large posters, with stickers and comment boxes for residents to provide additional feedback.

“There were over 100 people who showed up to give their input,” Kerby said in reflection. “Overall we had an engaging crowd that actively asked questions and interacted with the facilitators and also provided thoughtful comments and voted on what they would like to see improved in Grosse Pointe Park.”

“(I) want to especially thank MKSK, our planning commission and park staff for putting this event on and volunteering their time,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

With additional feedback provided from the

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## City Hall emergency generator updated

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A new emergency generator was installed at city hall, replacing a generator from 1973. New technology made the city realize it was time for an upgrade.

“It served well over time, but did not have the capacities to keep the building up and running should a storm or a DTE outage occur,” City Administrator Bruce Smith said.

The new generator’s life expectancy is more than 30 years and will be capa-

ble of providing power in the case of an outage.

“Historically power loss has happened multiple times a year,” Director of Public Services Frank Schulte said in an email.

The generator cost \$309,000 and was installed Saturday, May 15.

“(It) was a crucially needed piece of equipment to keep operational functions going at city hall,” Schulte said.

— Kate Vanderstelt



The new generator is capable of keeping city hall up and running in case of a power outage.

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### Katie Taylor

**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Owner of Taylor Reese** balances being an entrepreneur and mom of three



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# GP Republicans, Dems on same page on redistricting

By Brad Lindberg  
*Special Writer*

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Republicans and Democrats are trying to get it together.

“If we were united, we would have more clout,” said Jay Hackleman, of the Eastside Republican Club.

“We definitely have things that bind us together,” said Gary Bresnehan, president of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club.

They’re talking about reuniting the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods into one, single, solitary, unified, combined and collective district for representation in the Michigan House of Representatives and everywhere else.

Ten years ago, lawmakers in the majority-Republican Michigan House redrew the state’s legislative boundaries to comport with population changes revealed in the standard, once-per-decade census.

Redistricting occurred under the overarching rules of the Federal Voting Rights Act guaranteeing districts have enough racial minority residents to win election.

Whereas the Pointes and Harper Woods had been represented by one House seat, their common interests are now spread between two districts with a corresponding cut in political influence.

State House District 1 consists of Grosse Pointe Shores, Woods, Harper Woods and part of Detroit’s eastside. District 2 is the City, Farms, Park and a portion of neighboring Detroit.

The suburbs remain united in the state Senate and Congress, but are paired with cities as remote as southwest Detroit and Auburn Hills.

“On the state house

level, we would need to add the surrounding area to complete the district,” Bresnehan said. “Eastside Detroit neighborhoods that border the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods should be placed in the same district.”

“Uniting the Pointes for the congressional district is a no-brainer,” Hackleman said. “We are already united for Senate. When it comes to state representative ...”

Residents can comment on the matter at upcoming public meetings of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The commission, comprised of citizen appointees and established by voters in 2018, to theoretically remove partisan politics from the redistricting process, meets twice this month:

◆ 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, and

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at TCF Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit.

Comments and suggestions also can be submitted online through the Michigan redistricting public comment portal. Visit [michigan.gov/micrc](http://michigan.gov/micrc), scroll down halfway and choose “submit public comment.”

The five Pointes’ total population of nearly 46,000, according to the 2010 census, isn’t enough to warrant a district all to themselves. Michigan House districts currently range from 77,000 to 91,000 residents.

“We’ve got to be combined with somebody,” Hackleman said.

“As a personal opinion, the Pointes need to be together as a district,” said Democrat Tim Killeen, representing the Pointes, Harper Woods and part of Detroit for 16 years on the Wayne

## Republican voice

Jay Hackleman, of the Eastside Republican Club, issued reasons the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods should be reunited in the Michigan House of Representatives.

### NINE THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON:

- 1) Taxpayers of the five Pointes together with a portion of Harper Woods share a common Public School District unified by a common superintendent and millage rates.
- 2) The same school boundaries define our united Grosse Pointe Library District with its three branches.
- 3) Fire response is unified by a mutual-aid agreement covering the six municipalities.
- 4) Each of the six cities operates its own municipal court, with two of the Pointes sharing the same judge.
- 5) The Pointes are served by Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, Ascension St. John and the facilities of Henry Ford Medical Center Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms.
- 6) The Pointes are home to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra, as well as the Grosse Pointe Theatre, founded in 1947.
- 7) A Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce represents its members, while promoting commerce, events and activities for the five Pointes through effective advocacy.
- 8) Grosse Pointe Farms Water Department operates and maintains a 10 million-gallon-a-day rated water filtration plant furnishing drinking water for both Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe.
- 9) The community is united by one official newspaper, the Grosse Pointe News.

Finally, the Pointes are actually connected to Macomb County: A portion of Grosse Pointe Shores extends beyond Wayne County and is located in the jurisdiction of Macomb’s Grosse Pointe Township.

County Board of Commissioners. “It is a natural community.”

“For many years, redistricting was a political process that took place behind closed doors,” said Christina Schlitt, president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, in a news release. “Now that regular citizens have the power to draw the state’s new legislative and congressional districts, it’s important for them to get involved in the process and make their voices heard. Using the public

comment portal to submit written testimony and maps to the commission is the best way to do that.”

Redistricting commissioners are supposed to group communities of common interests.

“The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are definitely a region of common community interest,” Bresnehan said. “We definitely have things that bind us together along with the eastside of Detroit neighborhoods: commerce, the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, we

## Democratic voice

Members of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club passed a resolution to keep the Pointes, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit in one district:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the passing of Proposal 2 of 2018, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is currently working on creating new district maps for the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The stated mission of the Commission is “To lead Michigan’s redistricting process to assure Michigan’s Congressional, State Senate and State House district lines are drawn fairly in a citizen-led, transparent process, meeting Constitutional mandates”; and

WHEREAS, The Commission must consider communities of interest, such as school districts and regions that share economic characteristics, when creating the new maps; and

WHEREAS, The Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and the neighborhoods of Detroit’s East Side are currently together in Congressional District 14, but are split up between State Senate Districts 1 and 2 and State House Districts 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, The Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and the neighborhoods of Detroit’s East Side have several shared and common interests such as commerce, culture, recreation, public transit, public health and K-12 public schooling; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is currently accepting public input from Michigan residents, organizations and interest groups; and

WHEREAS, Based on the Commission’s timeline, final maps must be adopted by the Commission by Nov. 1, 2021, so that they can become law no later than Dec. 31, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club requests that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Park, Harper Woods and the East Side of Detroit together when creating the new maps for Congress, State Senate and State House because of the shared and common interests among us.

share a school system with part of Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce unites the region for business interests. Pointers share a public safety mutual-aid agreement and library system. We are definitely communities of common interest that should be kept in the same congressional and state district.”

Hackleman isn’t certain commissioners recognize the Pointe’s

common interests.

“They’re not from this area,” he said. “The commission has 13 members, three from Detroit, zero from Macomb County and zero from the Pointes or Harper Woods.”

“It’s better if we have citizens looking at these crucial matters of how districts are to be drawn rather than people that have a built-in interest in how it comes out,” Killeen said. “That’s both Dems and Republicans.”

# Primary candidate forums

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS, PARK, SHORES** — The League of Women Voters will hold candidate forums at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, for the Farms/Shores municipal judge position and Thursday, June 24, for the three Park city council positions in anticipation of the Aug. 3 primary elections.

“Non-partisan candidate forums are a part

of LWV history,” the League said in a press release. “Leagues around the country continue to hold debates and forums for local and state offices.”

Candidates for Farms/Shores municipal judge are Charles T. Berschback, Dean C. Metry and Kevin M. Smith. The primary will narrow the race to two candidates for the November election.

Candidates for the three Park city council positions are Brian A. Brenner, Thomas J. Caulfield, Christine

Gallagher, Jeff Greer, Tim Kolar, Darci McConnell and Max Wiener.

Public questions for the forum will be accepted until noon Tuesday, June 22, at [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org). Questions from League members and the public will be incorporated as

time allows.

Both recorded sessions may be viewed by Friday, June 25, at the LWVGP YouTube channel, on Facebook or at [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org).

More candidate information may be accessed through [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) after June 30.

— Kate Vanderstelt

# Eastside Republicans host picnic June 13

“Enjoy a summer picnic, a lovely day at the park, and connect with like-minded conservatives,” said Eastside Republican Club chair Marie Hackleman, announcing the 19th annual ERC Family Picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

“With local primary contests set for Aug. 3, a general election Nov. 2, and statewide competitions for 2022 already underway, we will be joined by a number of candidates,” she said. “It’s a great opportunity to meet and talk with them in an informal setting.”

Matthew Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, also known as “Three Mile Park,” is a popular place to picnic, enjoy friends and savor a fresh lake breeze.

Kids are attracted to the splash pad and playscape, while teens and parents

may notice the park’s putting greens, shoreline boardwalk, pickleball, bocce ball and landscaped fountain.

To satisfy the picnic appetite, the ERC will provide fare off the grill, including hot dogs and some surprises, plus chips and lemonade, but asks guests to bring an item to share such as a pasta or bean salad, vegetable or fruit dish, dessert or soft drinks.

“The food is going to be spectacular. You’re not going to want to miss it,” Hackleman said. “We have a guest chef who is known for making picnics ‘a little fancier.’ He will not disappoint. Come hungry and bring a dish to pass.”

There is no charge, but RSVP with a call, text or message to the ERC at (313) 466-1345.

All Republicans are invited and encouraged to bring their families and friends.

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Sheila Tomkowiak  
**Council Members**  
4-year terms (vote for 3)  
Maureen Juip  
Christopher D. Walsh  
Daniel J. Williams

**Grosse Pointe Farms**  
(313) 885-6600  
[grossepointefarms.org](http://grossepointefarms.org)  
Salary: Mayor, \$900,  
Council Members, \$600  
4-year terms for Council Members;  
2-year term for Mayor  
Filing deadline: April 20.  
\*Terms expiring:  
**Mayor:**  
Louis Therios  
**Council Members** (vote for 3)  
Sierra Leone Donaven  
John Gillooly  
Beth Konrad-Wilberding  
**Municipal Judge\***  
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Dean C. Metry\*  
Kevin M. Smith\*  
  
\*Aug. 3 Primary

**Grosse Pointe Park**  
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No salary for Mayor or Council  
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2-year term for Mayor  
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\*Terms expiring:  
**Mayor**  
Michele Hodges  
Lauri Read  
**Council Members**  
(All face Aug. 3 Primary)  
Darci McConnell  
Max Weiner  
Tim Kolar  
Brian Brenner  
Jeff Greer  
Christine Gallagher  
Thomas Caulfield  
**Municipal Judge**, 4-year term – salary \$23,000. Expires 12-21  
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Charissa Potts

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(313) 881-6565  
[gpshoresmi.gov](http://gpshoresmi.gov)  
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Sandra Cavataio  
Matthew Seely  
Vacant

**Municipal Judge**, 4-year term - \$15,000  
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Dean C. Metry\*  
Kevin M. Smith\*  
Primary  
  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**  
(313) 343-2440  
[gpwmi.us](http://gpwmi.us)  
Salary: Mayor, \$6,000; Council Members, \$3,750  
4-year terms for Council Members and Mayor  
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\*Terms expiring:  
**Mayor**  
Art W. Bryant (appointed)  
**Council Members**  
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Victoria Granger  
Todd A. McConaghy  
Thomas Vaughn (appointed)  
  
**City of Harper Woods**  
(313) 343-2500  
[harperwoodscity.org](http://harperwoodscity.org)  
Salary: Mayor, \$2,700, Council Members, \$2,400  
4-year terms for Council Members; 2-year term for Mayor  
Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m.  
\*Terms expiring:  
**Mayor**  
Valerie Kindle  
**Council Members**  
Ernestine Lyons  
Vivian Sawicki  
Ivery Toussant Jr.  
\*Unless otherwise specified, all seats expire in November and will be on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot. Source: LWV-GP



# Fire breaks out at Koi Nu Asian

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Thanks to observant TCBY employees and public safety’s quick response time, a fire that broke out in the rear of Koi Nu Asian after business hours at 10:42 p.m. Sunday, June 6, was contained to the single restaurant in The Village.

Officers put it out just as the flames were starting to reach the ceiling,

Public Safety Director John Alcorn reported, adding no one was injured.

“It could have very easily gone to the next level if the people didn’t call when they did, if the officers didn’t arrive as quickly as they did,” he said. “It was getting to that stage where it was going to start spreading rapidly, so it was a fantastic save with good

timing on everybody’s part.”

Upon officers’ arrival, two extinguishers were used to quickly knock down the fire on the alley side of the building, while a fire engine staged on Kercheval allowed for a hose to be brought in through the front to knock down remaining hot spots and flames the extinguishers weren’t able to put out.

Damage to the building, Alcorn said, is severe enough that Koi Nu Asian will remain closed until it can be repaired.

“Just like with any fire,” he said, “often-times the smoke and the water damage, they can be the most severe part.”

The cause of origin still was being investigated as of press time.

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Planning Commission Vice Chair Michele Lindsay talks with Tom Caulfield, Tom Caulfield Jr. and Elaine Caulfield.**

## OPEN:

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open house, MKSK will organize all data received from February’s virtual visioning session, the community survey, interactive map and open house event. After all data is compiled, the group will devise an official draft of the updated master plan and present it to the planning commission at a meeting in August or September.

“This meeting will also be held in tandem with a public workshop to get feedback from residents and stakeholders about the draft recommendations,” Kerby said. “During this meeting, participants will also be prompted to prioritize the goals and actions of the plan.”

On initial analysis, Kerby said there are some trending takeaways from public feedback. Many residents are looking to make the Park more pedestrian-friendly, especially at four-way-stop intersections along commercial districts. Another big takeaway is the desire to add bike racks and bike lanes in specific areas to create a more bike-

friendly community.

In terms of the business districts, residents are asking the master plan to aim to develop vacant properties on Mack, Jefferson and Charlevoix; improve public parking on Kercheval; and enhance the streetscape on Mack and Cadieux. For new construction in the business districts, residents say they don’t want building heights to exceed three stories.

The biggest desire for improvements to Windmill Pointe Park is to upgrade the marina. Most residents want an upgrade of the kayak and canoe launch, as well as the playscape, at Patterson Park.

Another top priority for the city as a whole includes improvements to stormwater management and underground infrastructure.

Kerby anticipates the master plan update to be completed sometime this fall. After the plan is submitted to the city, there is an adoption process that includes a 63-day public comment period, required by the state of Michigan. The final process typically takes three to four months after completion before it is fully adopted.

# Shores intends to issue \$16 million in bonds

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — As the first step in the bonding process, Grosse Pointe Shores City Council adopted a notice of intent to issue bonds, not to exceed \$16,300,000 and scheduled for 30 years at a 2.5 interest rate, during its meeting Tuesday, May 25.

The bonds, which would be paid for out of residents’ water and sewer bills, are meant to provide funds for four major infrastructure projects throughout the city.

The first, required for the city to tackle because of a memorandum of understanding with the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District, is an approximately \$7.2 million reconstruction of the Cook Road Pumping Station and collection system improvements.

long. It literally runs the entire width of the city. (It’s) approximately 2,300 feet of new road, new 8-inch water main and new sewer system.”

The fourth project is a generalized street reconstruction program, since the city has been unable to budget money toward roads the last two years. The specific projects or streets are yet to be decided.

The adoption passed 4-2, with councilmembers Danielle Gehlert and John Seago opposed. Gehlert said she supported the first three projects, but could not vote for the fourth scenario of road upgrades without specific details, such as which roads would be included.

“I would prefer to have a separate bond for each specific project,” Seago

said via email.

In the scenario the city commits to bonds for all four projects, and understanding the numbers are rough estimates, residents would see a \$181 water bill increase for the year in 2021-22. In years 2022 through 2025, the amount would double to a \$362 increase.

Although the bond payments increase in years 2025 through 2029, the time period also is when current bonds — 2013 general obligation refunding bond for \$319,000, and 2013 Honeywell Energy project general fund revenue bond for \$197,000 — will be paid off. With these somewhat evening each other out, water bills would see a \$456 increase over current billing.

For the longest amount of the term, from 2030 to

2051, the number drops off to \$281 over current annual billing.

Because these are limited general obligations bonds, they do not require a vote by the taxpayers; however, if 10 percent of registered voters were to bring a petition to the city clerk’s office within 45 days of the publication date of the notice of intent, the city would be required to either stop the process or hold a vote on whether to issue the bonds.

Moving forward, city council will need to adopt a bond authorizing resolution — this would state the dollar amount of bonds to be issued, the duration of the bonds and the various details of how much is going to be repaid on an annual basis — in order to issue the bonds.



Flames begin coming out of the second window as fire spreads through the La Belle home.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Firefighters put out the flames at the back of the house, where the fire started in the grill on the left.

## FIRE:

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grill. An investigation by the Farms fire investigator is ongoing.

Shimko noted other important fire safety measures are to have smoke alarms with working batteries and, in the case of a fire, get out of the house, call 911 immediately and close doors behind you, so the fire can’t spread as quickly.

## HONOR:

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vice president of Camber Corp., and director of the Detroit office.

“Thank you Doug, for your service to our country and to Grosse Pointe Shores,” Councilman John Seago said, “and may you and Mercedes have the best of luck with your new adventure in South Carolina.”

Kucyk also is a member of the Association of the United States Army, Air Force Sergeants Association and lifetime member of the American Philatelic Society.

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, JUNE 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Pier Park community building.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 15

- ☕ Coffee with a Cop, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Mom first, boss second: Pointer balances work, life

By Whitney McDonald  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe business owner and mom, Katie Taylor, has become a professional multitasker as she balances her three young children and a growing business.

She opened Taylor Reese, a lifestyle boutique on The Hill, in 2015, as a way to build a career that allowed her to be a hands-on mom to her only child at the time.

Her daughter, Taylor Reese, 9, whom the store is named after, was her muse for opening the store, especially after years in a demanding career that often took her away from home.

The mother-daughter duo moved back to Grosse Pointe in 2014, as a fresh start. That’s when everything started falling into place.

Since moving home, Taylor has found love and has added two more children to her family: Daniel, 2, and their latest addition, newborn



COURTESY PHOTO

Katie Taylor, owner of Taylor Reese, with her family.

August.

She continues to enjoy the flexibility of working from home or bringing the kids to work when necessary.

When Taylor Reese first opened, Taylor put in a playroom for her daughter so she could be

with her during the work day.

“Now, she could run the place,” Taylor joked.

Her sons now enjoy the luxury of being with mom too.

She said being a mom is the hardest job she has, but with her kids is

previously been the shop her mother owned and ran for years.

Taylor noticed the need for a lifestyle boutique in the area so she went for it.

She sells clothing, home decor, candles, apothecary, accessories, baby gifts and more. Since opening, Taylor has expanded the business and added a beauty bar to the second floor in 2018.

The beauty bar offers waterless manicures and pedicures, facials, massages, permanent makeup, medical grade peels and micro-needling.

Although Taylor admitted she is not an expert at the beauty bar, she said she hires staff who are experts in their areas.

Because she lives in the community where she works, she makes it her priority to provide the best customer care and service possible.

Another essential piece of her business is philanthropy.

“You’ve got to give back to your community, which we do,” she said.

Among the many schools and organizations Taylor Reese supports, the one most important to Taylor is Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

“I have a special place in my heart for the Children’s Hospital,” she said. Each year she donates a percentage of sale profits from Taylor Reese to the Michigan hospital in honor of someone in her life she lost.

Taylor grew up in the Farms and is waiting for the completion of her new home in the City, which she is eager to move into.

Her family of five can be found enjoying outdoor activities like riding bikes or playing at the parks around the Pointes.

As for Taylor Reese, a second location may be on the horizon, but for now the original storefront can be found at 84 Kercheval.

Avenue in the Woods hosts sidewalk sale

Loraine to undergo major sewer, road work

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

The Avenue in the Woods is presenting its second annual sidewalk sale Saturday, June 12, along Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shoppers can expect deals, giveaways and dining specials from participating retailers, fitness centers, banks, restaurants and spas.

Donna O’Keefe, founding member of The Avenue in the Woods, said, “The sidewalk sale encourages people to take a walk and see what the stores have to offer.”

Many local businesses are taking part in the sale including Girlie Girl, The Corner Studio, Avenue Boutique, Woods

Wholesale Wine, Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., Adorn Hair and Nail Salon and more.

The Avenue in the Woods works to bring visibility to its members on Mack Avenue.

O’Keefe is excited about the addition of new benches, trash cans and planters to Mack for the community to enjoy.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and allows shoppers to enjoy local shopping outside.

For more information on the sidewalk sale, visit The Avenue in the Woods on Facebook and Instagram @theavenueinthewoods.

— Whitney McDonald

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The first phase of the City’s 2021 comprehensive street and sewer improvement project is expected to begin mid-June and focus on Loraine from Waterloo to Mack. City council approved the two-phase \$2,848,940 project during its meeting Monday, May 17.

With the sanitary line running down the middle of Loraine in need of repairs, the work also will involve repairs of sanitary sewer service lead connections to the main sewer line, cured in place pipe lining, storm sewer crossings and lead service water line replacement from the city’s main to 18 inches inside the residences.

Following the sewer work, the street will be rebuilt with new curb and gutters, aggregate base and asphalt, as well as driveway approaches and sidewalk ramps at

intersections to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. This includes repairs to the ADA sidewalk at Waterloo and Lakeland.

Loraine residents and commuters can expect the work to take approximately three months.

It is “not just a simple repaving if all that sewer work is being done,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. “It’s going to be torn up for a very long time ... and we need to be upfront about inconvenience and (it being) torn up, but (then there will be) no more sinkholes.”

Calling it a \$1.5 million reinvestment into the homes on Loraine, City Manager Pete Dame said it will be an amazing new street once the work is complete.

“The best street in the city,” Councilman Don Parthum added.

The second phase, set to start later this summer, will encompass milling and resurfacing of Rivard from Maumee to Jefferson and Kercheval

to Charlevoix, along with Charlevoix from Loraine to Neff.

Included will be curb replacement of bad sections on Charlevoix, complete curb and gutter removal on Rivard, necessary drive approaches and some sidewalk ramps at intersections to complete ADA requirements since street levels may be adjusted for drainage.

With both phases bid out to Proline Asphalt Paving Corp, funds for the Loraine work and sewer improvements on Charlevoix and Rivard will be paid by the water and sewer fund. The majority of the rest of the project will be covered through the City’s road funds, Act 51 motor fuel taxes and the voter-approved road improvement fund millage, with a small portion coming out of the capital projects fund.

Residents of streets in both phases on which work will be done will receive a breakdown of the project steps and schedule prior to the start of construction.

Shores tax rate remains static; projects cut to balance budget

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Through two special work sessions and postponing the May city council meeting by a week, Grosse Pointe Shores

administration created a balanced budget for fiscal year 2021-22.

The successful effort required tapping into \$70,000 of surplus, taking \$35,000 out of the draft retirement health-care contribution, increasing revenues

and taking projects that need to be done out of the budget. Through what City Manager Stephen Poloni called “cutting mode,” removed projects included repairs to harbor wall damage, parking lots and city hall stairways; funds for the communications committee to update the city website and hire a consultant; and the hiring of new public safety or public works employees.

The effort did not require raising the city’s tax rate, which will remain the same as the current fiscal year, at 17.7031 mills. This lends 12.9053 mills to general operations, .2824 to capital equipment, 2.3408 to refuse, 1.0918 to pension, .1623 to Public Act 359 and .9203 to maintain the current debt service.

“It was definitely a bit of a marathon, but we

got it over the line,” Finance Director Candice Giles said of the budget, which passed 6-0 during the meeting Tuesday, May 25.

By taking the \$70,000 from surplus, the city’s rainy day fund has decreased from 32 percent to 25 percent of the budget.

The city, Poloni said, may not have to use the surplus funds, if it gains an unexpected revenue source or a reduction in some expenditures.

In the current fiscal year, the city took \$225,000 out of surplus, but through not purchasing needed items such as a garbage truck, didn’t end up spending it.

“The good news for our residents is that they, at this point, do not have an increase in

their tax liability,” Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert said.

As high water bills have been a concern for residents, a water rate study — including a comprehensive analysis of the water rate, along with the capital improvements that need to be done — will be presented during the next council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15.

“My goal is to give you your broken-out water bill, so that you can see how your money is being spent on your water bill,” Giles told council. “I know that’s something that’s been a priority for council and it’s become a priority for me, as well.”

Following the presentation, city council is expected to vote on new water rates.

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# Meet new PSO Evans

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Public Safety Officer Tim Evans was sworn in to his role Tuesday, June 1.

Evans graduated high school and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He was in the Marine Corps Reserve from 2009 until 2017. During that time, he became a Detroit police officer in 2013, and took college-level courses at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Jane Blahut, Grosse Pointe Park city clerk, swears in the Park's newest officer, PSO Tim Evans. Evan's wife, Melissa, stands by his side during the ceremony.

PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

In Detroit, he rose from a regular patrol officer to being a part of the Special Reaction Team. At this time, he left the Marines.

He chose to leave the Detroit Police Department to come to Grosse Pointe Park because it was a better career opportunity. He

also emphasized how much all the officers seemed to care about their jobs.

"It almost made me uncomfortable," he laughed, "like everybody's a little too excited about their job."

Evans' goal is to continue learning and advancing throughout

his career. He plans to take college courses now that he will have a more stable work schedule and will ultimately earn a degree. He hopes to become trained as a medic on top of the public safety training requirements.

— Kate Vanderstelt

# DAR new officers

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution announced its new 2021-22 officers at its May Zoom annual meeting.

The new officers are:

Regent — Elizabeth Findeis, Detroit

Vice Regent — Molly Clark, Grosse Pointe Park

Chaplain — Shirley Hartert, Grosse Pointe Woods

Recording Secretary — Mary Shafer, Grosse Pointe Farms

Corresponding Secretary — Patricia Drury, City of Grosse Pointe

Organizing Secretary — Erin Scully, St. Clair Shores

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Zawol, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Financial Secretary — Dot Martin, Detroit

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Director — Deann Newman, Grosse Pointe Farms

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## City of Grosse Pointe

### Show of destruction

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe man who admitted to smoking marijuana a half hour prior, told officers he had been "showing off" when he rear-ended a parked vehicle on Charlevoix Street at 10:57 a.m. Friday, June 4. He was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs.

### Taking a raise

A 50-year-old Mount Clemens woman is suspected of embezzling at least \$76,430 since January from a business in the 16000 block of Jefferson Avenue. As an employee, the woman had access to the electronic payroll system and had been sending herself payments.

### Shots fired

Following a report of shots fired in the area of Mack Avenue and Cadieux Road at 4:09 a.m. Saturday, June 5, officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area with its headlights off.

The 30-year-old Detroit man, who was nervous and startled, admitted to having a gun in the vehicle.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .251 percent. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and concealed carrying without a license.

### One stone, three crimes

After pushing a shopping cart filled with \$57.63 worth of beer out the rear entrance of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue without paying at 11:51 a.m. Saturday, June 5, a 62-year-old Detroit man was arrested for second degree retail fraud.

He then was discovered to have warrants for retail fraud and larceny out of the Farms and Park, as well.

### Title fraud

After finding his home listed on the city's database as allegedly having been sold in March, a 70-year-old Grosse Pointe man suspects an unknown individual may be fraudulently tamper-

ing with his home's title.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Stalled getaway

What started with officers helping a stalled vehicle in the middle of Provençal Road at 6:15 p.m. Friday, May 28, ended in the arrests of three Detroit men in their 30s, when it was found the vehicle had been used in a retail fraud and fled from the Macomb County Sheriff's Office.

### Found ring

A gold-colored diamond ring was found in front of 18530 Mack Avenue at 9:05 p.m. Saturday, May 29.

### Driving while license suspended

After a vehicle was pulled over for an expired plate at Stephens Road and Kercheval Avenue at 5:08 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, the 27-year-old Detroit woman also was found to be driving while license suspended.

The vehicle was impounded and she was issued a ticket, as well as warned about the expired plate and no insurance.

### Capt. Obvious

While pulling over a 23-year-old Eastpointe man at Mack Avenue and Kerby Road for driving with high beams at 2:12 a.m. Saturday, June 5, officers could clearly see a gun in his backpack as he rummaged through it for his driver's license.

The man did not have a concealed weapons license, for which he was arrested.

### Headlight troubles

A 25-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving while license suspended after being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Allard Road for a non-operational headlight at 11:54

p.m. Saturday, June 5.

### Adding insult to injury

A 31-year-old Detroit man is suspected of motor vehicle fraud after a woman told officers she rented the vehicle for him because he does not have a license. Officers were told he now is living in New York with his new girlfriend and has no intentions to return the vehicle.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Dryer fire

Officers responded to a fire in the 1000 block of Sunningdale at 9:57 p.m. Friday, June 4.

The fire reportedly started in a commercial dryer. An employee attempted to extinguish the fire before crews arrived.

The Woods and Shores responded to the scene and were able to contain the fire to the laundry room before extinguishing it.

They removed smoke from the building with a positive-pressure fan.

All people inside the building were evacuated before crews arrived.

### Expired plates and license

A St. Clair Shores

woman was pulled over at 10:14 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, for expired plates. The driver of the 1994 Chrysler also had a suspended license.

She was issued citations and her vehicle was impounded.

### Two or three drinks

A 26-year-old Southfield woman was arrested at 9:54 a.m. Sunday, June 6, for operating while intoxicated and possessing open intoxicants while driving.

Officers pulled over the woman, driving a gray 2006 Jeep, at Mack and Hollywood, where she was driving north in southbound lanes. The woman admitted to probably being unable to drive, saying she consumed two or three alcoholic drinks.

Officers administered several field sobriety tests, which the driver failed. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed a result of 0.204 blood-alcohol content.

The woman was arrested. She registered 0.220 blood-alcohol content on a second Breathalyzer test.

Officers also found an open bottle of rum in the Jeep.

### Fire assist

Officers assisted Farms public safety with salvage and overhaul after a residential fire in the 400 block of La Belle.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### No more trash

An unknown person stole two galvanized

trash cans from the rear alleyway of a residence in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield sometime overnight Friday, May 28.

### No headlights

A 19-year-old Park resident was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, May 30, for operating while intoxicated.

The man was stopped at Charlevoix and Yorkshire for driving without using headlights.

The officer found him to be intoxicated. He also found marijuana products in the man's possession.

### Narcotics driving

A 39-year-old Wyandotte man was arrested at 9:36 a.m. Sunday, May 30, for operating under the influence of narcotics.

The man crashed his car into a parked car in the 900 block of Bedford.

When officers responded, they found him under the influence and arrested him.

### Open intoxicant

A 31-year-old Detroit man was stopped for driving 51 mph in a 30 mph zone on Mack and Maryland at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, June 3.

The man was arrested for not having a valid driver's license. He also had an open intoxicant in the car.

He was ultimately released with a citation.

### Fire assistance

A City restaurant in the 17000 block of Kercheval caught fire at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, June 6.

Park crews responded to assist the City in extinguishing the fire.

### Stray bullet hole

A man in the 1300 block of Audubon found a bullet hole in the windshield of his 2018 Honda at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 6.

The investigation is ongoing.

### Year-long warrant arrest

A 62-year-old Detroit man was turned over to the Park by the City on a larceny warrant from last year.

The man has a long history of theft and substance abuse.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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% 16-64	58.4	50.1
% 65+	82.5	77
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OUR VIEW

Tensions grow as end draws near

The end seems truly in sight. But the final sprint to “normal” may require nearly as much patience as the preceding 14-plus months of pandemic rules. COVID-19 cases have dropped substantially as vaccination rates have climbed and as summer weather arrives. Numbers recorded for the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods in the last week have dropped to levels near the previous lows of last June.

But what seems like a wonderfully rapid rebound for Michigan is straining the same systems that everyone really wants to enjoy now. Employees are in short supply; opinions about when to keep masks on are all over the map.

First, there is the short staffing that virtually every business has to deal with. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce cited the increasing number of openings as a reason to create a “Work in the Pointes” list on its website. The biggest category is restaurant jobs, but there also is a variety of service and sales work, from caregiver for senior citizens to dog walkers and pet sitters.

Some coverage of this issue suggests higher unemployment pay is keeping workers at home; the extra benefit isn’t permanent, so if that is the holdup for some workers, they will eventually return. But others may have taken a different career path when working from home became an option and still more may face ongoing problems like lack of child care. Finally, there always will be some number of workers who fear catching COVID-19 or transmitting it to their children or fragile family members.

Whatever the reason, the labor market is tight. And that’s why it makes absolutely no sense to vent customer frustrations on the employees, managers and owners who actually are on the job. Many of them have worked and juggled and adapted for months on end already. Rude customers can only make them even less sure they want to keep working.

The people who do show up are also the ones who have to try to enforce mask policies. Employees have to reflect the policy choices made by their bosses; they deserve courtesy for doing their jobs.

The shopkeepers and restaurant managers who make those decisions also deserve respect for the issues they’ve had to wrestle with as they balance protecting their employees and making their customers comfortable.

Yes, vaccination rates are high: Wayne County outside of Detroit is approaching nearly two-thirds of residents ages 16 and older with at least one dose of vaccine. And case rates, as noted, are low. But the transmission level is not zero — and until it is, even some fully vaccinated residents have concerns.

It’s impossible to know which factors may influence local businesses’ policies, but many are asking all customers to continue using masks, especially those such as salons where services need to be provided in close settings. Employees, almost uniformly, will continue to wear masks most everywhere, according to a June 3 Grosse Pointe News report that sampled several local operations.

That’s why it’s important to keep a mask or two on hand, at least for now, and to pack some patience, too, whenever you head out the door.

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President and CEO Charles Burke and board Chair Donna Hoban, M.D., welcome Fred Alger into The War Memorial family.

OUR VIEW

Fred Alger: Take a bow

The War Memorial and residents of all the Grosse Pointes stand in gratitude to the generosity of Fred M. Alger, who recently added another \$8 million in contributions to sizable gifts he had already made.

Mr. Alger is the great-nephew of Russell J. Alger Jr. In a private event marking the gift, he said he is “honored to play a role in supporting the legacy of my ancestral home and writing the next chapter of possibilities.”

In recognition of his generosity, which totals \$20 million, the expanded facility now under construction at The War Memorial will be named the Fred M. Alger Center for the Arts, Culture and Humanities. The initial construction phase also will

include improvements to the grounds and garden.

The site includes the original house, which was built by Russell Alger in 1910 and is on the National Historic Registry. After his death, the family sought to have it used for community purposes; in 1949, it was dedicated by a new War Memorial Association to honor those who served and those who died during World War II, and also to be a center for local charitable and educational activities.

Both roles continue through to the current day. Fred Alger has helped ensure the future of that unique mission, keeping the family name an esteemed part of this beautiful lakeside haven that has woven itself firmly into Grosse Pointe traditions.

OUR VIEW

Public safety moves on par

Sometimes a fresh perspective is important, so recent developments at the public safety departments in two of the Grosse Pointes merit particular notice.

GROSSE POINTE PARK: It’s time to welcome Bryan Jarrell, Grosse Pointe Park’s new director of public safety, who assumed his position May 19 and will bring that different set of eyes to the job.

Mr. Jarrell, whose public safety career began in Southfield, most recently was chief of police in Prescott

Valley, Ariz. He puts what should be an appreciated emphasis on both training and open engagement with the community.

Plans for training include his hope to initiate a de-escalation program, along with a more routine focus on the use of firearms, Tasers and defensive skills. As far as reaching out to the community, Mr. Jarrell will hold “Coffee with a Cop” beginning next week and

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LETTERS

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DTE out on a limb?

To the Editor:

Trees are beautiful. They provide shade, color, nests for birds and other animals, while enhancing my landscape. They tend to increase the value of property, whether residential or commercial.

They have particular shapes dependent upon the species. Whether oak, maple, locust, beech, birch, pine or other variety, they have specific shaped leaves or needles that are consistent with the overall shape of the tree.

What a pleasure they are — unless trimmed by DTE or its subalterns.

Once-beautiful trees are turning all of the Grosse Pointes into a staging area for a horror movie. The trees trimmed no longer resemble their former selves, but rather monsters of every shape and size.

Do these so-called professional tree trimmers really think they are professionals with preservation of energy and the aesthetics to the Pointes being equal considerations? I think not.

They can, and should, do a better job than what they have done so far. What we can see throughout the community is a disaster.

JIM CALLAHAN  
City of Grosse Pointe

Misplaced priorities

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Park operating budget has a \$770,000 shortfall that has to be covered by depleting our prior years’ reserves.

But what do the four “progressive” council members spend their time on? Demonizing the past and promoting their social agenda. Here are some examples.

Lauri Read pushed through a burdensome donor policy that has all but dried up new donations. She consulted with the Birmingham city manager about the new ordinance, but did not bother to consult our own Park Foundation, which has donated millions to the city.

Vekas Relan has made the return of outdoor basketball to Patterson Park a top priority. He also has expressed objections to the art center.

Aimee Fluit has consumed large amounts of council time, and legal time, debating which interest group flags should fly on the city hall flagpole. She, too, has

consistently objected to the art center.

Darci McConnell has proposed an amendment to the donor policy that would make it even more onerous. She has also discussed opening our parks to neighboring communities.

But they aren’t the only ones who have pushed the activist agenda. Their ardent supporter, Graig Donnelly, led an attack on the interim public safety director — a decorated 18-year veteran who should have been appointed permanent director.

Furthermore, in this very publication, Mr. Donnelly has called for a public debate on opening our residents-only parks and previously closed roads. His final comment was, “I also know that a growing number of Grosse Pointers feel as I do, but our culture tells us that it’s dangerous to speak up.”

He’s right; now is the time for the Park’s residents “to speak up” and get council back on track and focusing on essential services.

KEN SANBORN  
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

# Tipping my cap to an unusual season



As summer approaches and the school year comes to an end, we also reach the final weeks of the spring

high school sports season. Some teams have already seen their seasons come to a close, while others are still marching on in the playoffs. Over my first few months with the Grosse Pointe News, I have had the pleasure of covering some special moments in high school sports and meeting several wonderful people along the way and wanted to use this time to “tip my cap” to those who made this winter and spring special.

Just a couple of weeks after I began my time at the Grosse Pointe News in early February, the winter sports season was finally approved to go ahead. I was quickly thrust into a whirlwind schedule of basketball, hockey, swimming and more all packed into barely two months. With this being my first full-time job covering sports after graduating college, I thought I may be overwhelmed. However, with the help of the great coaches

and athletic departments from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School, I was welcomed into the wonderful sports community of the Pointes and given everything I needed to help provide as much sports coverage as possible. Continuing on in the spring, it was much of the same. Coaches, athletes, parents and other members of the community have helped give me the resources to make

the sports section shine. I understand that over the past few months I have not been able to get to every game or shine as much light on every team as I would like to. I am only human and can be in only one place at one time. With the help of coaches, community members and especially our contributing sports writer, Alexis Bohlinger, we were able to fit as much into the sports pages as possible. To all of the athletes I was able to see compete

this winter and spring, I tip my cap to you for playing hard even during sports seasons that presented more challenges than ever before. To the ones graduating who played in their final high school games this winter and spring, best of luck as you venture into the future. To all the coaches, athletic directors and others who helped me along the way during these busy seasons, a special thank you to you all as well.

## OUR VIEW

# South officers’ selection process, lesson learned?

In reading last week about the new process Grosse Pointe South students chose to “elect” their officers this year, we are not sure what lessons in democracy are being learned. For the first time, officers were not elected by popular vote. Rather, votes counted for only 50 percent of the selection of the officers. The other half of the decision went to faculty, “Student Advisers,” based on essays by the candidates and judged by the SAs. In practice, the top vote-getter got five points, the second four points and so on. Likewise, the top essayist got five points, the second four points, etc. Essentially, the SAs had as much to say about the outcome as the students. In case of a tie, the SAs, with another round of essays, would be the tiebreakers. What kind of democratically elected form of government is that? It is like the Supreme Court or government employees having a say in who gets elected president. (True, some say the High Court did make such a decision once in Bush v. Gore, but that’s a whole other can of worms.) The change was made, one student said, in order to prevent “incompetent” students from becoming officers. Superintendent Gary Niehaus

said the student election process has been “discussed” (pushed by the SAs?) since the 2014-15 school year. This year, the student president and vice president presented it to the student council, and it was approved by a 45-15 vote. Grosse Pointe North students still elect their officers the traditional way. We asked the Michigan Association of Student Councils if South’s new approach was common. A spokesman there didn’t know but said, “no one size fits all” and is determined by the student government bylaws — sort of like a constitution. So maybe that is the lesson learned: Voters can give away their power, their rights by the constitution — bylaws — they choose to exist under. We, as adult voters, know how frustrating it is when incompetents get elected to office. But surely none of us would suggest letting some non-elected body help decide. The better course is for students to become educated voters and decide wisely. If they don’t, then they get what they deserve. It’s the American way. Interestingly, a recount of the vote was called. It found seven votes didn’t get counted, six students voted twice, two voted late and one vote came from a Grosse Pointe North student. Now that’s a sign of the times!

## PUBLIC SAFETY:

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hopes to hold town hall meetings and to develop a citizens advisory board. Unfortunately, Mr. Jarrell arrives with one recent black mark on his record — the loss of his service weapon last fall. He had changed out of his uniform in a public bathroom after a city council meeting because he was on his way to a basketball game; he apparently overlooked the service weapon when he packed up his uniform. When he went to retrieve the firearm, it had disappeared. His disciplinary process was designed to avoid the appearance of preferential treatment because of his position. That worked out to a two-day suspension, paying to replace the weapon and attending a gun safety class. Mr. Jarrell presumably has learned from that experience. Meanwhile, his priorities of community relations, training and de-escalation tactics seem to bode well for Grosse Pointe Park. GROSSE POINTE: Kudos to the Grosse Pointe public safety department for its latest initiative, seeking certification through the Michigan

Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Other public safety departments throughout the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods should keep an eye on the process to see whether and how its techniques might have value throughout the area. The department’s efforts will involve self-evaluation, along with external assessments, as part of implementing written directives, policies and procedures. Public Safety Director John Alcorn, who assumed his post in January, said the program is based on best practices. “I’ve been looking for ways to continuously raise the bar,” he said. The formal application is planned for fall, but the department will take some early steps such as creating an internal committee. Lt. Thomas Martindale has already volunteered to serve as accreditation manager. Just 6 percent of the state’s law enforcement agencies have achieved accreditation so far, giving the City of Grosse Pointe a bit of what might still be considered pioneer status. It’s a different way of taking a new look at ongoing practices — a process that should be well worth the effort.

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

# 1946

75 years ago this week

**POINTES HOWL FOR FLOOD RELIEF:** Last Friday’s deluge from the heavens has long since been soaked up by a parched and grateful earth. But the flood of criticism heaped upon Pointe officialdom for an inadequate storm sewer drainage system will probably not dry up until something concrete is done to correct the situation. **STANDARDIZE BUILDINGS ON MACK:** Hereafter the plans for the commercial buildings that will be erected along Mack Avenue in the Woods will be passed upon by the Building Planning Commission, which President Ghesquiere named some weeks ago under the authorization of the village Board of Commissioners. Previously this function was exercised by the village building inspector and on his recommendation passed upon by the council as a matter of form.

**GP SCHOOLS NOT AS THEY APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS?** Recent newspaper reports that Grosse Pointe has a controversial, mud-slinging school board campaign under way prompted the school board to publicly address the matter. The candid discussion was initiated by Trustee John Mills, who said he was alarmed by news reports that suggested Grosse Pointe’s school board campaign was “down and dirty,” that the board was divided, with the minority being “far-right extremists who want to slash the system’s budget.” **COUNCIL DEBATES PHONE TOWER:** In an effort to obtain the most advantageous conditions for the city, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council discussed with an AT&T represen-

tative what changes would have to be made in a proposed contract between the city and the telephone company before a new communications tower could be built. **Obituaries:** Arlene Marie Creech, Gertrude Andrew Borden, Lillian Hicks, Gilbert Yaeger D.P.M., Thomas D. Rinehart, Dolores Josephine Callahan, Clemens F. Meier

# 1996

25 years ago this week

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB IS A GO:** A few i’s were dotted and t’s crossed this week in preparation for construction of a new and expanded Neighborhood Club in The Village. Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council gave final OK for the latest incarnation of the club, which has roots intertwined with more than 100 years of the community’s history. **SENIOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES FINAL APPROVAL:** The 15-acre site on Cook Road that once served as a home for children will now transition to a home for senior citizens, as the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved final plans for development. Work begins in the next few months for The Rivers, a joint venture between developer Richard Levin and the Mestdagh Family Trust. **Obituaries:** Michael R. Stevenson, Mary Grace Adams, Amy Lou Lytle Rowe, Robert Phillips Seeber, Glenn Bolt Moore, Nancy Mitchell Shirar, Kara I. Wilhelm

# 2011

10 years ago this week

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# Retirements up in Grosse Pointe, across the state

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

Teacher retirements are up in school districts across the state of Michigan, leading to potentially fewer candidates to fill the shoes of those leaving.

And while retirements in the Grosse Pointe Public School System are not unusually high, the rising rate is having an effect on the district.

There are 21 Grosse Pointe teachers retiring this year, 10 who retired midyear and another 11 retiring at the end of the school year. That’s about par, said M. Jon Dean, who will become superintendent of Grosse Pointe schools in July.

But it means the district is hiring from a much smaller pool of applicants, Dean said. For example, the district used to get 10 applications for an English teaching position. Now they may get three, he added.

“I think teachers are unhappy generally right now, not just in Grosse Pointe,” Dean said. The pandemic, he said, “has been hard on teachers.”

The teacher retirements likely reflect one aspect of that discontent. The question is, what can be done about it?

Dean is holding what he calls listening sessions throughout the district, trying to gauge problems and discontent. He plans to publish a report on his findings.

“I think we devalued education,” Dean said. “As a society it used to be a point of prestige to be a teacher. That’s not true any more. Globally, not just Grosse Pointe.”

Statewide teacher retirements are up 40 percent over last year, said David Crim, spokesman for the Michigan Education Association. Moreover, enrollments in Michigan colleges of education are down 50 percent. One in five new teachers leave the profession within their first five years, Crim said.

The pandemic is a large part of the reason, Crim said. Teachers were nervous for their students’ and their own health. Their workload was amplified as districts switched from in-person teaching to virtual teaching to combinations of both as they struggled to respond to changing pandemic conditions.

It often amounted to teachers doing the work of two jobs.

“It’s exhausting,” said Chris Pratt, president of the Grosse Pointe

Education Association. “There is a real concern over the fatigue that puts their own health in jeopardy and the health of their family.”

But the pandemic only exacerbated teacher frustrations that had been boiling up several years, statewide and in Grosse Pointe.

“The morale in this district has been low for five or six years,” Pratt said.

A combination of new laws changing teacher compensation and a feeling among many Grosse Pointe teachers that they are on opposing sides from the administration and school board are at the root of this morale issue, according to Pratt.

Chris Geerer taught science and math at Parcels Middle School for 23 years, plus had an additional two years of teaching in Van Dyke Public Schools. She’s one of this year’s retirees from Grosse Pointe.

“I was very happy and fortunate to teach in Grosse Pointe for the first 15 years,” Geerer said. “But in 2013, that changed drastically.”

That year the fund balance dropped to the point where it triggered several spending cuts, including a 9 percent payout and changes in

sick leave that left teachers often paying for part of their substitute’s salary. There were some teacher layoffs.

“Watching a dedicated teacher crawl up the stairs to her classroom despite crippling back pain because of the new sick leave policy ... good people shouldn’t be treated that way,” Geerer said.

“I never recovered that faith and trust,” she added.

Dean is aware of the issues behind Geerer’s concerns, although he pointed out that district unions bargained many of her issues, including the sick leave policy.

“All employee groups did things instead of taking pay cuts so we could do something different,” Dean said. “So all employees had changes in sick leave.”

Other teacher issues are attributable to changes in state law. In 2011, Michigan changed the rules for collective bargaining and eliminated layoffs based on seniority. Instead layoffs were based on performance, Dean said.

Pensions now are set by the state. Where pensions were formerly based on pay and length of service, they now require a contribution

## Dean hosts listening sessions

There’s still time to sit in on incoming Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent, M. Jon Dean’s listening sessions.

Dean embarked on a series of listening sessions, with virtually every constituent group, including faculty and staff, parents and the community and businesses as he begins his tenure as superintendent.

He wants to hear what people like and don’t like about the school district.

He plans to publish a report on this findings and recommendations.

The sessions are open to anyone; sessions are not limited to parents at the school where the session is held. Bring a chair, along with ideas, to any of the remaining sessions:

- ◆ 9 a.m. Friday, June 11, Grosse Pointe North High School
- ◆ 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, Monteith Elementary School
- ◆ 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Richard Elementary School
- ◆ 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Maire Elementary School

from teachers, much the way 401k pensions operate.

Dean said many of those issues no longer are present. There have been no teacher layoffs in the last seven years and other issues, such as paying part of a substitute’s pay, have been eliminated.

But many teachers haven’t forgotten and haven’t regained their trust in the administration and school board.

“Our teachers have really felt generally unsupported and kind of in fear based on retaliation for speaking out,” Pratt said.

It’s going to take a combination of solutions to resolve the issue, he added.

Dean is still in the midst of his listening sessions and whatever he may find about repairing teacher issues is not known.

As for Pratt, he doesn’t think any one solution will resolve everything. It’s going to take a combination of changes, starting with proving to teachers that the administration is listening to them, he said.

“What I’ve found as of late is that it has been a struggle to work together on issues that I don’t know why it should be a struggle on,” Pratt said.

## North one of 14 MI teams in quiz bowl

Recently, Grosse Pointe North High School joined 223 of the top high school quiz bowl teams online for the 2021 High School National Championship Tournament. The 2021 edition of the HSNCT took place entirely through Zoom conferences and brought together teams from four countries and 32 states to compete over two days of matches. The online tournament continued a series that began in 1999, and was interrupted in 2020 by COVID-19.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration. Participation reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

The North team was

captained by Stephen Barstys, who was joined by Noah Dean, Liam Harris and Alex Hetzler. The team was coached by Ben Henri.

Grosse Pointe North was one of 14 Michigan teams competing at the national championship.

The team finished the preliminary rounds with a 3-5 record.

North played DeWitt in round 10, suffering a 275-135 defeat.

There were some tense moments. North suffered a heartbreakingly narrow loss to Korea International from Sungnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, 245-230 during round 3.

North was on the brink of elimination when they defeated Academy of Science and Tech from The Woodlands, Texas, in round 7 to stay alive. Unfortunately, they lost to Northmont from Clayton, Ohio, ending their shot at the playoffs.

The tournament champion was Barrington High School of Barrington, Ill.

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Madison Parthum** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean’s List for the fall and winter terms at Grand Valley State University. She is double majoring in psychology and criminal justice.

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**Samuel Salisbury** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Calyx Turco** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the 2021 spring Dean’s List at Belmont University.

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Grosse Pointe South High School graduate **Hanna Ottaway** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List for both the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters at the University of Kentucky. Ottaway is a business major.

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**Kelly Baranek** of



Madison Parthum



Samuel Salisbury



Calyx Turco

Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

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**Olivera Tadijin** of Grosse Pointe recently graduated from the University of the Cumberland with a Master of Business Administration degree.

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Hanna Ottaway



Kelly Baranek

## GP Education Association announces Teachers of the Year

With more than 500 teachers represented by

the Grosse Pointe Education Association, the association announced its Teachers of the Year for each building in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

“This is a wonderful day for all of our teachers and students in the district,” said Christopher Pratt, president of the GPEA. “We had such an outpouring of nominations for so many wonderful teachers, social workers, counselors — all of our educators. It made the committee’s review a real challenge.”

“Grosse Pointe educators have invested decades in building GP Schools into one of the finest districts in the state of Michigan and the country, always putting the interests of our stu-

dents at the top of their priorities,” he added. “That is why Grosse Pointe schools have earned a reputation of excellence. The dedication of our educators has created that educational excellence. It’s nice that today we recognize one educator from each building whom their colleagues nominated and recognized as standing on the shoulders of giants.”

Educators will receive a plaque and the GPEA will feature each teacher on its website, myGPEA.org, as well as its Facebook and Twitter pages.

The award recipients are:

Barnes/Trombly — Marinel Gaitan Brownell Elementary School — Rosemary

Birchmeier Defer Elementary School — Amy Hermon Ferry Elementary School — Karen Aldrich Kerby Elementary School — Mary Ann Magill Maire Elementary School — Michelle Hunwick Mason Elementary School — Anna Court Monteith Elementary School — Theresa Schrage North High School — Jonathan Byrne Parcels Middle School — Drew Kisskalt Pierce Middle School — Rebecca Churray OneGP Virtual — Andrew Montague Richard Elementary School — Stephanie Erhard South High School — Taryn Loughlin

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., virtually via Zoom, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

A copy of the recommended budget and instructions to participate in the meeting is available on the Library’s website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org). For questions email the Library Director, [jkeyser@grossepointelibrary.org](mailto:jkeyser@grossepointelibrary.org). At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

George Lapastora  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Grosse Pointe Public Library



# Run, Walk and Roll 5K helps those living with complex illnesses

By Meg Leonard  
Special Writer

What started three years ago as a modest idea created at a kitchen island, has blossomed into a purpose-driven, international event that today stretches coast-to-coast and touches three continents.

The third annual Run, Walk and Roll 5K takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, in Grosse Pointe and beyond. The event, which supports palliative care programs at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, has expanded this year to include a virtual element with multiple teams participating in separate races from Ann Arbor to Idaho to across the ocean in Lithuania, Canada, Scotland and Australia.

This dynamic live and virtual event became a reality in 2018, thanks to Grosse Pointe's Claire Sheeren. She created the fundraiser out of a tremendous love for her older sister, Elizabeth, who has fought a chronic, progressive and incurable immune disease for nearly a decade. Used to improve the quality of life for patients and families battling complex medical conditions, palliative care involves treatments that focus on the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients with chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

This form of care has been especially meaningful to families like the Sheerens. Programs such as music and massage therapy can make difficult hospital stays better, while support and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Runners and walkers take off on the Grosse Pointe South track during the inaugural Run, Walk and Roll event May 5, 2019.

advocacy from palliative physicians and staff can help patients manage their care at home to reduce hospitalizations.

It was during a difficult, seven-month-long hospital stay in 2018 for Elizabeth Sheeren at Mott when Claire Sheeren saw the effects of an extended hospitalization. She knew she needed to help somehow.

Thus, the 5K was born. "It is so sad watching someone you love suffer," Claire Sheeren said. "I saw how the palliative care programs helped Elizabeth and my family. I wanted to do anything I could to support the patients and families going through the same things we were. The idea (for the 5K) started small. But my dream was bigger."

To that end, the event raised nearly \$46,000 in its inaugural year, the largest single donation to Palliative Care at Mott. The next year in 2020, the pandemic hit. Forced to eliminate the race component, a virtual fun-

draiser netted \$39,000.

This year, the goal is to raise enough funding for a Medical Massage Therapy Program for patients facing long hospitalizations. Race proceeds also will support the Mood Lifters Program, a group that provides mental and emotional support for parents of children with serious illnesses.

Additionally, Elizabeth

Sheeren is hoping to add a full-time music therapist to the staff at Mott through her Elizabeth's Courage Fund, which supports the Palliative Care program.

Before her illness progressed, music played center stage in Elizabeth Sheeren's life. She was involved in Grosse Pointe Theater, Youth on Stage and the Michigan Opera Theater's Children's

Chorus, said her mother, Julie Sheeren.

"All of that stopped when (Elizabeth) became sick," she said. "A very hard, huge loss on so many levels. But music therapy brought music and performing back into her life."

Through music therapy, Elizabeth learned how to play the ukulele and plays it for Mott patients whenever she has the opportunity, Claire Sheeren added.

Melissa Connell of Grosse Pointe Farms is a Sheeren family friend and Claire Sheeren's former math teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy. She said she is not surprised this event has had such an impact.

"Claire's heart, her love of family and her desire to help are nothing short of amazing," Connell said. "The entire family has such a positive outlook. It's no surprise that they are focusing on helping others, even when they are dealing with so much themselves."

Grosse Pointe will not be the only location with runners, walkers and rollers June 19, thanks to the help of event supporter Steve Zaranek. Claire Sheeren credits Zaranek, her former track and cross country coach at Grosse Pointe South, with helping organize the first 5K and also getting teammates, program alumni and friends who no longer live in Grosse Pointe to join the event virtually this year.

Teams will complete 5Ks in Ann Arbor and Sun Valley, Idaho, to as

## 5K finish line to rock the block with post-race celebration

With the route for the third annual Walk, Run and Roll 5K starting and ending in front of the Sheeren home on Washington Road, event organizers are planning a celebration to beat the band.

In fact, the band Uncle Brown & ME will be rocking the crowd as participants complete the nearly 3.07-mile trek throughout the City of Grosse Pointe. An ice cream truck and Ethel's Baking Co. will reward racers for a job well done, and the event will round out with raffles and race-day discounts from sponsors including Moosejaw in The Village.

The street will be shut off from traffic, block-party style.

"My sister is so excited about this, so that's what makes me happy," event founder Claire Sheeren said. "There is a joyful mood surrounding the race and to incorporate an official celebration just adds to that feeling even more."

far away as Scotland and Australia.

At press time, the 2021 event has raised \$57,000 and counting.

"One hundred percent of what we raise goes directly to these programs," said Claire Sheeren, who just finished her first year at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. "It is such a big motivator knowing how much this means to families and how these programs can improve quality of life."

To sign up for the race, to donate or for more information, visit [bit.ly/3uszp0D](http://bit.ly/3uszp0D)



Claire Sheeren, co-founder of Run Walk N Roll 5K and founder of Elizabeth's Courage Fund, takes a breather at the inaugural race with family friend Larry Prout Jr., a patient at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.



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## 50 for 50 Fundraiser collects LEGO kits for Ascension pediatrics unit

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Just a few short years ago, Patrick and Megan Brown faced a nightmare situation when their 5-year-old son, Hudson, was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a type of brain cancer, and underwent emergency surgery.

He spent nine days in the intensive care unit, had 30 radiation treatments and nine cycles of chemotherapy. After more than a year of battling, Hudson now is in remission, but the Browns still remember the experience and its challenges.

“Throughout that time, LEGOs were special to him,” Patrick Brown said. “They got him through long hospital stays and time at home when he couldn’t be around his friends because he had a compromised immune system.

“People were kind and generous and dropped off LEGO kits,” he continued. “We were even able to incentivize it when he got pokes or got treatments and things he didn’t want to



The Brown family, from left, Hudson, Megan, Cece, Pat and Emmy.

do.”

Recalling the impact those gifts had on his family, Brown decided he’d like to give back to other families going through a difficult time. Last week, the Brownell Elementary School fifth-grade teacher kicked off the 50 for 50 LEGO Drive and already has gotten an “incredible” response.

“My plan is to run a 50k race in July,” he explained. “That’s 31

miles, which is classified as an ultra marathon. My goal is to collect 50 LEGO kits, one for every kilometer I run, to donate to the pediatric floor at Ascension St. John Hospital.

“In three days, we’ve gotten a lot of monetary donations to purchase LEGO kits,” he added, noting there also is an Amazon Wishlist of items that can be ordered and sent

directly to the Browns’ house. “I anticipate we’ll pass our goal of 50 kits.”

Those interested in helping may do so until the run, planned July 25 at Kensington Metropark. This will be Brown’s first 50k, for which he’s excited.

“I’ve been a runner going on 15 years,” he said. “It’s something I love to do. I thought ‘50 for 50’ is catchy and if I could have people see



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PATRICK BROWN

Hudson Brown worked on the Fire Mech during his fourth night in the PICU following emergency brain surgery. His father said LEGO is what got him to sit up and stop crying from the pain.

me doing something that’s hard, it would show that I feel strongly about this cause. I do feel strongly and this is a great way to support these kids. They’re getting support for their physical well-being ... but I want to make these kids happy.”

LEGOs certainly worked to make Hudson happy. In remission since March 2019, he still undergoes regular MRIs, meets with an endocrinologist and takes medication, but his father said the Kerby Elementary School sec-

ond grader is playing baseball and living life like his classmates.

“It’s a blessing that we got through this and for Hudson to be healthy,” Brown said. “And now we have the opportunity to do kind things for other families, to pass on the kindness to others that had been done to us.

“The main inspiration for me is continuing to extend the kindness shown to our family during our hard time,” he added. “It’s impor-

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## ‘Keep Calm and Garden On’ Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts 29th annual Garden Tour

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Seven private gardens will be featured in the Grosse Pointe Garden Center’s 29th annual Garden Tour, planned 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, rain or shine.

A variety of garden styles will be on display for guests to peruse, from rain gardens to pollinator gardens and everything in between.

At the Goan residence on Beaupre in Grosse Pointe Farms, the focus is on pollination.

“The beauty of this garden is it’s like the New York City of bees here,” said Kathy Brown, who co-chairs the tour with Ginny Brown. “The purpose of this garden is pollination. It’s paradise for bees and butterflies.”

Homeowners Marsha and Scott Goan use all native plants in their yards, which also include raised square-foot gar-



The front of the Goan house on Beaupre features a gated perennial garden.

dening beds.

“We almost don’t get anything that’s not native anymore,” Scott Goan said. “We’ve finally convinced the neighbors to go a little more native, too.”

When the Goans moved in more than 20 years ago, there was a single yew in the back corner and few other trees on the property. Now, most of the rear yard has been organi-

cally planted, a perennial garden graces the front of the house and a third garden grows next to the garage. Compost and shredded leaves are used to enrich the soil.

“We’re collectors,” Goan said. “We have so many different plants in the garden.”

During the tour, raffle items will be displayed at the Goans’ garden. Among items available are an original water-

color painting, “The Potted Plant,” by Robert Fionda, valued at \$400; a framed, limited edition floral hummingbird print by Catherine McClung, valued at \$325; Waterford Crystal stem-less wine glasses, valued at \$180; a hummingbird enthusiast’s gift kit — featuring a feeder, food and assorted items — valued at \$120; and Spode “Shanghai” bone china dessert plates with



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The Goans built their gardens using organic methods and native plants, focusing on attracting pollinators to their yard.

wooden stands, valued at \$40.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing takes place at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Goan residence.

In addition to the raffle, the second annual Family Enrichment Series will focus on educating guests about native butterflies, hummingbirds, frogs and toads, as well as rain gardens and ponds. Docents will be present both tour days at the Dittrich garden on McKinley, as well as the McCormack garden on Belanger, both in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Diane McCormack’s yard features a koi pond built by Master Gardener Steve Hansen, who will be on hand during the tour. It took three years to create the pond, which spans the length of the yard and includes a waterfall.

“Diane wanted her own private Zen retreat,” Brown said, noting the front of the house also boasts an impressive shade garden.

A variety of perennials and annuals not only fill out the rear yard, but also attract butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, dragonflies and other pollina-

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# Local poet’s travel inspires new collection

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods native John Karabetsos has lived the traveling life of an artist discovering the world. Out of it came his first book: a collection of poems written in 1994 and published in 2019 entitled “Santorini Poems.”

Karabetsos says his a-ha moment when he knew he was a writer was in third grade. He was attending Richard Elementary School in the Farms and his class was assigned a creative writing project. He wrote an adventure story and it “floored the whole class,” according to Karabetsos.

“I was so proud being a class clown all the time,” he said, “but when I put

that into a story, I knew there was something. (That was) the first moment of power that I realized in third grade that one has with writing and your creative expression.”

He attended the University of Michigan, like his four brothers before him, to study literature and theater. While there, his mentor, Trianos Giagos, encouraged him to travel to Greece and “search deeper into the artistic consciousness of Western culture,” according to Karabetsos’ bio. He traveled to Greece in 1994, to study at Arcadia University in Athens.

He spent a year working on the island of Santorini, where he was inspired to write the col-

lection of poems.

“Working through the summer season (in Santorini) allowed the time and space to absorb the experience,” Karabetsos said. “The diverse cross-section of Europeans at the cafes and nightclubs made it easy to develop ideas. All the adventures and observations transformed into poetry and poetry became a way of life.”

“Santorini Poems” is described on its back as “a window onto the Greek landscape, registering the sights and sounds of its unbounded splendor — the coffee ground, the komboloi, the olive grove. ... Comprised of free verse and haiku, this volume of image-based narrative

will delight the novice as well as the scholar with its focus on Greek history and mythology.”

Karabetsos’ journey did not stop with this one Greek-inspired collection. He has written poetry and prose; ventured into photography; directed performances and written screenplays; and dabbled in snow-report journalism.

“I think an artist should open themselves to all the avenues of genre,” he said, “and then, between the genres, you have to go from dance to theatre ...”

Though he is inspired by his travels, Karabetsos is constantly returning to the Pointes.

“Grosse Pointe is amazing,” he said. “I think often young adolescents

like myself, you sort of, you’re rebelling against the institution or whatever ... you overlook how amazing it really is. ... Hidden all over the Grosse Pointes are these very rich, cultural influences that have made a big difference and which constantly draw me back.”

His art contains Grosse Pointe gems hidden throughout. In his indie film — which will premiere Monday, June 21, at Cadieux Cafe — Grosse Pointe musicians are used for the soundtrack.

Karabetsos believes now is the perfect time for him to start releasing his artwork.

“What’s serendipitous, I do believe in magic,” he said “... Coming out with all these different proj-

ects as the world comes out of the pandemic at the same time, I think it’s no small meant-to-be (thing).”

Karabetsos will give a virtual reading of his poems through the library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, followed by a Q&A. All interested residents can sign up for the reading at [grossepointelibrary.org/events](https://grossepointelibrary.org/events). Registration is required.

“Santorini Poems” is on the shelf at the Grosse Pointe libraries.

“Being published in 2019 by an indie company like Thalassa Press is an honor,” Karabetsos said, “but being shelved in Grosse Pointe Public Library, the hometown stacks — it feels like coming home.”

## AREA ACTIVITIES

**Ford House**

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

- ◆ Walking Meditation, 3 p.m. Sundays, through June 20.
- ◆ The Future of Movement: The College for Creative Studies Transportation Design Exhibition, through Aug. 29.
- ◆ Conversations with the Architects, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15.

- ◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 22 to Aug. 17, for ages 8 and younger.
- ◆ Meadow Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, June 25, July 16 and July 30.
- ◆ Maker Studio, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, June 26, July 24 and Aug. 21.
- ◆ Fresh Air Painting Club, 10 a.m. to noon, June 27, July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8 and 22.
- ◆ Explorers, 3 p.m. Thursdays, for ages 6 to 10.
- ◆ Fitness, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, for all fitness levels.

- ◆ Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, for all fitness levels.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](https://fordhouse.org).

**Library**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Oliver’s Animal

Adventures, all day Thursday, June 10. The kinkajou will be featured.

- ◆ Television Trivia, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 10.
- ◆ Oudolf Garden Detroit, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10.
- ◆ Duncan Campbell and Richard Thomas present.
- ◆ Craft-to-go, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 14, at all branches. Drop by and pick up a craft-to-go kit, while supplies last.
- ◆ Dave Roman: Astronaut Academy, 2 p.m. Monday, June 14. Meet the author of this graphic novel.
- ◆ Animal Art, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15.
- ◆ Let’s Play: Among Us, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.
- ◆ “Santorini Poems” — A reading and discussion with John Karabetsos, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.
- ◆ Book and Wine Pairing, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.
- ◆ Oliver’s Animal Adventures, all day Thursday, June 17, featuring the kinkajou.
- ◆ Mad Science of Detroit presents “Tails & Tales,” 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 17.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](https://grossepointelibrary.org) or call (313) 640-4775.

**The Helm**

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs.

- ◆ Art on the Front Lawn, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 10, with Michelle Bogges-Nunley

of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Participants will create a country-inspired blue bicycle painting with simple instructions.

- ◆ Movie, “Land,” 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 18. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Plein Air Painting Workshops, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25, with Michelle Bogges-Nunley. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, per session.

**Ripe Records**

Ripe Records, 15212 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts Record Store Day 2021, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12. The event includes live music from the R.J. Spangler Band, exclusive vinyl releases, a food truck and a raffle to win a turntable. Visit [riperecordsdetroit.com](https://riperecordsdetroit.com) or call (313) 469-7479.

**Blood drives**

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 14, Grosse Pointe Sail Club/Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Historic Trinity Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, St.

Barnabus, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org).

**Gilda’s Club Lake House**

The Gilda’s Club Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

- ◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Gentle Mat Yoga.
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Gynecological Cancers Support Group.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Chair Yoga.

Register at [gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar](https://gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar).

**Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](https://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

**Men’s Club**

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center, speaks.

**Toastmasters**

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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# OBITUARIES

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

### Stanley Wegrzynowicz

St. Clair Shores resident Stanley Wegrzynowicz, 85, passed away Saturday, May 29, 2021.

He was the dear husband of the late Norma; devoted father to Ann, Matthew (Karine) and Mark (Denise); and proud grandfather of Sophia, Luke, Victoria, Olivia and Lydia. He leaves behind many loving family members and friends.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at wasikfuneralhome.com.

### Dolores N. Gross

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dolores Noreen Gross passed away Monday, May 24, 2021, at age 89.

Born Dec. 11, 1931, in Detroit, to Russell John Faucher and Lillian Harriet Faucher (nee Mohr), Dolores attended Marygrove College. She worked retail at J.L. Hudson's, Marshall Fields and Macy's department stores, and was a Campfire Leader many years. She also enjoyed time with her sewing group and serving her church's Altar Society.

Dolores is survived by her loving children, Susan Thompson (John), Beth Bauer (Larry), Joann Cole (Mark), Mary Fellsman (Max), Paula Gorman (Gary), Janet Bruce (Richard), Christopher Gross, Ann Bare (Todd) and Jeffrey Peters (Anita); 17 grandchildren; her sister, Mary Anderson (Bill); and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John S.; sons, John S. Jr., and Lawrence Gross; granddaughter, Lexie Bruce; and sisters, Donna Jasin (the late Marty) and Marilyn Murphy (the late John).

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe

Park. Interment took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

### Christopher M. Walsh

Christopher Michael Walsh died peacefully Wednesday, June 2, 2021, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Born April 23, 1937, in Washington, D.C., Chris was the fourth child of Dorothy (nee DeVoll) and John Burke Walsh and sibling to John, Judy and Michael.

From St. Anselm's Abbey and Priory, Chris entered his beloved University of Notre Dame and graduated in 1959.

Chris married the love of his life, Suzanne Elizabeth (nee O'Hearn) in 1960; Suzanne predeceased Chris in 2016. Together they raised nine children, Brigid Lossing, Suzanne (Joe Montuori), Kate, Chris (Katy), Terry (Missy), Brendan (Lynn), Tim (Miky), Beth Walsh-Sahutske (Matt Sahutske) and Ann. The couple had 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Chris is survived by his sister, Judy Quinn (Jim) of Silver Spring, Md.

Chris' life was built around family and faith, which gave focus to his intense work ethic and constant service. His professional career spanned nearly 50 years as a technology sales leader at Kodak and Lexmark, among others. He and Sue brought their growing family from Washington, D.C., to Jefferson City, Chicago, Rochester, N.Y., Cleveland and finally, Grosse Pointe in 1976. His relentless drive and Sue's loving guidance kept them tightly knit and on track through this rapid succession of homes. The Walsh household often was the center of neighborhood play as ever-present friends added rambunctious joy to the

biggest family on the block. Chris was well known for his warmth, humor and competitive spirit. He had never an unkind word and always a ready ear for the stories and anecdotes that fueled his easy conversation.

His decades of volunteer work at organizations that included St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Notre Dame Alumni Club of Detroit and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe were recognized with several accolades and awards.

His passing leaves a large hole in a large family, as well as the surrounding community. He will be missed by many whose lives he enriched.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, thecapuchins.org.

### Karen Marrs Parthum

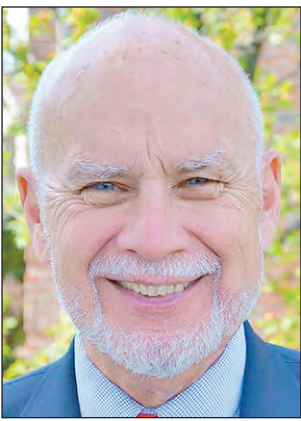
Karen Marrs Parthum passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 26, 2021, holding hands with two of her favorite people in the world — her sisters.

Born Sept. 7, 1936, she was the daughter of Myron Francis and Genevieve O'Keefe Marrs.

She attended St. Mary's Academy in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and St. Ambrose School in Grosse Pointe Park.

A photographer with the FBI after she graduated high school, Karen's first day at work changed her life forever; she met a handsome co-worker with a cheeky sense of humor who was, in fact, her soulmate. She and Don Parthum were married July 20, 1957. The couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary this year.

Karen's family said it wasn't possible to think of Karen without immediately thinking of Don



Stanley Wegrzynowicz



Dolores N. Gross



Christopher M. Walsh

and vice versa; they were perfect for each other. The love and respect they shared was their finest and greatest legacy that will live on in everyone who knew them — especially their family.

Karen was a loving mother to her children, Donald Jr. (Liz), Pamela McCarthy (Tim), Jeffrey (Laura) and Nicole (Derek Stevens).

She was "Keke" to her grandchildren, Katherine, Caroline, Caitlin, Alexander, Madison, Whitney, Sammy and Sera. Karen's family said when her husband, Don, first proposed the notion of his retirement, Karen was supportive as ever, with one condition — his being home could not interfere with her special time watching over the grandchildren.

Karen was the sister of Judy Clarke (Gene), Mike Marrs (Donna), Walter Marrs (Kathy), Mary Ann Semelsberger (Frank), Linda Quick (Ron) and Tim Marrs (Sue). She also loved and was loved by her beloved brother-in-law, John "Jack" Parthum (Nancy).

Karen was kind, thoughtful and loving; moreover, she had the je ne sais quoi that drew people to her like a moth to a flame, her family said. She caused others to want to be better and kinder and to slow down and see the beauty in the day-to-day, they said.

A self-described chocolate-aholic, the only thing Karen loved more than chocolate was her family — especially her grandchildren — her family said. She was known for her chocolate chip cookies, addiction to celebrity magazines, knitting skills and insistence that everyone get together for "just one more picture." An early riser, she often was up before the sun and half-way through a pot of coffee and a few chocolate chip cookies by the time anyone else in the house thought of waking



Karen Marrs Parthum



Barbara J. Chase

up. Karen loved to travel as far away as Ireland and as close as down the street for dinner.

She held her faith nestled tightly between her heart and soul. A parishioner at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, she volunteered many hours to keep the church beautiful. Through the years, she had a special relationship with the parish priests who were always welcome to join Parthum family events.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Clare at stclarem.org.

### Barbara J. Chase

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara Jean Chase, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at American House in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was born Jan. 11, 1934, in then Gratiot Township, now Harper Woods, to Edward and Rosalia Kolp.

Barbara graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951.

A longtime loyal volunteer at the YMCA, Barbara served on the board of directors many years. She proudly delivered a national speech in Anaheim, Calif., during which she was honored for her lifetime of achievements. In addition, she

served more than 33 years as a valuable and loving volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital.

Barbara loved adventure. She took an Alaskan cruise, tried whitewater rafting and traveled to Europe and other parts of the world. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her loving family.

She had a generous heart and a welcoming soul. Barbara always listened when someone needed to talk. Wise and kind-hearted, she had the ability to offer warm and supportive advice.

Barbara is survived by her children, Anne Marie Sternquist (Bob), Cheryl Lynn Nicolls (Matthew), John Mitchell Chase III (Heather Anne) and Paul Martin Chase (Heather Renee); and grandchildren, John Mitchell Chase IV, Thomas Edward Chase, Elaine Katherine Chase, Ellen Anne Nicolls, Lauren Elizabeth Nicolls, Olivia Renee Chase and Chris Sternquist. She was predeceased by her siblings, Rosalie, Robert, Gerald and James.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by interment at the church columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, ymcadetroit.org.

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Arthur H. Molitor, D.D.S.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Arthur Horton Molitor passed away peacefully Saturday, June 5, 2021, with his devoted wife, Ginny, at his side. A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, he was 91.

Art will be missed dearly by his wife of 60 years, Virginia (nee Belanger), and the family that grew from their union, including three children, Karen LaBarge (Paul), Connie Lucchese (Matt) and Chip Molitor (Joey), and eight grandchildren, Matthew Lucchese (Trinity Smith), John Paul Lucchese, Kathryn Lucchese, Stephen LaBarge, Kelly Fleming (Ian), Michael Molitor, Robert Molitor and Daniel Molitor. Art also is survived by his dear sister, Connie Cadarette of Bloomfield Hills; nieces, Laura Ragold (Jim), Beth Jaskolski (Jeff) and Nancy Kennedy (Kevin); and nephew, John Cadarette (Deidre).



Arthur H. Molitor D.D.S.

Unwavering in his faith, Art considered himself blessed. Kind, humble and generous, he had a twinkle in his eye that forewarned a quick wit and smile soon to follow.

A graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, he diligently pursued his education and graduated from the University of Detroit College of Dentistry in 1955. Art enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served and cared for servicemen aboard the USS Siboney.

After Art completed his Naval service, he started his private dental practice. He was very active in professional organizations by donating his time and talents to the profession and improving the lives of his patients. Through the



Franklin D. Smith

years, he repeatedly was recognized as an outstanding practitioner by the Dental Society of Macomb County, Michigan Dental Society, American Dental Society, MDA Peer Review Committee and Detroit Dental Clinic Club; he also served as chairman (1977-79) and president (1982-83) of the Crown and Bridge Section. A speaker at national and international conferences, he also was a clinical instructor and lecturer in the crown and bridge department at the University of Detroit Dental School. In 1980, Art was inducted as a Fellow into the International College of Dentistry, an honorary organization recognizing outstanding and meritorious service to the profession. He retired in



Irene T. Galeota

2001, after 45 years of patient care.

Despite his many professional commitments and accomplishments, Art made his family, church and community top priorities. He was fortunate to meet the love of his life, Virginia, after he returned from Naval service; the couple married in 1961.

He and his wife were lifelong active parishioners at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Art served many years as an usher, lay minister and Parish Council member. He and his bride were volunteers at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Art also served on the Eastside Advisory Council to Wayne Community College and enjoyed camaraderie with friends as a member of the Grosse Pointe

Senior Men's Club. His interests included playing tennis, investing and following the stock market and watching sports — especially his grandchildren's numerous hockey games and dance recitals. Art and Ginny also enjoyed traveling the world together, hand in hand, on another adventure.

A funeral Mass for Art took place June 8, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the DLS Brother George Synan Scholarship Fund, 14600 Common Rd., Warren, MI 48088; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1264 Meldrum St., Detroit, MI 48207.

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

(David); and loving grandfather to Morgan Louise, Caitlin Kennedy, Michael John, Emily Michelle, Peter Franklin, Joshua Timothy, Colin David, Isaac Thompson, Eli David and Amelia Linnaea.

Frank loved spending time with his family, friends and co-workers. He enjoyed gardening and landscaping.

He had a 45-year career at Detroit Edison.

Visitation was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township.

Irene T. Galeota

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Irene Theresa Galeota (nee McCaig) passed away peacefully Friday, May 28, 2021, surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert D. She was the dearest mother of Catherine (Dimitri), Robert Jr. and Maureen (Charlie); and loving grandmother of John, Meghan, Michael, C.J., Teddy, Emma and Aidan.

Franklin D. Smith

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Franklin Donald Smith passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Born March 13, 1949, in Grosse Pointe Farms, he was 72.

Franklin was the beloved husband of Alfreda Rose Smith for 50 years; adoring father to Heather Mayernik, David Smith (Allison) and Megan Licavoli

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tors. Additionally, the home is decorated with 13 window boxes that yield lavender, herbs, geraniums and more.

Guests on the tour will receive complimentary water bottles at the Scopel garden on Three Mile Drive in Grosse Pointe Park, as well as the Honn garden on Heather Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Visitors to Caryn and Ken Honn's house will follow a winding walkway to a secluded woodland garden setting.

"When people tell me it's like being up north, you cannot pay me a greater compliment," Ken Honn said, noting the yard was all grass when he moved in more than 20 years ago.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "I moved in in 1990, and started working on the retaining wall to hold up the dirt — 145 yards. I've been working on it ever since;



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The koi pond on Belanger took three years to come to fruition.

it keeps changing."

So set on creating a backyard oasis, Honn made a deal with his neighbor to let him do

the work.

"I told her I would replace her driveway and do her landscaping if I could use her gate to get

the boulders through," he said.

Today, the lush park-like yard includes more than 55 evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs that promote shades of green with various textures.

Among the garden's features is a 3 ½-foot-deep, 3,000-gallon koi pond with two waterfalls cascading over natural stone, every one of which was carried and placed by hand. Visitors also will notice a path weaving through the trees and



A firepit warms the outdoor seating area in the Heather Lane yard.



Rhododendrons grace an area near the pond on Belanger.

shrubby.

"I had an Airedale named Toby," Honn explained. "He did not want to be an in-house dog; he wanted to be an out-house dog. He lived back in the corner and he liked to run this yard. This path is a tribute to Toby; this was his path."

Private gardens this year are rounded out by the Smiley-Chiodo garden on Cloverly in Grosse Pointe Farms and the Eko garden on Woods Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods.

As in previous years, the Garden Center's Trial Gardens and Veterans Garden at The War Memorial also will be part of the tour.

"Our best leads come from people who know somebody," Brown said, already putting a call out

for gardens to be featured in next year's tour. "If anybody is interested or knows of anybody who's interested, call the Garden Center at any time."

Tickets for this year's event are \$15 in advance, \$20 on tour days. Tickets are valid both days of the tour; ages 12 and younger are admitted free.

Tickets are available from Garden Center members, as well as online at [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org). A will-call station will be set up at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Masks and distancing may be requested when visiting a garden. Pets are not allowed.

For more information or tickets, call (313) 499-0743 or email [gpgardencenter@outlook.com](mailto:gpgardencenter@outlook.com).



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Hudson Brown with his largest set, Ninjago City, which is 4,867 pieces.

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tant to me to continue to pay it forward and show families battling things that are hard and scary that they're not alone and that people care about them. We received so many money donations, gift cards, LEGO sets, even kind messages on Facebook — and a lot of them were from people I don't know. It was just people being kind, showing love to people going through a hard time."

Those interested in contributing to the 50 for 50 LEGO Drive have a few options, the first of which is to access the #HudsonStrong Facebook page, where Hudson's cancer journey has been documented and where flyers and links for donations are posted. Through the Facebook page, the Amazon Wishlist also

may be accessed. Those who order via Amazon may send deliveries to Patrick Brown, 409 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Those who would like to make a monetary donation — all funds will be used to purchase LEGO kits — may do so via Venmo @MeganBrown-132.

"We've had a strong first few days," Brown said. "The race is July 25. I'm hoping to go to the (pediatrics) floor on the 26th with a whole lot of LEGOs."



Scan the QR code to access the 50 for 50 Amazon Wishlist.



A path winds through the trees in the Honns' backyard, in memory of a past pet, an Airedale named Toby.



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Will Schippert’s Upper Peninsula art book.



“Sultry Evening in Savannah” by Kim Bristol

## Tourism expert talks about ‘American Road Trip’ Exhibition at The War Memorial through July 15

Michigan tourism expert David Lorenz will talk about and award prizes for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition, “American Road Trip,” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, in the GPAA gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

At the state level, Lorenz oversees the “Pure Michigan” campaign. On the national level, he serves on the board of directors for the U.S. Travel Association and is vice chairman of the National Council of



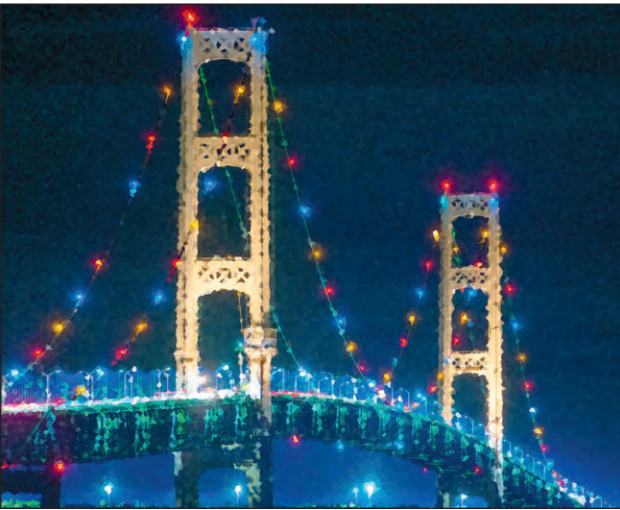
“Route 66 Traveler” by Karen Merkin

State Tourism Directors. “David was the perfect person to help us put together a show that celebrates the excitement of touring America,” said Karen Pope, GPAA president.

“He looked through the entries and chose 49 works by 32 artists for the road trip show, each one evoking a special memory, from looking down on the sultry streets of Savannah to the Big Mac dressed up in its nighttime lights.”

The evening also serves as the debut for road-trip-themed art books by Grosse Pointe Park resident Will Schippert, who battled the isolation of the pandemic by touring the Upper Peninsula, making art and collecting stories.

The “American Road Trip” exhibition may be



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“Big Mac Bridge at Night” by Bill Schahfer

viewed in-person at the GPAA gallery in The War Memorial, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 10 through July 15. The show also may be previewed online at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Leslie Lundahl, Ph.D.

## Risks associated with underage drinking

*This is the first of a three-part series.*

**Q: How bad is it to let underage kids have a couple beers around the bonfire?**

**A:** It’s actually pretty bad.

### Physical and mental health risk

Brain imaging studies clearly show adolescence is a critical period during which the brain develops and matures and thus is particularly vulnerable to alcohol and drug exposure. Alcohol use during this time can affect brain structure and function, which can lead to attention, concentration, learning and memory impairments, resulting in difficulties in school and academic performance. Underage drinkers are more likely to miss classes, fall behind in their schoolwork, make more errors on assignments and exams and earn lower grades. Heavy alcohol use causes disinhibition, affects a teen’s ability to plan and organize and impairs decision-making, all of which increase the likelihood of engaging in other unsafe behaviors such as driving while intoxicated, riding as a

passenger with an intoxicated driver, experimenting with other drugs and engaging in risky sexual behavior. Frequent use of alcohol also has been associated with low self-esteem, depression, anxiety and increased risk of suicide. Teens who binge drink (consuming four drinks in about two hours for women or five drinks in about two hours for men) are more likely to experience these consequences and also are at high risk for alcohol poisoning, which can be fatal.

If your kid’s friend takes antidepressants or anti-anxiety medication, their symptoms can be intensified. If you mix antidepressants and alcohol, you may feel more depressed or anxious. Drinking can counteract the benefits of your antidepressant medication, making your symptoms more difficult to treat. Alcohol may seem to improve your mood in the short term, but its overall effect increases symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Side effects of your medication may be worse. A few antidepressants cause sedation and drowsiness, and so does alcohol.

When taken together, the combined effect can be intensified making you sedated or drowsy. Your thinking and alertness may be impaired. The combination of antidepressants and alcohol will affect your judgment, coordination, motor skills and reaction time more than alcohol alone. Some combinations may make you sleepy. This can impair your ability to drive or do other tasks that require focus and attention.

Don’t stop taking an antidepressant or other medication just so you can drink. Most antidepressants require taking a consistent, daily dose to maintain a constant level in your system and work as intended. Stopping and starting your medications can make your depression worse.

While it’s generally best not to drink at all if you’re depressed, ask your doctor. If you have depression, you may be at risk of alcohol abuse. People with depression are at increased risk of substance abuse and addiction. If you have trouble controlling your alcohol use, you may need treatment for alcohol dependence before your depression improves.

You may have trouble sleeping. Some people who are depressed have trouble sleeping. Using alcohol to help you sleep may let you fall asleep quickly, but you tend to wake up more in the middle of the night. Alcohol also can increase the nervous system side effects of antidepressant medications or other miscella-

neous drugs used for anxiety. Side effects may include dizziness, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, impairment in thinking, slowed reflexes and poor judgment.

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Hate-loss diet

*Last year, I broke up with the man I was engaged to and loved deeply. I'd found out he was cheating on me constantly with many different women throughout our relationship. My life has gone on, but I often think of what he did to me and feel incredible anger. I'd like to forgive him, but I'm not sure how to do that when these feelings pop up throughout my week.*  
—Stuck

It's hard to move on emotionally when you not only have a grudge but take it everywhere with you like a cockroach on a little yarn leash. This isn't to say you should forgive the guy. There's this assumption that forgiving someone

who's wronged you is the healthy, constructive thing to do -- and, sure, it can be. Evolutionary social psychologist Michael McCullough defines forgiveness as "an internal process of getting over your ill will for an offender." He explains that forgiveness is "adaptive" -- functional, beneficial -- when there's a valuable relationship at stake: when you'd benefit from continuing contact with the perp (and it seems unlikely they'll be a repeat offender -- harm you again in a similar way).

But you aren't looking to re-up with the guy! And you probably have zero indication he's changed anything -- aside from which woman he's two-timing (or, uh, 22-timing,

as a rough quarterly estimate). What you're really seeking is peace of mind. Consider that anger, like forgiveness, can be functional. The anger you still have probably remains for a reason: a warning sign that you're in danger of being cheated on again. But there's a way to shut off that alert -- and protect yourself in the future -- and it's by turning this into a learning experience.

Be accountable for the part you played in what happened -- not because, "Yay, blame the victim!" -- but because it's the part you can control. Did you, perhaps, want so badly to believe you'd found love that you ignored signs you'd landed a cheating creep posing as an adoring boyfriend? Being



honest about what you *could* -- and should -- have done differently can become your guide for what you *will* do differently the next guy around. A man can give you the sense he has a moral compass, but it's best you

give it a hard look to see it isn't cracked and dusty from constantly being dropped in other women's bedrooms.

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## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



## Fear will get you nowhere

Q: I froze up and didn't ask the interviewers all the questions I had and accepted the job offer too soon. I've replayed the interview in my mind, and I think I didn't ask anything because I felt intimidated.

I had already decided I wanted the job, so I didn't think questions were necessary. But I never would have imagined what took place after I joined the company.

I thought I would be reporting to the managers who interviewed me. Doesn't that seem obvious? I was not.

They put a secretary over me. Not just any secretary but a rigid, controlling one who told me what to do and how to do it. She was not familiar with my specialty, and I don't even know if she had a degree.

When I streamlined a way to do something, she

would not allow me to implement it. The setup for the job was absurd, but I never said anything to the original interviewers.

I hated every single day and was thankful I was able to find another job six months later. But again, I didn't ask questions in the interview. It has worked out so far, but what kind of questions would be appropriate and not sound negative, picky or paranoid?

A: Many candidates freeze in their interviews, fearing their questions will discourage the company from hiring them.

First, if a company balks

at hiring you because of professionally presented questions, you are better



off not working there. Though transparency should be every company's focus, it is not.

If an interviewer avoids answering a direct ques-

tion about the position, the boss' expectations, the work style preferred by the company or the company's procedures regarding the assignments, something is wrong.

You may not be told what the problem is, but when you get that gut feeling that the interviewer is dodging the truth, accept it. Of course, finish your interview, but seriously consider what was not mentioned to you before you accept a position.

you would be working on, the procedures, the departments and co-workers you would closely work with, the boss' expectations and the review system are appropriate.

You might also want to ask about the workload and hours expected. Even if HR states the required hours, you will want more detailed information from the boss or manager you will be reporting to.

When you ask questions, withhold judgmental facial expressions; show interest and offer an affirmative nod to show you are listening. Interviewing is not a card game that benefits from a poker face, but don't display negativity.

The same is true for your questions. Ask them without conviction in your voice. You are simply collecting information; you are not cross-examining a witness. You can even ask about company turnover and turnover for the specific position available.

A company must answer honestly; heavy turnover information is helpful in discovering whether the boss is a good or a bad one.

Graciously thank the interviewer for his or her time, not revealing any negative feelings, if any.

You can ask if the interviewer has a timeline in hiring the person, but again, ask out of curiosity, not desperation. Feel free to express satisfaction about the position, even if you are not feeling it 100%. It can't hurt to end the interview on a positive note.

Analyze all you have heard so that if you are offered the job, then you will know how to respond. If you have decided not to accept, do so politely, thanking the person for the opportunity. When refusing an offer, saying less is better. You never know where could meet that person again in the future.

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## Veteran feels used by friend demanding her military discount

DEAR ABBY: While shopping with a friend recently, I was put in an awkward situation in regard to a store discount. Having served in the military, I qualify for a discount at that particular store. She was aware of that discount, and while she was at the checkout lane, she yelled at me, "Hey, you! What's your phone number for your military discount?"

We are both retired and living on one income, although I am married and live on my husband's pension. She's retired from a job in the medical field, owns her home and shows up conveniently at friends' homes for coffee and food.

I was so dumbfounded at her request for the

number that I gave it to her. I'm uncomfortable going shopping with her now. I haven't addressed it with her, and I have tried to avoid any shopping trips with her since that incident. It feels like she's stealing my valor since my husband and I served in the military. Am I too easily offended? -- RETIRED IN ALASKA

DEAR RETIRED: I'm glad you mentioned valor in your letter because it's time for you to summon up some more. Unless you want this person to continue taking advantage of you, set her straight. She is not entitled to the discount, and you must learn to refuse if and when she puts you in that position again.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-

husband always had a difficult relationship with his family. I never understood and would force him to call them on holidays, birthdays and special occasions.

We divorced after he had an affair. It was ugly at the start, but we are civil now.

Following the divorce, COVID and some bad decisions on his part, he has lost everything. He's now homeless and lives in his car or at motels. The other day he came to me desperate. I took him out of the cold for a while, fed him and dropped him off at a friend's. I then reached out to his family to tell them about how bad he is doing. I didn't even get to tell them before they cut me off saying they have washed their hands of



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

him because of his bad decisions.

My ex isn't perfect, but although he never did anything to his family like he did to me, they are punishing him for that. Should I reach out to them again and tell them he needs them now more than ever, or should I just let it go like he told me to years ago? -- EX WITH A HEART

DEAR EX: If you think it will soften their hearts, contact them once more and tell them that you have forgiven him for the hurt he caused you and suggest they stop punishing him for it. However, it's entirely possible that some of

your ex's other bad decisions may have affected his relatives. If that's the case, let the matter drop.

Remember, there's a difference between being softhearted and softheaded, and he must solve his own problems without you being dragged back in.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker who just built a house. When I asked her what she would like for a housewarming gift, she told me a nice wine carafe with a stopper. So that's exactly what I got her. I recently found out she had a housewarming party, and I wasn't invited. I had asked her

when it was going to be, and she didn't mention a word about it.

Am I still obligated to give her the gift I got for her? Or should I write her off and give it to someone else? -- EXCLUDED IN CORPUS CHRISTI

DEAR EXCLUDED: Ouch! Write her off and regift it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



**Dear Ann Landers:** Recently, a reader sent in a “sure cure” for a headache. He said it worked every time. It went something like this: Take a banana, and peel it. Tape half of the banana peel to your forehead with adhesive and the rest to the back of your head. He said the headache should be gone in 20 minutes.

I don’t get headaches often, but the day I read that column, I had a killer migraine. Although people say you shouldn’t put bananas in the refrigerator, I always do, and that is where I found my “lifesaver.” I used commercial duct tape to keep half the banana peel on my forehead and the other half on the back of my neck.

Ann, in less than 30 minutes, my headache was

gone.

I phoned my husband, a chemistry teacher, and told him about my miraculous cure. He said, “That was no miracle. You apparently had a potassium deficiency in your system, and the banana filled it.” Mystery solved. - Greensboro, N.C.

**Dear Greensboro:** I’m happy it worked for you. Keep reading for more:

From Chatham, Ontario: Your “banana cure” intrigued me, so I taped it to my bathroom wall “just in case.” Yesterday, I felt a headache coming on and went into action.

When I looked in the mirror and saw myself with a banana peel taped to my forehead, I started to laugh and couldn’t

*Classic*  
**Ann Landers**

stop. After about 10 minutes, I took a brief nap. When I woke up, the headache was gone. I don’t know if it was the banana peel, the laughter, the nap or the combination of all three, but from now on, there will always be a banana in my refrigerator.

Seattle: You certainly proved your gullibility when you fell for that old banana-peel gimmick sent in by Dick Frymire of Irvington, Ky.

He assured you that within 30 minutes, if you apply the banana peel and just relax, the headache will disappear. Actually, at least 85 percent of all headaches will disappear if you “just relax” because most headaches are caused by tension.

Sierra Madre, Calif.: You asked readers to try the banana-peel cure for headaches. Oddly

enough, I felt a headache coming on just as I was reading that column. I couldn’t decide if I should take some pain medication or go for the banana cure. I went to the kitchen, peeled a banana and taped it to the front and back of my head with package tape. Within a few minutes, my headache was gone.

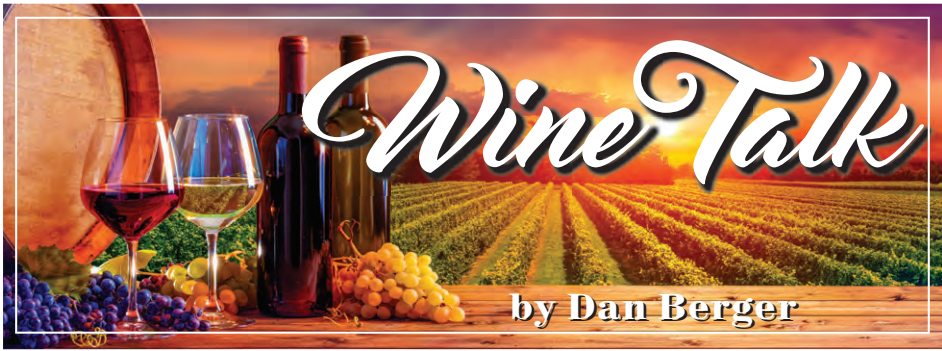
Burke, Va.: I haven’t needed the banana-peel headache cure because my husband, an Indian from South America, learned a simple cure from his mother. Apply thick slices of an unpeeled potato to the neck and forehead. Secure with a scarf. It

has never failed.

Toronto: Why don’t you stick to lovelorn advice and leave medical cures to the experts in the field? I read about your banana cure for headaches and decided to eat two bananas a day for a week. My headaches continued unabated, and I gained two pounds. Don’t sign my name. I’m too embarrassed to reveal myself.

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# Remembering Clendenen and Bruce

Within the last 2 months, the world lost two of the most important figures in California’s wine history when Jim Clendenen and Dr. David Bruce passed away.

Clendenen was 68. Bruce was 90.

These men were iconic figures in California’s world of fine wine, but not in the way many people think of domestic wine history: They were producers of great cabernet sauvignons that can win head-to-head contests with mighty Bordeaux.

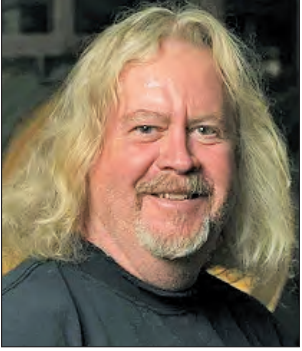
Cabernet put California on the international wine stage. Today’s cabs command outrageous prices and are considered highly collectible the world over.

What Clendenen and Bruce did, with far less public recognition, was shine a spotlight on two grape varieties that decades ago had checkered histories and were always poorly understood. Their efforts helped fixed that.

Not to demean cabernet’s success, but it’s a grape that’s awfully forgiving. It allows winemakers much latitude in making excellent wines. It grows in many locations, withstands some of Mother Nature’s harshest conditions year to year and takes well to being blended for improvement.

Chardonnay and pinot noir, by contrast, are difficult-to-handle Burgundian grapes that are far more recalcitrant and don’t like being blended; they are solipsists. Also, they’re closely connected to their soils and climates, and therefore, they often make mediocre wines when planted in the wrong spots.

Finding great examples of chardonnay or pinot isn’t easy, so the best, from France’s Burgundy district, can be outrageously expensive.



Jim Clendenen

sive and nearly impossible to obtain.

It was that challenge, as well as several others, that led Clendenen and Bruce to accept the challenge so many avoided: to make exemplary wines from those grapes. And they did so in spite of the fact that at the times they founded their respective wineries, the general public had virtually no interest in either grape.

Jim Clendenen, who founded Au Bon Climat in 1982, was a gregarious, loquacious fellow who made friends easily and, when not making wine, spent much of his working life visiting France and getting to know virtually every great winemaker there who had fingers in both varieties. He learned tricks and strategies, came home to apply them and shared his knowledge freely with fellow winemakers.

David Bruce, a dermatologist and dedicated Burgundy lover, was a quiet, thoughtful man who spent many of his working years traipsing through vineyards of California’s Central Coast, where he believed a Burgundian style of wine (both white and red) could successfully be produced.

As such, he pioneered purchasing fruit from virtually every vineyard from which he thought he could produce an exemplary wine, and he frequently did so for an audience that (in the early 1960s) simply had to accept his word that



Dr. David H. Bruce

those wines were authentic.

Back then in California, burgundy was a lower-case red wine blend of no account and hadn’t yet ascended to the capital B Burgundy later wine lovers would revere. Bruce’s clientele learned the ropes from him.

When he planted his vineyard in 1961 in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and when Clendenen planted his 21 years later in Santa Barbara County, the world was still unaware of what they were doing. I got to know both men well in the late 1970s and found them to be overwhelmingly dedicated to a craft that could be called thankless, especially since audiences were so limited.

In today’s world, great California chardonnays and pinot noirs command prices topping \$100 a bottle, and wine collectors invest not only in wine bottles but also in the lands they see as producing exceptional wines to rival those of Burgundy.

Both men led the way to creating this Burgundian explosion.

The world has lost two of its most visionary U.S. practitioners from this once-obscure sector of the wine-art industry -- losses I feel most personally.

To find out more about Dan Berger and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Upstate New York Staple Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

I’ve been so excited to share this recipe with you. My husband is from upstate New York and when I visit, the most exciting part of the trip is devouring this chicken in the summer. This recipe is widely used in chicken barbeque fundraisers held by fire departments, school sports teams, NY county and State Fairs. It was developed by Dr. Robert C. Baker, a former Cornell University poultry science and food science professor. This gentleman knew what he was doing.

It’s simple but very thoughtful. It should marinate for 24 hours but if you can’t, who cares. Put in the fridge as long as you can. The result is juicy, flavorful and unique in a sense, because there is an egg in the marinade. When you baste the chicken while it’s cooking, you’re putting almost a deconstructed mayonnaise on top. It truly is legendary.

Serve with your favorite sides. My in-laws taught me that corn, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw are best! I hope you enjoy this as much as my family does.

### Cornell Chicken

8 chicken thighs or quarter (bone in and skin on)

1 cup apple cider vinegar

1 egg



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½ cup vegetable oil

2 tsp salt

2 tsp poultry seasoning

¼ tsp black pepper

Whisk together all ingredients aside from the chicken. Add the marinade to a large zip-lock bag and add the chicken. Marinate in the fridge for 24 hours. Take the chicken out of the fridge for about 20

minutes before grilling. Preheat your grill to high heat. When you’re ready, turn one side of your grill off and add the chicken to the side with no heat. Watch for flare ups and baste with the marinade every 5-10 minutes. Discard any leftover marinade. Cook for about 30-35 minutes. You want a nice slow roast. The juices should run clear when fully cooked. Serve with your favorite bbq sides.

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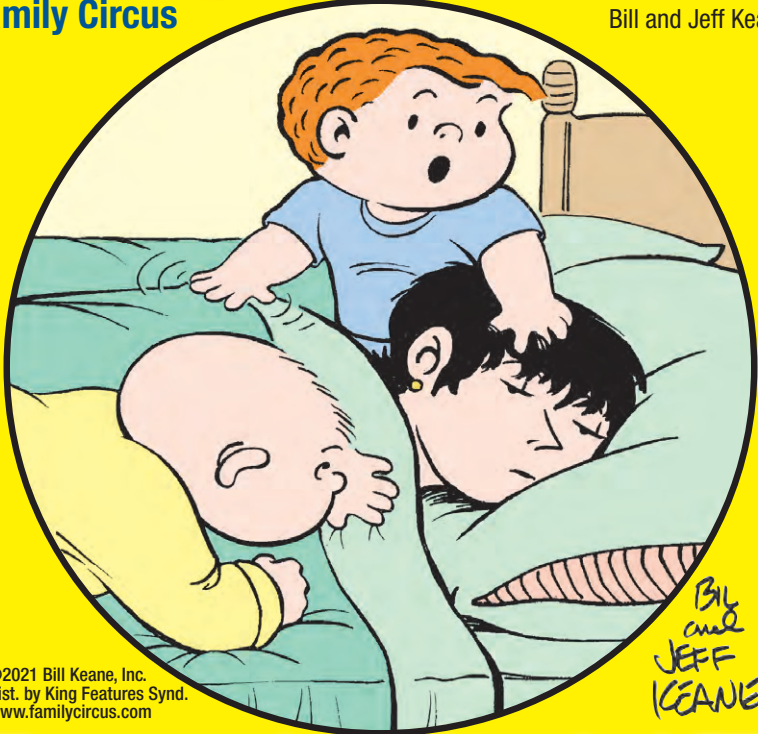
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# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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“Mommy, are we s’posed to let you sleep in THIS morning or TOMORROW morning?”

## Garfield

Jim Davis



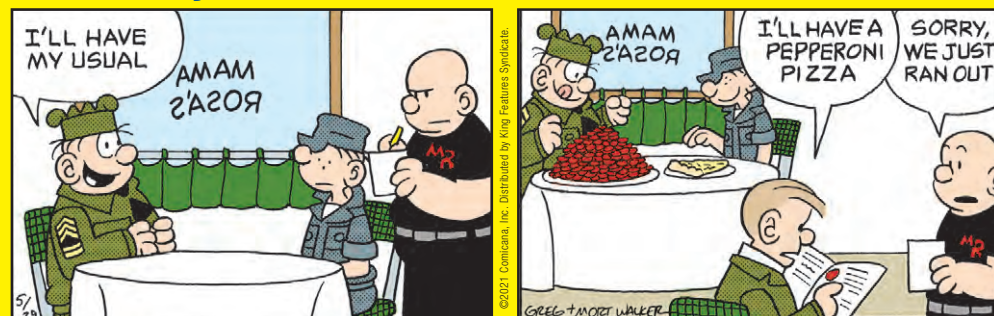
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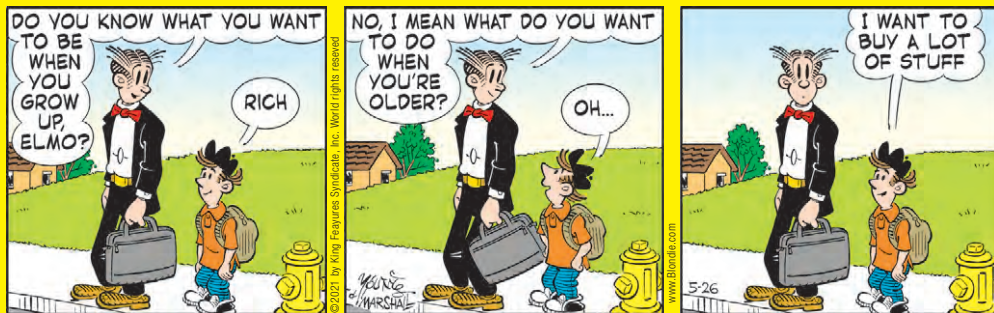
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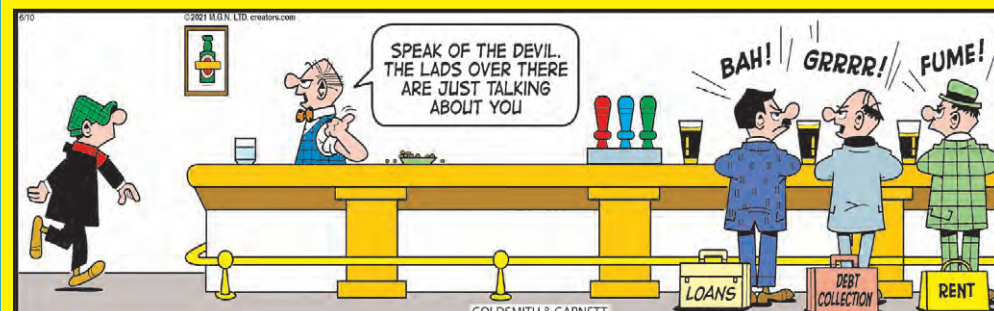
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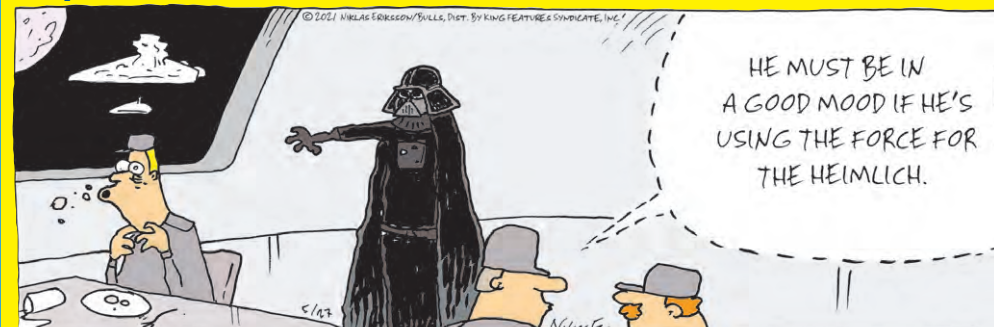
## Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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6/10

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 10, 2021

### ACROSS

- Part ways
- University of New Mexico student
- Classroom cheater's sound
- Ready to do a pushup
- First fratricide fatality
- Grains in some pudding
- Braised vegetable in German cuisine
- "go brag!" ("Ireland forever!")
- Brand originally called Froffles
- Tomato variety
- Often-stolen ID
- Getting on in life
- Tangy, fizzy drink
- Medicinal measures
- Found a new purpose for Senators' capital city?
- Zest source
- Medium-ripe ingredients at a pizza parlor
- Very large, informally
- Like some plants
- End of a sequel's title
- Bridge support

- Central Thai dish made with chilies
- Cousin of contra-
- Resort with many robes
- Ski Valley, New Mexico
- Superfan
- Enterprise shuttle's org.
- Peruvian crop with husks (theme hint: think Skittles colors)
- Poems of admiration
- Fourth-largest Great Lake
- Shed an iceberg
- Discard
- Raggedy (popular dolls)
- Wiser's companion

### DOWN

- Extend, as one's wings
- Having a bun in the oven
- Ski resort shelters
- Encrypted
- Drink that Colonists paid a steep price for
- Hard work
- Malia or Sasha
- Initiated
- "Hurrah," at a futbol game
- Word after "under" or "water"

- Navy negative
- Bio., chem. or phys.
- Midmorning hour
- Sis's sib, perhaps
- "Do you get it now?"
- Fruit you may stomp on
- Studies near libraries, perhaps?
- Compute 18+9, say
- Only three-letter scale note
- Discussion point
- Rarely seen banknote
- Like the name Miles, for a marathoner
- Rainy
- 525,600 minutes, usually

- Exits
- Slip that excuses tardiness
- S.F. summer hours
- Car efficiency stat
- One million
- Scamp
- Still secret
- "Feed a cold, a fever"
- Confessional visitor
- Total reversal
- to go
- Procedures to learn, with "the"
- Luxury fashion monogram
- Negative adverb
- Kerfuffle
- Mendel's legume
- Environmental prefix

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Solution to 6/3 and the Crossword we re-ran on page 12C  
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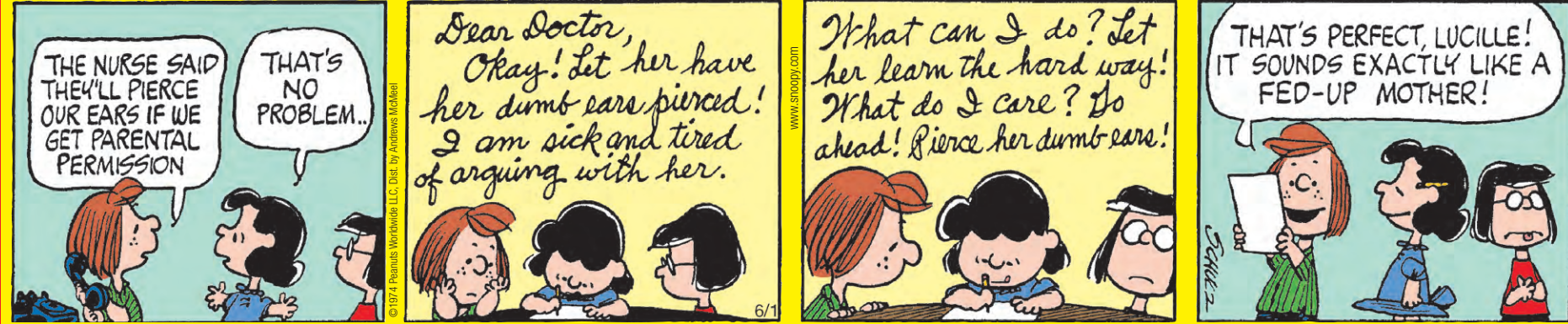
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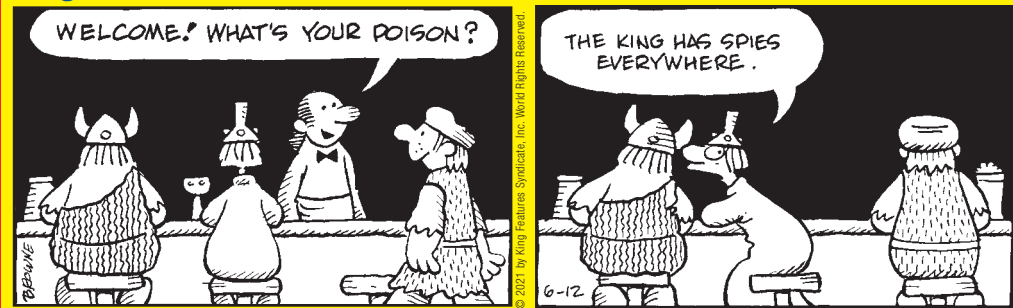
## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



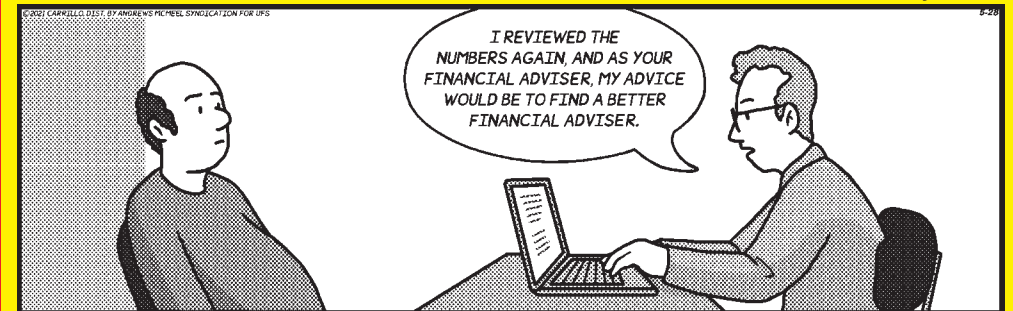
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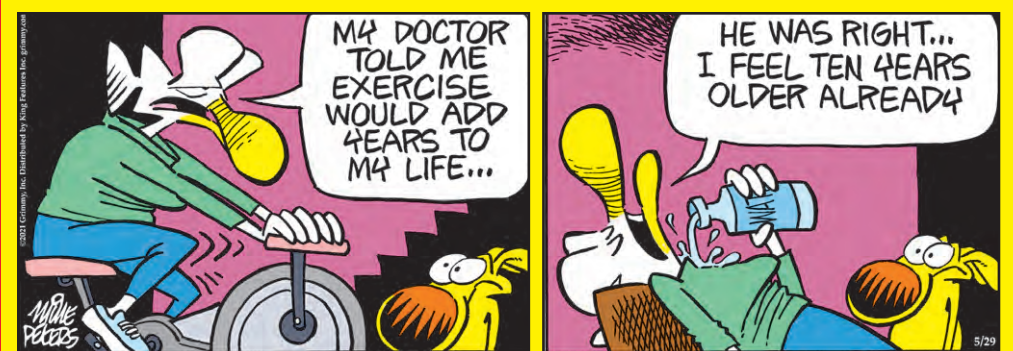
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## Mother Goose and Grim

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## Reality Check

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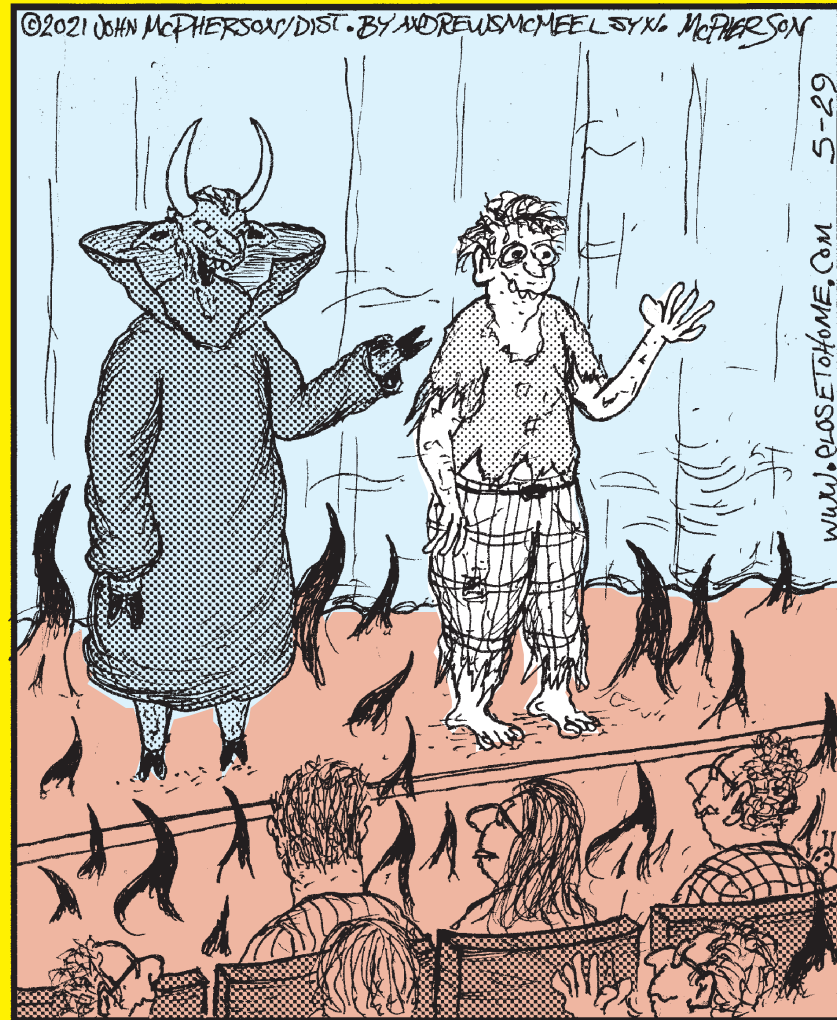
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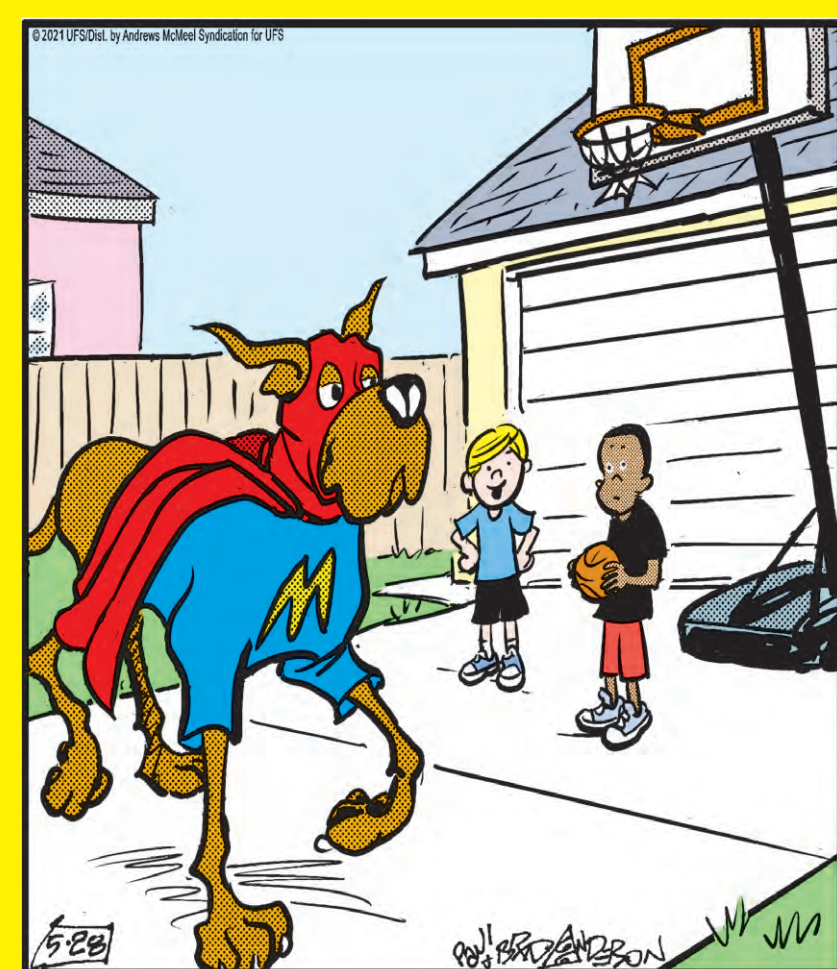
## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson







# DEAR DADS

## Fathers reflect on new additions to their families

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

The jumble of excitement, nervousness and perhaps even fear is a mix to which most expectant fathers can relate. For some Grosse Pointe dads — newbies and veterans alike — those emotions pale in comparison to the joy of welcoming home a new baby son or daughter.

For Chad Craig, the director of parks and recreation in Grosse Pointe Park, he’s twice been filled with the excitement of expanding his family. He and his wife, Stacie, are parents to 4-year-old K.J. and more recently to Bryce, who was born May 14.

“Those two are my greatest accomplishments,” Craig said. “It’s the biggest love. When you see Bryce taking naps and you catch him at certain times when a smile comes across his face ... I just think, ‘We did that.’”

Craig said the fulfillment he gets from being a dad outshines most everything else. “Every day I come home from work — whether it was a good day, a rough day, a challenging day — and as soon as (K.J.) hears the lock on the car door, the door opens and he’s staring at me with a big old smile on his face,” he said. “Things like that excite me and make me happy to be a father.”

His oldest son is quickly learning to be a good big brother, Craig said, which has been fun to see. “I was a bit worried about how that transition would go — for four years it’s been all about him — but it’s been a really nice transition,” he said. “He’s eager to be helpful and loving and doing what he can. We tell him, ‘You’re going to teach him everything you know.’ He gets excited about that.

Craig said raising children is a team effort and that’s the piece of advice he offers to other fathers. “There’s got to be an even amount of effort with both Mom and Dad,” he said. “You need to take that time and put that effort in as a team, but also allow each other to have alone time. It’s a challenge. ... You need that nice balance — to be there for your wife and help out, but also take some me time.”



For Grosse Pointe Farms resident Zach Cantalini, “The best part about being a dad is seeing the world through the eyes of my children.”

He and his wife, Meg, welcomed Franco on Sept. 13, 2020, joining older brother Luca, 3. Cantalini said he was excited to have children and has enjoyed the lessons he’s learned from being a dad. “You learn to be patient,” he said. “Children teach you a lot. If things don’t go the way you want, you want to be patient with them.”

Cantalini said he’s enjoyed several “proud dad” moments, but seeing his boys together takes the cake.

“I’m proud being a dad watching my kids in the way they interact with each other,” he said, “especially as Franco is more aware of his older brother. Luca plays with him, makes him laugh. Franco looks up to him with nothing but love in his eyes for his older brother.”



Former St. Clair Shores resident Sean Holtz, who currently lives in Warren, and his wife, Monica, welcomed baby Sophia last Sept. 5. The first-time father said every moment with his daughter has him beaming.

“Every time she hits a milestone, I have a ‘proud dad’ moment,” he said, “when she first sat up, when she first rolled over, when she started babbling.

“I’m surprised how fast everything happens,” he added. “It seems like we just brought her home and now she’s on the verge of walking. It hasn’t happened yet, but I can tell she’s close.”

Though he’s still a fairly new father, Holtz has advice to share with other new dads.

“Sleep whenever you can,” he said. “And try to enjoy every moment, because they go by quick.”

First-time dad Nick Johnson of Grosse Pointe Woods wasn’t sure what to expect leading up to the birth of his daughter, Adele, on April 14. He and his wife, Amy, especially weren’t expecting their newborn to arrive two weeks early.

“We were looking forward to that two weeks ... but she had other plans,” said Johnson, who admitted he was fairly terrified leading up to the birth. “I figured as soon as we got out (of the hospital), I’d do everything wrong.” Johnson said he got the best advice from the nursing staff where Adele was born, but also said turning to other new dads is a good way to start.

“If your friends are dads, reach out,” he said. “Find out what worked well for them. Use your own social or familial networks.” He also warned not to use the internet for such searches. “Figure out what works best for your entire family unit and ignore all the rest,” he said, noting new parents should think practically. “... Do whatever works and if the child is content, keep doing it.”

Johnson also advised new parents not only to stock up on diapers, but keep the freezer stocked with food, “or have a meal train lined up for the first couple weeks,” he added.

Johnson said it’s important for new parents to be overly communicative with each other — “Make it so it’s annoying,” he said — so there’s never a question when someone needs a break. Like Craig, he also stressed the importance of spouses raising children in partnership.

“The only thing your wife should hear is ‘yes’ or ‘give me a minute’ for the first six weeks,” he said. “You’re in it too, so be supportive.”

While the last few months have been a learning experience, Johnson said hands down the best part about being a father is, “Having a little family to enjoy and a whole world to introduce this little one to.”



Top of page, Grosse Pointe Park parks and rec director Chad Craig is doting dad to 4-year-old K.J. and latest addition Bryce.

At left, two-time dad Grosse Pointe Farms Zach Cantalini is enjoying fatherhood with son Luca, 3 and new arrival Franco.

Center, brand new dad Sean Holtz is over the moon for daughter Sophia, who came onto the scene in September of last year.

Above, first-time dad Nick Johnson of Grosse Pointe Woods got an early surprise when daughter Adele was born two weeks sooner than expected.

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# Closet Connections for a unique Father’s Day gift



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From a sporting gear locker room, to a refrigerator-enhanced workspace, to handy slatwall vertical hooks for tools or gear, having a designated place for everything keeps life neat and organized. It’s a luxury dad can enjoy all year.

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

A well-organized room is a gift that gives back every day.

In a world where busy lifestyles are the norm, there are few things more important to efficiency than storing items where one knows they can find them, without fail. How many hours are spent in a lifetime searching for keys, clothing and personal items? Multiply that by several family members and it’s easy to see how household clutter chaos can become a top time waster.

Luckily there are those who excel at creating spaces that are tidy, efficient and attractive. Closet Connections is a great place to start the journey to a well-organized life.

“It may not be the first thing that comes to mind for a Father’s Day gift, but what a great idea! Who doesn’t need help when it comes to staying organized?” said Kelly Osten, owner of Closet Connections in Grosse Pointe Woods. “The best part is that we customize our designs to create a space that best serves his individual needs,” she

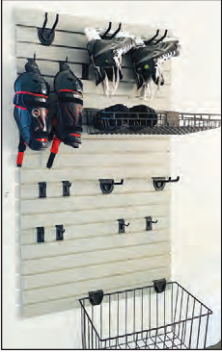
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Popular storage solutions include garage spaces that accommodate workstations, cabinets and sports centers while still leaving plenty of room for the car. Slatwall installations allow for vertical storage to hang bikes, lawn and sporting equipment.

The modern workbench area includes amenities like sleek cabinetry, maple countertops and mini fridges, so dad can crack a cold one while he takes a break from his toil.

“The gift of organization is really something that everyone can appreciate,” Osten concluded.

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Great job, dad...and thanks for all the laughs!



WINNER:  
Alex Olson

Child: Did you see me fall while carrying my laundry?  
Dad: Yes, I watched it all unfold.

Husband: I broke a glass in the kitchen.  
Wife: I am coming with the broom.  
Husband: You can come on foot, it’s not urgent.

I asked my grown children why they never laugh at my jokes over zoom. They replied,” Dad your jokes aren’t remotely funny”

I read an article that to have a perfect marriage you need to treat your wife like you treated her on the first date. So after dinner, I am dropping her off at her parent’s.

Did you know 10 + 10 and 11 + 11 are the same thing?  
10 + 10 equals 20 and 11 + 11 equals twenty too!

- Alex Olson

Funny fathers share their best groaners

Contest winner provides quantity as well as quality

Having a funny dad might not always feel like a blessing. Yet when you look back, you’ll have a lot of good memories that only they could bring. All dads are great, but there will always be a special place in our hearts for funny dads. Congrats to our winner and thanks to all of the hilarious dads that participated. Keep ‘em laughing!

How many ears does Captain Kirk have?  
He has three. The left ear, the right ear and the final frontier.  
- Scott Norlin  
Grosse Pointe Woods

What does an athletic pig use to eat dinner?  
A spork!  
- Russell Nixom  
Grosse Pointe Park

When does a joke become a dad joke?  
When its apparent.  
- Dave Reed

Why are elevator jokes so classic?  
Because they work on so many levels.  
- Rory Urbin

Why do cows wear bells?  
Because their horns don’t work.  
- Matt R.

Why did the man feel sad for the calendar?  
Because it’s days were clearly numbered.  
- Daniel Z.

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet.  
I don’t know Y.  
- Sal Rubino  
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Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?  
In case they get a hole in one.  
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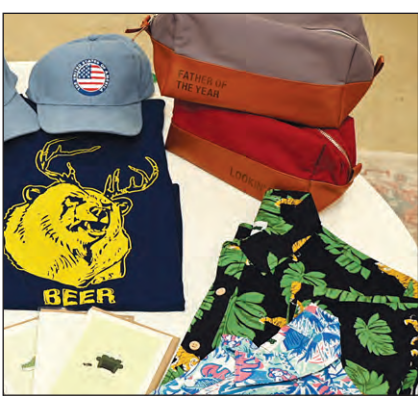
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# Who’s number one?



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# Celebrate daddy with a GAME DAY



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By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Shared experiences are ideal ways to make great Father’s Day memories. Bonds can be strengthened even further when those shared experiences include entertaining activities. This is a great reason for adults to incorporate game time into their family celebrations.

Game time is traditional. Perhaps your parents or grandparents gossiped over a few games of gin rummy or weekly poker gatherings? Before the widespread proliferation of digital video games, board games were a go-to way to have fun. Even now, old-fashioned games can provide the perfect way to slow down, have fun and get to know one another.

Here are some tips on creating a game day that everyone can enjoy!

**Have a variety of games on hand**

Let the course of the night be relatively fluid, even if you have a certain game in mind. If certain family members are not fans of a particular game, make sure you have lots of others at the ready. Music or a sports game playing in the background also can be a way to keep guests entertained between turns. When deciding on games, consider these criteria, courtesy of Game Night Gods, an online game night resource. The game should:

- be easy to learn;
- relatively fast-moving;
- pique interest and be strategic.

**Plan for finger foods**

In lieu of a sit-down meal, prepare finger foods, which are easier to manage while engaged in game play. Premade party platters are an option if you want to spend more time playing with your family and less time preparing food. Small dishes, such as candies, chips and dips or other snacks add to the fun.

**Get out of your comfort zones**

Acting zany and engaging in games that push people out of their comfort zones can help family members get to know one another on a deeper level and laugh along the way. Games also are a perfect way to learn something new about loved ones with little to no pressure.

A family game day can unite the whole clan and help dad feel like a kid again.



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# Game play’s long-term benefits for children

Board games are some of the first games young children get to play, and they can serve as introductions to lessons kids will ultimately learn in school. Simple games help children follow directions, learn colors, numbers, and develop hand-eye coordination, according to Scholastic. As kids age and games become more challenging, the chances for learning increase.

Parenting magazine reports that outdoor play entices children to be active and can boost fitness and physical stamina. All types of games work the body by strengthening muscles and bones. Being outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine is good for the body and mind. When a child is physically fit, he or she also may have a strong immune system that reduces the risk of developing diseases like obesity or diabetes later in life.

Whether they’re following the rules or finding ways to circumvent them, games offer opportunities for

children to delve into their creative sides and utilize their imaginations. Video games can immerse them in different worlds where they can ponder the what-ifs of role play.

Certain video games depict historical settings or events that drive the play. Players may want to learn more about these situations and events. In addition, sparking an interest in various subjects and keeping the mind active can improve basic cognitive functions, states the pregnancy and childcare resource Maternity Glow.

Much in the way that game nights can help adults bond and make new friends, children who play games together may be able to meet others and engage with kids their age due to this shared interest.

Children can benefit from game play in ways that might surprise their parents. Games of all types, including video games, actually help youngsters develop decision-making and interpersonal skills.

# Shores Fireplace and BBQ is a local grillers’ heaven



By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Shores Fireplace and BBQ is the proverbial candy store, if grilling enthusiasts are the proverbial kids. Shore’s goal is to be the premier, turn-key source for any barbecue and outdoor kitchen needs that could ever be imagined.

The staff at Shores has over 45 years of combined retail and service experience to share with local shoppers, ensuring they will make purchases that are practical and fit their grilling goals.

With myriad displays, including outdoor kitchens, outdoor fireplaces and over 25 free standing grills and BBQ’s, there is plenty to peruse. A vast selection of Weber and other grill brand replacement parts, accessories and wood chips or chunks round out the extensive offerings at this well-stocked and attractive store.

Both their St. Clair Shores and their Lake

Orion locations sell and service a full line of grill, barbecue, fireplaces and fireplace products from manufacturers including Weber, Lynx, Napoleon, Broilmaster, American Outdoor Grill, Fire Magic, Twin Eagles, MHP, Montigo, White Mountain Hearth, TEC, Napoleon Fireplaces, Superior, Enviro, and many more.

Shores Fireplace and BBQ’s original location in St. Clair Shores recently had a showroom expansion, adding more gas fireplace displays and plans for an outdoor fireplace to be added to the existing outdoor display area.

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Above, Alex B., age 17 and a junior at Grosse Pointe South, pulled in this beautiful 34.5” Northern pike using a spinner as bait on the shore of Neff Park.

Below, Piper and Zoey C. recently tried their skill and luck off the pier at Pier Park.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

At right, Ben M., of Grosse Pointe Park with a bass buddy.

Below, Joe Miller catches a small mouth bass at Windmill Pointe Park.



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Top, Alex B.’s Northern pike measures up.

Above center, three year old Teddy W., of Grosse Pointe Farms caught both this 26.5” Northern pike and this 14” white bass at Pier Park.

Below, Patrick C., age 12, caught this 14” beauty at Grosse Pointe Farms Park.



Above, Joe Miller’s 18.5” bass, caught at Windmill Pointe Park, not only provided that night’s meal but also put him in the running where he won the \$100 gift card from Fishbone’s restaurant in the weekly contestant’s raffle. That’s good eatin’ all around!

# Last week’s winners

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**Liam Mashburn**  
Grosse Pointe Shores  
29” Northern Pike



**Andy Hauswirth**  
Grosse Pointe  
47” Muskie

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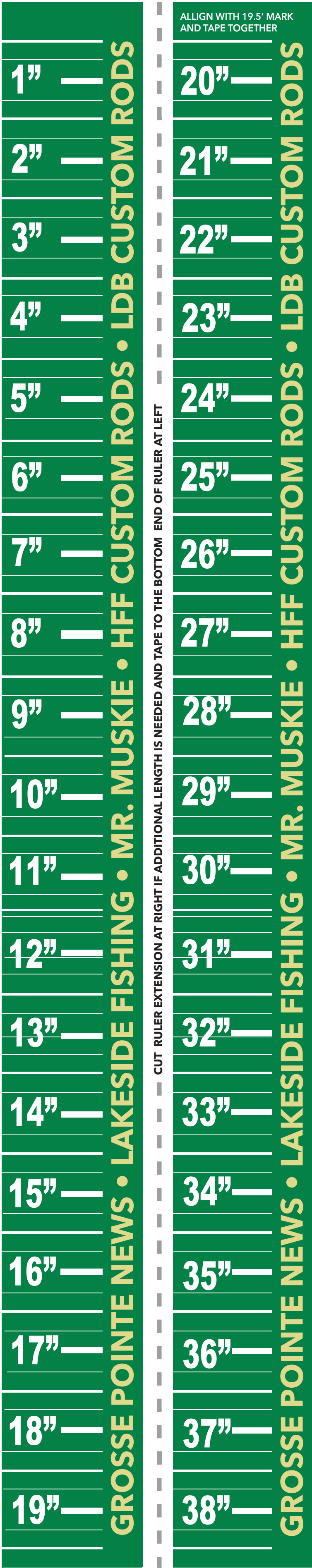
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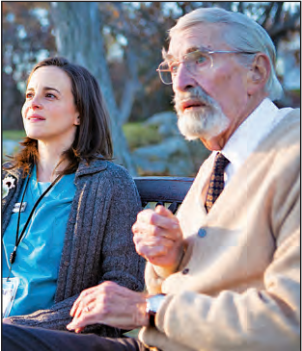
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MOVIE REVIEW  
“Abe & Phil’s Last  
Poker Game”  
2017 - 1hr 25min

This film could be sub-titled “Martin Landau’s Last Movie” for that’s precisely what it is. I grew up watching “Mission Impossible” in the 1960s and Martin Landau played one of the coolest characters on TV. Everyone I knew wanted to be like him. So it was a bit shocking to see him years later in Woody Allen’s “Crimes and Misdemeanors” where he played a successful ophthalmologist who has his wife bumped off. And gets away with it! I know he’s been in quite a few movies over the years, and when I saw he was in this one, I had to see it. What a pleasant surprise. In his swansong film, Landau plays Dr. Abe Mandelbaum, a retired doctor who has decided to sell his home and move into an assisted living facility with his wife. He’s a kindly, intelligent, and fairly reserved older gentleman. His wife Molly suffers from dementia and is

usually fairly normal. Every once in a while she has a panic attack and can only be comforted by wrapping herself in her favorite fur coat. Abe soon meets Phil (Paul Sorvino) who’s quite a character. Phil was a gambler and real lady’s man in his day and loves to brag about his many conquests. The two become fast friends and it’s amusing to hear them talk about sex. Abe is somewhat shocked at how frank Phil is but eventually opens up. I have to admit; there are a couple of cringe-worthy scenes.



As Abe starts getting comfortable at the facility, Angela (Maria Dizzia) a new nurse befriends Phil and Abe. She’s an orphan

and is looking for her biological father. Angela was given a mysterious note that indicates he’s actually living in the assisted living center. When they get wind of the situation, they’re convinced they’re the long-lost father. It’s a heart-warming little film that offers several delightful surprises. And as you’d expect, the acting is superb. I’m not sure how many other actors could pull it off quite as well. While there is a bit of a melancholy feel to it, ultimately it’s an hour and a half of satisfying movie viewing. As a side note: the movie was written, directed, and co produced by Howard Weiner, who is a Professor of Neurology. Nice work, Prof! Streaming on Kanopy.com. ★★★★★  
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CORRECTION:

In last week’s Crossword Puzzle, we inadvertently printed an answer box that did not correspond to the questions. We have printed the correct box and questions below with the correct answers on page 4C. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 3, 2021

ACROSS

1 Pedometer count

6 Adds to one's blog

11 Vowelless order at a deli

14 In the loop

15 Label-making giant

16 Close to the ground

17 Seoul's landmass (see letters 2-3, 10-11 and 14-15 in this answer)

20 Athletic award

21 Rowboat steers

22 Electric (shocking swimmers)

23 Choose

25 Praise may inflate them

28 Washington archipelago with a Spanish name (letters 3-4, 10-11 and 12-13)

35 UV-shielding initials

36 Wildlife rescue agcy.

37 Think highly of

38 Substitution for forgotten lyrics

40 Clawfoot

42 Way off?

43 Kenya neighbor

46 Speak hoarsely

49 Covert

50 Denver backdrop (letters 4-5, 6-7 and 12-13)

DOWN

1 Drink served with sushi

2 Deuces

3 Wyatt of Dodge City

4 Hunt, in the wild

5 Aquatic expanse

6 Bear with a hard bed

7 Concluded

8 Karate instructor

9 Arm muscle, informally

10 Thesaurus suggestion: Abbr.

11 Sapphire's color, often

12 Dangle lazily

13 Start of "Jabberwocky"

18 Still asleep

19 Seedy bagel type

24 Slumber party attire

26 Fed. management org.

27 Wolfgang Puck restaurant

29 Insurer with quack-filled commercials

30 Stop hesitating

31 Tiny Pacific nation

32 Cynthia with a pair of Emmys

33 Faucet troubles

34 Tennis match divisions

35 Disparaging remark

39 Diminutive sock

41 Refuse to allow

44 Easter egg treatment

45 Org. for physicians

47 Bazaar unit

48 Predicted golf score

51 "Yeah, in that case ..."

52 Frosty Marvel mutant

55 Kindergartners learn them

56 Field yield

57 "Howdy!"

59 "Thunder-struck" band

60 Go down in defeat

62 Palindromic disco-era band

63 Game of world domination

64 Not prompt

66 "More or less"

67 Pronoun for a hen

68 Delivery co. with brown vans

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 1:30 p.m. EDT today (10:30 a.m. PDT). The Moon is in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 10, 2021: You are mentally sharp and creative, and you love music. You are independent and persistent. You are also generous. You are entering a busy, fast-paced year full of many different kinds of activities. You will enjoy the company of others and vice versa. You might join forces with someone you have not seen in a while.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a confusing day, so don't beat yourself up if you feel lazy or you want to spend a lot of time daydreaming. Nevertheless, jot down any creative ideas that you might have, because you can think outside the box today. Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Tonight: An intense conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Everything to do with finances, shopping and earning money is subject to confusion today. Therefore, tread carefully! Postpone important financial decisions. Do not shop except for food or gas. (See above.) Tonight: Money discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The Moon is still in your sign today, but now it's at odds with fuzzy Neptune, which will encourage daydreams. This is why it's a poor day to make important decisions. (Use caution against things that cloud your judgment.) Tonight: You need to talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might seek a dreamy escape because

you want to "get away from all this." This is a poor day to embark on something new that requires clear thinking. It's also a poor day to make important decisions. But you will be interested in studying supernatural phenomena or secrets. Tonight: Dig deep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A conversation with a friend might be confusing. For starters, you might idealize this person in an unrealistic way. Or perhaps the conversation between the two of you will be like two ships passing in the night. Many interactions are confusing today. (Yikes!) Tonight: Keep things light.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conversations with partners and close friends, as well as bosses and parents, are subject to misunderstandings today. Your best defense is to clarify anything that's important. Make sure others know what you are saying. Make sure you know what they are saying. Tonight: Listen carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might be interested in ancient subjects, philosophies and fables, especially stories that harken back to the times of Arthur and Merlin. Today your curiosity is aroused because you are more sensitive to everything around you, which, in turn, puts a new possibility on everything. Tonight: Enjoy fantasies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Although you might be focused on shared property, taxes, debt and insurance matters or anything that you hold jointly with someone else, this is a poor day to make decisions regarding these matters.

For one thing, most of this day is a Moon Alert; in addition to which, it's a foggy day all day anyhow. Oy! Tonight: A passionate discussion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be extra clear in all your communications with family members and partners, because there's a lot of room for confusion today. If you feel offended by what someone says, wait a minute, because you can probably chalk this up to a confused communication. Tonight: Busy conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's important to know that information concerning your health might be mistaken today or confused. Therefore, this is the classic time to get a second opinion on another day. You also might have an issue with a pet, particularly with poison or food that is bad. Tonight: Get organized..

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will spend a lot of time daydreaming today; however, for those who work in the arts, some of these daydreams might be creative possibilities. Make notes, but don't act on them today during the Moon Alert. Parents should know where their children are. Tonight: Be creative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A family conversation could be confusing today, especially if substance abuse is involved. Or perhaps you will resort to some childhood attitudes, which ultimately will mislead you. Hey, you're an adult now. Tonight: Family discussions.

BORN TODAY Comedian Bill Burr (1968), actress Jeanne Tripplehorn (1963), model, actress Kate Upton (1992).

Contract Bridge

ACCENTUATE THE NEGATIVE

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥ A J 8 7 4

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 7

WEST

♠ 10 6 2

♥ Q 9 2

♦ 10 6

♣ J 10 6 5 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q

♥ 6 5

♦ A K 3

♣ K Q 9 8 4 2

EAST

♠ K J 8 7 5

♥ K 10 3

♦ Q J 9 7 2

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The bidding:  
South 1 ♣ West Pass North 1 ♥ East 1 ♠  
2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — two of spades.

It is said that a fine declarer is a confirmed pessimist, a player that always looks at the gloomy side of things and is seemingly never happy unless he is miserable. Perhaps such an attitude would be regarded as unhealthy in everyday life, but there is no doubt that it is a healthy one to carry to the bridge table.  
Consider this deal where South

went down in a contract he could have made. He won East's king of spades with the ace and led a low club to the ace, on which East unexpectedly showed out.  
It was only trick two, but the contract was already doomed. South could no longer score more than his eight high-card tricks, and he eventually went down one.  
Now let's assume that South had been a full-fledged member of the Hard Knocks School of Pessimism. In that case, as soon as dummy came down, he would have recognized that only a 5-0 club division could jeopardize the contract.  
Having carefully considered this remote (4%) possibility, he would have taken the necessary step to overcome five clubs in either opponent's hand. He also would have led a low club toward dummy at trick two, but instead of going up with the ace after West followed low, he would have played the seven!  
If the seven won the trick, he would be assured of scoring at least 10 tricks; if the seven lost to the ten or jack, South could feel equally certain of 10 tricks. Either way, the play of the seven was sure to make the contract.  
Some days it pays to be a pessimist!

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by Steve Becker



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Liggett softball makes comeback  
to win district title PAGE 2D

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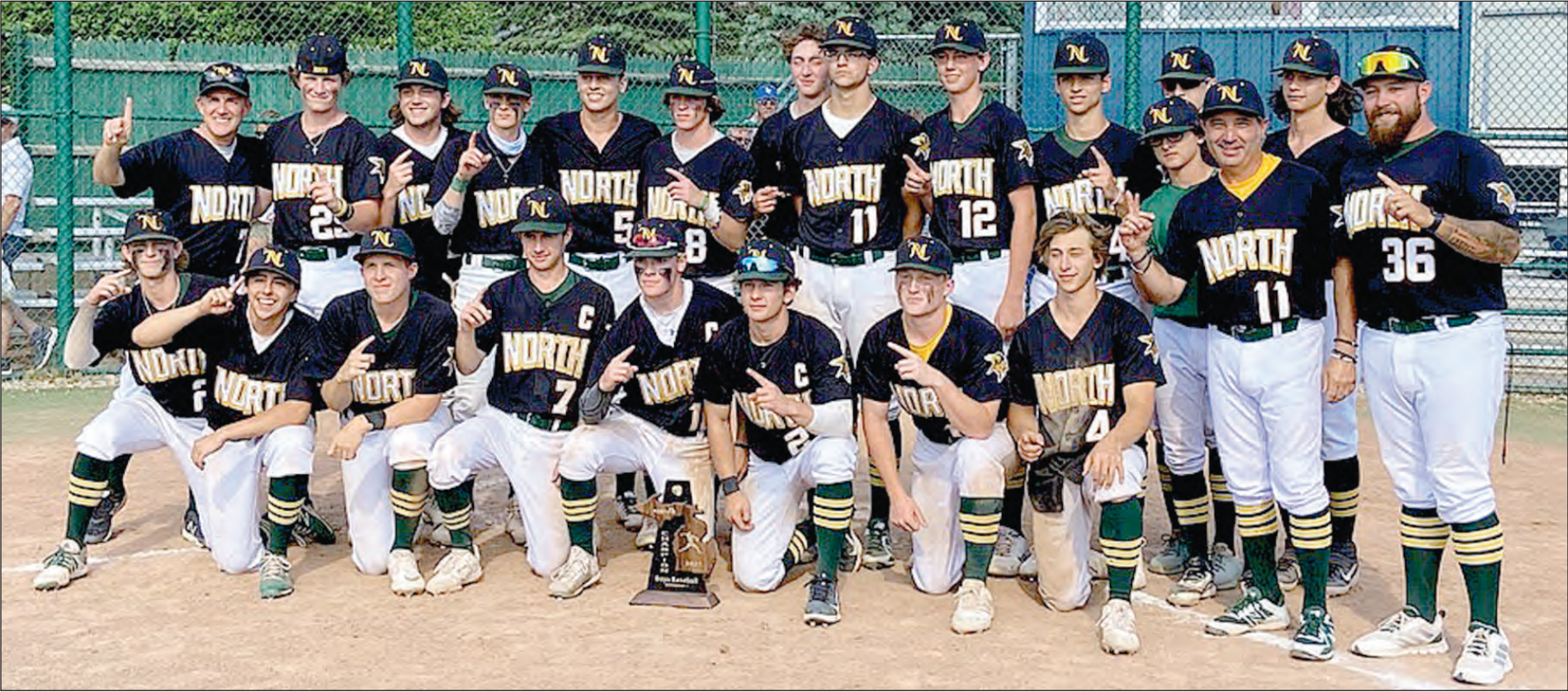


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Grosse Pointe North baseball defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview 3-0 and L'Anse Creuse 2-0 on Saturday to win the District championship.

## Stellar pitching leads Norsemen to District championship win

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Getting a complete game shutout performance from a pitcher always is an incredible boost for a baseball team, but getting pitching like that twice in one day is something truly special. That is what the Grosse Pointe North baseball team was able to accomplish Saturday as incredible work on the pitcher's mound from Nic Good and Brennan Hill helped lead the Norsemen to claim the MHSAA Division 1 District 26 championship.

"We come out here and put it all together and had great pitching today, just great performances with both our starters going the distance," Norsemen coach David

Martin said after his team claimed the title. "The command was unbelievable and the velocity was great, just hitting their spots, doing everything they needed to do."

The day started in the morning for the Norsemen with a semifinal matchup against St. Clair Shores Lakeview. Good, a senior who will attend Bowling Green State University this fall, took the hill for North in the important semifinal matchup and turned in possibly the best performance of his already dominant senior season.

Good stayed in all seven innings of regulation and an extra eighth inning as the game went through seven in a scoreless tie. The senior also got things done at the plate, as his RBI double



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**North's Brennan Hill recorded 13 strikeouts in a complete game shutout performance in the District finals against L'Anse Creuse.**

in the top of the eighth put the first runs on the board, followed by a sacrifice fly from Chris Marshall and an incredible display of base running by Ethan LaCroix, who stole home plate giving North a 3-0 lead.

Returning to the

through eight innings. The Norsemen then faced a matchup in the district finals with familiar MAC White division rival L'Anse Creuse. Brennan Hill got the start on the mound for North against the Lancers and once again delivered another gem of a pitching performance.

This game was another that was tight throughout, with North breaking onto the scoreboard in the fourth inning when Good grounded into a double play with the bases loaded, allowing Drew Hill to score. In the sixth inning, Good came up big with the bat again, knocking an RBI triple to extend North's lead to 2-0.

Brennan Hill's work on the mound stifled the Lancers throughout the afternoon and gave the

Norsemen another shut-out victory, taking the district title with a 2-0 win. In seven innings of work, Hill allowed just two hits while striking out 13 L'Anse Creuse hitters.

"The other teams had some good pitching against us as well and it shows you how bats can go cold on any given day," Martin said. "Manufacturing runs is important, but when you have that sort of starting pitching and defense out there ... it's all about pitching and defense. That's what wins ballgames."

North now advances to the MHSAA Regional semifinals where they face De La Salle, looking for revenge after the Pilots defeated the Norsemen 4-1 just weeks ago.

## Liggett cruises past Edison, wins district title

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team has faced plenty of tests throughout the season, taking on powerhouses like Orchard Lake St. Mary's and getting into close league playoff battles with Shrine Catholic and Cardinal Mooney. However, the Knights were faced with possibly their toughest test of the year Saturday in a win-or-go-home playoff setting, taking on Detroit Edison in the MHSAA Division 3 District 88 championship.

One of the most highly anticipated high school baseball matchups this season, Liggett entered as the No. 2 ranked team in the state for Division 3 in the latest MHSBCA poll, with Edison one spot behind at No. 3. With the season hanging in the balance, the Knights proved to be up

to the task, taking down Edison 11-1 in just five innings.

"We practice all the little fundamentals and make sure we do all the little things the right way and don't make any mental mistakes," Knights head coach Dan Cimini said after the victory. "I think we did a good job of that early, then the bats came alive and we knocked some balls around and got some guys in."

The Knights pulled in front early when capitalizing on Edison's mistakes. Joey Randazzo got on base after being hit by a pitch and later came around to score after an Edison fielding error to give Liggett a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Liggett continued to capitalize on their opponent's sloppy play in the second inning with Preston Barr scoring on a passed ball. Matthew Greene added an RBI

single and Jarren Purify came in to score on an error to put the Knights up 4-0.

Ryan Jones scored on a wild pitch in the third to extend Liggett's lead to five. An Oliver Service RBI double in the next inning pushed the Knights in front even more. Edison tallied its only run in the top of the fifth, but the bottom of the fifth was where the Knights solidified their victory.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth, Jack Jones scored after Randazzo was hit by a pitch. That was followed by an RBI double from Matthew Greene to make it 9-1 Liggett. Service walked after that to load the bases again and Ryan Jones ended the game with an RBI single scoring two more, bringing the score to 11-1 in favor of the Knights and ending the game on a mercy rule.

Kurt Barr got the start



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**The Liggett Knights earned a big 11-1 win over Detroit Edison on Saturday in the District finals.**

on the mound for the Knights and pitched the full five innings, allowing one run on three hits with seven strikeouts.

"We had probably our best practice of the year yesterday and all night long I just couldn't sleep, because I was so excited for this game," Cimini

said. "I felt like if my team showed up today and played the way I know they can play, we were going to come out victorious and we did and it was really satisfying against a really, really good baseball team."

The Knights add their

26th victory to the win column for 2021, and add a district championship trophy to go along with the CHSL Cardinal Division championship they won in May. Liggett now advances to the MHSAA regional semifinals where they will take on Detroit Cristo Rey.



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Liggett softball won the District championship on Saturday with wins over Bishop Foley and Clawson.

# Liggett softball rallies from early deficit, wins districts

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

After a commanding 11-0 win over Bishop Foley in Saturday’s district semifinals, the University Liggett School Knights softball team found itself on what looked to be the wrong end of a blowout in the district finals just hours later. Rallying from an early 4-0 deficit against Clawson, the Knights battled back and claimed the district championship with a 12-7 victory.

“Bishop Foley had beaten us three out of four times during the regular season, so to blank them was quite an accomplishment,” said Knights coach Brock Dunn. “To go down four in the first inning of the

final and not flinch, again great poise and belief in each other out of our girls.”

Down four runs after the top of the first inning, the Knights started to climb back in the bottom of the first when a sacrifice fly by Kia Borum reduced Clawson’s lead to three. Liggett was able to knot things up with a big second inning, scoring three runs off of errors by the Trojans to tie things up at 4-4.

In the bottom of the third, an RBI single by Olivia Dickey put Liggett in front for the first time. This was followed by an RBI from Alexis Gormley to give the Knights a two-run lead from which they would never look back.

“Our coaching formula is believe in them

and stay out of their way,” Dunn said. “The girls continue to succeed. They also continue to take us along for the ride.”

Dickey led the Knights in the win with two RBI, while Safiya Butler had an outstanding day at the plate with three hits in four at-bats. Victoria Nugent was the starter on the mound for Liggett and allowed seven runs on nine hits with seven strikeouts.

Liggett softball adds an MHSAA District championship trophy to go with its CHSL Cardinal Division title won in May. The Knights advance to MHSAA Regionals where they face Cristo Rey Saturday, hosted at Riverview Gabriel Richard High School.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s Olivia Dodenhoff brings the ball into the attacking zone during the Norsemen’s District final match against Dearborn.

# North, Liggett soccer teams both fall in district finals

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

With spring sports playoffs heating up, two high school girls soccer teams in the Pointes earned the chance to compete for district championships last week. Although both teams fought hard and earned some big wins to reach the finals, both Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School fell short of claiming district titles.

The Grosse Pointe North girls soccer team marched its way to the MHSAA District 12 championship game with shutout wins over Grosse Pointe South and Detroit Western. The Norsemen looked to carry that momentum into the district finals, meeting with the Dearborn Pioneers Thursday, but North came up just short in a back-and-forth matchup that ended with Dearborn taking a 4-3 win.

North was able to

strike first, with a goal by Meadow Venet in the 18th minute giving the Norsemen an early lead. The lead remained until the 31st minute when Dearborn was able to knot things up. Another Pioneers goal in the 38th minute gave Dearborn a 2-1 lead heading into halftime.

Despite being down at the half, the Norsemen came out of the break swinging. North’s Molly Bennett found the back of the net in the 42nd minute to knot things back up at two apiece. The tie lasted 20 minutes until Olivia Dodenhoff put the Norsemen back out in front with a 3-2 lead.

However, Dodenhoff’s goal was quickly answered by the Pioneers in the 66th minute to tie the game once again. With both teams battling to break the late tie, Dearborn found another successful chance in the 74th minute to pull in front 4-3 and hold on in the final moments to take the district championship.

The Norsemen finished the season with a 9-12-0 record after finishing third in the MAC Red.

The University Liggett Knights girls soccer team picked up two big 8-0 wins over Cristo Rey and Riverview Gabriel Richard to reach the MHSAA Division 4 District 44 championship game. Taking on Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Friday, the Knights found themselves on the wrong end of a tightly contested battle that ended with the Chargers on top 2-0.

Friday’s contest was evenly matched, with the game going to halftime locked in a scoreless tie. Inter-City Baptist was able to find the back of the net first in the 62nd minute and followed that with another quick goal in the 65th minute to take a 2-0 lead and secure the win.

The Knights came up short on a few chances for a comeback, seeing their playoff run come to an end.

# EastSide FC to host Everton International soccer camps

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

This summer, one of England’s most historic soccer clubs is bringing its international soccer school program to Grosse Pointe. This June and July, Grosse Pointe’s EastSide FC will be one of several clubs across Michigan to host Everton International Soccer Schools camps.

“We looked into it and one of our coaches knows the people running it, so it was a natural fit and we reached out to Everton and they were eager to do it,” said Curt Weiermiller, select director at EastSide FC.

Everton, who compete in the English Premier League, are one of the most historic clubs in all of soccer. With a storied history dating back to the 1870s, Everton has included Michigan among 15 states across the U.S. to host its international camps.

The sessions include community and advanced camps for ages 8 to 10 and 11 to 14, and an advanced camp for ages 15 to 18. EastSide FC also will host one of Everton’s fun-focused Junior Toffees camps for ages 5 to 7.

The camps will be led by Everton club coaches to help young players

learn how to develop their skills, train like the pros and grow the values of the game.

“A club like Everton is a big draw, so the thought is we can draw kids not just from Grosse Pointe but beyond as well,” Weiermiller said, “and soccer is growing and is really huge in the state of Michigan.”

The first scheduled camp is the Everton Advanced Camp, which runs June 21 to 25.

To learn more about the Everton International Soccer Schools camps, visit EastSide FC online at eastfc.org. EastSide FC also will hold its select program tryouts this Saturday and Sunday.

# Golfers compete at regionals

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

Golfers from the Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School boys golf teams took to the course last week in MHSAA Regional competition. With the teams and golfers getting one step closer to competing for a state championship, two of the three teams were able to earn spots in the state finals.

The Norsemen and Blue Devils were in action in the Division 1 Region 5 meet Thursday at The Orchards Golf Club. Out of 18 teams in competition vying for three spots in the state finals, Grosse Pointe South’s third-place finish

was enough to earn them a trip to the Division 1 championship.

Freshman Brennan Sullivan led the Blue Devils, shooting 77 on the day. Fellow freshman Thomas Ciconte was just two strokes behind, finishing at 79. Alex Blyth shot 81, Corbin Ifkovits finished at 83 and William Jordan scored a 90.

“Four of the five boys have never played competitive high school golf before, yet here we are, heading to states for the 10th consecutive year,” Blue Devils coach Rob McIntyre said. “The boys played this season with consistency and at a level of play typically seen with an older team. Even though they’re a young

team, they’ve proven they can play while keeping their mental composure intact, which helps them outlast their competition.”

North finished just outside the top 10, placing 11th. Junior Niko Karoutsos had North’s low score at 79. Conor Fleming shot 89, while Evan Burney and James Streberger both finished at 93.

The golfers from Liggett also were able to clinch a spot at states Wednesday when they finished in second place at the Division 3 Region 18 finals at the Washtenaw Golf Club in Ann Arbor.

Sean Sullivan and Jack Estes both shot 77, the low scores of the day for the Knights. Tommy Gebeck finished with an 84, Bennett French shot 87 and senior Matthew Holder rounded out the group with a 94. The team shot a combined 325, finishing just three strokes behind first place Grosse Ile.

The Knights move on to compete at the Division 3 state finals Friday and Saturday at The Meadows Golf Course at Grand Valley State University. South heads to the Division 1 state finals, also Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West Golf Course in Lansing.

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**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT  
OF ORDINANCE NO. 270**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on May 25, 2021, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 270.

Ordinance No. 270 amends Chapter 40 of the City Code of Ordinances by revising Section 40-3, Article I, entitled In General, Definitions, to add definitions of signs posted within the City limits. Ordinance No. 270 also amends Section 40-243 of the City Code of Ordinances to remove references in that section to garage, rummage and estate sale signs. Ordinance No. 270 also amends Section 40-331 of the City Code of Ordinances to comprehensively cover the regulation of signs posted within the City.

A copy of Ordinance No. 270 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

**Bruce Nichols**  
City Clerk

GPN: June 10, 2021

**Notice of Public Hearings  
On Proposed  
2021-2022 Tax Certification and Budget**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:45p.m. via Zoom; Call in # +1 312 626 6799 US, Meeting ID: 848 8056 3858, Passcode: 212706, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Harper Woods will hold a public hearing to consider the district’s proposed property tax millage rates and the proposed 2021/2022 Budget, respectively.

The Board of Education may not adopt its proposed 2021/2022 budget until after the public hearing. Copies of the proposed property tax millage rate and the proposed 2021/2022 budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours at 19851 Anita St., Harper Woods, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Radu Iacoban, Interim CFO  
On behalf of  
The Harper Woods Board of Education

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PHOTO BY ED LAZAR

Jack Michaud represented South in the pole vault competition Saturday.

# Local teams wrap up track season at states

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

### MHSAA LP D1 FINALS

Grosse Pointe North and South high schools finished out their track seasons Saturday as they each had athletes compete at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 finals at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids.

### Girls

For South, Katy Griffin placed 22nd out of 25 athletes in the long jump competition, coming in at just over 14 feet. Freshman Kloie Roy represented South in the 3200-meter run after placing second in the regional meet. She ran the eight laps in 13:53.55, coming in 20th in the race. Selga Jansons came off a personal record at the regional meet in the 100-meter hurdle race to qualify her for the state meet, where she ran the dash in 16.78, coming in 20th place out of 22 hurdlers.

South's 4x400 relay, consisting of Megan DeGrand, O'Hara Diamond, Ella Pazuchowski and Katy Griffin, came in 22nd in the competition, just shy of their best time (4:16.79) with a performance of 4:23.08.

"The South girls, all first-time participants at the state finals, competed well and met our expectations," South head coach Steve Zaraneck said. "They gained a lot of quality experience at the highest level and will all (be) back next year. This valuable experience will pay off."

"We were a team made for dual meets and for the state regional where depth and contributions from all 17 events matter most," he added. "Our biggest success this year came from those meets. With the experience gained by our handful of state girls, our expectations for next season will be even higher."

Tiara Cherry was North's star of the meet as she brought home a new personal best in the discus

competition. She threw 104 feet, 4 inches, besting her past personal record set at the regional meet by almost 2 feet and giving her a 22nd place finish.

Cherry also competed in the shot put competition, where she threw just under her PR at 32 feet, 11.5 inches. North's 4x800 relay team, consisting of Abby Dombrowski, Sophia Dragich, Anna Lisa Lynch and Elise Nyquist, crossed the line in 10:54.92, placing 22nd. Dombrowski ran a new personal best split in the relay of 2:39 for the two laps. Ava Hopko, who set a new personal best at the regional meet of 5'2" in the high jump, did not reach opening height at the state competition. Cate Gagnier placed 15th out of 24 pole vaulters in the competition with a respectable vault of 10'3".

North's Dombrowski and Dragich earned Academic All-State honors.

### Boys

Logan Detweiler competed individually for South in the 3200-meter run, where he bested his past record by about four seconds to get him to the finish line in 27th place at 9:54.10.

South's Jack Michaud and North's Connor Lefebvre competed in the pole vault competition, where opening height would have earned them both new personal bests. Neither one was able to hit the mark.

"Opening height would have been a personal record for (Lefebvre), but that challenge didn't deter him," North Coach Ed Lazar said. "He still went for it. Even though he missed opening height by just the smallest margin, his courage, sportsmanship and great spirit made the day — and the trip to the state finals — ultimately a huge success. I am proud of him as a student, an athlete and a great young man."

South's relays dominated the regional meet to earn the Blue

Devils spots at the state meet in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x800 competitions. The state meet brought challenging competition. South placed 22nd in the 4x100 race with a time of 44.32; 18th in the 4x200 race with a time of 1:37.41; and 15th in the 4x800 race with a time of 8:19.92.

The 4x100 team, consisting of Aaron Dyas, Miles Murray, Baxter Russell and William Johnson, hit a new personal best. The 4x800, consisting of Jake Vallan, Logan Detweiler, Brendan Downey and Charlie Rulison, hit a new personal best time and defeated De La Salle after losing to them at the regional meet.

### MHSAA LP D3 FINALS

University Liggett School had two athletes, Penelope Griffioen and Giorgio Malkoun, complete successful seasons Saturday as they competed in the Division 3 state final competition at Jenison High School in Jenison.

### Girls

Griffioen represented the Knights on the women's side, running the 1600-meter race in 5:44.45. This time scored her a 21st finish out of 25 athletes.

Liggett's Olivia Thomas pulled out impressive performances at the regional meet to earn her high rankings for the state meet. She was ranked third in the 100-meter dash, eighth in the 200-meter dash and 16th in the 400-meter dash heading into the competition. Thomas is heavily involved in soccer, as well, and was unable to compete in the state competition due to a conflict with her soccer schedule.

### Boys

Liggett's Malkoun competed in the discus throw, where he pulled out a 15th place finish out of 21 athletes. Malkoun threw the discus 122 feet, 8 inches, under his personal best of 135 feet, 9 inches.

# South, North softball seasons end

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

Four teams met Saturday, June 5, at Grosse Pointe South High School for the first round of District 24 girls varsity softball state playoffs. The Warren Woods Tower Titans eliminated the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils in the first game. Next came a 9-3 Lakeview victory over Grosse Pointe North, which resulted in a district championship game between Warren Woods Tower and Lakeview. It was ultimately the Lakeview Huskies who won to advance to the regional tournament Saturday, June 12.

The first game of the district tournament between South and Warren Woods Tower ended in a 12-10 Titan victory to end the Blue Devils season. South head coach Bill Fleming said his team had a successful season, winning 20 games, but they were unprepared for the playoff nerves.

"We didn't play as sharp as we needed to in this particular game," he said. "We are always very focused in regular season games, but the playoff atmosphere is different."

Despite the loss, the girls hugged in celebration of a successful year with a great connection among teammates.

"I don't think we've ever had a better team," senior Caroline

Gallagher said. "We are all best friends and we all hang out with each other even when we aren't playing softball together. We won a lot of games this year because of teamwork."

Gallagher plans to play softball at City University of New York next season.

Senior Margaret Kramer also commented on the camaraderie of her team.

"This is the best group of girls I've gotten the chance to play with," she said. "Losing my junior year to COVID, it was great to come back to this particular group."

Fleming said he looks forward to returning next season with the bulk of his team, only losing two seniors.

"Physically, all of these girls are very good softball players," he said, "but one improvement we can make moving forward is with our mental game and anticipating the plays. They need to know what they are going to do with the ball before it is ever hit."

The second game of the day was played between Lakeview and Grosse Pointe North, ending with a final score of 9-3 in the Huskies' favor. The Huskies dominated the game until the final inning when the Norsemen made a big push, scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh.



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North's Abby Dombrowski runs a leg of the 3200 meter relay.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
**NOTICE**  
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED  
VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on June 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2008 Chevy Impala	2G1WB58K381258822
2002 Pontiac Grand Am	1G2NF52E62M624458
2004 Pontiac Grand Prix	2G2WR544441181449
2005 Chevy Suburban	3GNFK16Z65G153282
2000 GMC Jimmy	1GKDT13W1Y2398208
2009 Chevy Impala	2G1WT57K791246138
2002 Saturn SL2	1G8ZK52772Z207647
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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

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Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (24-12)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/6	@ University Liggett	7-4 W
4/7	@ Rochester Adams	14-9 W
4/9	@ Brother Rice	9-1 L
4/10	Berkley (@Comerica)	10-0 W
4/13	Detroit Edison	11-7 L
4/15	@ Bloomfield Hills	11-4 W
4/17	Lake Orion (DH)	6-4 W, 6-5 W
4/19	@ St Clair	3-2 L
4/21	St Clair	12-5 L
4/22	@ St Clair	5-1 W
4/24	Grand Blanc	15-4 W
4/26	L'Anse Creuse	5-2 W
4/28	@ L'Anse Creuse	11-0 W
4/29	L'Anse Creuse	PPD
5/1	Dakota (DH)	5-2 L, 8-2 L
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	PPD
5/5	Anchor Bay	7-5 W
5/6	@ Anchor Bay	5-3 L
5/8	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	11-0 W, 4-2 W
5/10	Henry Ford	10-9 L
5/12	@ Henry Ford	8-3 W
5/13	Henry Ford	8-1 L
5/15	Berkley (DH)	11-2 W, 12-1 W
5/17	@ L'Anse Creuse North	6-0 W
5/18	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary	9-6 L
5/19	L'Anse Creuse North	7-2 W
5/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	12-8 W
5/21	@ Grand Blanc	9-5 L
5/22	De La Salle	4-1 L
5/25	@ Cranbrook	15-0 W
5/27	Cranbrook	11-7 W
6/1	@ University Liggett	10-1 W
6/5	Lakeview (MHSAA Districts)	3-0 W
6/5	L'Anse Creuse (MHSAA Districts)	2-0 W
6/9	De La Salle (MHSAA Regionals)	
Grosse Pointe South		Record (19-13-1)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/3	Detroit Edison (DH)	11-1 L, 13-1 L
4/22	@ Stevenson	12-1 W
4/23	Henry Ford II (DH)	8-6 W, 12-5 L
4/24	@ Stevenson	PPD
4/26	Romeo	12-6 W
4/28	@ Romeo	3-1 L
4/30	Romeo	3-1 L
5/1	Lake Shore (@Comerica)	4-3 W
5/4	@ Eisenhower	8-5 W
5/5	Eisenhower	4-2 W
5/6	@ Eisenhower	7-6 L
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	11-0 L, 4-2 L
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	14-4 W
5/12	Chippewa Valley	9-2 W
5/13	@ Chippewa Valley	14-4 W
5/15	St. Clair (GPS Invitational)	7-1 W
5/15	New Haven (GPS Invitational)	17-0 W
5/15	Notre Dame Prep (GPS Invitational)	5-3 L
5/17	Dakota	8-5 W
5/19	@ Dakota	4-2 W
5/20	Dakota	8-6 L
5/22	Rochester Adams (GPS Invitational)	8-4 W
5/22	St. Clair (GPS Invitational)	4-4 T
5/22	Portage Northern (GPS Invitational)	6-5 W
5/24	Stevenson	7-6 W
5/25	@ Brother Rice	9-6 W
5/29	@ University Liggett	3-1 L
5/29	Orchard Lake St. Mary	11-0 L
5/29	Detroit Western	4-3 W
6/1	Lakeview (MHSAA Districts)	13-12 L
University Liggett		Record (26-5)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/6	Grosse Pointe North	7-4 L
4/9	@ Orchard Lake St Mary	12-6 L
4/10	U of D Jesuit (DH)	4-2 W, 5-0 W
4/12	Oakland Christian (DH)	16-0 W, 4-1 W
4/15	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	17-0 W, 11-0 W
4/17	@ Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	4-1 W, 3-1 W
4/22	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	3-1 W, 4-2 W
4/24	Lutheran Northern (DH)	8-0 W, 3-0 W
4/27	Bishop Foley (DH)	16-1 W, 10-0 W
4/30	Portage Northern (DH)	11-0 W, 15-2 W
5/4	Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	8-0 W, 6-1 W
5/6	@ Country Day	PPD
5/7	Plymouth Christian (DH)	10-0 W
5/11	@ Lutheran North (DH)	7-0 W, 2-1 W
5/14	@ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	PPD
5/17	Shrine (CHSL Semifinals)	1-0 W
5/20	Cardinal Mooney (CHSL Finals)	2-1 W
5/24	De La Salle	4-3 L
5/29	Grosse Pointe South	3-1 W
5/29	Orchard Lake St. Mary	3-2 L
5/29	Detroit Western	3-1 W
6/1	Grosse Pointe North	10-1 L
6/5	Detroit Edison (MHSAA Districts)	11-1 W
6/9	Cristo Rey (MHSAA Regionals)	

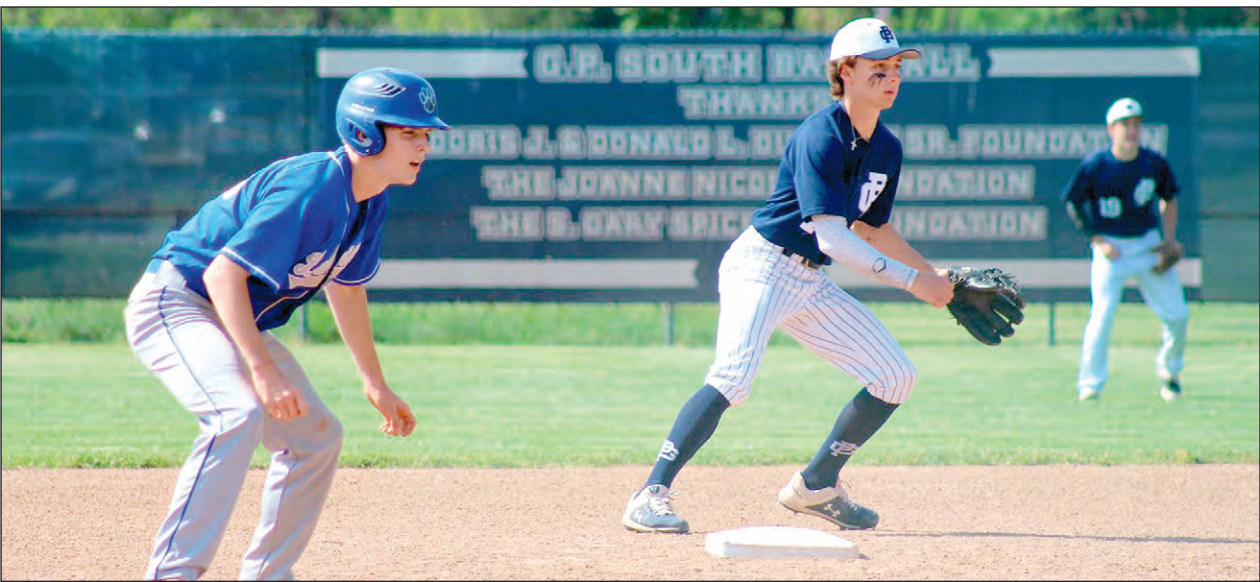


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s River Kraus mans second base during the Blue Devils’ District playoff matchup against Lakeview.

# Blue Devils fall in extra-innings

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

Playoff baseball returned to Grosse Pointe Tuesday night, June 1, when the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils hosted the St. Clair Shores Lakeview Huskies in the first round of MHSAA district playoffs. In a game that included some of the wildest final innings any baseball fan might ever see, the Blue Devils were unable to hang on to their early lead and saw their playoff run prematurely end with a 13-12 extra-innings loss.

South opened up the scoring in the second inning with an RBI single from Cameron Braithwaite. Braithwaite came around to score moments later after an RBI ground ball hit by River Kraus, giving the Blue Devils an early 2-0

lead. In the fourth inning, the Blue Devils expanded their lead to three with Cliff Grabowski scoring on a sacrifice grounder from Alex Tigges. RBI from Jonathan Drake, Will White and Tigges in the fifth inning put South comfortably out in front 6-0. However, the Blue Devils could not feel too comfortable with their lead for too long. Lakeview scratched across two runs in the sixth to shorten South’s lead to 6-2, but the Blue Devils added one more in the bottom of the sixth when Braithwaite drew a bases-loaded walk, making it 7-2 heading into the final inning of regulation. Heading into the seventh inning, South looked to be heading for a matchup with crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe

North in the district semifinals, but the Huskies did not go away quietly. An RBI single by Lakeview’s Brendan Guciardo started an incredible rally that turned the game around. Down to its final out, Lakeview brought in six runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead 8-7, causing the Blue Devils to have to make a rally of their own to keep their playoff hopes alive. In the bottom of the seventh, South’s Jacob Harris reached second base with a double and then came home to score after a wild throw went into left field while Harris was attempting to steal third. With the score knotted up at 8-8, the game headed into an extra eighth inning. A two-RBI hit by Guciardo put Lakeview back out in front 10-8, and the Huskies ended the top

half of the eighth with a five-run 13-8 lead. South showed plenty of fight despite the adversity of trying to come back in extra innings. A double by Braithwaite with the bases loaded scored two for South to make it 13-10. A sacrifice groundout by Tigges brought in another to shorten the deficit to just two runs and an RBI single by Ryker Mazey brought things back to within one. Unfortunately, South came up just short, unable to tie things up with runners on first and second. The Huskies advance to the semifinals with a 13-12 win. The loss for the Blue Devils meant a short-lived postseason in 2021, and brings their record to 19-13-1 in a year where they finished third in the MAC Red.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North pitcher Nic Good was named to the East All-Stars for this year’s MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game.

# North’s Good earns All-Star selection

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

Few players from around the state of Michigan can say they have had the type of success in 2021 that Grosse Pointe North baseball’s Nic Good has had. The senior has been a star on the mound and swinging the bat this season for the Norsemen. Now Good will get the chance to play alongside the state’s other top high school players in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game. “I’m really honored and humbled to represent Grosse Pointe North and not just North, but the whole city of Grosse

Pointe,” Good said. “I’m really excited to compete with such talented players on both sides in that game and it’ll be a lot of fun and great experience and great exposure.” Good earned his selection as a pitcher, being named to the East All-Stars team for the 2021 MHSBCA All-Star Game. As a pitcher, Good is considered one of the aces of the Norsemen’s pitching staff and has delivered some gems on the mound this season, including a complete game shutout of Lakeview in Saturday’s District semifinals, during which he racked up 17 strikeouts. After finishing his senior season with the Norsemen this spring,

Good will continue his career playing NCAA Division 1 baseball at Bowling Green State University. In what’s been an outstanding senior year, Good is grateful his teammates and coaches at North have helped further his love for the game. “We’ve had some ups and downs in the year, but at the end of the day all my teammates and coaches are great and it’s just a lot of fun playing with these guys I’ve known forever and getting out on the field with them,” he said. Good is the only player from any of the Grosse Pointe high school baseball teams selected for this year’s MHSBCA All-

Star Game. On the East All-Star team, Good will play alongside stars from some of the area’s other top baseball programs, such as Orchard Lake St. Mary’s, Brother Rice, Detroit Edison and more. “I’d say the biggest thing I hope people take away (from earning the honor) is my strong work ethic and what a good teammate I am,” Good said, “whether it’s contributing on the mound, at the plate or in the field and most importantly in the dugout.” The 2021 MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game is scheduled to be played Monday, June 28, at Comerica Park. For more information, visit MHSBCA.org.





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Drew Hess gets crowned the champion of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Home Run Derby.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE GRYZENIA

Lakeside beat the Taylor Fiends in the semifinals and Commerce Cobras in the finals of the Derek Kaufman Memorial Wood Bat tournament in St. Clair

# Around Little League

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

## Farms-City

In Majors action, the Dodgers picked up a win over the Padres 13-4 Thursday. Also Thursday, the Red Sox won against the Astros 14-10.

In the Minors, the Yard Goats defeated the Raptors Friday 13-10, while the Thunder were victorious 10-5 against the Storm.

The Farms-City Little League also hosted a Home Run Derby Saturday. Forty-five players ages 9 to 12 competed for the home run crown. Drew Hess was the champion with 14 homers. Ethan Zann finished second with nine and Charlie McPartlin came in third with six.

## Woods-Shores

The Red Wings defeated the Ironbirds 16-9 Saturday. The Bulls won 14-4 over the Lugnuts and the Knights picked up a win against the Loons 4-3.

In the Majors, the Angels defeated the Tigers 14-10 Saturday. The A's finished atop the regular season Majors standings with a final record of 8-4.

The Woods-Shores Little League had its Home Run Derby Saturday as well. Thirty players from the Majors division took part, with Edward Macaulay winning the title with eight home runs. Luke Bruveris, Zane Hemler and Brandon Shock tied for second with five home runs each.

## Park

The White Sox earned a victory over the Tigers 7-3 Friday. The Pirates gathered a pair of wins with a 15-2 victory over the D'Backs Tuesday, followed by a 10-1 win against the Phillies Thursday.

In Double-A, the Cardinals won 4-1 over the Mariners Tuesday.

# Correction

In the June 3 Grosse Pointe News, the story "Around Little League" should have read the Bulls won over the Knights in a 13-12 win.

# Sailing race results

24 Hours of Detroit Endurance Race	Lake Shore Sail Club Summer Sunset Series
June 4 and 5	June 2
1. New England Ropes 2. Firing Line 3. Hoodlum	Class M 1. Morticia 2. Hardly Trying
Wednesday Night Spring Bandaid Series *	Class A 1. Phoenix 2. Brandilee 3. Harmony
May 25	Class B 1. Just Chill 2. Ben Jammin 3. Audacious
J-120 1. Proof 2. California Girl 3. Sleeping Tiger	Class C 1. Solo Cup 2. Courage 3. Quadrophenia
Spinnaker 1 1. Manitou 2. Solution 3. Pop'Ave	
Spinnaker 2 1. Regardless 2. Contender 3. Avatar	Grosse Pointe Sail Club Spring Series Race No. 1 - Corrected
Non-Spinnaker 1. Bubba 2. Perversoins 5	May 18
Multihull 1. Unleaded	PHRF A 1. Fast Tango 2. Bad Habits
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	Jam 1. J-Hawker 2. Whippersnapper
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