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## Martin cited for running ‘nightclub’

By John Minnis  
Publisher

Grosse Pointe North head baseball coach David Harrison Martin faces 16 misdemeanor counts for allegedly operating an unlicensed entertainment venue, Willits Records, in downtown Birmingham catering to young people, with alcohol present and without a special land use permit.

According to a police report obtained by the Grosse Pointe News through the Freedom of Information Act, Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence and officer Kyle McCanham,

dressed in plain clothes, entered the premises at 237 Willits Alley at around 12:30 a.m. March 28.

They were met by a middle-aged white male who welcomed them and said there was a \$50 cover charge, which Clemence paid. The man also asked for the officer’s ID to confirm his age. When asked if there was a mask requirement, the host said there wasn’t.

The police chief and officer then observed a band playing to a crowd of 40 to 50 people. Throughout the night, they observed patrons

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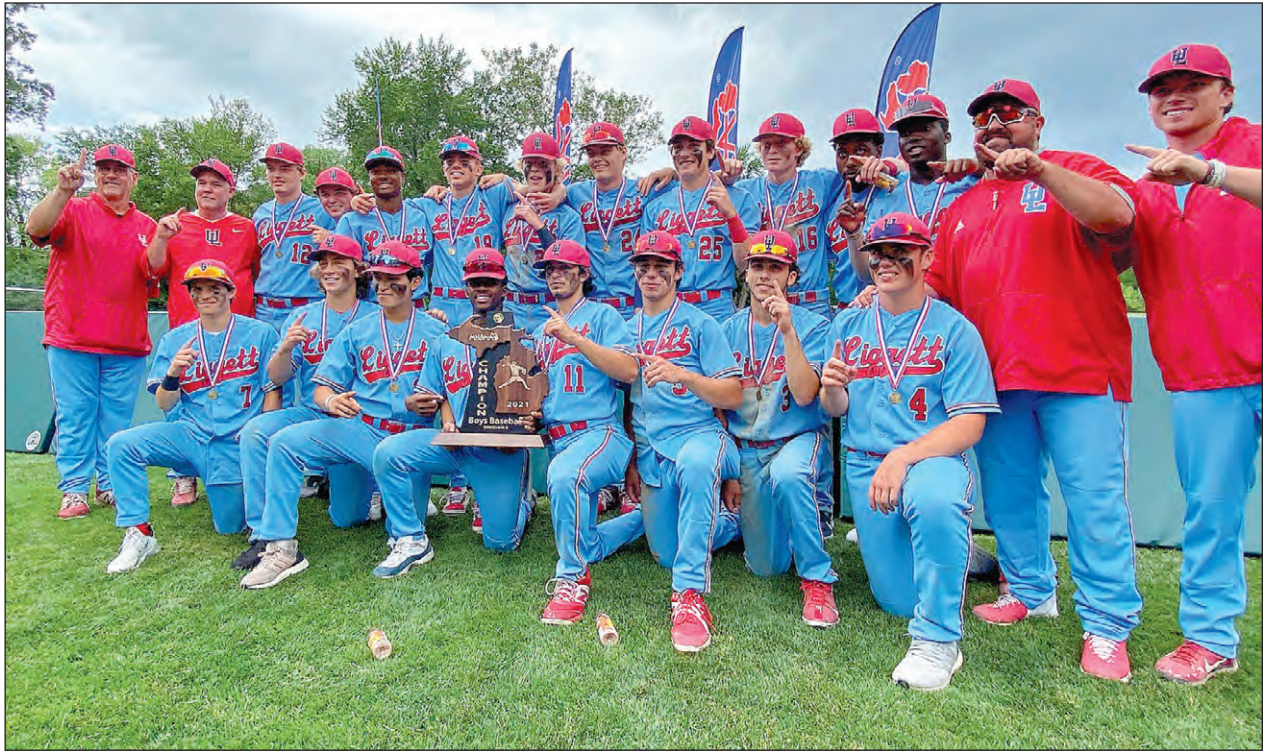


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## State champs!

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team defeated Traverse City St. Francis last weekend 12-0 to become the MHSAA Division 3 state champions. This is the sixth state title in Liggett’s program history and the third in Division 3. Read more about the game on page 1D.

## Muck invades Farms beach

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The parks and recreation department is doing all it can, but seems to be fighting an uphill battle against a thick, spongy, smelly muck that has settled along the beach shoreline at Pier Park.

“I’ve been on council for 20 years (and) I’ve never heard of this problem with black sludge and bubbles coming up,” Mayor Louis Theros said. “It sounds like a whole new experience.”

The occurrence, happening along the Lake St. Clair shoreline from St. Clair Shores to Harrison Township according to the Michigan Department

of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, is formed by dead and dying filamentous cyanobacteria, *Lyngbya wollei*, which first was noticed in the Great Lakes in the early 2000s.

The non-toxic *Lyngbya* forms marble-sized, dark green, woolly orbs that pile up in sheltered, shallow areas as they die off, effectively trapping other plant material, dead fish and trash amid their fibery material.

The cause of the problem, reported EGLE Aquatic Biology Specialist Kevin Goodwin, is a combination of new nutrient inputs driven by invasive species and increased

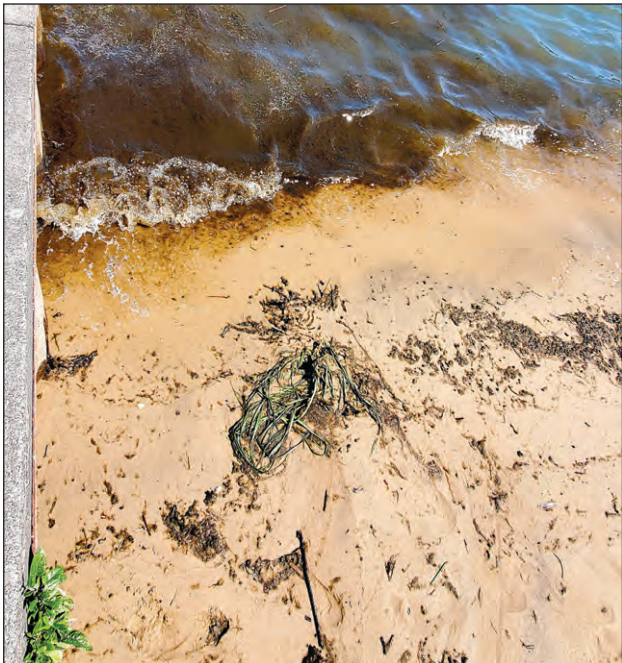


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The organic muck, better on some days and worse on others, has become a persistent problem along the Pier Park beach shoreline this summer.

## Schroder takes seat on council

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — As the first order of business at the Shores June council meeting, Donn Schroder was appointed to fill the vacant seat left by Doug Kucyk’s resignation, until the November election.

Schroder, who has lived in the Shores with his wife, Laura, since 1991, was appointed in a 6-0 vote, with Councilwoman Sandra Cavataio absent.



Donn Schroder

As chairman of the harbor committee the last two years, he will

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## Public safety department bay doors overhauled

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Woods city buildings have undergone many improvements lately and the public safety department is no different. With the installation of a new roof and the acquiring of a state-of-the-art firetruck, the department has been on an upgrad-

ing roll. Most recently the department saw the installation of four new apparatus bay doors, replacing ones used more than 30 years.

“It was something that I had considered doing in the future and the DPW had money in their budget, so we decided to go ahead and do the project now,” Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. “It’s just

like maintaining your home — you look around the building and see what needs to be updated or upgraded and just try to make things as relevant as possible instead of waiting for many more years to get that done.”

Malfunction in the old doors’ sensors, as well as poor insulative properties, spurred the department to purchase

new doors.

“It just came to the point that they needed to be updated as well as upgraded,” Kosanke said.

The new doors are better equipped to regulate temperature in the apparatus bays and are energy efficient, which will save money in the long

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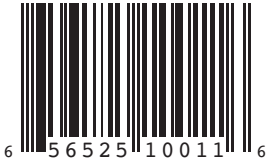
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# Safety cited for more stop signs

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Two intersections within blocks of the Detroit border are being outfitted with stop signs to thwart speeders and protect pedestrians, especially school children.

A separate engineering study is being commissioned to judge if two more intersections need similar restrictions.

Lastly, a councilman is concerned about pedestrian safety at a crossroads near his residence.

Four of the intersections are in the same area below Jefferson on roads not blocked at the Detroit border by Grosse Pointe Park officials more than 20 years ago to cut traffic, according to Dale Krajniak, city manager at the time. Two more are on lower St. Paul, considered threatening to school-age pedestrians despite being

closed to traffic at Detroit.

A united city council cited safety reasons June 14 for ordering the installation of four-way stop signs at the corners of Westchester and Fairfax and at Westchester and Avondale, both below Jefferson. Fairfax and Avondale are open at Detroit.

“Putting four-way stops at those locations complete the safe-routes to school plan on that side of Jefferson,” Public Safety Director Bryan Jarrell said.

City leaders were so set on stop signs they bypassed an engineering study to confirm the need.

The Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control justifies stop signs at intersections having at least 300 vehicles per hour during an eight-hour timeframe and five crashes during a 12-month period, according to Park Deputy

Director James Bostock. “The original safe-route plan showed these two intersections did not meet the requirements,” said Bostock in a written report.

“It is our recommendation the council move forward to put four-way stops at those two intersections,” Jarrell said.

“A traffic engineer’s study, which looks at statistics as much as anything, may not tell us we need to put them there,” Mayor Robert Denner said. “However, public safety and many of us believe to enhance safe routes and cut down speeding on Avondale that this would be a wise thing to do.”

Action is estimated to cost the city \$600 to \$700, according to Bostock.

“Foot traffic has increased at those intersections,” Councilwoman Lauri Read said. “It’s our youngest and most vul-

nerable residents.”

“There have been citizens’ requests for other four-ways, one near Avondale and Barrington and at Lakepointe and St. Paul,” Councilman James Robson said.

“We are firmly in support of completing the safe-routes to school plan route along Westchester,” Jarrell said. “But, the other locations, I don’t see the need right now.”

He recommended tapping the Traffic Improvement Association, a consulting firm in Troy founded more than 50 years ago by government and private interests, to analyze the latter intersections.

“We pay a fee to them annually for their services, so it wouldn’t really cost us anything more,” Jarrell said. “Based on that data, you as a council can make an educated decision what you want to do with those locations.”

“I’m not so certain about Barrington and Avondale,” Read said. “But, Lakepointe and St. Paul, and St. Paul in general, there is no stop from Wayburn to Cadieux.” St. Paul is blocked at Detroit.

“It’s a busy throughway in the mornings where people are commuting to downtown while kids are also walking to school,” Read said. “I don’t know if Lakepointe is the best spot. I think it warrants a stop sign somewhere in that general vicinity.”

“St. Paul and Somerset would be a great spot to get a three-way stop,” Councilman Vikas Relan said.

The intersection is directly behind Pierce Middle School. A flashing overhead traffic light marks the location.

“I’ve always been concerned about Essex and Pemberton,” Relan added.

“It’s an S-curve, a blind curve. I’d appreciate it if Chief Jarrell could take a look at that intersection as well.”

Council members supported a traffic study of St. Paul in the area of Pierce.

“The others are a little less clear,” Denner said. “Barrington and Avondale, because we just approved a Westchester and Avondale stop, I’m not sure about that.”

“Regarding the four-way at Barrington and Avondale, previous discussions suggest that location or one block over on Lakepointe might be better,” Robson said.

“That should go to the Traffic Improvement Association,” Jarrell said. “Let’s find out the traffic count (and) average speed. Then, the council can make an educated decision about what to do at that location.”

# Critical race theory aired

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A high school student’s graduation speech that went beyond the standard “rage against the dying of the light” into the realm of racially-tainted resentment has some parents wondering if critical race theory has a hook in the public school system.

No way, according to Gary Niehaus, outgoing superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

“I’ve spent six years here,” he said. “I don’t know of any critical race theory that’s been introduced into our curriculum, been brought before EPLC (Education

Programs Leadership Council), nor this board of education.”

The EPLC, founded in the 1980s, is a group of district and community representatives, including students, having a say in curriculum.

“Race is real,” school board President Joseph Herd said. “All of us are taught what it means to be a particular race as part of our culture. We’ve at least begun to work on the fact that each of us are individuals and we all deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. But the work is not done.”

The speech was given during Grosse Pointe South High School commencement June 7.

“Education is no equalizer, not within America, and definitely not within South,” said senior class President Jacquelyn Wang in a welcoming address. “(A South diploma is) an obligation to not spend the rest of our lives sleeping in a wake of ignorance — falling complacent in simple pastel progressivism, perpetuating and benefiting from the same bigoted systems that run off the oppression of minority communities. Because for years that’s what people in power, people who went to privileged and illustrious and beautiful institutions like Grosse Pointe South have done.”

“This broad assumption about generations of people is a broad attack on all who had the good fortune to attend Grosse Pointe South,” Biz Williams, of the Farms, told the school board June 14. “(The) speech was introduced by (South Principal Moussa) Hamka, who stated the student was here to give our welcoming address. I heard what I feared

would happen to Grosse Pointe under the current administration — we are no longer one community trying to uplift one another, but diverse groups that push one another down like crabs in a bucket.”

## State legislation

“Critical race theory means anti-American and racist theories, reading guides, lesson plans, activities, guided discussions and other resources that promote that the United States is a fundamentally racist nation, that the United States Constitution is a fundamentally racist document and that certain races are fundamentally oppressive or oppressed,” according to legislation introduced last month by state Sen. Lana Theis, R-Brighton, chair of the education and career readiness committees.

They wants to withhold 5 percent of annual funding from districts teaching critical race theory, the New York Times’ 1619 project proclaiming the year of the nation’s founding based on racism, or any racist theories such as:

- ◆ any race is inherently superior or inferior

to another,

- ◆ the nation, Declaration of Independence or Constitution are fundamentally racist,

- ◆ race determines a person’s moral character or worth,

- ◆ an individual, by virtue of race, is inherently racist or oppressive, consciously or not,

- ◆ any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color or national origin is inherently superior or inferior,

- ◆ Individuals, by virtue of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color or national origin, are inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by other members of the same sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color or national origin.

Theis, her staff and some of the legislation’s cosponsors didn’t respond to written and multiple verbal requests for interviews.

## Back to the board

“The United States is not a systemically racist country,” Terrance Collins, a Grosse Pointe Park parent, told the school board. “The Grosse Pointe School System is not a systemically racist school system. If I’m wrong, please explain how we’ve elected African American and Muslim school board

members, one of whom is serving as board president. Allowing critical race theory to continue to find its way into our classrooms could change all of that for our district.”

Critical race theory has Marxist parallels. Yet, instead of Marxism defining oppression by economic class, critical race theory bases oppressor and oppressed on race.

“Critical race theory does not seek equality or justice,” Collins said. “Instead, it categorizes people by gender, race or sexual orientation. Don’t waste my time telling me nobody in GPPSS subscribed to CRT. In June 2020, during the middle of a pandemic, instead of coming up with a robust plan for a return to face-to-face (teaching), the district scheduled implicit bias professional development training because, in your words, ‘as a district we must continue to have courageous conversations and closely examine our practices around race and equity.’”

“CRT teaches children they are defined by their race, not as individuals,” said Ruth Azar, of Grosse Pointe Woods and a Detroit pastor. “It teaches children to hate each other and to hate our country. Schools are not

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From left, Deputy Director Jim Bostock has his badge pinned on him by his wife, Debra Bostock; Sgt. Kevin Remus has his badge pinned on him by his wife, Torrie Remus; Lt. Terry Hays has his badge pinned on him by his two sons, Henry and T.J. Hays.

# PSOs promoted

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Lt. James Bostock, former interim director of public safety, was promoted to deputy director at a ceremony at the Tompkins Community Center Monday, June 21.

Others promoted at the ceremony were Kevin Remus, from public safety officer to sergeant, and Terry Hays, from sergeant to lieutenant. When new Director of Public Safety Bryan

Jarrell was hired, administration decided to bring back the deputy director position, which had been vacant five or six years. Jarrell said at the ceremony he was given three months to decide whether Bostock would be the appropriate person to fill the position. Within three weeks he

knew. “He’s the guy to help me lead this department forward,” he said. As deputy director, Bostock will serve as Jarrell’s right-hand man, performing many administrative tasks and filling in gaps with the community Jarrell may have. — Kate Vanderstelt

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passing around a bottle of tequila, people drinking from red plastic cups and alcoholic beverages littered throughout the establishment. The business promptly shut down at 1:15 a.m., leaving patrons drinking alcohol and many taking their drinks with them in Willits Alley and along Willits street.

Martin, who the officer knew as the owner of Willits Records “from previous contacts,” was seen playing the drums throughout the night, according to the police report.

“Willits Records at 237 Willits Alley, Birmingham, MI is operating a liquor establishment without a liquor license ... and without having secured the necessary certifications and approvals from the City as set forth by ordinance,” the police officer summarized in his report. “The business is also violating (city code) that covers businesses that require a ‘Special Land Use Permit ...’ A person pays an advertised fee at the door for admission into the location (advertised at between \$20.00 and \$30.00 per person). Writer was charged \$50.00 per person for entry. Once inside, the location provided numerous alcoholic beverages for consumption (White Claws, beer, liquor) on premises. The business has not applied to the City for any of the necessary certifications, approvals or paid any necessary fees. Additionally, the business is operating without an occupancy permit, creating an unsafe environment in violation of health, safety and fire codes.”

“It was operating without any license, without any planning and reviews, and charging a cover,” the city manager told the Downtown Birmingham-Bloomfield newsmagazine editor Lisa Brody, who broke the story June 4. “We investigated and closed it down. The prosecutor with the city will be reviewing charges, and we expect it to go through the court system. The illegal business is closed.”

The officer noted that the Willits

Records website offered memberships that “provides its members an exclusive underground club experience.” He also found Willits Records’s Facebook and Instagram posts for upcoming events, many featuring the abbreviations BYOB and BYOL (bring your own beer and bring your own liquor).

According to recent posts on the Willits Records Facebook page, the band continues to perform at other venues in Birmingham, the east side and downtown Detroit.

When questioned by police March 30, Martin told the officer that he leases the space under a production company he owns. He told the officer it was “his club.” He said it “started out as a recording studio, but organically evolved into what it is today.”

When asked what it was today, Martin told the officer, “(I)t was a private recording studio that also will hold events for his friends and people on the private guest list. He told me it was a way to get his friends and certain likeminded people back out and active after the COVID shutdown of the last year. He told me it is a low-key thing that doesn’t make any money.”

Martin said he does not supply or sell alcohol at Willits Records, but many of his “VIP guests” bring in their own beverages. He told the officer his “past VIP visitors regularly included city commission members, the city mayor, local celebrities, local sports stars and music industry people.”

“Martin counted these people as his friends or VIP guests,” the officer wrote in the report.

Martin told the officer that he “has consulted with his attorneys and he feels he is in compliance with any laws or city ordinances,” and asked, “why the city was suddenly concerned with his Willits Records.” The officer responded, “I explained from the City of Birmingham’s perspective he was operating a nightclub without a liquor license, occupancy permits, fire code adherence, COVID violations, parking, etc. Martin stated he would be willing to sit down with

the city and his attorney and come into compliance with any local ordinances that he was in violation of.”

Martin was arraigned May 13, on all counts via a video feed before 48th District Judge Kimberly F. Small. A pretrial hearing on all counts is set for July 21.

Martin pleaded innocent at his arraignment, his attorney, Robert J. Morad, told the Grosse Pointe News. He said 15 of the misdemeanor citations were due to building and fire code violations and one was for not obtaining a special permit for serving alcohol.

“Obviously we’re in contact with the city of Birmingham to have a resolution of the case,” Morad said. “We’re working on resolving all the building and fire code violations to have them rectified and corrected. We’re going to come up with a resolution and, if we can, that would be great.”

He disputed the “speakeasy” moniker used in the Birmingham news story. “There was never any alcohol sold at this location,” he said. “This whole thing was about some musicians getting together to play some music during the pandemic.”

Any alcohol on the premises was not sold and not provided by his client, Morad said.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus told the Grosse Pointe News Tuesday that the district was still looking into the matter.

“We’ve talked to the investigators. We’ve talked to the state’s attorney. We understand that 14 of the 16 counts have been removed. We’re still investigating.”

Martin recently completed his second season as head baseball coach at Grosse Pointe North, winning both district and regional titles. He was selected by Superintendent Gary Niehaus in 2019 to replace 49-year veteran, hall-of-fame head coach Frank Sumner, who was fired by Grosse Pointe North Athletic Director Michelle Davis.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki contributed to this story

# Dirty Dog to offer on-street dining

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Following the lead of Luxe Bar and Grill, which received council approval for an on-street dining platform in April, the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe soon will fill two parking spaces in front of its building with five dining tables.

The restaurant already has offered outdoor seating a number of years that includes speakers so diners can enjoy the music being played inside.

“As it happens in this district, monkey see, monkey do,” said Edward J. Russell III, who represented Dirty Dog in the expansion. “Certainly we can all agree the restaurants have felt the (effect) of COVID. So this is an opportunity for the Dirty Dog to expand their footprint.”

Conditions of the \$240-a-month lease agreement — intended to make up for lost meter revenue — include providing comfortable and convenient pedestrian circulation on the sidewalk with a minimum of five feet of clear area; a minimum two feet of separation from the Kercheval travel lane; and a two-foot buffer from adjacent parking spaces.

Mimicking Luxe’s design, the platform will be surrounded by concrete planters for visual

and physical separation from traffic.

“Anytime you put anything in a street that’s made for cars, there’s an inherent risk of a potential accident,” Public Safety Director Dan Jensen said. “... The only way you’re going to stop a car, potentially even, at 35 to 40 mph is with a cement barricade and that would defeat the purpose of two spots, because it’s too long (and) it would stick out in the roadway.”

The agreement, to be revisited on a yearly basis, was unanimously approved by city council during its meeting Monday, June 14.

“I think this is an example of when people talk about the new normal, what this is like,” Councilman Neil Sroka said. “I think one of the slight silver linings of a very dark cloud was the idea that people wanted to get out more ... and I think it leads to a much more vibrant sort of community.”

One Kercheval property owner spoke out in disagreement to the expansion, claiming preferential treatment to restaurants over the other business types on The Hill that need the parking spaces for clients.

With the loss of on-street parking spaces, city administration is looking into opportunities where more meters could be added on The Hill.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JUNE 28

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council special meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a proposed addition to the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council special meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Marina Subcommittee meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

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water clarity from zebra and quagga mussels causing better light penetration to the lake bottom, which supports plant and algae growth.

As far as a solution? There doesn’t seem to be an easy one.

While some along the shoreline have spent thousands of dollars on dredging, the muck moved back just days later.

Farms park employees recently constructed a mechanism with metal grates for the water to go through to scoop up the sludge, but ended up with a similar experience.

“We actually did it and spent almost the entire day doing it,” Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Galatis said. “(We)



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**In an attempt to combat the muck, park employees rake the beach sand on a daily basis.**

filled up one of the three yard trucks full of it, got it out (and the) beach looked fairly good for that period of time. The next morning, I came in and was completely disappointed that all that work we did was for naught, because the muck was back, the pellets were back and it actually looked worse than it did the day before.”

Staff has been raking the beach sand as far into the water as it can on a daily basis, he added, but that too has lacked much of an impact.

Another consideration, a boom method typically associated with oil or gas residue, won’t work because the material is too thick to adhere to the boom.

Long-term solutions, Goodwin said, should be

focused on nutrient reductions in watersheds that feed the lake.

Otherwise, costly physical changes to the beach to prevent stagnant water may be the only option for reprieve.

“The last couple days the beach looks in better shape than it has in the previous week or so,” Galatis said via email last week. “So hopefully we continue to see that.”

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# Post-retirement career allows Shores man to exercise creativity

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Woodworking is nothing new to Grosse Pointe Shores resident Glenn Schleicher. He’s enjoyed the pastime his whole life, but more so the last 20 years.

“We built a log cabin — with real logs — up north,” he said. “I built all the furniture, a spiral staircase. It started with rustic furniture, but then I changed over and started filling up the house and the cabin.”

Woodworking allows Schleicher to express his creative side — the part of him that was restrained while working as a mechanical engineer.

“I worked at GM for a while,” he said, “then in 1983, I started my own business. I designed and built automobile assembly machines.

“... Everything I did for work had a function,” he added. “Everything I do now comes from the other part of my brain. ... What I do is creative, for the sake of art and lines and beauty.”

Schleicher, who sold his business and retired 12 years ago, started Alchemist Wood Designs with his son-in-law a few years back. In his new line of work, he lets the wood “tell us what it



COURTESY PHOTO

Glenn Schleicher uses his skills to create works of art from wood.

wants to be.”

Schleicher spends 30 or 40 hours a week on the craft, which is “not just functional furniture. It’s also sculpture, wall hangings. ... We make furniture, but we elevate it to a piece of art.”

What also takes their work to another level is the wood used for each project. All of it comes from what they refer to as the three Ds — dead, down or dying trees. As the Alchemist Wood Designs website states, “No living trees were harmed in the creation of your masterpiece.”

Schleicher said their more exotic wood is harvested from a mill in Brazil that practices DDD, which has less impact on the environment. Local wood is sourced the same way — sustainably harvested from Amish sawmills throughout the state.

Even more local, Schleicher’s handiwork may be found in the gift shop at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. The bowls, saltboxes, serving trays and wall hanging were crafted from DDD trees on Ford House



An assortment of the pieces Schleicher has crafted.

property. “They wanted to have things in their gift shop connected to the property,” Schleicher said. “My house borders the property, so it’s been pretty easy to get.

“It’s the right thing to do,” he added, regarding the use of DDD trees. “It makes things harder, because we’re extremely selective on what we do. It’s all about the wood.”

Woods are selected for their color and grain; each piece is cut, joined, carved, assembled and finished by hand to guarantee high-quality craftsmanship.

Most pieces are done by commission, but the business partners also make sure to have inven-

tory to exhibit during art shows in northern Michigan cities such as Petoskey, Bay Harbor and Boyne City.

When he’s not crafting works of art — more examples of which may be found at alchemist wooddesigns.com — Schleicher enjoys bird hunting with his English setter, fly fishing, golfing and organic gardening, the latter of which he’s been doing his whole life.

Schleicher, who grew up in St. Clair Shores, moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in the early 1980s with his wife, Nancy. They have three children — Emily, Erik and Hobie — and six grandchildren.

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remain with the position

at least until the November election.

He also hopes to assist councilman and parks committee liaison Matt

Seely with Osius Park efforts, as well as contribute to the economics and feasibility of upcoming large-scale infrastructure projects in the city.

“I love the city of Grosse Pointe Shores, where I’ve been able to raise my family, and now my three grandchildren also live in Grosse Pointe Shores, so it’s near and dear to my heart,” Schroder said. “And I feel, now that I have more time, being at least

partially retired, to do my civic duty, which is to be involved locally and try to maintain this beautiful community which we all love.”

Although he retired from clinical practice as a general surgeon two years ago — following a career that spanned Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Ascension St. John Hospital and Cottage Hospital — Schroder still works part-time as a Wayne State University associ-

ate professor of surgery, helping medical students rotating through surgery at St. John.

Other organizations in which Schroder has served include as advocate, treasurer and president for the Michigan chapter of the American College of Surgeons, as well as treasurer and president of the Academy of Surgery of Detroit.

“I think that I’m a good listener and that I don’t jump to conclusions,

even though I’m a surgeon and surgeons are usually very decisive,” he said, of what he will contribute to council. “I am decisive, but I like to take in the perspectives from all sides before making any judgment. I’ve acted as a facilitator before in multiple meetings, trying to bring parties together of opposite views.”

Schroder has filed as a candidate for Kucyk’s partial-term seat on the November ballot.

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run.

“There’s been a lot of infrastructure improvements done as well as

equipment in the last four to eight years,” Kosanke said. “We’ve gotten to a point where a lot of that’s done. We’re in a really good position here because we’ve spent a lot of time and money making sure these projects get done.”

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Embezzling big bucks

A 50-year-old Mount Clemens woman, mentioned in last week’s reports as being suspected of embezzling money from a business in the 16000 block of Jefferson Avenue, now is believed to have embezzled more than \$250,000, as the investigation continues.

Aging expiration

A 26-year-old Detroit man, whose license has been expired since 2017 and who has a Harper Woods warrant out for improper use of plate, was pulled over at Cadieux Road and Kercheval Avenue at 8:43 p.m. Monday, June 14. The man received a misdemeanor ticket for driving while license suspended and a civil infraction for the expired license plate.

Wild goose chase

A black 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk stolen from behind a business in the 300 block of Fisher Road around noon Wednesday, June 16, later was tracked to the area of 8 Mile and Ryan roads, where officers observed it accelerate to at least 70 mph. Throughout the next day, the vehicle was tracked to Allen Park, Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and Redford, with no success.

Color blind

After officers watched a vehicle drive through a red light at Jefferson Avenue and Lakeland Street at 10:32 p.m. Saturday, June 19, the 67-year-old St. Clair Shores driver said he thought it was yellow. The man was cited for disregarding a traffic signal device and driving while license suspended. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Rent to steal

A 38-year-old Roseville man is suspected of

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stealing a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox he rented from a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue. The vehicle was due to be returned in late May.

Belligerent threats

Following a three-car accident at Kerby Road and Kercheval Avenue at 7:57 a.m. Thursday, June 17, in which no one was seriously injured, one of the drivers fled the scene on foot. When officers caught up to the 42-year-old Harper Woods man, he continually screamed threatening statements against Jews, police and babies, while fighting officers’ efforts to arrest him. The man ultimately was arrested for resisting officers and transported to an area hospital for mental health treatment.

Caught in the act

After speeding 53 mph past a scout car parked on Moross Road at 4:56 p.m. Friday, June 18, a 19-year-old Hamtramck man was cited for driving while license suspended and speeding.

Unlocked vehicle theft

A wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 400 block of Roland Court between 11 p.m. Friday, June 18, and 2 a.m. Saturday, June 19. It later was found near Roland and Bournemouth Road, without the credit card or driver’s license. Unwelcoming advances A 13-year-old Farms girl was approached by a 19-year-old unknown man while purchasing snacks at a gas station in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue at 4:07 p.m. Friday, June 18. The man continued to make unwelcoming advances and followed the girl out of the store, before leaving in an unidentified vehicle.

Double digit suspensions

After a 25-year-old

Highland Park woman was pulled over on Mack Avenue for broken headlights and an expired license plate at 9:31 p.m. Sunday, June 20, she subsequently was cited for driving while license suspended and not having insurance. The woman currently is suspended 22 times, with six prior additional suspensions. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Missing plate

A man in the 1000 block of Yorkshire reported the license plate on his 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee missing. He believes it was stolen sometime between 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, and 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 14.

Stray bullet

A resident in the 1400 block of Buckingham reported something that sounded like a rock hit his window at 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 1. He found a stray bullet on his window sill. Officers think a bullet was shot into the air and came down and hit his window.

No taillights

A 30-year-old City man was stopped for driving without taillights at St. Paul and Buckingham at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. The man was intoxicated and was arrested

for operating while intoxicated.

Money to Texas

A resident in the 1300 block of Maryland mailed \$9,500 in cash overnight to Texas. The resident was told to do so by a fraudulent “Microsoft” website.

Rock dents

A resident in the 1200 block of Bishop reported a neighborhood kid throwing rocks at his garage door Wednesday, June 2. He said the rocks caused dents in the door.

Speeding

A 47-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Lakepointe Thursday, June 17. The man was found to have a suspended license, cited and released.

Warrant

A 28-year-old Detroit man was turned over to the Park from the Detroit Police Department for a warrant from a larceny incident Tuesday, May 11. The man was arrested by the Park at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17.

Stolen bike

A bike larceny occurred at Windmill Pointe Park between 4:20 and 7:10 p.m. Friday, June 18. The victim reported his black “trick” bike was stolen. It was unlocked at the bike rack while he was in the pool. — Kate Vanderstelt

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

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

Missing landscaping tools

A landscaper became a victim of larceny sometime between 12:45 and 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, when he left his car parked in a lot on Mack. The man left his car at 12:45 p.m. and upon return found his Redmax backpack blower and Tonka hedge trimmer missing. There were no witnesses. Investigators are checking video surveillance.

Missing catalytic converter

A 2009 Ford Escape parked at Ascension St. John Hospital was reportedly missing a catalytic converter at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. The suspect is unknown.

Fraud through a phone call

A resident in the 1600 block of Ford Court received a phone call from an unknown woman claiming to be

with the U.S. Marshals office at 1:27 p.m. Thursday, June 17. The caller told the resident his car was found in Texas containing 22 pounds of cocaine and was involved in money laundering. She told him his Social Security number was found inside his car and asked him to confirm the last four digits, which he did. She asked the man to withdraw \$10,000 from the bank. He did not give her his bank information or the \$10,000.

Uncooperative rollover

Public safety officers responded to Mack and Vernier for a rollover accident involving a 28-year-old Shores woman at 3:48 p.m. Saturday, June 19. The woman drove over the curb, striking a light pole and flipping the car. Officers asked her if she had anything to drink, to which she stated, “Not really.” She admitted to having a glass of wine at lunch. She refused medical treatment and refused to take field sobriety tests. The woman was arrested. She didn’t understand why she was being arrested for having “two drinks.” She refused to take a preliminary Breathalyzer test and a chemical breath test. She remained uncooperative and officers had to execute a search warrant for her blood.

MedStar took two samples and sent them to Michigan State Police for processing. — Kate Vanderstelt Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# One man’s villain is another man’s hero



With the recent airing of the new Disney+ series featuring Marvel character Loki, I’ve been thinking about villains in fiction: specifically, how we perceive them and what makes a really good one. Loki is arguably my favorite character in the Marvel Cinematic

Universe — I say this while having no less than five other favorite characters — and yet is not considered among the hero lineup and, in fact, is considered a villain or at least an antagonist in the majority of movies he takes part in. But that also depends largely on who you ask. The character exists as a wildly enticing balancing act, where it’s consistently unclear on which end of the moral compass his intentions lie. Villains used to be more obvious. They were the ones we loved to hate. No sane person ever tried to argue Freddy Krueger was misunderstood or Voldemort should be for-

given because of a traumatic childhood. More recently, villains have begun living in a gray area where even labeling them a villain sparks debate. Take the show “Dexter” for example. The titular character is not a nice guy. He is a serial killer in every sense of the term, complete with chopping up bodies for disposal and keeping drops of blood as trophies. Yet the show manages to convince its audience that, because he controls his compulsion by only killing terrible people, perhaps he’s not a villain. Suddenly fans find themselves hoping the police officers never catch on so he can just live his life

peacefully murdering people. This begs the question, if straight-up murder does not a villain make these days, then what does? Perception may be the only objective answer, as ironic as that statement is. Ask the fictional 2012 residents of New York City and Loki is most definitely a terrorist. Ask Thor after “Endgame” and he’s a martyr. Ask fans and he’s the product of trauma, a troubled soul and a guy who keeps messing up, but always has the capacity to do better. Just two episodes in, the new show seems to be adding considerable fuel to the debate of who

Loki is at his core. **Spoiler alert:** While the audience witnessed Loki’s character development over the course of multiple movies and storylines, the show picks up with the 2012 version of the character who just led an alien invasion on New York. The whiplash-inducing reversal of years of emotional growth now leaves an incredible opportunity — and storyteller’s dream — to explore who Loki would become if he had different influences, different motivations and a new understanding of how the world, or universe, works. **Even bigger spoiler alert:** As we find out at the end of the first episode, the villain of Loki’s

first titular role is Loki himself, only a different version: One we can assume had different influences, different motivations and a different perception of the universe. Can he still be called a villain now that he’s the main character of a story with a villain of its own, or does the villain also being him reinforce his bad guy stereotype? There is no clear answer, which is perhaps exactly why the popularity of these morally gray, possibly villainous, characters seems to have skyrocketed as of late. Nothing’s quite as predictably enticing in storytelling as the unpredictable.

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1946

75 years ago this week

**THE HIGH GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY:** By far the largest class ever to be graduated from Grosse Pointe High School received diplomas last Thursday. Included on the roster of 310 graduates were 89 veterans and servicemen who completed their high school work under a program of special study and examina-

tions prescribed by the Board of Education in cooperation with educational directors of the armed forces. **CAMP CLOSED BECAUSE DADS ARE TOO LAZY:** The Grosse Pointe Girl Scout Camp at Holly, Mich., cannot open June 21, as scheduled, because too few fathers have offered the help that was badly needed to get the camp in shape. All the necessary equipment is there, but they have not been able to complete the screened-in kitchen and dining room.

### 1971

50 years ago this week

**APPROVE HOSPITAL EXPANSION:** Circuit Court Judge George E. Bowles rendered an opinion in December that Bon Secours Hospital be permitted to expand. Since that time representatives of the hospital, City and intervenors have been in continuous negotiations. The goal was to provide for the expanded hospital and parking facilities as permitted by Judge Bowles while conforming

to the City’s existing zoning ordinance and accommodating the many requests of nearby residents. **CITY RAISES PARKING FINES:** The City of Grosse Pointe Council voted to revise the scale of penalties collected by the Traffic Violations Bureau for parking violations. Present penalties for parking violations are 50 cents if paid within the first hour, one dollar if paid within 24 hours and two dollars if paid within 24 hours, but before the court date. The increase would charge one dollar if paid within 48 hours, two dollars if paid within 48 hours but before the

court date and five dollars if paid within 48 hours after the court date but before the court appearance. **Obituaries:** Myrtle B. O’Keefe, Edna H. Marion, Lyle Eiserman, Mildred E. Thomas, Robert L. Butts, Scott T. Reghanti, Louise B. McQuillen, Michael Mistretta **1996** 25 years ago this week **CITY APPROVED AMERITECH TOWER:** City council approved a request from Ameritech Mobile Communications to erect a 104-foot

antenna tower and auxiliary building in the rear of the municipal parking lot behind Arbor Drugs. Ameritech’s first choice was to locate the tower at Jefferson and Cadieux, but an agreement with Bon Secours Hospital could not be reached. **HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY APPROVED:** The much-talked-about revised attendance policy, which some district officials think is too lenient and which some high schoolers think is too strict, was approved by the school board. The plan calls for a limit of 10 absences per class, per semester, *See HEADS, page 8A*



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business was unlicensed and was shut down. Martin personally received 16 misdemeanor citations, including a liquor law violation and hosting an event without a special land use permit.

Martin’s attorney does a good job of passing off the misdemeanor charges as mere building and fire code violations, but we think this is a more serious matter.

To get a true picture of what was going on at 237 Willits Alley, readers need to go to the Willits Records Facebook page and website, willitsrecords.com. Seen there is what can be described as revelry, not different from the out of control back to college parties seen on TV. This began as early as last July, according to a Venmo account used at the establishment, and lasted until Willits Records was shut down following the March 28 visit by police — all during the pandemic. The band continues to appear at various venues in Birmingham, the east side and downtown Detroit.

Through it all, Coach Martin is playing the very same drum set featured in his Instagram photo (david-martin7400).

As dismaying as it is to see one of our high school head coaches patronizing this kind of establishment, it is worse to see him participating and enabling it.

What we are most shocked by is that Martin was the “adult in the room.” He should know better. He should be a role model. Rather, he knowingly flouted the law and put young people in danger. For that, he needs to be held accountable.

RESTRICTIONS:

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Finding online and curbside work-arounds for products and services. Fighting occasional feelings of panic about possible exposures.

Yes, there will be many lingering traces, including a churning job market that will leave some businesses short of the help they need in returning to the old normal. Too many Grosse Pointers mourn losses from the pandemic; some must cope with long-term effects from when they themselves fell ill. Autumn remains a bit of an unknown, depending on vaccination rates and whether vaccines meet approval standards for the under-12 crowd.

But think of all the things that have already resumed. Some offices host their workers again. The Grosse Pointe Public School System has run full-time classes most of the spring, with many mostly normal end-of-the-year events.

Fundraisers don’t have to be done remotely anymore, as demonstrated recently by the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Weddings and reunions and memorial services are getting scheduled. Municipalities and business associations and civic groups have announced returning and brand new events, ranging from the renamed Village Sidewalk Sale-ebriation in late July to the brand new Pointe’s Art Festival at The Hill municipal lot, coming in August.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes are well-vaccinated and seemingly ready to take on the world again.

Yes, some will have some lingering anxiety. And, yes, there were occasional positives from this pandemic era.

But for many, these were hard times. And for those who are looking for one final takeaway, the best may have been articulated at Grosse Pointe South’s commencement ceremony, by graduating senior and speaker Kerrigan Dunham:

“This year did not make us stronger. It proved how strong we truly were.”

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including absences due to illness, extended illness, visits to the school clinic, vacations, medical and dental appointments, college visits, family emergencies and truanancies.

Obituaries: Ethel Barker, Catherine Feely Reed, David Allen Taylor, Winnifred Irene Tapert, Elizabeth A. Echlin, Laura

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District includes part of the riverfront, the Pointes and Harper Woods, but stretches west into Oak Park, then north through West Bloomfield Township. Inland communities do not share the pressing needs waterfront communities have.

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The Commission can draw fair district boundaries when they receive information from voters. The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe (LWVGP) has a team of trained volunteers who can guide residents and community groups in submitting information to the MICRC. You can submit three types of information to the Commission: written descriptions, maps, oral testimony. The LWVGP can assist you without partisan favor.

The MICRC has conducted twelve of their sixteen public hearings throughout Michigan. Residents, leaders and organizations statewide have provided testimony on why their communities should stay together. Deadline for submission via the Commission’s web portal is July 1st. We must make our voices heard to ensure that our Communities of Interest remain together.

The LWVGP can help. JUDY FLORIAN President LWV Grosse Pointe Contact LWVGP by email: lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com;

Salisbury Winans

2011

10 years ago this week

DEMOLITION COMING: After numerous complaints about the condition of the Ghesquiere Park gazebo, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted to demolish the nearly 25-year-old struc-

ture. Concerns have been expressed about not only the physical condition of the gazebo, but also the continued vandalism that requires constant attention from the public works department.

KNIGHTS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: University Liggett’s boys baseball team won the Division 4 state championship last weekend, beating Merrill 5-1 in the title game in Battle Creek. The last

time Liggett won a state title was in 1979, beating Frankfurt 4-3.

Obituaries: Joan “Jody” Treffy Briscoe, Linda Marie Brown, Marilyn Smith Engstrom, Margaret V. Guest, George Frederic Hawkins, Darline Johnson, Frederica Koller Lombard, Gwendolyn M. Ohman, Christine Freiburger Roney, James Patrick Murphy, Denise M. Martin, Winnifred May Marsh Weyhing

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We’d also like to thank our hardworking 2021 Benefit committee, who put in a great deal of time and effort to making this event a success, as well as the GPFPE board and staff, without whom this would not have been possible.

Finally, everyone who attended the event, bid on an auction item, raised their paddle or sent in a donation. The energy and the enthusiasm that evening continues to inspire us.

The GPFPE’s mission is to fund extraordinary educational opportunities across all grades and schools within Grosse Pointe’s public school system. We do that through signature programs such as Leader in Me and the new SEED initiative as well as through our biannual grants distribution. We are also growing our \$360,000 endowment, held at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The success of this year’s event means that we can continue and grow our support for our students, teachers and the entire GPPSS community. It was our pleasure to chair this year’s event and see the community respond so generously for our public schools. We can’t wait to see what the future holds.

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# Broadway showcase

The Grosse Pointe South choirs performed “Broadway 2021” in front of the school June 4.



## Foundation’s ‘Be the Beacon’ raises record amount of funds

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education announced its 2021 Be the Beacon Benefit, held June 3, brought in \$270,000 — a record fundraising total for the organization.

The GPFPE also launched its new SEED, or Social Emotional Encouragement and Development, initiative at the event, with \$94,000 specifically raised for this new program, including a lead donation of \$25,000 from the Boll and Mestdagh families. SEED will fund grants specifically targeting social and emotional growth, healing and connections, and other mental health programs. The remaining funds will support the GPFPE’s biannual district-wide grants distribution.

“It was wonderful to be able to gather again with our supporters and friends on the beautiful lawn of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club,” said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president. “We are grateful to everyone who came together to make this event a success and we look forward to putting these dollars to work directly in classrooms across the Grosse Pointe Public School district.”

JT Mestdagh, inspirational speaker and author, served as the event’s honorary chair. Mestdagh, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, is known for overcoming health and learning struggles and was instrumental in bringing the Tattum F.A.S.T. reading program to the GPPSS. The GPFPE supported the initial funding of the F.A.S.T. program, which still is in use today in the district.

The GPFPE is a non-profit organization with the mission of funding extraordinary educational opportunities for the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Since 2007, it has provided close to \$3.5 million in funding to the GPPSS.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES



Victoria Blaine

Victoria M. Blaine of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Western Michigan University in December, with a degree in industrial and entrepreneurial engineering. The 2016 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate was on the Dean’s List during her last three semesters at Western. She has accepted a position as an industrial engineer with Honeywell in its Aerospace Engineering Division in Phoenix, Ariz.

## CRT:

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to do this. You are to teach our children to excel in life, not to teach hate or division or to violate a child’s conscience. We need to teach to love one another, to serve our country and one another, to inspire our children from all racial backgrounds to achieve their potential. The goal should be diversity without division.”

Azar is of Middle Eastern ancestry.

“I have four black sons and two grandchildren who are half black and half white,” she told board members. “If you are teaching them CRT, I got to ask you which side of them would you teach them to hate? Or, would you teach them to hate their Middle Eastern grandmother? What side of them would they have to feel bad about? Teaching them to hate themselves is not your job or mine. I hope and pray

that this body will not permit CRT in our school system.”

“Critical race theory is the most radical plan in the country, changing the focus from academics to politics, replacing education with activism, perpetuating a narrative (that) America is fundamentally evil, (a) push for a race-based revolution,” said Alison Lorkowski, also of the Woods. “The idea of critical race theory is that white children should hate their whiteness as if they are bad and hate themselves as evil. To teach a political hate ideology that destroys the psyche of young minds, it’s criminal. This critical race theory curriculum is filtered into every grade level from kindergarten through high school.”

“I have no knowledge of this being used in Grosse Pointe schools, no knowledge of any formal practice of critical race theory,” said Trustee Lisa Papas, a teacher in another district. “I would definitely be against any kind of critical

race theory. It’s a theory. There’s not data to back up that it even works. In the divisive times we have, we need to work in Grosse Pointe as a community together and find the things that unite us.”

District voters first elected Ahmed Ismail to the school board shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. He called it a testament to the community embracing diversity.

“A guy named Ahmed was elected to the school

board,” Ismail said. “People didn’t care. They wanted the person who could help the school system.”

He challenged the administration to keep curriculum plans above board.

“If we go down that path of even thinking maybe we’re getting near what was described here today, at least have the courtesy of letting the board know,” he told administrators.



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RED Day revs up volunteers  
Keller Williams crew cleans trash from Lakeshore

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The debris he noticed while walking along Lakeshore with his dog, Tulip, was all the motivation Ryan Lally needed to suggest shoreline cleanup as this year’s RED Day project.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident, an agent with Keller Williams Realty Grosse Pointe, said his work family was happy to help rid the area of trash as part of its volunteer efforts.

RED Day is an annual Keller Williams event that stands for Renew, Energize and Donate.

“The second Thursday every May, we try to give back to the local community,” Lally explained. “The idea is doing it on a weekday where everybody puts business on hold and focuses on this type of project.

“As I walk Lakeshore, I’ve been relatively disgusted by the trash I’ve seen along the seawall,” he added. “I thought it would be nice to spend some time picking up trash.”

Around 25 members of Keller Williams and its business affiliates participated in this year’s cleanup May 13. Volunteers met at Pier Park and split into two directions. Lally and his crew worked the beach north of the park.

“There’s so much junk, especially from boaters,” he said. “They like to anchor offshore there and party throughout the summer.”

Enough debris was collected from the stretch of Lakeshore to



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Keller Williams Realtors and associates pick up litter from the beach.



Jessica Ryniak and Elizabeth Rehner clear the beach of litter.

fill an entire maintenance wagon with bags of trash, Lally said.

“We found everything from dead animals — Muskie, fish, a duck, a red-winged blackbird, a possible raccoon — to shotgun shells, sunglasses, plastics and metals, beer cans and bottles, fishing nets, lures and line,” he

added.

Following the success of the RED Day event, Lally said he was motivated by Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen to take things a step further.

“He told me he was interested in doing cleanup,” Killeen said. “In other places in my district ... citizens have



Keller Williams Realtor Ryan Lally picks up plastic from the beach.

taken it upon themselves to pick up the trash. I said to Ryan, ‘That’s great, but file for adopting the road.’”

Killeen said any private citizens, businesses or organizations that adopt a road — even a county road like Lakeshore — is doing a favor for local government, as well as the

community.

“It’s just good when we have citizens go out and clean up near the curbs,” he added. “Or in the street, even though that’s a municipal job. Any of these things where citizens do a little helping out is good.”

Following Killeen’s suggestion, Lally recently filed paper-

work for Keller Williams Grosse Pointe to adopt two stretches of Lakeshore — 1.5 miles in Grosse Pointe Shores and 1.9 miles in Grosse Pointe Farms.

“There are three annual cleanups required by the county,” Lally said, adding he hopes to host spring, summer and fall events. “I want to get the ball rolling and at least have a couple more this year.”

Lally said he hopes to spark a social awareness campaign in the community and partner with groups like Rotary and Lions clubs or scout troops to get behind the effort and prevent more litter in the future.

“It would be nice to look into working together in the future,” he added. “I’m a military man — Navy diver, rescue swimmer. I’d love to get in and snorkel in the shallow water, maybe partner with a local swim team. It could be a neat opportunity to get out and explore and enjoy the coastline.”

As he waits for the road adoption paperwork to be processed, Lally said he intends to continue to pick up trash while he and Tulip are strolling along the shoreline.

“This is a fresh body of water,” he said. “We have to take care of our natural resources and be good stewards of the environment. If we want to entertain and play on the water, we need to be responsible users and clean up after ourselves. There are a lot of things we can’t control, but this we can. We can leave the place better than we find it.”

Added Killeen, “These are residential streets in my district. We’ve got to treat them like they’re people’s front lawns.”



Several Keller Williams Realtors and associates came out for the RED Day beach cleanup.



This was among the critters cleaned up by volunteers.

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

- ◆ The Future of Movement: The College for Creative Studies Transportation Design Exhibition, through Aug. 29.
- ◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through 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.
- ◆ Teen Workshop, 1 p.m. Fridays, July 9 to Aug. 13.
- ◆ Science Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, for ages 6 to 15.
- ◆ Edsel Ford and The Continental, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15.
- ◆ Family Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, for ages 6 to 12.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://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 24, featuring the guinea pig.
- ◆ Cooking with Sticky Fingers: Harry Potter Treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 24.

- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 28. The group discusses “I Have the Answer” by Kelly Fordon.
- ◆ Animals Tails Trivia, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, for ages 6 and older.
- ◆ Oliver’s Animal Adventures, all day Thursday, July 1, featuring the tortoise.
- ◆ Among Us Sculpture, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 1, for ages 10 to 18.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](http://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:

- ◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 25. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie “Tea with the Dames” is shown from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 25. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and the movie. Nonmembers pay \$3 for snacks and the movie.
- ◆ Plein Air Painting Workshops, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 28 and Aug. 25, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, per session.
- ◆ Beaumont Cooking Demonstration: Fiber, Fruit and Vegetables, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, with registered dietician Jill Jensen and Chef Dan Kellogg.
- ◆ Reawaken Your Senses Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 1, with facilitator Holly

Babiarz. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, with facilitator Jessica Malfa.
- ◆ Outdoor lawn games, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Corn hole, croquet and ring toss, among others, are free for members to play.
- ◆ Coffee Connection, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.
- ◆ Chess and Checker Club, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays.
- ◆ Sole Mates Walking Club 8 or 10 a.m. Wednesdays, weather permitting.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 25, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, and Wednesday, June 30, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 2, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, July 12, Gilda’s Club Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 16, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

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

Rotary

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Harbin—Haberkorn

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harbin of Montgomery, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Marie Harbin, to Steven Moti Haberkorn, the son of Gary Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Woods and Charlene Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Harbin earned a Master of Science degree in nutrition from the University of Southern Mississippi and currently is a clinical dietician at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. Haberkorn is a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University. He currently is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga. The couple will reside at Travis Air Force Base in California.



Steven Haberkorn and Elaine Harbin

Warren—Giorgio

Mr. and Mrs. G. David Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandria Kay Warren, to Frank Michael Giorgio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miss Warren earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early education and currently is employed in corporate sponsorship sales at Benzinga Detroit.

Mr. Giorgio earned a Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurship and currently is a key account specialist at Vintage Wine Company.

A December 2021 wedding is planned.



Frank Giorgio and Alexandria Warren

Bertakis—Meier

Rosanne and John Bertakis of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Christa Marie Bertakis, to Jordan Peter Meier, the son of Amanda and Bruce Meier of Verona, Wisc.

A May 2022 wedding in Cabo San Lucas is planned.

Miss Bertakis earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Michigan State University and a master’s degree in nurse practitioner from Loyola University Chicago. She is a nurse practitioner.

Mr. Meier studied business at the University of Wisconsin. He is an entrepreneur.



Christa Bertakis and Jordan Meier



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Neighborhood Club awarded

The Neighborhood Club’s strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the sixth consecutive time the Neighborhood Club has earned the highest possible rating. Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of its 4-star rating, and only 13 percent of the charities it evaluates across the nation have received six consecutive 4-star ratings. The award, presented virtually June 1, indicates the Neighborhood Club adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.

“The Neighborhood Club’s exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support the Neighborhood Club.”

“It’s important our donors trust that we’re using their donations wisely to accomplish our mission,” said Stu Alderman, executive director for the Neighborhood Club. “Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability. We are honored to receive this recognition.”



# OBITUARIES

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

### William A. Hawk

William Andrew Hawk of Allenton passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at the age of 80.

Bill was born March 8, 1941, in Detroit, to William Jacob “Curly” Hawk and Vera Hawk (nee Thierry).

He was predeceased by his siblings, Pat Smith, Gerald Hawk, Marilyn DeCarlo, Beverly Slominski and Cathleen Hawk; and his daughter, Tracey Hawk. He is survived by his wife, Valerie Hawk; sons, Kenny Hawk, Paul Hawk and William Hawk, Jr.; and grandchildren, Alex Hawk, Sophia Hawk, Heidi Hawk, Holden Hawk and Kennedy Hawk.

He graduated Denby High School in 1959, and was known to his friends as Bill or “Way Out Willy.” He loved building things and loved restoring classic muscle cars. He was an avid pilot with plans to fly jets for TWA until three close friends perished in two separate tragic accidents.

Bill also survived a failed mafia hit where his prized 1970 Purple Plymouth Road Runner was bombed. He then switched careers and became a very skilled electrician. He enjoyed building Heathkit electronics kits from scratch, including a color TV, crystal-tuner radio and logic controllers. He worked for General Electric’s Carboloy diamond-cut-

ting tools division more than 25 years; while there he was active as a Union steward for IBEW and later UAW local 1700. He later joined Chrysler, completed his associate’s degree focusing on robotics and built great cars, including the Chrysler Jeep and Sebring 200 convertible.

In the 1970s, Bill moved onto a houseboat at The Roostertail, where he was one of a handful of year-long boat residents. Eventually he moved to a quaint farm in Allenton, where he built a lake for his beloved houseboat and worked on classic cars in the barn.

### William C. Rands III

William Charles Rands III of Grosse Pointe died at home surrounded by his family Sunday, June 20, 2021, at the age of 77. Bill was born Sept. 28, 1943, in East St. Louis, Mo., and was adopted in August 1944, by William Charles and Elizabeth Clark Rands of Renaud Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. He attended the Grosse Pointe University School, the Hill School in Pottstown, Penn., and graduated cum laude from Yale University in 1965, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. He served two years in the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of lieutenant junior grade and in 2008 was proudly granted the designation of surface warfare

officer.

In 1967, Bill joined National Bank of Detroit. He became a chartered financial analyst in 1973, investment department head in 1979, and subsequently a first vice president. In 1983, he left NBD to start a growth investment fund, Rands Investment Company (later called Sagres Partners). He retired from Sagres Partners in 2005, but continued a fascination with the stock market. Bill had the privilege of being on the governing board of the Financial Analysts Federation. He also worked on two successful venture capital projects — Republic Bancorp in Michigan and HomeBancorp in Florida.

Bill served on numerous boards within the Detroit area, including Henry Ford Health System, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, Detroit Historical Society, Yankee Air Museum, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation. Other organizations included the ACLU of Michigan, Planned Parenthood of Michigan, The Nature Conservancy of Michigan, Team Angels Foundation, The Grosse Pointe Academy, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and Cradle Foundation. He also dedicated 25 years to Unlimited Hydroplane Racing on the Detroit River.

He was a member of The Detroit Club, Country



William A. Hawk



William C. Rands III



Peter Ashurkoff

Club of Detroit, Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Prismatic Club, Yondotega Club and the Harbor Beach Resort Association. He also was a member of the Ocean Club of Florida. A licensed commercial pilot, Bill owned and lovingly flew a Beech A36 Bonanza and was a member of the Warren Flying Club.

But Bill’s greatest accomplishment was his family. He is survived by Elizabeth “Happy” Rands (nee Endicott), to whom he was married for more than 53 years; his two children, Barbara Rands Valente (ex-husband, Sergio Valente and fiancée, Margarida Ventura) and William Endicott Rands (Dianna Simpson Rands), as well as Stash Capponi, whom he loved like a second son; his four grandchildren, Rebecca and JJ Valente and Will and Charlie Rands; and his granddog, Cinnamon.

The family will accept visitors between 4 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A private memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the following organizations or

the nonprofit of the donor’s choice: Nathanson-Rands Breast Cancer Endowment at Henry Ford Health System, Attn: Jennifer Harmon, Directory, Principal Giving, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202, or visit [henryford.com/tribute](http://henryford.com/tribute) and select Nathanson/Rands from the dropdown menu; Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org); Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society, [harborbeachlighthouse.org](http://harborbeachlighthouse.org)

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**Peter Ashurkoff**

Peter Ashurkoff passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 16, 2021, in Ashburn, Va. He was born in Mexico City, Mexico, in 1932, to Boris and Tanya Ashurkoff. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., and while there became a U.S. citizen.

He went on to graduate with honors from Princeton University in 1953, before earning his master’s degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He began his career at General Motors Co., in Detroit, just prior to being drafted into the U.S. Army for service in Okinawa, Japan, from

1955-57. Upon his discharge, he returned to his job with GM, where he met his future wife, Patricia “Trish” Dow. The couple was married at the historic Mariners Church of Detroit in 1958, and settled in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Peter spent the next 40 years working for GM, including a five-year assignment in Mexico City early in his career.

He and Trish settled in Grand Blanc with their two young children following their return from Mexico. Peter finished out his career as a design engineer with Buick and Powertrain in Flint. He was issued multiple United States Patents for automotive innovations and was well known for his attention to detail.

Peter and Trish were active members of First Congregational Church of Grand Blanc and volunteered throughout the community. In his spare time, Peter enjoyed playing golf and tennis.

Upon retirement, he and Trish relocated to Ashburn to be closer to family.

He is survived by his son, Stephen (Ellen) of Ashburn, Va.; daughter, Cathy (Terry) of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Trish.

# Trunk show benefits Detroit-based charity

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

Nicole Castka’s Love Language is service. It’s how the Grosse Pointe Woods resident best communicates what’s in her heart.

“I’ve always been, ‘How can I make my corner of the world better? How can I serve the divine plan?’” she said. “If I can put clean, warm socks on someone’s feet who didn’t have them or if I can put a warm meal in someone’s belly and it makes them happy, then I’ve won the lottery.”

Service is why she’s a yoga instructor at Full Lotus Yoga and why she’s a life coach. It’s also why she decided to create the Detroit chapter of Create a Bright Life, an organization dedicated to helping the homeless.

The effort, which started in 2017 with the distribution of 200 bagged lunches for people sheltering at Neighborhood Services Organization, has since taken off, Castka said.

As a criminal defense attorney, Castka recognizes some former clients in shelters and on the streets. She also recognizes some of the police officers who clear the homeless from certain areas and dispose of their belongings without warning.

“They show up in scout cars with a dumpster and just take their stuff and throw it in the trash,” she said. “It could be money, it could be survival blankets. ... All their belongings, they lose everything, so they’re staring from ground zero again.

“... There’s such a loss of humanity, of compassion,” she added. “It’s devastating when you see it firsthand.”

Through Create a Bright Life, Castka and her team of volunteers provide food, clothing, blankets, toiletries, socks and underwear, personal hygiene products and even backpacks to people sheltering at NSO and Detroit Rescue Mission. During the pandemic, she personally assisted some of “our friends” with pro bono legal services.

“When the pandemic hit, the last volunteer event we did was March 2020, the day before lockdown,” she said. “We knew there were going to be issues.”

A visit to NSO confirmed that myriad volunteer groups were pulling out of their commitments. Not daunted, Castka asked if her volunteers could still drop off items. With the shelters on board and approval from the Create a Bright Life headquarters in California, Castka and her crew got to work.

They received help from a hefty mid-October grant and were directed to feed as many people as they wanted.

“Some shelters don’t have working ovens or stoves,” she said. “That makes cooking for 125 people or more very challenging.”

But thanks to Cottage Inn in Detroit, Castka and other volunteers were able to provide lasagna, mostaccioli, salad and dressing, water, dessert — “and lots and lots of socks” — to their sheltered friends.

“They were so appreciative,” she said, noting volunteers weren’t allowed to enter the shelter to make the delivery. However, one mild November day, Castka brought a bowl of chili and sat outside to share a meal the best way she knew how with the people she was

trying to help.

“I sat next to the building and they were in the window on the second floor,” she recalled. “I try to do it every now and then — spend time with them.”

Currently, Create a Bright Life provides food to shelters twice a month, though only Detroit Rescue Mission is allowing a limited number of volunteers inside. Between the Detroit chapter and chapters in California, Arizona and Las Vegas, the organization provided 30,000 meals last year. In Detroit alone, Castka said, 3,100 meals were handed out.

“That’s just us, our little thing,” she said. “We already surpassed that number just with Sunday’s feeding and clothing event (at Detroit Rescue Mission). We’re upping our game. There’s a need out there.”

Funds from the grant, which were used to purchase food, blankets and boots, were depleted by the end of 2020. To continue to meet the need, Castka is hosting a trunk show from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, featuring jewelry designer Heather Wells and her LOVEthirteen collection of “spiritually glamorous” jewelry.

“It’s amazing jewelry; I wear it every day,” Castka said. “Certain pieces I have are extremely helpful. The law can be a little dicey. I wear tourmaline to keep me grounded and protected.

“After my Dad died last year ... it was challenging and sad,” she added. “Heather suggested a stack of three bracelets, called a Love Stack, for healing. It was soothing for me. She doesn’t suggest things just to get you to buy things.

She’d rather you have the right thing than not have the right thing. Heather does an amazing job matching the right bracelets, the right crystals, to the right person.”

Beyond bracelets, LOVEthirteen also features necklaces, earrings, rings, a men’s line and children’s line. Wells does not use synthetic gemstones and she blesses every piece, Castka said.

The trunk show, hosted at The Inn at 97 Winder in Detroit, also includes hors d’oeuvres, mimosas, wine, raffles and more.

Among the raffle items are a one-of-a-kind piece Wells created specifically for this event that is valued at \$1,500. Additionally, Edwin Paul Salon in Grosse Pointe Woods donated \$600 in gift certificates for beauty and hair care items.

“Anybody can come,” Castka said. “Everybody and their mothers and strangers should come. ... Check out this amazing glamorous jewelry and support a worthy cause.”

While there is a Detroit Tigers home game that day, Castka said parking, which costs \$5, will not be a problem.

For more information, like Create a Bright Life Detroit Chapter on Facebook. Volunteer events also are posted on the site, Castka said.

“Our volunteers are absolutely amazing,” she added. “If you want to get involved, it doesn’t matter how you get involved. Message me on Facebook and give me 24 hours to get back.

“We’re all in this together. Why not support each other and help each other rise up?”

# Pride March this Saturday

The fifth annual GP Pride March, sponsored by We GP, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, in the Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

There, guests will find live music and a selfie station, as well as the opportunity to sign a Pride banner, get a Pride tattoo and snag a Pride ribbon for their dogs. Additionally, the Wayne Health mobile unit will be on hand from 9:30 a.m. to noon, providing free COVID vaccines for ages 12 and older, COVID testing for ages 3 and older, blood pressure screenings, and blood draws for diabetes, cholesterol and kidney function; insurance, identification and appointments are not needed.

The 1.6-mile route takes walkers from the high school, down Kercheval to The Village, where they’ll be greeted by more live music and an LGBTQ activism table, as well as given a chance to hydrate at a water station.

Individual musicians also will perform along the route, which crosses Kercheval at Cadieux and returns to the high school.

For more information, visit [we-gp.org](http://we-gp.org).





PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Ryan Spiteri, Colin Jambekar, Bobby Conlan, Scoutmaster Adam Prokop, Angelo Profeta, Kerrigan Dunham and Brian Thompson hold up their Eagle Scout awards.

# Circle of Honor

## Six earn Eagle Scout status

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Usually, one or two industrious, driven young men earn the rank of Eagle Scout each year. This year, however, Boy Scout Troop 96 saw six youths recognized during its Circle of Honor event Tuesday, June 15.

“It was in part due to COVID, but it was pretty good for us,” Scoutmaster Adam Prokop said of the delay in recognition. “Our troop in Grosse Pointe is the largest in this geographic area. We have 50 kids. I’ve not seen this many Eagle Scouts in one troop before.”

Eagle Scout honors went to Bobby Conlan, Kerrigan Dunham, Colin Jambekar, Angelo Profeta, Ryan Spiteri and Brian Thompson.

The six performed a variety of projects to earn the honors, each of them no easy feat.

“There’s a format to follow,” Prokop said. “There’s a 30-page document. It’s really outstanding training for these kids to get this, to have to work through and add all kinds of detail into it.”

Once details of the project are hashed out, each student presents their idea to the District Advancement Board, which either OKs or denies the project. Students also work with the benefactor of each project.

“That organization has to be on board and has to sign off on projects,” Prokop said. “For a high school boy to communicate with adults they don’t know is hard. There’s a tremendous amount of detail they go through in planning the document. It’s something they’re not used to doing.”

Students also are charged with raising money for their projects. Fundraising can take the form of can drives, car washes, soliciting donations or other means.

“That also requires effort and planning,” Prokop said. “This is the hardest thing a Boy Scout does during their career. It takes several months of planning before they even start. I would estimate it takes at least 1,000 hours of personal time to become an Eagle Scout.”

Earning the rank is supposed to be difficult,

he added, as just 3 percent of Boy Scouts nationally become Eagle Scouts.

“I lead a troop of 50 kids and not all of them are going to be Eagle Scouts,” Prokop said. “It wouldn’t be as neat if everyone became an Eagle Scout. Most of them are juniors or seniors and have been at it since fifth grade.”

Prokop, who was a Cub Scout leader at Monteith Elementary School before getting involved with Boy Scouts, has known several of the scouts in Troop 96 for 12 years.

“It’s pretty neat to see them go from immature little boys to mature young men who are leaders and have these amazing capabilities,” he said. “I get to see a lot of them go off and do great things.”

The great things the six accomplished to earn Eagle Scout are varied.

“A lot of projects are things that are close to them or they have an interest in,” Prokop said.

Jambekar, 17, installed scorecard stands at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park mini golf

course. The rising senior at Grosse Pointe North High School wants to attend the University of Michigan.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Bobby Conlan, 18, refurbished the dressing rooms at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Conlan, who just finished his freshman year as a theater major at Michigan State University, said his favorite thing about Boy Scouts is the brotherhood.

“Through good times and bad, we are always there for each other,” he said.

Profeta, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident and rising senior at North, dedicated his project in memory of Jake Pennar, a fellow scout who recently succumbed to brain cancer.

“He was Jake’s neighbor,” Prokop said of Profeta. “He was motivated and inspired by Jake ... to wrap gifts and deliver gifts for kids at Children’s Hospital.”

Spiteri, also 16 and a student at North, worked with the Detroit-based nonprofit Detroit Hives.

“For my project, I planned and led a group of scouts to construct and install wild bee habitats, called Bee Hotels,” he said. “The hotels were installed, along with a perennial garden, on a vacant Detroit neighborhood lot. This garden became Detroit

Hives’ first ‘Airbnbee.’”

Dunham, 18 and a 2021 South grad, created a Michigan-themed rock garden in the outdoor courtyard of the high school. His freshman year earth science teacher, Lisa Bouda, donated her rock collection to the school, which sparked the idea for Dunham’s project.

“She had these rocks that she’s been saving her entire life and she said, ‘I think you could do something cool with these,’ and then she kind of helped me go over the process initially,” he said. “Then I took the helm and started brainstorming different ideas, different iterations, different ways.”

“It was so interesting that there was so many different iterations of the project before landing on what it is now,” he added. “Even during the construction, things were adapted and things were changed. It was a great learning experience to see that the idea that you go in with probably won’t be the same you go out with, because there’s so much that could change or be tweaked or be altered or improved.”

Dunham included laser-etched slate plaques informing visitors of the rocks’ origins, as well as QR codes for more information.

He noted he most liked about Boy Scouts, “the ability to learn such

a wide array of useful knowledge and skills that will help you for your entire life.”

Thompson, 17 and a rising senior at South, built sanitizer stations at Vandenberg Elementary School in Redford.

“The school had sanitizer bottles/dispensers, but nowhere to put them, so I built eight cedar stands that can be easily moved in and out from the playground to the school to help mitigate COVID and influenza spread,” Thompson explained.

Work on Eagle Scout projects must be completed before the scout turns 18. Because the Eagle Scout recognition was delayed due to COVID, some of the scouts have passed that age.

“For some of them, the ability to reach this goal is something that keeps them going,” Prokop said. “The bottom line is that Boy Scouts is a leadership program. It teaches boys and young men leadership, character, citizenship, to do volunteer work. We do good work.”

“We focus on the good things,” he added. “These kids are trying to have a good experience with going camping, making new friends, gaining leadership experience and doing projects.”

— Staff Writer Kate Vanderstelt contributed to this report.

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# Officers wing it in duckling rescue

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

When six ducklings fell through a Lakeshore sewer grate last Monday, June 14, an observant resident and Farms officers saved the ducks and the day.

Sally Owen was driving along Lakeshore around 2:45 p.m. when the sight of a female duck standing on the curb above a grate on the waterside struck her as odd. She circled the Lakeshore islands three times, but the duck never moved.

“It just was so unusual,” Owen said. “She wasn’t flinching when cars went by.”

Parking her car at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church to walk over and investigate, Owen heard peeps coming from below before even reaching the grate.

Upon alerting the city, Public Safety Officer Mike Ryan, Animal Control Officer Mark Jacob and Firefighter Ray Krause arrived at the scene equipped with nets, patience and deter-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Officer Mike Ryan and Animal Control Officer Mark Jacob use nets to rescue the ducklings, while firefighter Ray Krause stands by.

mination.

Although six initially had been counted through the grate, two of the ducklings had waddled into a feeder pipe that goes into the lake.

Over the course of an hour and a half, the officers worked to lure the ducklings into the center area of the drain where

they could be reached, even using crumbled up dog biscuits as enticement.

“They knew there were six and they weren’t leaving until they got that little sixth guy out of there,” Owen said. “That spoke volumes for me in terms of, if they did that for ducklings, you know that

these are good people that are going to really help people too and do their work just as professionally as they did with these little guys.”

In a happy ending to the tale, all six ducklings were reunited with their mother, who was waiting nearby throughout the rescue efforts.



Officer Mike Ryan holds one of the ducklings officers spent an hour and a half rescuing from a Lakeshore drain.



COURTESY PHOTO

Michelle Boggess-Nunley stands in front of the maze mural she created at Alma Kitchen in Grosse Pointe Park.

# Phase one complete

Grosse Pointe Woods artist Michelle Boggess-Nunley last week completed the first phase of the “Path to Unity” mural project at Alma Kitchen in Grosse Pointe Park. In an email update, she noted the community participation form is now live at [boggessart.com/unityproject](http://boggessart.com/unityproject).

“The next phase is to collect a list of words/short phrases that relate to unity and add them into the maze mural,” she wrote. “The plan is to create them in different languages inside of the mini maze walls.”

As of now, the mural consists of local landmarks and roads between Grosse Pointe Park and downtown Detroit, she explained. Painted images also are hidden throughout the mural maze — including, for example, a fish fly — which later will be revealed as fun, interactive “seek and finds.”

Participation is limited to youth residing in the Grosse Pointes and Detroit, Boggess-Nunley added, “but there’s also an email provided for adults to submit requests for local landmarks or roads they’d like to see.”



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# Coalition committed to community

The mission of the Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods coalition is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. The group envisions the communities of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods as safe and healthy for all residents.

Suzu Berschback has been instrumental from the beginning of 2018.

“We truly feel prevention should be woven into the daily aspects of our lives,” she said. “It shows up in how we live, learn and play. It takes a committed community of government officials, businesses, educators, healthcare institutions and so many others here in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods to help create a healthier environment for our youth and other residents.”

Though 2020 was a challenging year for the group, it was able to achieve much before the pandemic hit. Events

included hosting Mind Matters programs at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, Mental Health Day in Harper Woods and various events about the dangers of vaping; providing resources and training for parents; making proactive efforts toward suicide prevention; performing numerous community outreach projects; promoting the health benefits of gardening; supporting outdoor health programs and more.

Those who would like more information about the coalition can find it on Facebook at Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Instagram @healthygphw and its website at [healthygphw.org](http://healthygphw.org). For more information, email Community Organizer Sasha Murphy at [smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:smurphy@careofsem.com).

The coalition’s next meeting takes place at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, via Zoom. In-person meetings resume in September at The Neighborhood Club.



## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday June 14, 2021	7:00 p.m.
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at 350 Lake Shore Road and called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday June 14, 2021, by Mayor Louis Therios.

Present: Mayor Louis Therios, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Ricci, Councilmembers James C. Farquhar, John J. Gillooly, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood.

Absent: None.

Mayor Therios led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 11, 2021.

Council approved the Site Plan for Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe 97 Kercheval Ave. to use on street parking spaces for an outdoor dining platform.

Council considered the proposed Site Plan for the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval Ave. to construct an addition. The Public Hearing was adjourned until a Special Meeting of City Council on June 28, 2021.

Council temporarily adjourned it’s Regular Meeting and reconvened as the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board of Zoning Appeals considered a request for 10 Kercheval, the Grosse Pointe Central Library to approve a parking exception. The matter was adjourned until a Special Meeting of City Council on June 28, 2021.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance request for The Helm, 158 Ridge Rd. to install a Bocce Ball court and chess tables in the front yard open space.

The Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing approved a request for a dimensional variance to construct a second story addition that extends into the rear yard setback for 101 Mapleton Rd..

The Board of Zoning Appeals adjourned and Council resumed it’s Regular Meeting.

Council approved an agreement with Rutherford Ventures for Pier Park Concession Services.

Council adopted of the current NFPA National Fire Code as Ordinance Number 396. For a full copy of the ordinance visit [www.grossepointefarms.org](http://www.grossepointefarms.org).

Council approved Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 Budget Amendments.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration of a request from the Department of Public Works to purchase vehicles and accessories. Consideration of appointments of Council Representatives to the Public Safety Retirement System Board.
- b. Consideration of a request from Racing for Kids to close Kercheval Avenue from Hall Place to McMillan on September 1, 2021. Approval of payment for legal services.
- c. Consideration of an agreement between Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services and The Helm Life Center.
- d. Consideration of a request from the Finance Director to approve May 2021 invoices.
- e. Consideration of a resolution declaring June 2021 “LGBTQ+ Pride Month” and June 26, 2021 as “GP Pride Day” in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Council received the May 2021 Public Safety Report.

Upon proper motion, Council went into Closed Session and adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, ACM/City Clerk.

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## Pure Michigan goes for an ‘art-friendly’ message

“Pure Michigan isn’t just for tourists, it is for all of us,” Vice President of Travel Michigan David Lorenz explained as he discussed the award-winning ad campaign he has directed all of its 15 years. Originally developed to lure travelers to Michigan, the marketing campaign has evolved into the state’s go-to vehicle to keep up the spirit of Michiganders, not just tourists. When the auto industry was failing in 2008, and Detroit declared bankruptcy in 2013, it helped reverse a drop on population. It’s been used as a

business development and talent recruitment tool, Lorenz said. “And during the pandemic it was a battle cry for unity — ‘Two Peninsulas, One Pure Michigan,’” he said. Lorenz was in Grosse Pointe last week to talk about the “American Road Trip” exhibition in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association gallery at The War Memorial. As juror for the show, he decided which entries to include in the exhibition. “I wish I could have chosen all of them,” he said, “but there wasn’t room.” As he awarded the

prizes, he proved he had carefully examined every entry. When he awarded second prize to Pat McAtamney for her “Nighttime Closes In,” he wanted to know about the light in the foreground. And when he awarded Anastasia Chamiok first prize for “And the River Flows,” he complimented her on letting the texture of the paper show through her pastels. Other award winners included third place to Judith LeBeau for “Lake Ann, Michigan” and honorable mentions to Margaret Reese for “Kayaking at Turnip Rock” and Karen Merkin for “Route 66 Traveler.”

Looking at trends, Lorenz said Michigan is going to “get back to improving its perception as an art-friendly state. I am a hiker, but I am an artist, too. I do portraits,” he said. “We want people to know all the art there is to discover in Michigan.” Actor Tim Allen is returning as the voice talent for the “Pure Michigan” brand to help achieve that goal. Many may remember hearing him say, “As life starts moving faster and faster, we need to make a choice: to move faster with it, or to step off every now and then. To marvel at the wonders around us, to take in new sights and sounds and remember just how beautiful life can be. This fall let’s take in a deep breath of pure Michigan.”



Judith LeBeau’s “Lake Ann, Michigan.”

Lorenz outlined a number of challenges Michigan faces as it reopens to tourists. He urges everyone to be patient as the hospitality industry gets back to normal. There is a lot at stake. Tourism is a \$26.3 billion industry that delivers \$2.9 billion in local and state tax revenue and supports more than 230,000 jobs. The “American Road Trip” exhibition is open for viewing in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe



Margaret Reese’s “Kayaking at Turnip Rock.”

Farms, from 2 to 6:30 Thursdays through July p.m. Tuesdays and 29.



Patricia McAtamney’s “Nighttime Closes In.”

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Lt. Keith Waszak & Chief Dan Jensen

## Risks associated with underage drinking

*This is the third in 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.

### Legal Risk

Detective Bureau Commander Lt. Keith Waszak, Grosse Pointe Woods, who works with investigations and prosecutions of alcohol offenses, provided the following information. Michigan social hosting liability law holds those who furnish or sell alcohol to individuals under 21 years of age criminally liable. Such penalties range from civil, misdemeanors and felonies, dependent of factors in each case, including possible civil liability. Individuals under 21 years of age who purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages face penalties of civil infractions, misdemeanors and felonies. Penalties are dependent of factors including but not limited to possessing, consumption, driving while intoxicated, actions causing injury or death, etc. It is imperative parents discuss the negative effects with possession/consumption of alcohol, including the possible consequences of such — both criminal and civil. Those who host parties need to be cognizant and take reasonable precautions to make sure alcohol is not being furnished to underage guests. Hosts of non-alcoholic gatherings need to remain cognizant of possible alcohol being brought onto the premises by others. Just because alcohol is not offered by the host does not exclude that such wasn’t brought and consumed. Grosse Pointe Farms Chief Dan Jensen said the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety has its fair

share of run-ins with minors who have been consuming alcohol. Many of these contacts have arisen from responding to open house parties. Chief Jensen explained the penalties of MIPs, or Minor in Possession of Alcohol, as they have recently changed: For a first offense, the individual is issued a civil infraction that costs \$100. There is usually a referral for substance abuse screening, which is paid by the individual. There may be other related assessment costs as well. A second offense is a misdemeanor with a \$200 fine and the same related costs as a first offense. A third offense also is a misdemeanor with more related costs and a \$500 fine. There usually is more court-ordered assignments such as community service, etc. Now, for the crimes of furnishing alcohol to a minor, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and open house party, all are misdemeanors with fines up to \$1,000 and jail time of up to 60 days. A second offense is a fine up to \$2,500 and 90 days in jail. In Grosse Pointe Farms, it’s a \$500 fine for the open house party. We have never lost one of these prosecutions! Lt. Keith Waszak is commander of the Grosse Pointe Woods Detective Bureau and Dan Jensen is chief of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. The Family Center is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Hex and the City

*My ex cheated on me and conned me financially, but before I realized this, I had really fallen for him. I miss him and keep thinking about him every day, and I can't seem to stop. A friend suggested I get a spell from a witchcraft store. She insists this helped her have closure after her bad breakup. I'm a rational person, and this sounds completely ridiculous, but nothing I've tried (from meditation to venting to total strangers to dating other people) has helped. Please tell me this is completely stupid.*  
—Plagued

It's a tempting idea, the notion that you can solve your lingering emotional

issues via retail, a la “Curses: Today only, two for \$19.99!” In fact, a ritual -- such as casting a spell or hockey player Stephan Lebeau always chewing 20 to 25 pieces of gum and spitting them out two minutes before faceoff -- can have a positive effect. I know this sounds rather cuckoo-ants; however, it isn't because the ritual works in any supernatural way. A ritual, explains Harvard Business School professor Francesca Gino, is some “symbolic

activity” you perform in hopes of making something



happen. Gino finds that performing rituals leads to

“increased feelings of control.” This can help the ritual-doer calm down and *be* more in control. Amazingly, even those who think the ritual they're doing is total hokey

placebo effect. Our psychology seems tuned to figure if we're taking some action, it's for a reason: to make things better.

You might create an eviction ritual to get the guy out of your head. I suggest writing the story of your relationship, including what you learned that will help you avoid entanglements with future Mr. Rottens. Psychologist James Pennebaker finds that “expressive writing” -- even 15 minutes spent describing the emotional impact of a bad

experience -- helps us reinterpret and make sense of what happened so we can go forward instead of endlessly rechewing the past. Invite a friend over (or dress up your cat) to bear witness, and then say a few words, light the story on fire, and flush the ashes. This should help you accept it's over, though, admittedly, without the finality of the day of celebration you probably think the guy deserves: Casual Human Sacrifice Friday.

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## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



## One bad hire after another

Q: I started a new business and had to hire several employees for varying jobs before I really knew what all my needs would be. I knew I needed minimum wage employees, so I ran ads in my local area and I conducted the interviewing, which I didn't think was a big deal. I got a good response to the ads, so I know that was done correctly. I alone knew what I needed done and knew how to describe the various jobs. When I met with each applicant, I know I clearly described the job and made sure each person understood the duties, responsibilities and requirements. Some of the jobs required heavy lifting, so I informed all of each job's requirements.

When each person started, he or she seemed competent. Each worker was good in the beginning, but as a month or two went by, situations arose with each employee. The excuses were many. Suddenly, day-care became a problem and the employee (both moms and dads) would call and need time off without offering a set schedule as a resolution. Then there were sudden doctors appointments for themselves, their children and other family members, and health problems of their in-law problems, and court dates and having to go to the airport to pick up a visitor, repeated car acci-

dents, and a list of other unforeseen events that destroyed their reliability.



Then there were those I caught stealing -- money and petty cash included, inventory, office supplies and time. I even thought maybe one person was running her own business

on her off-hours, but taking my office supplies home with her to run it. And the problems didn't start until I started trusting them. Within three to six months, one after the other would leave with one-day's notice or no notice at all. When I called the missing employee, I got a dramatic story that after five to 10 minutes made me shout, “forget it” and hang up. I thought I was exact in everything I told them in the interviews, so I don't

know how I could be any more careful than I am. A: Interviewing is far more than asking “yes” or “no” questions, having a friendly or authoritative conversation, and explaining instructions as if all the persons needs to know are the job details. There is also the “you” factor. As a boss, personality makes a difference. Your mood and manner sets communication standards at work.

If you're too casual, employees may not take your instructions seriously. If you're overly demanding or rough in your requests, your manner may drive employees away. Or you may be the visionary with little or no leadership skills. You may also lack insight and sensitivity for choosing the right people. To hire effectively, a person needs to be perceptive to see through a quagmire of various personalities, an ability you may not possess. Or, you may see the job as minimum wage, when in fact it's physically

draining or grossly boring and one that many people find not worth their time. Since you've has a series of bad hires, there is definitely a problem, but it's not clear whether it's your interviewing skills, the salary or hourly pay you've established for the jobs, your leadership and communication skills, or the breakdown of the job tasks apart from your abilities as a boss. It's easy to fix a lack of interviewing skills by contracting a human relations professional for future job interviews. You may also want to consult a business professional on the salaries or hourly pay assigned to each job. As you address each potential problem, the solutions may add to your front-end costs, but in the long run, you will save money with better employees, better skills, and better systems in place. *Email career and life coach: Lindsey@LindseyNovak.com with your workplace problems and issues. Ms. Novak responds to all emails. For more information, visit www.lindseynovak.com.*  
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## Child's beauty attracts uncomfortable compliments

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been blessed with a gorgeous 4-year-old daughter who is (even more importantly) smart, funny and kind, but I have an issue. Every time we go anywhere or meet someone new, the person feels the need to comment on her beauty. We receive comments like, “Just wait till she's older. Boys will be all over her!” This happens not only with older distant relatives and my in-laws, but also random people at the grocery store. I understand they are trying to pay a compliment, but I find it disturbing that they are thinking about my little girl in this way. I'm tired of it, but I'm not sure of the appropriate response when people make those comments. -- PROTECTIVE MOMMA

Talk privately with the relatives and tell them you don't want them filling her head with that nonsense before she's even in elementary school. Tell them you prefer she be praised instead for her brains, her manners and her niceness, which will reinforce the qualities you are trying to instill in your daughter. And when a stranger does it at the grocery store, immediately interject with examples of her more important internal qualities. **DEAR ABBY:** I dated a guy who was in a nasty divorce and custody battle. He gained primary custody, but his ex wouldn't stop taking him to court. She was very unstable. After four YEARS of being patient, it became frustrating. One day I pointed out that the situation was taking up all his time and energy, and

I wasn't getting the attention I needed. I sarcastically suggested maybe he should shift his full attention to the situation, and we should take a break. He agreed (via text) that he had a lot going on, then immediately stopped communicating with me. I texted, called, sent cards and received no replies. It has been a year, and I feel like I can't move on without closure or at least a conversation. I have tried dating at the suggestion of friends, but it doesn't work because I still love him. What steps can I take to move on? -- FROZEN IN PLACE IN ALABAMA **DEAR FROZEN:** Painful as it may be, accept it. Give yourself a specific period in which to mourn and tell yourself the man is dead. (The romance certainly is, and you have my sympathy for the loss.) Wear black,



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

toss out any mementos, and get together with a few close friends for a memorial for what might have been. Then “bury” him with as many tears as necessary and look resolutely ahead. (I did this once many years ago, and it worked.) **DEAR ABBY:** Every time we are in a restaurant, my cousin wants a bite of everything on everyone's plate. I don't know how to say no, but being a health care worker, I know it's not safe to do all that sharing. How can I say no? She's leaning over my plate with her mouth open! Thank you for any ideas. -- BEACH BABE IN FLORIDA **DEAR BABE:** You have a right to refuse. But if you can't muster the word “no,” place a forkful of

whatever your cousin is ogling on your butter plate and hand it to her. That way her dirty fork won't contaminate your food, and you won't have to spoon-feed her. **DEAR ABBY:** Our family just got back from a perfect vacation, which included, in addition to my husband and me, my three adult sons, their wives, two grandchildren and my mom. My husband and I paid to rent a house, and we all chipped in for food. When we returned, my sister called and said she was jealous, and she wants to be included next time. I love my sister, but that would very much change the dynamics of our vacation. Is it selfish to not want to include her?

Is there anything I can say or do to ease the hurt? Due to COVID, we are no longer hosting holidays or other celebrations as we normally do. -- BIG FAMILY UP NORTH **DEAR BIG FAMILY:** Your sister has a right to her feelings. However, that does not obligate you to change your family vacation plans to suit her. Because you appear to have trouble saying no, tell her you will think about it, which is true and doesn't obligate you. *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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*



**Dear Ann Landers:** A few months ago, when I was recovering from surgery and in bed suffering post-operative pain, my sister, “Ellen,” came by to see me. My husband, “Dan,” who is a physician, happened to enter the room and saw Ellen take prescription drugs out of the box beside my bed and slip them into her pocket. Ellen looked up and realized he had seen her, even though I didn’t notice a thing.

Dan didn’t want to alarm me, so he said nothing. He waited until Ellen went home and then telephoned her. She didn’t say much, except that she had a very bad headache and needed medication. Ellen didn’t know Dan had counted the

capsules before her visit and knew she was lying about how many she had stolen. Later that evening, she phoned to apologize to Dan, but he wasn’t home, so she talked to me and confessed that she had taken my pills.

Ellen is an alcoholic and has been sober for approximately eight years. We are concerned about her health and safety. We also worry about her tendency to steal prescription drugs (as well as other things) from our home and possibly the homes of her friends. We are afraid she might start shoplifting and end up in jail.

Dan and I don’t feel comfortable discussing this with Ellen’s husband, and she has always been very defensive, so it isn’t

*Classic*  
**Ann Landers**

easy to talk to her about personal problems. Please give us some guidance. -- Worried Sick in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Dear Worried in Newport:** Your sister needs help. Ellen has traded one addiction for another. She is off the booze but is now hooked on pills.

It is essential that you inform her husband about this latest occurrence. His

wife needs professional help, and he must see that she gets it at once.

By withholding this information, you are doing your sister a grave injustice.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a 14-year-old girl and have a friend who is dominating my life. “Julia” calls me so often, my family has started making up excuses why I can’t come to the phone. She invites me to her house every day. I usually decline because her brothers are foul-mouthed and Julia constantly gets into fights with her mother. Every time I go there, I come home feeling upset.

I no longer enjoy Julia’s company, but she makes me feel so guilty that I wind up making plans with her anyway.

I feel sorry for her because she doesn’t seem to have any other friends. What makes it even worse is that she gets angry and jealous when I go out with other girls and don’t include her. Frankly, my other friends don’t like her. She’s overly critical and

says hurtful things.

I don’t know how to get out of this relationship. I don’t want to harm her obviously fragile self-confidence, so I lie about how much I value her friendship.

When I think of how stuck I am in this situation, I end up in tears. Please tell me what to do. -- New Jersey

**Dear New Jersey:** You are very kind to remain friendly with Julia, even though she is domineering and difficult. You need not let her run your life, however. Make dates with other girls, and if Julia doesn’t like it, too bad.

**Dear Ann Landers:** My husband and I were married recently. Our wedding was beautiful, but there was one problem: We had 17 no-shows and four surprise guests. Two days before the wedding, we’d had to give the caterers the exact number of guests. After that, we would get billed no matter how many no-shows there were. That means we paid for 13 extra meals that nobody ate.

I understand that sometimes an emergency comes up, but we wasted more than \$330 on those no-show dinners. The extra guests turned out to be no problem because of the no-shows, but generally, surprises are not

welcome. What if those 17 people had shown up and we didn’t have enough dinners? It would have been a nightmare.

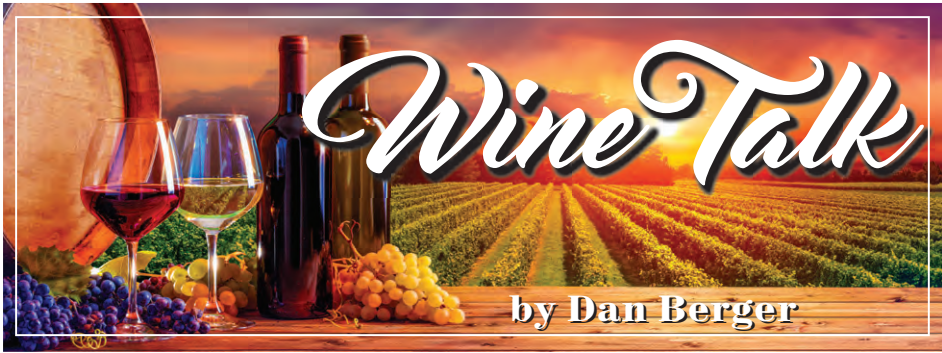
It is simply good manners to let the hostess know whether you are coming or not. And if the number of people in your party has changed, she should be informed about that, too. When you RSVP, the information you give the hostess is what the cost of the event is based on. Wedding receptions aren’t cheap these days, and paying for no-shows is a terrible waste.

Am I expecting too much from guests? If so, please tell me. - San Diego

**Dear San Diego:** You are not expecting too much. Letting the hostess know whether or not you are coming is no more than common courtesy. Not having enough food because some slobbs didn’t bother to let you know they were coming is a major embarrassment. A response card and stamped envelope are well worth the extra expense. I recommend them.

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# Liquid test drive

Decades ago, visiting wine country was limited to the few areas of the country with wineries. Outside California, that meant upstate New York and a tiny handful of hamlets scattered hither and mostly yon.

Today that number has expanded to just about every state, including Texas (i.e., Hill Country), Ohio (i.e., Lake Erie), Idaho (i.e., Snake River Valley), Michigan (i.e., Upper Peninsula) and Colorado (i.e., Grand Junction). And even Florida.

Imagine the lure of wine country: pristine air, unhurried lifestyles, casual wine tasting rooms, informative tour guides and free sips of elixirs that brighten the day.

Uh, not so fast. The air may smell of sulfur dust to treat the vines; lifestyles are often chaotic (too many tourists for one thing!); wine education often is geared toward a bit of self-serving “ours is better than theirs” promotion; and few tasting rooms offer free tastes. Not anymore.

A lot has changed in the 45 years since I first visited Napa Valley. The reality is that no matter where you choose to visit a wine country, advanced planning is appropriate.

For one thing, driving to wine country usually takes longer than it used to. Once there, traffic can be (and often is) bumper-to-bumper, and parking is hit-or-miss. And tasting room crowds can be elbow-to-elbow and chaotic.

Good pourers are in high demand, so you often only get the second-string pourers. Thus, information can be wrong or misleading. Tasting room fees, now commonplace, occasionally are higher than anticipated.

Wanna speak to the winemaker? Good luck. Often, he or she is working at some mundane job, such as cleaning up. (Winemaking can be messy.) Wanna buy a bottle? It’s likely a lot more than you thought it would be.



And the reality is that choked traffic makes it hard to turn left. Welcome to wine country.

Yes, summer is a nice time to visit wine country. We know that, but so do your neighbors. That’s why most wine country areas are so heavily trafficked in summer.

Even careful planners can find that summer in popular wine country areas can be exhausting and expensive. Napa Valley is often called a vinous Disneyland without the rides.

If you must visit a wine country this summer, here are some tips to make it less hectic.

- Prepare for tasting room fees. Most fees in outlying areas range from \$10 to \$20. However, Silicon Valley Bank, which charts trends in the wine industry on an annual basis, reported this week that Napa Valley tasting room charges have risen to nearly \$60 per person and that those same fees in Sonoma County are almost \$30 per person.

- If you find a tasting room that doesn’t charge, it’s courteous to buy at least one bottle. Some tasting rooms waive the tasting fee if you do!

- Make reservations. Many wineries offer special tours for higher fees.

- Target the farthest part of a wine region early in the day. If you arrive in a wine area from a major city, head for the winery farthest from the city first. Most tourists stop at the first winery they see. You can do the rest on the

return trip.

- Taste wines you’re unlikely to see at home. No sense in tasting widely available chardonnays or cabernets. The real treats are the wines available only at the winery. Ask about them.

- Visit on weekdays. Popular wine country areas are swamped on weekends.

- Use spit buckets -- especially drivers.

- Be prepared for full retail prices. Few wineries offer discounts. Better deals often exist at local wine shops. Take notes, and plan on buying more widely available wines at home.

- Make reservations for lunches and dinners. Wine country regions typically don’t have many places to dine, and the better ones fill up quickly. Wine country can be educational, but it’s not as simple as it was decades ago.

**Wine of the Week:** 2020 Campuget Rose, Costieres de Nimes, Tradition (\$13): A blend of 30% grenache and 70% shiraz, this dry pink wine is lightly scented of strawberries and has a pale, delicate red-wine finish, so it will work well with light meats as well as gilled seafood.

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## Greek yogurt with lemon curd and berries Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Summer perfection is a last minute, no bake, lemony treat that you can pull together in 5 minutes.

This dessert has greek yogurt, lemon curd and a crunchy cookie topping with fresh berries.

It’s light and refreshing on a hot summer day or eve. Lemon curd is rich and buttery.

It makes for a great spread on biscuits, cakes and anything else you can imagine. It also pairs perfectly with plain greek yogurt.

I used shortbread cookies but any crispy cookie works just as well. Also, this is all about preference.

I start with 2 heaping spoonfuls of lemon curd. If you don’t think it is sweet enough, just add more. All ingredients were found at Trader Joe’s.

Serve in your favorite glass or bowl. I used Atelier’s Scott Zweisel Pure Martini glasses on their beautiful Caspari tray. Perfect for serving to friends and family.

- 18oz plain greek yogurt
- 2 heaping tablespoons of lemon curd
- 1 bag of crisp shortbread cookies
- Fresh raspberries
- Mint for garnish

In a large bowl, mix the yogurt and lemon curd. Spoon the mixture into your favorite glass or small bowls. Meanwhile, put the cookies into a large



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ziploc bag and smash with a rolling pin until they are crumb size.

Sprinkle the cookie crumbs over the top of

the yogurt blend and top with raspberries and some fresh mint.

Go outside and enjoy the warm summer sun!

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# Tackling a challenge



## Grosse Pointers step up to enter their catches

The active fishing portion of Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic has come to a close. It's been an amazing ride as local folks threw their hats in the ring and their lines on the water. Now excitement builds toward the announcement of the overall winners in both the adult and kid divisions. One winner in each division will walk away with a grand prize of \$500 cash and a rod and reel combo from Lakeside Fishing Shop! There will also be a final raffle drawing for all eligible contestants for several great prizes like a Fishbones gift certificate and a LDB custom rod and reel set. For the leaderboard and a complete list of prizes, visit [grossepointe-news.com/fishingclassic/rules](http://grossepointe-news.com/fishingclassic/rules). All final winners announced next week.



Above, Michael Bartoszewicz, of Grosse Pointe Farms, displays his catch of the day.



At left, Brian Thompson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught this 18.5” tiger muskie at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.

## Last week’s winners

Each weekly division winner receives \$100 and a \$25 gift certificate to:  
**Lakeside Fishing Shop**  
Weekly division winners are also entered to win the \$500 GRAND PRIZE!

### DIVISION A 12 and under



**Will G.**  
Grosse Pointe Farms  
27.5” Pike

### DIVISION B 13 - adult



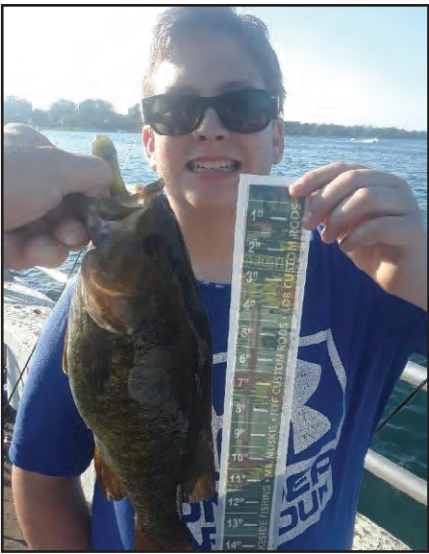
**Andy Hauswirth**  
Grosse Pointe  
29” Pike

See [grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic) for a leaderboard of contestants.

**This week’s RAFFLE WINNER:**  
**\$100 Fishbone’s Gift Card**  
**DAVE WHITTINGHAM**



Above, Matthew Bartoszewicz, of Grosse Pointe Farms, reeled in this healthy bass.



At left, brother Chase Bartoszewicz, measures up an impressive fish of his own.



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## Lakeside Fishing Shop FISHING REPORT

Bass action all over the shoreline - up to 6 pounds. Muskies reported near the GPS park/GPYC. Walleyes still coming in near the Detroit River. Lakeside Fishing Shop is loaded to the gills with bottom bouncers and even have a kayak for sale - buy one and get a free paddle & life jacket!

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# Water wonder

## A local painter’s love letter to Lake St. Clair

Donna Zetterlund  
*Special Writer*

Ahhh...the mystique of water. Living in a home with a water view provided a perspective on Lake St. Clair I really hadn’t anticipated. After checking each window at the showing and seeing lake in every frame, I eagerly announced to the real estate agent that I would take it. At the time I thought the best part of having property ending at the waterline was that the only neighbors to that side would be fish and seagulls. Was this long-time dream really coming true?

Yet getting to know the lake more intimately was the best and biggest surprise. Like an eccentric roommate, every day, sometimes several times a day its mood changed completely and dramatically.

Prior to that, my relationship with the lake was sporadic. Drives along Lake Shore, afternoons at Metro Beach, these visits produced brief traditional snapshots of its wavy splendor.

Bright blue water meeting at the horizon with a robin’s egg sky, these picture-perfect, if fleeting scenes were exactly as expected. But just as living with a person divulges more of their personality than the occasional date, the lake had so much more depth and wonder to reveal.

The first time observing an unexpected side of that familiar view was truly a shock. This startling sky was creamy white, while the water appeared an other-worldly gray-pink-mauve color. It was breathtakingly beautiful, yet more like something from an undiscovered planet than the familiar body of water I thought I knew.

More surprising combinations followed. One day, sparkling turquoise waters matched up with a reflective aquamarine sky. Dove grey skies the next, partnered with a muddy beige waterline. Later in the day, thrashing gray waters beneath a tentative pale sky. In the morning an orange sunrise with mysterious dark blue waters. Turn the calendar page...and there were puffy clouds rolling on a field of sky blue, lazy green water gently floating below. Was this all the same lake? The juxtapositions seemed endless.

Each day became a painting in and of itself. The stark contrast of blinding white gliding swans or sails against a sparkling blue background took my breath away. The deepness of the ripples epitomized what made the word ‘azure’ a necessary part of human language.

I was grateful to be a painter, to know the names of every shade of blue...cerulean, cobalt, manganese, Prussian, ultramarine...because I needed them all. At night, the solid midnight blue of merged sky and water surrounded a golden-haloed full moon, casting a million twinkles on the dark waves. My personal favorite.

There are so many beautiful states in our country and many lovely places to live in and outside of Michigan. Yet residing in the Great Lakes state with so many spectacular natural resources a walk or drive away is a treat never to be squandered.

Our little “sixth Great Lake”, Lake St. Clair, and the neighboring Detroit River offer natural beauty that restores the soul, affords a playground for amazing water sports, nurtures boaters and fishers alike, and gives a backdrop to our lives that makes each day just a little more gorgeous.

When I drove along the water, dreaming of waking up to it someday, I wondered if people ever forgot the treasure they had in front of them.

Amid the bustle of life, the appointments, the family celebrations, kiddie fights and daily stresses, it might be easy to take this simple but exquisite joy for granted.

Now I knew I never could.

There’s no time like today to enjoy this spectacular gift and paint your own memory.



Above, Marty Wayman, age 11, got this handsome large mouth bass off the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.



Above, Dave Whittingham’s 17” muskie was caught at Pier Park with a fly rod. Dave is from Grosse Pointe Farms.



Above, Teddy Whittingham, age 3, is already a seasoned fisherman. He caught both a 14” white bass and a 26.5” Northern pike in addition to this small mouth bass above, at Pier Park.



At left, Tom Kolojeski, from Grosse Pointe Farms, likes pike! He snagged this beautiful 25.5” specimen at Grosse Pointe Farms Park.

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# Here’s what you can catch dockside



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Top left, this striking walleye boasts a tall top fin. Bottom left, a large muskie shows off his distinctive fighting face. Above center, several varieties of bass inhabit Lake St. Clair and make for good fishing all along its shoreline. Above right, the fierce northern pike puts up a fight but rewards the tenacious fisher with a tasty meal.

By Anne Gryzenia  
*Special Writer*

**Muskie**  
One of the most exciting freshwater game fish, muskie should be biting left and right in June and through the summer. Lake St. Clair is known for some of the best muskie fishing in the world! They tend to like the more shallow waters of the lake. Because muskie are plentiful, there’s a good chance you might snag one along Lake St. Clair.

**Walleye**  
While they normally prefer deep and

murky water, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River still have a high number of toothy-grinned walleye. The biggest of the perch family, these strong fish will fight back hard and offer a challenging fishing adventure with well-deserved props when you do pull one in.

**Bass**  
Lake St. Clair is known worldwide for its bass fishing, and there’s hardly a place with more small mouth bass than our own home lake. They love tube jigs and worms, and they are found in good numbers almost anywhere you sit down

to fish. In addition to small mouths, silver bass or large mouth bass are also available for the reeling.

**Northern Pike**  
Another favorite for anglers in the Great Lakes area, northern pike might just be the most valiant of the pike family. Similar to muskie in appearance, these creatures also put up one heck of a fight! Fish summer and fall for the biggest specimens, and you’re sure to leave with sore muscles. However, a full belly will more than make up for it, as these fish are delicious.





# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
**“Jane Wants A Boyfriend”**  
2015 - 1hr 41min

When I spot a movie with an intriguing title like “Jane Wants a Boyfriend”, and features a cast of actors I don’t recognize, I put it in my “has potential” hopper. And now that I’ve seen this gem, it’s jumped to my “must see” list. It’s not the first film based on a character with different abilities, but it certainly ranks right up there with the best of them.



Jane lives at home with her parents and has Asperger’s Syndrome. The 25-year old is played very convincingly by Louisa Krause. For the most part, she’s relatively normal, although she’s extremely shy and is adversely affected by certain noises. She spends a lot of her time at home with her parents, obsessively watching old romance movies--to the point where she’s memorized much of the dialogue. Her older sister Bianca (Eliza Dushku) is overly protective and micro-manages every aspect of her life. When their parents decide to sell their home

in the suburbs of NYC and move to New Jersey, they’re counting on Bianca to take her in. Since Bianca has just recently moved in with her boyfriend, this could be a bit problematic. Bianca has joined a theatre company and is starring in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” where Jane has a job as a seamstress. Things start to get interesting in the romance department. There’s a date with a young man with a similar disorder, which doesn’t go according to plan. And there’s Jim, an old friend of Bianca’s who is totally smitten with Jane. Is this the boyfriend of Jane’s dreams? You’ll just have to check it out and see for yourself! This sweet little film is the reason I search out indie titles. It’s perfect in every way—great acting, believable dialogue, and relaxed pacing. I can’t think of a single thing I’d change about it. It’ll put a smile on your face, and if you’re anything like me, you might want to have some tissues handy. Streaming on Kanopy.com.

★★★★☆

My rating system:  
★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.  
★★ So-so. Not a total



waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

**About this column:**  
*While I watch a lot of streaming movies, this column will feature those offered by Kanopy.com. If you’re not familiar with this great service, it’s offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Library system with your library card. Sign up online in less than a minute, then stream six movies a month for free. These are high-quality movies you’ll have a hard time finding elsewhere, and include a ton of indie gems I’d never heard of. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.*



From left to right, Louisa Krause as Jane and Gabriel Ebert as Jack.

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** After 9:15 a.m. EDT today (6:15 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Full Moon in Capricorn peaks at 2:40 p.m. EDT (11:40 a.m. PDT).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, June 24, 2021: You’re careful, tactful and hardworking. You are also creative and artistic, and have the self-discipline to use these talents. Home and family will always be a prime focus for you. This year you are harvesting the seeds you previously planted, which means that for most of you, this is a successful year. Expect accolades and recognition, plus material success as well.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
The Full Moon today makes you feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career and public reputation. Today you cannot ignore home and family. And so it goes. Tonight: Your situation improves.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Be careful, because the energy of today’s Full Moon can make this an accident-prone day for you. Therefore, think before you speak or act. Pay special attention if you are walking, jogging, biking or driving. Do not be distracted. Tonight: Things are easier.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Today’s Full Moon might bring some kind of financial issue to a head for your sign. This could relate to earnings. It also might relate to your debt or your involvement with the wealth of someone else, perhaps your partner. After today, you might be able to improve things. Tonight: Solutions are likely.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Today the only Full Moon all year that occurs opposite your sign is taking place. This will definitely create tension between you and partners, spouses and close friends. Do not jump the gun. Patience is your best friend. Tonight: Relations are warmer.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
The Full Moon today might create some tension at work, especially with co-workers. Perhaps you are the only one who feels this tension and you are projecting it onto others. Do what you can to stay calm, and decide to give everything a sober, second thought. Tonight: Steady as she goes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Be patient with friends today, and also be patient with groups and clubs, because today’s Full Moon can make people edgy and too emotional. Likewise, parents should be patient with their kids. Meanwhile, your kids might have hissy fits and meltdowns. Tonight: Things calm down.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Some Full Moons are easier than others. (This one, not so much.) You feel pulled in two directions -- home and family versus your job and your career. What to do? Today you cannot ignore your job and your public reputation. Tonight: Be patient.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Heightened emotions caused by today’s Full Moon energy can distract you and create a problem either verbally or physically. Therefore, be mindful. Tonight: Slow down and take it easy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Some kind of financial situation will come to a head today because of the Full Moon. Very possibly, it relates to your responsibilities for someone else or perhaps money that you owe. Hopefully, after the Full Moon peaks, these problems will diminish. Tonight: Take a breather.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place, which means your emotions are all over the place. It might not look like this to others, but you will feel it. Be kind to yourself and don’t make hasty decisions. Tonight: Be safe and go gently.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today’s Full Moon might create problems related to your health, your pet, your job or any task that you set for yourself today. Generally, the Full Moon brings things to a head, forcing you to decide one way or the other. Tonight: Tread carefully.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Parents should be aware that this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Furthermore, their kids might feel upset because of the Full Moon energy. Meanwhile, this is also a challenging day for romantic couples because the Full Moon stirs up extreme emotions. Don’t act. Wait until things settle down. Tonight: Warm discussions with a friend.

**BORN TODAY**  
Soccer player Lionel Messi (1987), actress Candice Patton (1988), actor Iain Glen (1961).

# All-New 2022 Ford Maverick: Did we mention it’s a truck?

**DETROIT, Mich.,** – Ford is delivering a new kind of pickup – compact but mighty, built for makers and doers, stunningly fuel-efficient, and packed with clever technology and features. The all-new 2022 Ford Maverick is the truck for people who never knew they wanted a truck. Maverick comes as a standard five-passenger, four-door pickup, with a full-hybrid powertrain and a projected EPA-estimated rating of 40 mpg city fuel economy and 500 miles of range on a single tank of gas. Tested and tortured to meet Built Ford Tough standards, Maverick offers ingenious design and storage solutions while enabling customization inside and out. It all comes with a starting MSRP of \$19,995. “The Maverick product proposition is like nothing

else out there. It’s a great-looking truck featuring four doors with room for five adults, a standard full-hybrid engine with city fuel economy that beats a Honda Civic, plenty of towing and hauling for weekend trips or do-it-yourself projects, and it starts under \$20,000,” said Todd Eckert, Ford



truck group marketing manager. Maverick is offered at three trim levels – XL, XLT and Lariat. An FX4 package available for all-wheel-drive XLT and Lariat trucks adds more off-road capability with rugged all-terrain tires and suspension tuning, additional underbody

protection, and off-road-focused drive modes like Mud/Rut and Sand, as well as the addition of Hill Descent Control™. Available for the first model year only is the Maverick First Edition package. It is built off the Lariat trim level and includes unique graphics on the hood and lower doors, a high-gloss black-painted roof, soft tonneau cover, body-color door handles, high-gloss black skull caps, and gloss black-painted and machined 18-inch wheels for hybrid or unique 17-inch aluminum wheels for the gas model. It comes in Carbonized Gray, Area 51 and Rapid Red, unique to First Edition. The 2022 Ford Maverick goes on sale this fall. The build and price website is live at Ford.com and reservations or orders can be placed today.

# Contract Bridge

A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
**East**      **South**      **West**      **North**  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT

Opening lead — three of clubs.

Playing hastily in bridge is analogous, in many ways, to the ancient proverb about marrying in haste and repenting at leisure. Today’s deal provides a case in point.

Assume you’re in three notrump and West leads a club. Dummy’s six holds the first trick, and you apparently have nine sure tricks consisting of a spade, a heart, four diamonds and three clubs.

Lulled by this false sense of security into thinking that it’s all over but the shouting, you try for an overtrick by taking a heart finesse at trick two, losing the queen to the king.

West returns the ten of hearts, and about this time it begins to dawn on you that there’s some doubt about making nine tricks. The four diamond tricks you counted at the start are much easier to count than to cash. If you take the K-J, there will be no way to reach dummy’s A-Q, while if you cash the king and then overtake the jack with the queen, you will make only three diamond tricks unless the ten falls. (In the actual deal it doesn’t, so you finish down one.)

To make matters worse, you now realize where you went wrong. The fault goes back to trick one, when you won the club lead with dummy’s six and should have won with the ace! You could then have played the king of clubs, cashed the K-J of diamonds and led another club toward dummy’s J-9. Whether West took his queen or not, the jack of clubs would be an entry to the A-Q of diamonds, and nine tricks would be assured.

Obviously, it’s clear in retrospect that winning the opening club lead with the ace is correct, but you must give yourself enough time to think of it. If you play too hastily at trick one and allow dummy’s six to win, you will, as the proverb says, have lots of time later to repent at your leisure.

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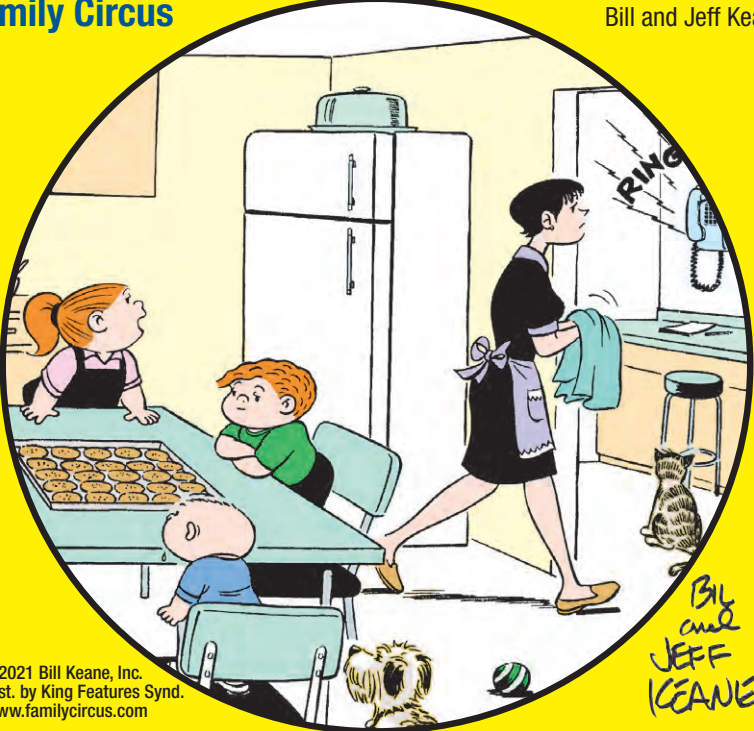
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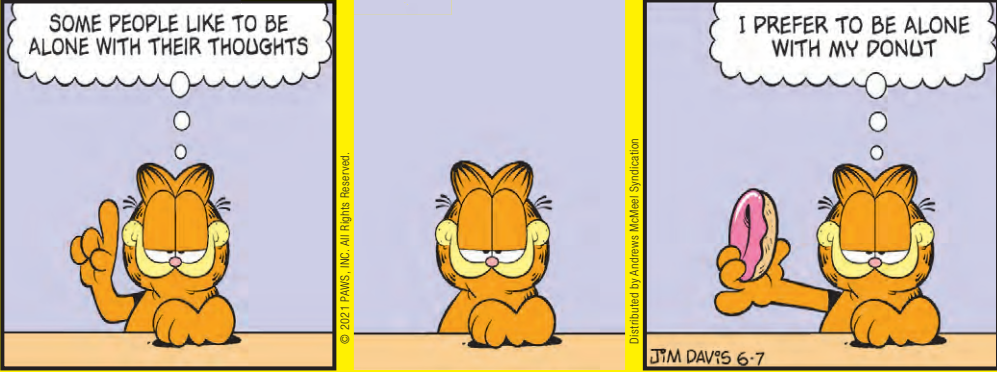


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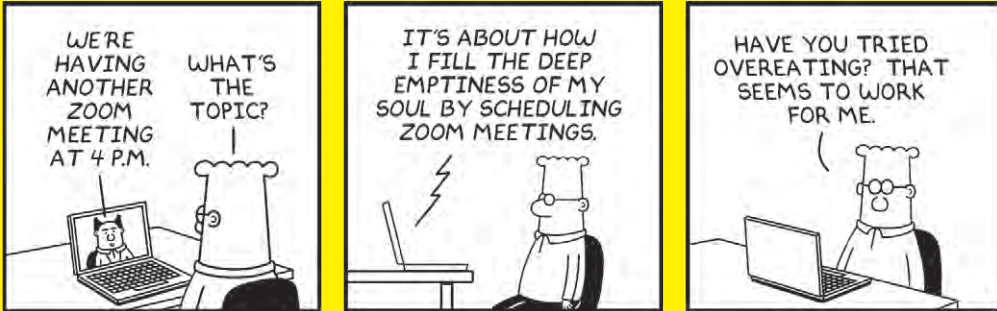
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Jim Davis



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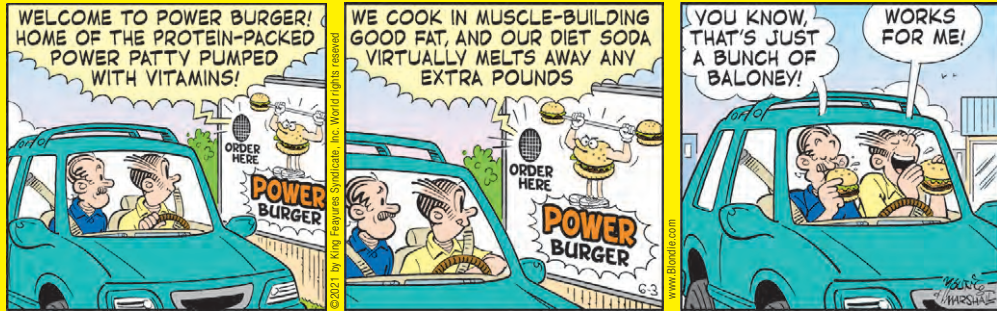
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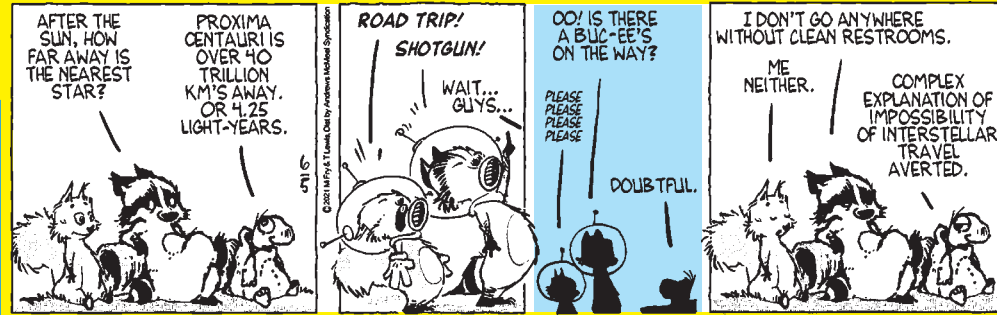
## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

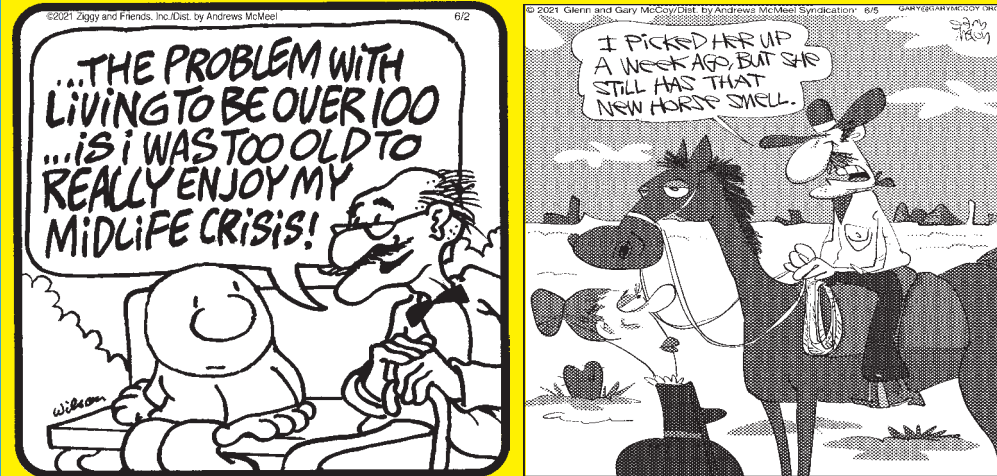


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 24, 2021

### ACROSS

- Butterfly pose, e.g.
- "So cute!"
- Meals tossed while they're still fresh
- Bean type discovered in Peru
- Chinese "path"
- What won't come undone on the job?
- Word said with a shrug
- Rorschach test
- component Packs (down)
- Removal of pencil marks
- That
- stallion's
- Met the benchmark for second-grade math?
- Halves of a diameter
- de plume
- One may be jagged
- "In all honesty ..."
- Tax org.
- Drink such as Pepsi
- Nail polish brand
- Summons, as a doctor
- Training for King Arthur's men?
- Regret
- Beat in a staring contest, maybe

- What goes "wee woo wee woo"?
- Oven for a 71-Across
- "I'd rather not"
- Physically demanded a fresh diaper from?
- For what worth
- Sow's sound
- said than done
- Orchid holder
- School fundraiser
- Not those
- "Ooh, I know the answer!"
- More rational
- Hawaiian welcome
- Turner who led an 1831 revolt
- Video interruptions
- Multilingual Egyptian queen, for short
- Raise, like a dumbbell
- "I think," in textpeak
- Post-intermission segment
- Tiny particle
- Wood distortion
- Stir-fry vessels
- Buffalo hockey player
- Piloted
- Landfill contents

- Word before "run" or "jump"
- Subgroup of troops
- Connecting cable letters
- Shenanigan
- Homer Simpson's cry
- "Got it," '60s-style
- Shrek or Fiona
- Sad ending?
- Morty's grandpa
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Where to buy lox
- Repetitive learning
- Increases, as the ante
- Fitting name for a Dalmatian
- Match grammatically
- Entirely

- Without a doubt, slangily
- Greeting in Guernica
- Fluid (liquid measure)
- Murphy of "Schitt's Creek"
- Wise people
- Half a comforting comment
- Uno card with a slashed circle
- Infatuated with
- Musical pause
- Big Island coffee district
- Bugs
- In good shape
- Coverup for a bad haircut
- Volcanic powder

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

G	A	S		S	T	R	U	T		M	I	T	T	S
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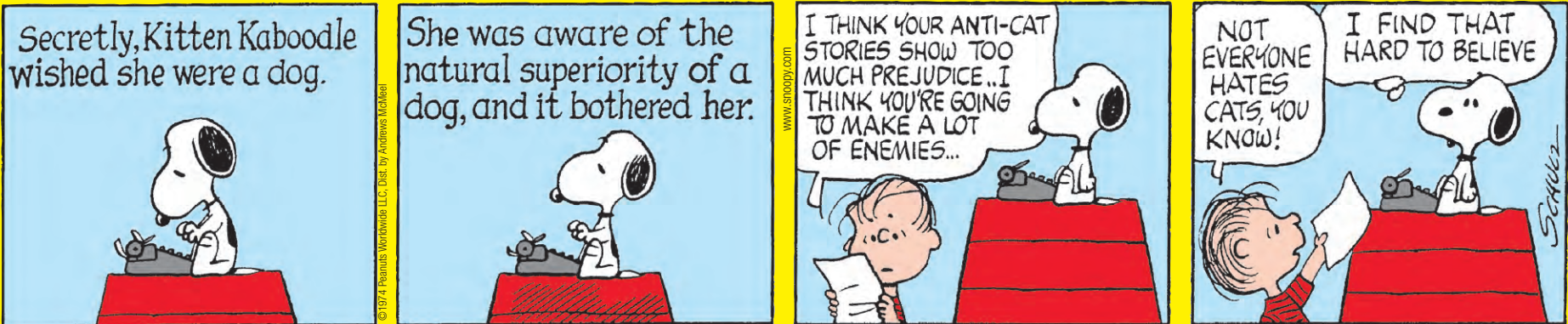
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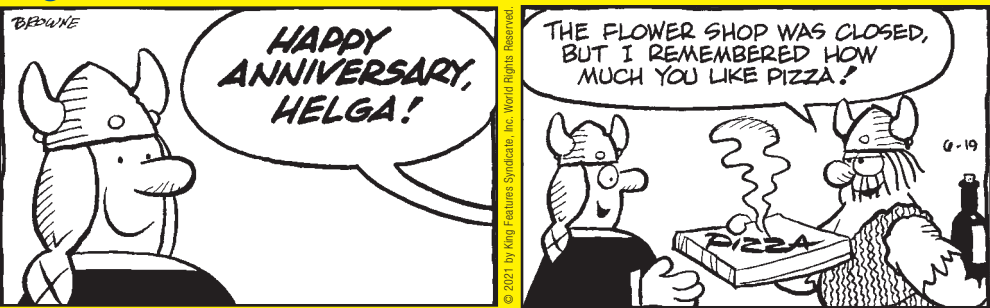
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Charles M. Schulz



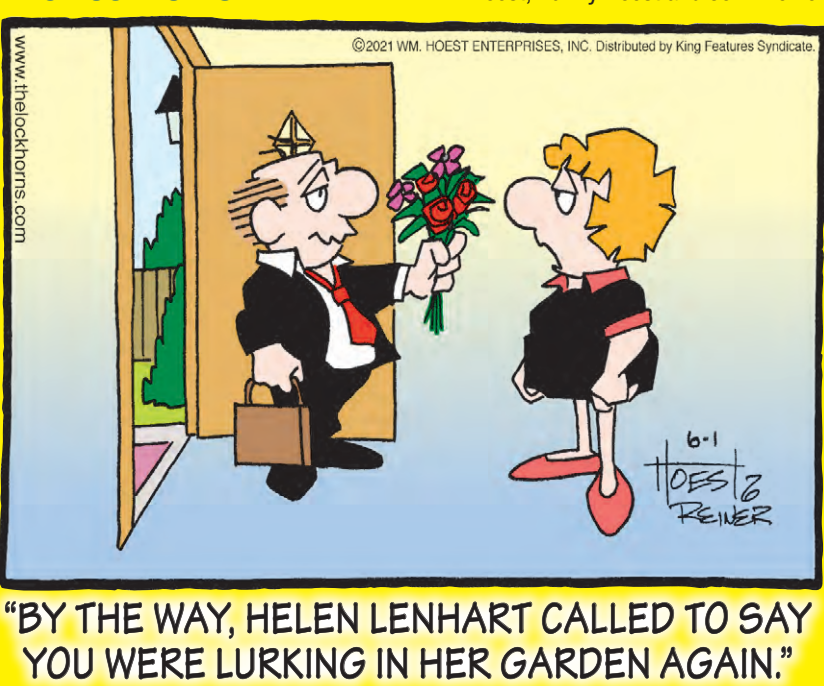
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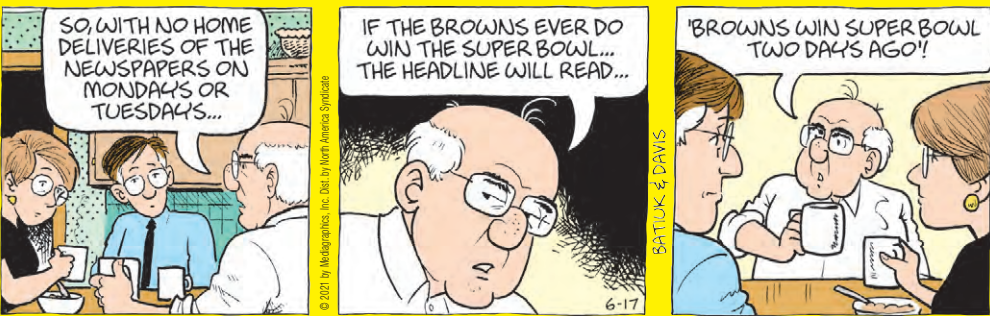
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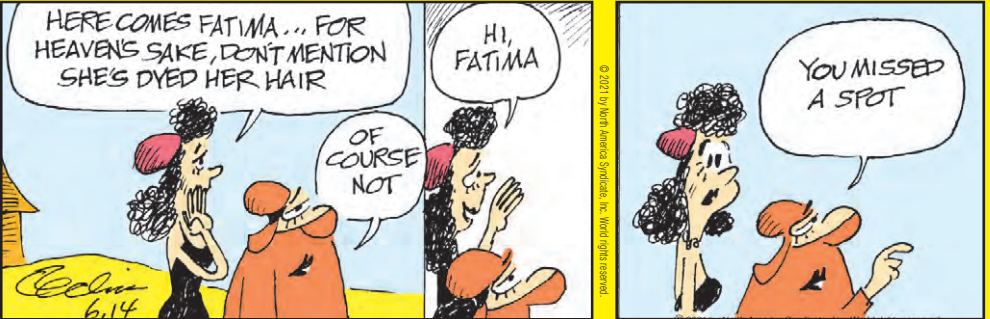
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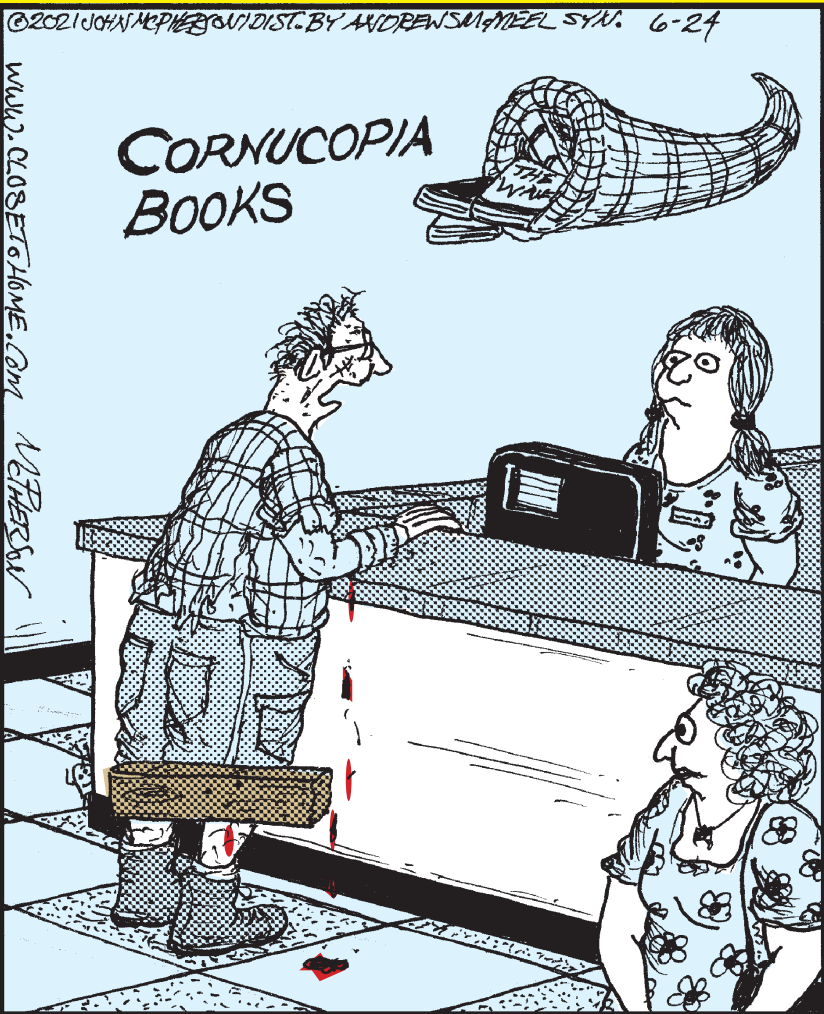
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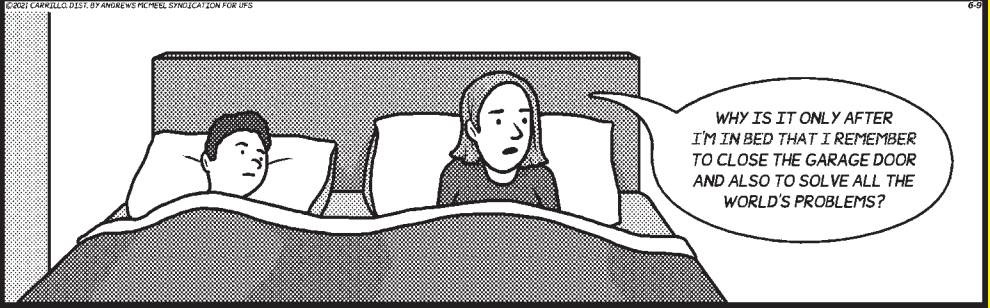
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John McPherson



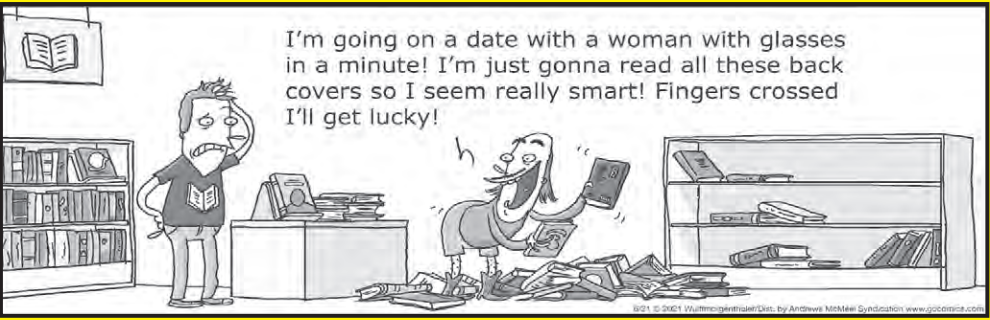
**F Minus**

Tony Carrillo



**Wumo**

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**B.C.**

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



**Mother Goose and Grim**

Mike Peters



**Reality Check**

Dave Whamond



**Bizarro**

Dan Piraro and Wayno



**Marmaduke**

Paul & Brad Anderson





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## Assistants of the Year

Two Blue Devils coaches among those honored by MHSBCA PAGE 2D

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The University Liggett School Knights baseball team celebrates its win over Traverse City St. Francis in the 2021 MHSAA Division 3 championship game.

# Knights take state title with dominant win

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team has reached the top of the mountain after an incredible season. Taking on Traverse City St. Francis Saturday in the MHSAA Division 3 state championship game, the Knights claimed the title with a dominant 12-0 win in just five innings.

“The guys hit the baseball and put pressure on them,” Knights coach Dan Cimini said after the victory. “That pressure, mixed with our big hits and of course Jack Jones throwing a great game, was the recipe for a championship.”

Despite a blowout win in the title game, Liggett’s run to the championship was far from easy. The Knights were faced with a tough test right out of the gate

against Detroit Edison, one of the other top teams in Division 3, in the district finals for their first game of the playoffs.

Liggett overcame that challenge with ease and went on to win a regional championship in a tightly contested battle against Blissfield. The Knights had to get past Buchanan, the No. 1 team in the state for Division 3, according to the MHSBCA, in the state semifinals just to have a shot to play for the championship Saturday.

The Knights began their high-scoring day in the second inning. A hit by Jack Jones scored a pair of runs to put Liggett in front 2-0. A well-played sacrifice bunt from Reggie Sharpe helped the Knights scratch across another for a three-run lead in the second.

During the bottom of



Matthew Greene tied an MHSAA record with five RBI in the state championship game. Greene was named Second Team All-State for Division 3.

the third inning, the game entered a weather delay for nearly 50 minutes. When the game resumed, Liggett seemed to come out even stronger.

“I was worried about the rain a little bit,”

Cimini said. “I told our team we have to continue scoring runs and we did that and left no doubt.”

Liggett continued to dominate after the rain with a huge fourth inning. Preston Barr’s

RBI single would start a five-run rally for the Knights that was capped off by a two-run double by Matthew Greene to make it 8-0 Liggett.

The Knights continued to pile on runs in the fifth. It was Greene again who put the exclamation mark on Liggett’s win with a bases-clearing triple to put the Knights up 12.

“It was great. I got up at third and he gave me a hug and said, ‘This is it; we’re state champs,’” Greene said about celebrating his big hit with his coach.

Liggett’s state championship victory brings its final record for 2021 to 31-5. The Knights dominated Division 3 this season, with all five losses coming to Division 1 or Division 2 opponents.

“You can’t live on your laurels. I tell them you’re only as good as your last game, but our

last game we won a state championship,” Cimini said. “Now these kids are going to have that great taste in their mouth for a whole year.”

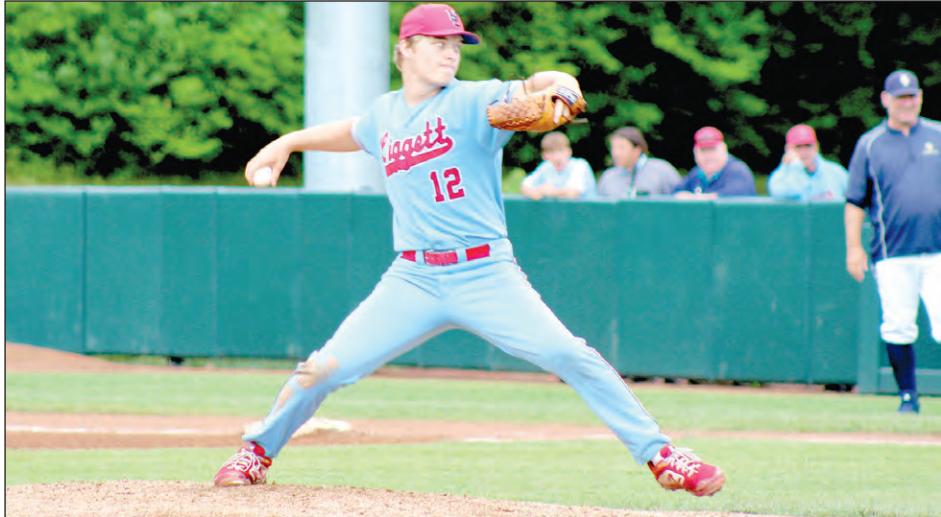
Jones spent the entire five innings on the mound, earning a win for the Knights in the championship game. The sophomore allowed just three hits and recorded six strikeouts in the shutout victory.

Greene was the biggest presence at the plate for the Knights on a high-scoring day. His five RBI tied the MHSAA record for most in a championship game. Jones and Sharpe each had a pair of RBI as well, while Barr had an RBI while going a perfect 3-3 at the plate.

The 2021 state title is the sixth in Liggett’s program history and the third to come in Division 3. The Knights won the Division 3 championship in 2014 and 2016.



Oliver Service celebrates after crossing home plate and giving the Knights an early lead.



Jack Jones struck out six hitters in the championship game. Jones was also named First Team All-State in Division 3.



Reggie Sharpe contributed to the Knights’ big day on offense with a pair of RBIs.





North senior Nic Good was named to the MHSBCA's First Team All-State for Division 1.



Liggett's Jarren Purify received First Team All-State honors in Division 3.



Knights pitcher Kurt Barr was named First Team All-State for Division 3.

# Pointes players make All-State baseball teams

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

During the championship weekend of high school baseball, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association announced its All-State selections for 2021. Featured among the honorees in Division 1 and Division 3 were select players from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

North pitcher Nic Good was named to the Division 1 All-State First Team. Good, a senior, also was selected to participate in this year's MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game and is committed to play college baseball at Bowling Green State University.

"It has been a goal of mine since I was a freshman at North to see my picture on the wall with all the great athletes that have played there over the years," Good said. "It's pretty humbling considering all the incredible talent there is

in Michigan."

Blue Devils' senior Ryker Mazey was named to the Division 1 All-State second team. Mazey was a captain this season and the heart of South's infield at shortstop, with head coach Dan Griesbaum praising him among the best defensive players he has ever coached.

The state champion University Liggett Knights had its share of honorees on Division 3 All-State teams. The pair of the Knights' top arms, Jack Jones and Kurt Barr, both were named First Team All-State for Division 3.

Barr and Jones were aces on the mound for Liggett all season and were the pair who helped deliver the Knights a state championship this weekend. Barr helped lift the Knights over Buchanan in the semifinals with a 10-strikeout shutout performance, while Jones shut down Traverse City St. Francis, allowing just three hits and no runs in the state championship.

Liggett shortstop Jarren Purify also was honored as part of the First Team All-State for Division 3. Purify, a sophomore, was a star at the plate and on defense for the Knights and was part of an impressive defensive relay play in the state semifinals that helped propel Liggett to the championship game.

Matthew Greene of Liggett was named Second Team All-State. The junior played a major role in the Knights' run to a state title by tying the MHSAA record for RBI in a state championship game, bringing home five runs with his bat against Traverse City St. Francis.

After winning his fifth state championship as head coach of the Knights, Liggett's Dan Cimini was named Division 3 Coach of the Year. Cimini's Knights went undefeated against Division 3 opponents in 2021. This is not the first time the Liggett coach has received the award, being named coach of the year in 2014 and 2016.



South's Ryker Mazey was named Second Team All-State for Division 1.

# Blue Devils baseball coaches honored as Assistants of the Year

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

The varsity baseball coaching staff at Grosse Pointe South High School has received its fair share of recognition over the years for being among the best in the state. Head coach Dan Griesbaum is a former MHSBCA coach of the year and hall of fame inductee; now a pair of his assistants are receiving well-deserved honors for their efforts this season.

Blue Devils coaching staff members Dan Griesbaum Jr. and Matt Reno both have been selected as Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association 2021 Assistant Coaches of the Year.

"I am so blessed to have such great people working in our program for so many years," Griesbaum said of his assistants. "It creates such stability as well as credibility."

Griesbaum Jr. has been a part of the Blue Devils program about as long as he can remember. Being the son of the longtime head coach, Griesbaum Jr. grew up as a batboy for South's team before eventually playing for the Blue Devils during his high school career. After playing college baseball at Central Michigan University, Griesbaum Jr. officially joined his father's coaching staff at South in 2005. With more than a decade of coaching with the baseball program he has spent much of his life around, Griesbaum Jr. believes this recognition is something all of his fellow coaches should be proud of as well.

"I think it really is an honor that should be shared by everybody involved in the program and the whole community," Griesbaum Jr. said. "It's a recognition of the success that the pro-

gram has had and the success my father has had as the head coach. ... It's an honor for the coaching staff as a whole and we take a lot of pride in our staff."

Coaching alongside his dad over the years, Griesbaum Jr. has learned a tremendous amount about the game of baseball and responsibilities of coaching. Being around the game of baseball and the South program much of his life, Griesbaum Jr. has found a new appreciation for the legacy of the Blue Devils program.

"I think the No. 1 thing is that the right decision isn't always going to be the easy decision," he said. "I think my father has run the program in a way where he can look in the mirror every day and feel good about what he's doing. ... I think maybe when I was younger I didn't realize how important that was, but over time

I've come to appreciate that more and more."

Reno is another longtime member of the Blue Devils coaching staff. After playing for South in high school and Grand Valley State University in college, Reno joined the Blue Devils coaching staff the first time in 1986.

After leaving South's staff in the '90s, Reno returned to coaching the Blue Devils in 2009. Being a part of South's baseball program for so long, Reno knows what makes the coaching staff special is longevity and pride in the program.

"We as a coaching staff work very well together, which is evident, otherwise we wouldn't be coaching together for so long," Reno said. "We respect each other and get along very well and we're good friends off the field. Knowing one another for so long, you have the opportunity to respect one another

and work together and enjoy it."

With decades of coaching experience at South and in Little League, Reno has learned a lot about what being a coach really means. Being on a staff with other great coaches, like head coach Griesbaum, Reno said he is proud that a major part of the Blue Devils' coaching philosophy goes beyond just the baseball diamond.

"We all talk about life skills — how to be a better ballplayer and how to be a better young man and be a good teammate and deal with disappointments," he said. "We really kind of compare baseball quite often to life and how you have to work hard and work as a team."

Reno and Griesbaum Jr. will be honored at the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park Monday, June 28.



Dan Griesbaum Jr.



Matt Reno



Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (26-13)
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)	10-3 W
6/12	Stoney Creek (MHSAA Regionals)	4-0 W
6/12	Grand Blanc (MHSAA Quarterfinals)	2-0 L
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 (31-5)
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)	18-0 W
6/12	Blissfield (MHSAA Regionals)	2-0 W
6/12	Riverview GR (MHSAA Quarterfinals)	6-1 W
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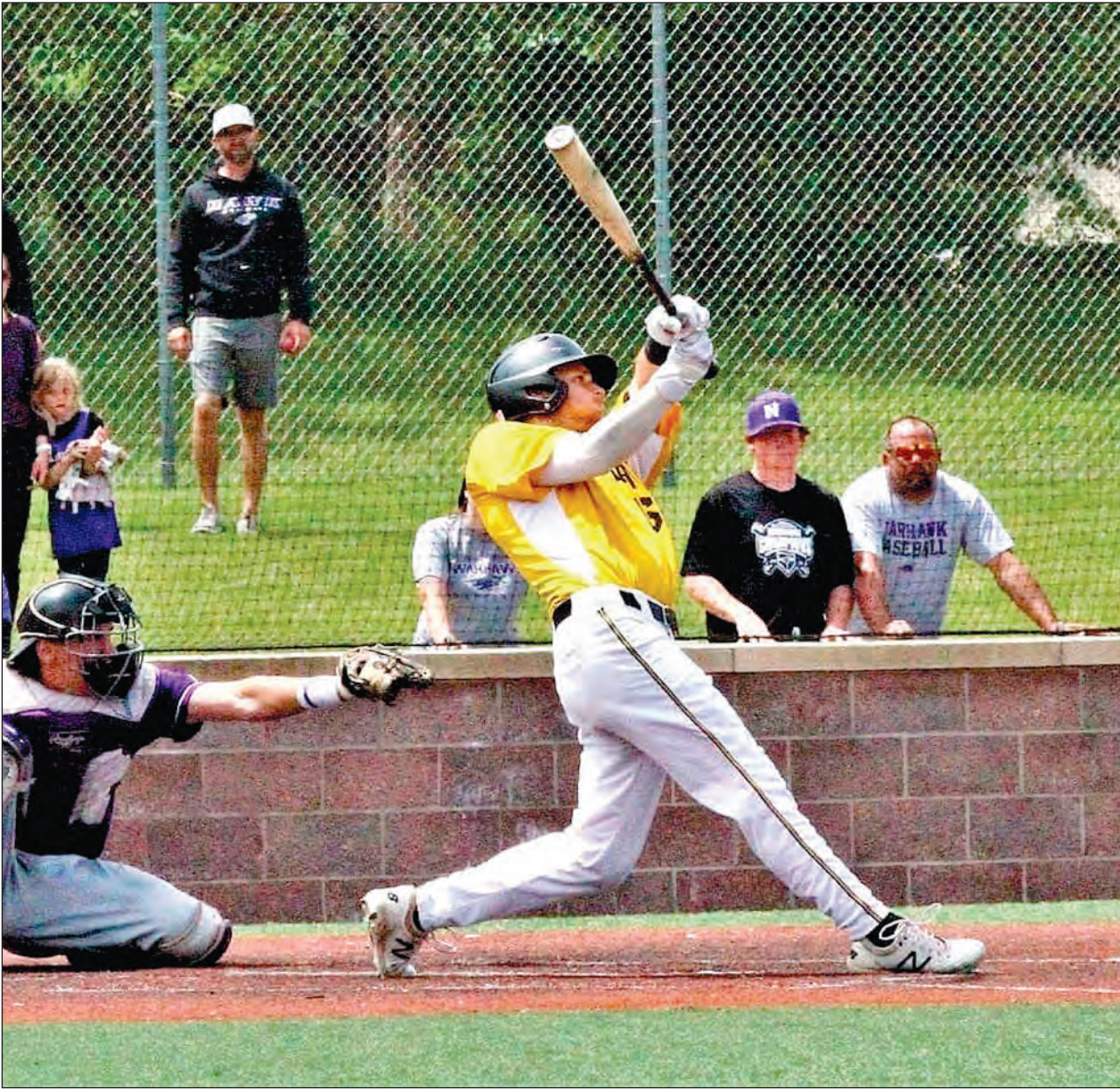


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Former Grosse Pointe North baseball captain Tristin Richardson sent Adrian College to the Division III College World Series with a walk-off home run against Wisconsin-Whitewater.

# Former North captain key part of Adrian College baseball’s magical season

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

In the game of baseball, the most exciting moments in the biggest games always feel truly special. The Bulldogs baseball team at Adrian College had a few special moments this season, with possibly the biggest provided by a former Norseman.

Grosse Pointe North alum Tristin Richardson entered 2021 as a fifth-year senior with the Adrian College baseball team. The former North football and baseball captain helped put the Bulldogs in the national spotlight with his walk-off home run in extra innings during the NCAA Regional finals to send Adrian to the Division III College World Series.

“It was really cool to put Adrian College baseball on the map and everyone in Grosse Pointe, like the people I grew up with, were starting to reach out,” Richardson said about his game-winning home run.

Adrian Bulldogs had this year, Richardson knows he would not have been able to make it there without the support of his former coaches, teammates and friends from Grosse Pointe. One of the most supportive influences in Richardson’s baseball career was his father, John, who passed away last May.

Enduring through the loss of his father, Richardson believes his dad’s proud and supportive spirit was with him and the entire Bulldogs team throughout the year and their run to the College World Series.

“He would have been one of the proudest people,” Richardson said. “Day one, when we stepped on the field he was with us all year. ... My first game I hit a home run and that’s when I knew instantly that he was here.”

The Bulldogs played three games in the NCAA Division III College World Series in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Adrian lost to St. Thomas, but then was victorious over Johns Hopkins in an elimination game. Following the win over Johns Hopkins, the Bulldogs were eliminated from the World Series with a loss to Missouri’s Washington University.

Despite not making it all the way in the World Series, the Bulldogs’ run to the national stage in 2021 was still historic. This year’s Adrian team was only the second team ever from the state

of Michigan to reach the Division III College World Series, the other being Adrian’s team in 2008.

Through all the highs and lows of the season, Richardson knows the memory of his late father helped make this season special for himself, his team and his family.

“All the times we felt like we might be done, I think he helped us out a lot,” he said. “With all that happened, it showed my family and myself that he’s still here.”

## Farms-City Little League seeks sponsors, volunteers for state tournament

Players, coaches and families from across the state will make their way to the Pointes in July as the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League hosts this year’s Little League State Tournament. The tournament is one of the first steps on the road to Williamsport and the Little League World Series.

As the tournament approaches, local businesses can help sponsor the event while receiving

ad space in game programs, signage around the fields and more. Farms-City Little League also seeks volunteers to help at the tournament.

Those interested in volunteering or becoming sponsors can contact the Farms-City Little League at [info@grossepointebaseball.com](mailto:info@grossepointebaseball.com) or visit [grossepointebaseball.com](http://grossepointebaseball.com).

The Michigan Little League State Tournament is scheduled July 16 to 22.



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Greg Thomas of the Park will serve as chairperson of the Bayview Mackinac Race for the third time.

# Bayview Mackinac Race appoints chairperson

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

It takes a special kind of person to agree to chair the Bayview Mackinac Race. It’s a year of planning all of the details that go into getting more than 200 boats on two courses racing up Lake Huron. For Greg Thomas of Grosse Pointe Park, make that three years. As this year’s chairperson, Thomas is serving a third time — 2002, 2012 and now in 2021. He’s the first race chairperson to serve three times in the position. “The first time it was almost by accident,” Thomas said. “Somebody calls you up out of the blue and asks you if you would do it because a group of men in a smoke-filled room thought you had what it takes.” In those days, it was tradition that the race chairperson didn’t race. Thomas, who had done every race since 1971, had two words in response. “I’m racing.” Then-Commodore Tim Rumpitz told him he trusted him to do whatever was right. “That’s not the most ringing endorsement,” Thomas laughed. This year Thomas will be racing again, but on a new boat. Instead of his long-time boat Pendragon, a Contessa 43, he’ll be racing a J-130, also named Pendragon, which he just brought over from Milwaukee. He didn’t expect to be chairing the race a third time. Initially there was another chairperson. Thomas doesn’t know why a replacement was needed. “I never asked and I never will,” Thomas said. “I was asked to fill the void. I said sure, I can do

this.” That was in December, well after planning traditionally begins. But when asked what’s the toughest thing about being race chairperson, Thomas answered, “Nothing.” “You get a lot of calls and a lot of emails. It beats people down,” Thomas said. “I’m a trial lawyer. I get beat down almost every day. It doesn’t really bother me. “Once you understand that you are going to have a time commitment, that’s probably the tough part,” he added. “It takes away from the rest of your life. There’s hundreds of moving parts. None are them are moving with any difficulty, you just have to attend to them.” Thomas said his approach to life, the law and running this race are all the same — deal with things as they hit his desk. “If you defer them until tomorrow, you have more things on your desk and now you have a time crunch,” he said. And, unlike when he was chair in 2002 and 2012, there is now a committee called the Mackinac Race Authority backing him up, instead of having to make a lot of the decisions by himself. There will be a few COVID-19-related changes to this year’s race. First, and possibly foremost to many people, will there be an awards party? “The only way there will not be a party is if the government will not let us,” Thomas said. “We are full steam ahead on the party.” But one change will be in boats docking in Mackinac Harbor. Typically, Bayview Yacht Club rents the entire harbor for the race.

However, this year there still were COVID-19 rules in place that prohibited gatherings of more than 25, Thomas said. Bayview renting the harbor was deemed to be a gathering of more than 25. That was back in February, when Bayview was negotiating for the harbor. The state has since lifted the 25-person limit, but the DNR insisted BYC had to deal with the restrictions in place at that time. Consequently boat owners have to make their own docking reservations. “It’s a little befuddling,” Thomas said. The other harbor change is that rafting-off — docking a boat by tying off another boat — will not be allowed this year. That means there will be less room for boats in the harbor and many boats will end up docking in Mackinaw City or St. Ignace. “I know there are some people who are going to be disappointed, but they are going to be fine once they see how nice Michigan harbors are,” Thomas said. There won’t be a Sunday night party on the Grand Hotel porch for those who aren’t racing. But that party will be back next year, Thomas said. Finally, there won’t be a race committee manning the finish line. Last year, due to the pandemic, Bayview officials decided to rely on the Yellow Brick race trackers each boat carries and also told skipper to take a photo of their GPS screen as they cross the finish line. That worked well, so it was decided to do that again this year. “Major races around the world are doing that,” Thomas said.

# Sailing race results

<b>Crescent Sail and Yacht Club Spring Regatta</b> <b>June 19</b> PHRF 1 1. Diablo 2. Epic 3. Chico 2	2. Siochail 3. Praeceptor	3. Titan
PHRF B 1. Typhoon Harry 2. Phoenix 3. Advantage	J-120 1. Hot Ticket 2. Funtech 3. J Hawker	Spinnaker 2 1. Eliminator 2. Regardless 3. Siochail
PHRF 3 1. Avatar 2. No Rebase 3. Baron	Cal 25 1. Patriot 2. Whitefang 3. Second Wind	Non-Spinnaker 1. Perversion 5 2. Bubba
PHRF 4 1. Courage 2. Albacore 3. Defiant	PHRF Delta 1. Live Forever 2. Phantom	Multihull 1. Unleaded
PHRF Cruise 1. Pirate 2. Brandilee 3. Voyager	Club JAM 1. Marnad	<b>Lake Shore Sail Club Spring Sunset Series</b> <b>June 16</b> Class M 1. Hardly Tri-ing
Nonsuch 30 1. Largo 2. Hepcat 3. Glory	Double Handed JAM 1. Shake Down 2. Islander	Class A 1. Jalapeño 2. Taku 3. Harmony
C&C 35 1. Contender	<b>Bayview Yacht Club Wednesday Night Bandaid Series</b> <b>June 16</b> J-120 1. Hot Ticket 2. Proof 3. J Hawker	Class B 1. Just Chill 2. Mystic 3. Baron
	Spinnaker 1 1. Manitou 2. Solution	Class C 1. Courage 2. Aurora 3. Solo Cup

-Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAKE SHORE SAIL CLUB

Boats race in the Sunset Series at Lake Shore Sail Club.

# Around Little League

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

**Woods-Shores**  
Playoffs in the Majors division concluded last week with a three-game championship series. In the third and final game, the Angels defeated the A’s 8-5 to win the series. A two-run double from Ethan Collins in the third inning helped the

Angels pull away, with pitching by Blake Beers helping secure the win.

**Farms-City**  
Champions were crowned this weekend in the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League. The Raptors took the AA crown, the Knights claimed the AAA championship and the Dodgers won the title for the Majors.

**Park**  
In the Majors, the Dodgers defeated the Tigers 12-6 Tuesday. In AAA, the Marlins defeated the Diamondbacks 7-1. Hits by Dexter Pata and John Hindelang in the sixth inning helped propel the Marlins to a win while Micah Dawkins had seven strikeouts on the mound.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Dodgers celebrate their Majors championship win.



The Angels celebrate their victory in the Majors championship.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN – that the City Council, meeting as Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in remotely by Zoom on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. to hear the appeal of Joseph Mazzara, 1993 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who is appealing the denial of the Building Official to issue a building permit due to noncompliance with Section 50-539(5) Solar Energy Systems of the 2017 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, pertaining to installation and accessibility. A variance is therefore required.

The agenda containing the Zoom link and public hearing materials are available for public inspection posted on the on-line calendar at [www.gpwmil.us](http://www.gpwmil.us) and in person at the City Clerk’s Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Closed captioning will be provided.

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 224

On June 14, 2021, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the “City Council”) enacted Ordinance No. 224 (the “Ordinance”), to become effective June 25, 2021, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Section 17-18, Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park relating to dogs in the parks.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut  
City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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On June 14, 2021, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the “City Council”) enacted Ordinance No. 225 (the “Ordinance”), to become effective June 25, 2021, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Section 2, Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park relating to the offenses of panhandling.

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Jane M. Blahut  
City Clerk

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# Blue Devils girls lacrosse wraps up successful season

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity lacrosse team recently wrapped up its season with a record of 8-8-0 in the regular season and 0-1 in the playoffs.

According to head coach Alycsa Valentine, South struggled in the beginning with basic on-field skills, only winning one of its first seven games.

“During our first game, we had issues with fundamentals on both ends of the field,” she said. “We had a hard time connecting passes and weren’t used to playing together yet. I think we spent most of our time chasing ground balls.”

Valentine explained that after a lot of stick work, repetition and fundamental-based practices, the girls improved tremendously in all areas of the game. South went on to have a six-game winning streak.

Valentine commended her younger players on being quick to learn to game.

“We had two freshman and three sophomores on the varsity team this year,” she said. “They all have tremendous talent and a

drive to be great lacrosse players. They were usually the first to ask questions, good ones at that, and eager to hear what they could improve on.”

After losing senior captain Hope Whitney early in the season to an ACL tear, Valentine said there was a leadership role to be filled.

“It was a heartbreak-injury for Hope and the team. All of the players looked up to her and she was a great motivator on and off the field. It was a tough on-field loss so early in the season.”

Valentine said junior Abby Keane and senior Alston Smith stepped up to fill that role, which was a turning point in motivating the team to bring 100 percent effort to the field.

“They both tend to lead by example and are really supportive of their teammates,” she said.

Valentine also was proud of goaltender Ava Oskui for being vocal with her teammates.

“Her position on the field lends her some great perspective. She was always talking with her defense and mid-dies on the field and contributed her insights on the other team’s strategy in our huddle.”

dles.”

Valentine also said Lilli Walton was an extremely competitive force for Grosse Pointe South and Katherine Bsharah made tremendous improvements after being moved around to different positions until they found her niche.

“We had an attack- and midfield-heavy team, but were struggling for defenders, especially after Hope’s injury,” she said. “Katherine was willing to switch from midfield to defense and it turned out to be a natural fit. With her quickness and great footwork, she became a starting defenseman and was able to slow down a lot of teams in transition.”

As a whole, Valentine believes the team made great strides throughout the season, improving across the entire lineup on fundamentals, general game sense and competitiveness.

The coaching staff looks forward to taking the field in spring of 2022.

“The resilience of this team and their drive to get better every day makes me very excited about what we can accomplish next season,” Valentine said.

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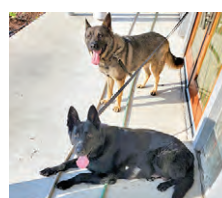
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