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## Public hearing Monday on 389 St. Clair

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — On Monday, Aug. 16, the City of Grosse Pointe Planning Commission, which is comprised of the members of the City Council, will hold a public hearing on a request for conditional zoning of the 389 St. Clair Avenue property from the current single-family zoning to multi-family zoning.

The City has received a conditional zoning application from Curtis Builders to allow the adaptive reuse of the Grosse Pointe School District Administration building by permitting multifamily use of the property. The application requests permission to convert the existing building at 389 St. Clair from school purposes to up to 23 residential dwelling units. The application also proposes multi-family zoning for construction of eight row house style townhomes on the Notre Dame side of the property where there is currently a parking lot bordered by a wooden fence. The application proposes to condition the requested Transition district zoning to allow only what is necessary to permit construction as shown in the application.

The existing 389 St. Clair building is actually comprised of two of the original Grosse Pointe

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## Park addresses flood action plan

By Kate Vanderstelt  
*Staff Writer*

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Park city administrators held a second special council meeting Wednesday, Aug. 4, addressing the aftermath of flooding due to the June 25-26 storm event.

**Financial impacts**

The city has logged \$759,000 in damage due to flooding from the rain event; however, city administrators believe funds from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency will cover the costs.

“The city feels very strongly that we are going to be able to actually be reimbursed for a majority, if not all, of these expenses here,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “We feel very comfortable to date that we do not have to have any budget amendment at this time.”

Finance Director Jane Blahut added that, since Wayne County was deemed a federal emer-

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Michele Pittel and Kelly Dehn brought signs into the school board meeting Aug. 9, to protest the school system’s mask-optional policy.

## Community divided on mask policy

By Michael Hartt  
*Staff Intern*

On Aug. 6, an email was sent to Grosse Pointe Public School System families that said the district would start the school year with a mask-optional policy, with the option to shift to required masking if needed. The email stated the decision came as a result of the high vaccination rates and low COVID-19 transmission rates in the community.

Many people, like parent Mary Karoutsos, praised the decision as a way to ensure freedom of choice.

“The infection fatality rate among youth (for COVID-19) is no worse than annual influenza. Three hundred 55 children have died from COVID and (more than) 4.2 million have recovered,” Karoutsos said at the Aug. 9 board of education meeting. “For those parents that choose to mask their children, please do so. That is your right as a parent, but know that it is my right not to mask my children.”

Others had concerns

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## Wiener tops primary; McConnell close second

By Kate Vanderstelt  
*Staff Writer*

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The primary election came down to seven votes separating the winner from the runner-up Tuesday, Aug. 3. Max Wiener topped incumbent Darci McConnell with 1,499 votes, equating to 16.68 percent of the votes, to her 1,492, or 16.60 percent of the votes.

“I was hoping to keep it close and honestly I wasn’t expecting to win it,” Wiener said. “I’m very flattered by it. It’s humbling.”

The primary narrowed the field of seven candidates down to six to vie for three city council spots this November.

Brian Brenner was eliminated in the primary election, coming in with 597 votes, or 6.64 percent of the votes.

Christine Gallagher followed McConnell’s 1,492 votes with 1,482 of her own, placing her just 10 votes behind the incumbent and 17 behind Wiener. Tom Caulfield followed Gallagher for fourth with 1,370 votes. Jeff Greer and Tim Kolar rounded out the six who will move on, with 1,306 and 1,234 votes, respectively.

“I really enjoyed seeing and feeling the support of the community,” Gallagher said of her third-place finish. “I’m

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Kevin Smith, left, and Charles Berschback outside the polls Aug. 3.

## Berschback, Smith pass primary for judge

By Laurel Kraus  
*Staff Writer*

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES** — With low voter turnout to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 3, and around triple the amount of absentee ballots, Charles Berschback and Kevin Smith will move on to the November election as candidates for Farms/Shores municipal judge.

Dean Metry, a federal judge with two decades of experience, will not continue in the race.

Receiving 1,203 votes in the Farms and 254 in the Shores, Berschback took a significant lead in the primary election with 1,457 total votes.

“I was frankly humbled by the results,” he said. “I had a great group of friends and supporters assisting in the campaign (and) I can’t thank them enough, but there’s more work to do. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the community and I’m hopeful that I get elected in November.”


Smith saw 447 votes in the

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Peter Maxwell

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms Reporter returns home for dream job



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# New Orleans-style jazz to fill the air in 2022

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The corner of Kercheval and Maryland, where Janet’s Lunch at one time was a loved landmark in the community, soon will transform into a scene out of New Orleans. Prepare to hear jazz fill the air. Look up to see a band playing on a wraparound second-story patio. Walk through the intersection and in through the doors and see oysters waiting to be devoured. Welcome to Brine Oyster House.

Brine is a concept ready to fill the slot vacated by Janet’s Lunch more than eight years ago. The oyster bar will be the only operation of its kind in the immediate Grosse Pointe area. The last one, Tom’s Oyster Bar, shut down operations in the Park in 2008.

The new oyster house will transport Grosse Pointers to New Orleans for the evening; the concept design for the restaurant is based off Bourbon Street. Customers will walk into a full display of six to eight fresh oyster types daily. There will be table, bar and patio seating on the first floor, where an overhanging bar from the second floor will be seen. A staircase will line the wall from the first floor to the second. Above, diners will be able to choose from table, bar or deck seating, all from which



Left, at the corner of Kercheval and Maryland, Brine will fill the streets with the sound of music coming from its upper patio.

Below, plans for Brine Oyster House include lower- and upper-level seating.

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jazz artists will be seen performing.

Trenton Chamberlain, owner and chef of The Bricks Pizzeria, holds the reins on Brine.

Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, is a partner in the Brine Oyster House along with Chamberlain.

“Think about New Orleans style,” Chamberlain said of the vibe the restaurant will convey. “Very French, very refined, but, yet again, old. Kind of timeless. Something that really hasn’t changed and can last another hundred years, if not more.”

Between Bricks and Brine, Chamberlain’s heart is content.

“Having the elements of my life lined up,” Chamberlain said, “being connected to the earth and

being connected to the sea ... (they) are kind of the conception that we have here happening.”

Connection to the sea is an important part of Brine’s creation: The chef describes it as a “tide-to-table” operation.

“You’ll walk in to see shaved ice with oysters ... that you might be able to choose that day,” Chamberlain said. “Once we run out, we run out. The idea is to do this whole fresh, tide-to-table concept.”

The seafood will be paired with a second-to-none champagne selection and duck fat fries.

“We’re going to have very classically refined dishes,” he added.

Though oysters will be the main focus, the team also added fried chicken sandwiches to the menu to

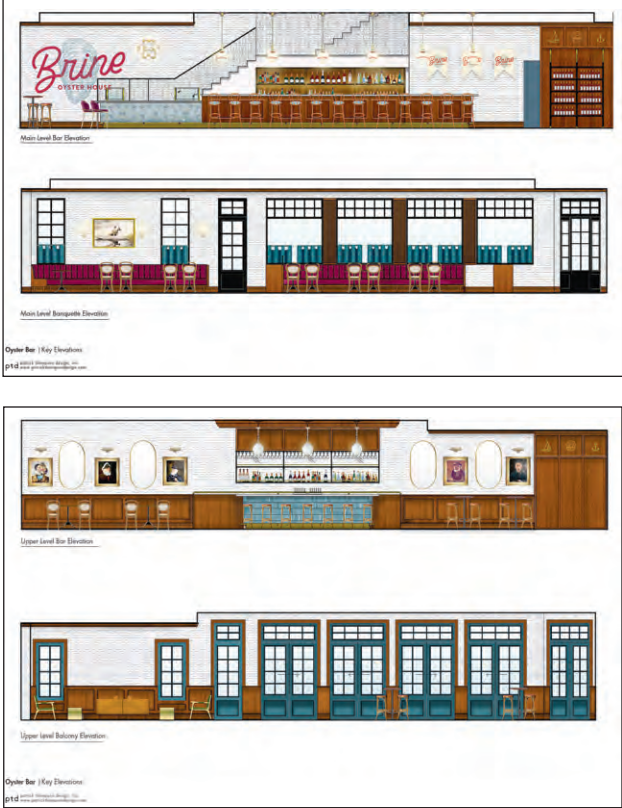
include non-seafood lovers in an experience-filled night out.

Chamberlain believes Brine will enhance the community in its own unique way.

“I think it’s going to add an element of history,” he said. “Tom’s Oyster Bar was once here, the original was here, in Grosse Pointe. I feel, as a community, one thing that we need is a place to be able to enjoy those indulgences in life.

“I’m most excited to have another spot for community,” he added. “We have the Bricks, which is a community for families. Now we’re going to have a community for people who really, really enjoy kind of like the finer qualities of life.”

The restaurant is expected to swing open its doors mid- to late 2022.



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## Bronze Door opens for dinner only

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — In the same location where it once rested from the 1960s to 1980s, the Bronze Door made its return to the Grosse Pointe community last week.

Located at 123

Kercheval, the restaurant is open for dinner from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

“We are proud to bring the Bronze Door to the Grosse Pointe commu-

nity,” said Joe Vicari, president of the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, in a press release. “With respect to the name and traditions, the additional sophisticated vibe, along with the exceptional food and drink options, is something the Grosse Pointe community will enjoy.”

After a partnership for the venue between JVRG and Soave Enterprises became official in September 2020, the restaurant — formerly the location of The Hill Seafood & Chop House — was remodeled with additional seating, kitchen equipment, light-

ing, a new color scheme and the bronze entrance door.

With seasonal ingredients sourced from local farms, the menu — curated by Master Chef Daniel Scannell — features signature plates, prime cuts, fresh seafood, specialty appetizers and desserts. Also offered are handcrafted cocktails and a finely curated wine list.

The space seats 90 for dining, 28 in the bar area and an additional 16 along the bar. A banquet room, available for events such as baby and wedding showers, can host 30 to 50 guests.

The Bronze Door currently is hiring bartenders, servers and kitchen staff. Visit [bronzedoorgp.com](http://bronzedoorgp.com) to apply.



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The Bronze Door, 123 Kercheval, opened last week.

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# Tree dedication ceremony remembers loved ones

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The Tree Commission held its 38th annual Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony Wednesday, Aug. 4. This year’s ceremony celebrated all trees dedicated during the 2019-2020 season and 2020-2021 season, as last year’s ceremony was not held due to COVID-19. Eleven trees were dedicated on behalf of loved ones.

The ceremony began with a dedicatory prayer written by former City Administrator Chester E. Petersen.

“As we dedicate these trees as a living memorial to a loved one, may their beauty remain with blessings for all for years to come, showing your greatness, O God, to all the world,” part of the prayer reads. “... Help us regard these trees as gifts of our love and as evidence of your almighty power. ... Just as the roots of these trees find their way into the heart of the earth, may these trees serve as a living memorial as they find their way into the hearts of the people of this community.”

Loved ones were invited to speak about their honoree when accepting the tree certificate.

Bob Boesiger, son of Robert Boesiger, said he picked the tree by the baseball diamond to com-



Greg Hull, father of David Hull, stands with David’s mother, Christine Hull, and girlfriend, Kate Nevins.

memorate his dad, because it was a reminder that he cared most about his family; in the end, he loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports.

“When I came out to select a tree for my dad, I had very few choices,” Boesiger said. “But one clearly stood out to me. Down the right field line, just past the bleachers, where he would often set down his chair, there was a simple tree that was a little crooked, leaning to the right. A spot where I captured him in a photo with one of the largest smiles I can remember.”

“A simple man, in a special place, watching his family play sports,” he added.

David Hull passed away suddenly at the age of 32. His mother, father and girlfriend attended the

dedication ceremony. To honor his son, Greg Hull’s words were spoken by a tree commission member. The family dedicated a sycamore tree along the boat wells at Lake Front Park to Hull because he learned to swim at the pool and enjoyed spending summer time at the park.

Sarah McNanney dedicated a tree at Sweeney Park to her son, Jared Alan Glenn, who passed away at 34 years old.

“Jared truly loved being around people,” McNanney said. “You could often find him cheering on the Tigers, hanging out at a car cruise, dancing at a concert or belting out his favorite song at karaoke, usually while sporting a Michigan State hoodie. He legitimately cared for and remembered everyone he



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The Boesiger family commemorated Robert Boesiger at the tree memorial ceremony. From left are Robert’s widow, Joanne Boesiger; son, Bob Boesiger; daughter-in-law, Laura Boesiger; and nephew, Christopher Boesiger.

ever met, and when he smiled at you, it was impossible not to smile back. He is greatly missed and his generous, kind spirit lives forever in our hearts.”

Trees were dedicated at Ghesquiere Park, Lake Front Park, the Faircourt Street cul-de-sac, Sweeney Park and city hall grove. They were dedicated in memory of Bradley Briggs; George and Marily Chevalier; David J. Hull; James D. Tannar; Robert and Jane Brown; Robert Boesiger; the Connolly family; George and Doris Costakis; Jared Alan Glenn; Philip J. Koufos; and Dr. M.C. Menaldi.



Sarah McNanney, mother of Jared Alan Glenn, holds the certificate for her son’s tree and stands with Paul Lechner, Tree Commission chairman.

# Majority of Lakeshore signage deemed unnecessary, optional

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — For the first time since Wayne County placed more than 180 road signs along Lakeshore in October, there is light at the end of the road.

Two-thirds of the signs were deemed either unnecessary or optional, according to a road safety audit completed in July, by a con-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The confusing signage was placed along Lakeshore last October.

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## PRIMARY:

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grateful and humbled by every vote, every volunteer, every minute and every dollar donated to my campaign.

“I want the opportunity to serve my community,” she added.

Caulfield dominated precinct 1, with 274 votes cast for his name. Wiener took precincts 2 and 4 with 392 and 274 votes,

respectively. Precinct 5 was swept by McConnell with 281 votes; she also took precinct 6 with 248 votes. Wiener rounded out his win by taking precinct 7 with 251 votes to McConnell’s 243.

When it came to turnout, 31.07 percent of registered voters submitted a ballot in the primary race. The majority of ballots were cast in precinct 2, where 37.67 percent of registered voters turned out. Precinct 5 had the

lowest turnout, with only 435 ballots turned in out of a possible 2,011, equating to 21.63 percent.

Absentee voters equated to more than half of the 8,986 votes accounted for in the election. Compared to 3,909 votes cast on election day, 5,077 were sent in by absentee voters.

Deputy Clerk Courtney Delmege said polling went “very smooth. (There were) no prob-

lems at all.”

The election for city council, mayor and judge will take place Tuesday, Nov. 2.

“I’m sure the turnout could be huge,” Delmege said of the November election, “because there is a run for mayor, there is a run for judge (and) there is a race for council. So, no one’s running unopposed this time.”

McConnell could not be reached for comment by press time.

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Farms and 67 in the Shores, for a total of 514.

“Given where I started in this campaign, name recognition wise, I think my message really resonated with the voters and I was very happy about that,” he said, calling his efforts a grass-root campaign. “I know I have work to do going forward, but I’m also confident that I can con-

tinue in that and I think if I get the message out to people and they get to meet me and know my qualifications, that hopefully I’ll do very well this fall.”

Metry tallied 291 votes in the Farms and 140 in the Shores, for a total of 431.

Continuing the trend of popularity surrounding absentee voting, the Farms counted 1,468 absentee ballots and 481 in-person votes. Similarly, the Shores

noted 357 absentee ballots and 106 in-person votes.

Because the Farms anticipated lower voter turnout, according to City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki, only three of its five precincts were open.

Of registered voters in the two Pointes, only 21.29 percent voted in the Farms, with 18 percent voting in the Shores.

“Comparing it to a state or federal election,

the turnout is usually lower and then even lower because it was a primary for just the one race for judge,” Kozicki explained.

Along with the race between Berschback and Smith on the ballot Nov. 2, Farms voters will see an uncontested election for the mayoral and three council seats. Shores voters also will see an uncontested election for three full-term council seats and one partial-term seat.

# The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, AUG. 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 17145 Maumee.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park’s 67th annual Fishing Rodeo, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park. Cost is \$10 per angler, \$5 for additional meals. Call (313) 822-2812, Ext. 200.

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# Reporter returns home for dream job

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

From his days growing up in Grosse Pointe Farms and attending Grosse Pointe South High School, Peter Maxwell found his calling in the world of journalism. After years working around the country as a producer, reporter and more, Maxwell finally found his dream job right in his own backyard.

This month, Maxwell is starting his new position as a news reporter at WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit. As he begins his new job in his hometown, Maxwell is returning to his roots where he first realized he wanted to work in television when attending South.

“I fell in love with the program and it was something different every time in class,” he said. “I really admired the TV production and the TV side of things.”

Before attending South, Maxwell went to The Grosse Pointe Academy from kindergarten through eighth grade. Although Maxwell finished high school at boarding school, he continued to pursue his love



COURTESY PHOTO

Peter Maxwell

for journalism into college.

“It was just something new and different by telling stories that matter and making an impact on the community,” he said.

Maxwell attended Curry College in Massachusetts, where he majored in broadcast journalism. While in college, he worked as an intern for WCBS in New York City, as well as MSNBC, and was an associate producer for NBC News, where he assisted in covering the Boston Marathon bomb-

ing.

Following graduation, Maxwell got his first job working at Fox News Channel and then went on to be a reporter and anchor for KHQ-TV, a news station in Spokane, Wash. Even as he returns home to Detroit, Maxwell feels like his time in Spokane made the West like a second home.

“They really gave me the stepping stones and the foundation to get to where I am today,” he said. “I was able to do roles in everything from editing to shooting video

to reporting, and toward the end I got to anchor the morning show for Wake Up Montana. ... I didn’t know how that community would really give me the chance to do what I love and I made so many great connections.”

In his four years at KHQ-TV, Maxwell covered everything from crime to wildfires. Even though reporting on hard news comes with the territory for any journalist, his experiences covering unique and uplifting stories while in Spokane are what he hopes to build on working in Detroit.

“There’s always crime and things like that, but it’s really important to also show the positive news and light that’s happening in these communities,” he said. “We kind of did everything and the experiences I was able to have out there are really going to help me now in Detroit.”

Perhaps the most exciting thing about Maxwell joining WXYZ in Detroit is the stories he loves to tell now can have a direct impact on the community in which he grew up. To be able to report the news so close to home is something he sees as a

huge honor.

As he begins his on-air reporting with Channel 7, Maxwell loves that his work can now be enjoyed even more by his family and friends.

“It was a career goal that I set for myself, but also a dream job,” he said. “I grew up watching Channel 7 and to return home and work for such a legacy station here in Detroit, where so many great broadcasters have worked, it’s a humbling experience to return home. ... But also it’s a chance for friends and family to really watch my stories on their TVs instead of clicking on a link where I’m halfway across the country and the news might not concern them.”

Getting brought on to work with Channel 7 is not the only reason Maxwell returned to Michigan. Last June, he left Spokane for Michigan to be with his family while his younger brother battled cancer.

After a year where he lost both his father and brother, Maxwell knew staying in Michigan was what he wanted to do.

“I moved home last summer because my brother was really sick

with stage three testicular cancer,” Maxwell said. “I anchored Wake Up Montana and immediately hopped on a plane last June. ... I ended up staying up to now as he got really sick and the cancer ended up killing him. He had a tremendous impact on the community and I knew in my heart it was time to come home and knew in my gut that Detroit was where I needed to be.”

In memory of his brother, Maxwell and his family started the non-profit Nice Matters Foundation.

“Our mission is to spread and raise awareness for testicular cancer, because it’s the most common cancer in men ages 15 through 32,” Maxwell said. “We’re working to raise awareness, but also help those in need with possible scholarships. We’re just starting out, but really want to help raise awareness for testicular cancer, because if you catch it early, it is treatable.”

Maxwell had his first day with WXYZ in early August and looks forward to serving Grosse Pointe and the rest of metro Detroit in the next step of his career.

## Kercheval flooding is focus of Village business owners

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the first phase in planning short- and long-term collaborative efforts, business owners in The Village gathered last week to discuss the recurring flooding and sewage backups along Kercheval.

“At the same time that we’re trying to get Main Street up and running, this could not be happening at a worse time,” said Ann Lyke of Kercheval Properties. “We are going to be losing tenants and businesses like nobody’s

business. How do you attract new businesses to The Village when it constantly floods? How do you keep a restaurant and businesses open when it constantly floods?”

City engineers, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, currently are in the process of studying the City’s sewer and water infrastructure with the intent of presenting a report to city council in September, which will include options and recommendations for mitigation going forward.

Potential options which could be recommended to council coming off of the

study, City Manager Pete Dame said, include separating the stormwater and sanitary systems through the whole city, disconnecting downspouts, individual building improvements or using green infrastructure, such as sending stormwater onto sidewalks lined with rain gardens.

As the report is being prepared, the city had all the catch basins in The Village cleaned two weeks ago and also is going through the process of televising throughout the downtown district and

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## SIGNS:

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sultant engineering company hired by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

According to Farms Mayor Louis Theros, the preliminary findings reported every “Do not enter” sign was unnecessary, along with almost every “one-way” sign being optional. Two signs facing each other only are necessary when there’s a 40-foot gap in the turn around, he added, but Lakeshore has 20-foot gaps.

“At the end of the day, I’m hoping that about 60 to 70 percent of those signs go away,” said Theros, who spearheaded the 10-month

mitigation effort.

The signs were placed from Warner to just past Moross off the back of construction along the stretch. In the months following, the county maintained its position that the signage meets MDOT’s manual on traffic control devices and must be adhered to since federal dollars were used in the project.

“(The MDOT report) basically stated that most of those signs that were placed out there were optional and that in the circumstances on how they were placed, just because of the close proximity of some of the signs, that it did in fact create confusion,” City Manager Shane Reeside reported, “and hence

their recommendation is going to be the removal of a substantial number of signs.”

It is Reeside’s understanding the county won’t be required to follow the audit’s recommendations.

“The ultimate say will rest on Wayne County,” he explained, “but we’re confident that they’ll rely on the findings of the safety audit.”

A finalized written report on the findings is expected to be delivered to the city and county within the next month. Reeside anticipates it will remain similar to the preliminary findings relayed in July. “The city will strongly request that it be done as soon as possible,” he said of signage removal.

## PLAN:

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agency disaster, FEMA should cover the charges.

### Communications

Chief of Public Safety

Bryan Jarrell plans to invest in FEMA’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, or IPAWS.

“We take certain events and then we try to look at them and see if we can do things better,” Jarrell said.

“One of the things that we want to be able to do is warn people and get emergency alerts on a more timely basis, if you will.”

IPAWS, created in 2006, is now used by more than 1,500 alerting authorities. The system uses cell phone towers to ping devices within the area in case of emergencies. Because of the ability to reach all phones through the towers, residents would not need to sign up for the service to receive alerts in emergency situations.

“This will widen the net quite a bit and I think will help our ability to keep

citizens alerted to issues,” Mayor Bob Denner said.

For residents who do not have cell phones, Jarrell encourages them to ensure they are signed up for Nixle updates through the city.

### Action items

City Engineer Patrick Droze defined three goals for improving the sewer system moving forward. First, he said they will need to dry out the system through removal of inflow and infiltration; then, the system should be modeled in order to optimize for wet weather capacity; and lastly, they would like to create system relief points, like the Extreme Emergency Relief Valve plan previously discussed.

“We’ve had conversations with (the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy),” Droze said. “We’ve made the case that the storms that we’ve had these issues (with) are extreme events. They are well beyond the designed thresholds that we’re held to. With these events

occurring with greater intensity, greater frequency, we need to find ways to relieve that. There’s been a constructive conversation on that, but we hope to move that towards implementation.”

The city plans to follow up on sanitary sewer evaluations, inspect bulkhead connections between the storm and sanitary sewer systems and conduct a sewer assessment. After sewer assessment data is returned to the city, city administration could identify problem areas and conduct sewer rehabilitation.

“If we do happen to find any issues that are significant, that require immediate emergent repair,” Droze said, “one of the things that was recommended within Manager Sizeland’s budgeting ideas was to really have (the means) available so the city can act quickly if there’s a need to do any sort of remediation to repair infrastructure that’s found in need of immediate repair.”

Funding also may be available through FEMA,

Droze said.

“We are aware of other communities that have used FEMA funds to basically offset future risk for FEMA,” he said. “So, if we find a project through our evaluation that shows that we could significantly reduce risk for the community and make the case to FEMA, that potentially could be a funding source.”

More immediate improvement ideas from Droze included ensuring downspouts are disconnected and advancing sewer lining.

“Some of the things we’re talking about here are, from an infrastructure perspective, transformative projects that really we are designing for the next hundred years,” Droze said. “So we need to really think through these with a great level of detail and confidence, but we also understand there’s a very important aspect we’ve got to move quickly as well.”

As city administration continues to evaluate the system and potential fixes, city council will receive periodic updates.



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Grosse Pointe Farms

Hit and run

Following a heated argument, witnesses saw a 60-year-old Park man strike a parked vehicle with his own in the 400 block of Allard Road at 4:59 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, before leaving the scene. The man later was identified and issued a citation for failure to report a crash, not having insurance and improper backing.

Lawn service fraud

A couple residing in the 300 block of Lakeshore Road wrote a \$2,500 check to a man claiming to be with their lawn service at 3:11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. Upon later contacting the company, they were told no employee was sent to collect money from them.

Driving while license suspended

A 24-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving while license suspended and not having insurance when pulled over at Mack and Lanoo at 3:58 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Dancing getaway

When an ATV with no working lights passed a patrol car on Lakeshore Road at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 4, officers attempted to pull the driver over. While the driver first appeared to be pointing to the left as though he was going to pull over, it became apparent after a quarter mile that he was dancing to music and had no intention of pulling over. The pursuit was terminated and logged as fleeing or eluding.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Fraudulent account

Discovered Friday, Aug. 6, a Verizon account was opened fraudulently in the name of an area business. It held a balance of \$854.32.

Operating while intoxicated

A 22-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Lakeshore Road and Sunset Lane after speeding 45 mph, leaving the turn signal on without turning and crossing lane lines multiple times at 2:57 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .119 percent, for which she was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Bike thief

A resident in the 800 block of Nottingham had their purple Magna bike stolen from the back of their home between 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31, and 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The suspect is yet unknown.

Suspended while driving

A 22-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for speeding at Devonshire and Mack at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. She was found to have a suspended license, cited and released.

Kitchen fire

Public safety officers responded to a kitchen fire at 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the 700 block of Middlesex. The first officer on scene used a hand-held extinguisher and extinguished the fire caused by lithium-ion batteries.

Leaf blower theft

A 6-foot, 2-inch white male in his 40s was seen leaving a home in a dark-colored SUV, possibly a Chevy Equinox, in the 1000 block of Bishop at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. The man knocked on the door of the home and tried to start a conversation with the son living there. He was told to leave. Before leaving, he entered the open garage and stole a leaf blower.

Missteps on credit card

A 27-year-old Southfield man was arrested for identity theft and fraud Thursday, Aug. 5.

A resident in the 1200 block of Bedford reported someone attempted to use their credit card twice at Auto Zone stores in Westland and Centerline. The Centerline Auto Zone caught the suspect Thursday, Aug. 5. The man was attempting to purchase car batteries with the resident's information. He was turned over to the Park and arrested.

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

Suspended

A 27-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5. He was found to have a suspended license, cited and released.

Bike thief, Pt. 2

An unknown suspect stole an unlocked metallic blue Raleigh bike from the backyard of a house in the 1000 block of Wayburn between 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and noon Saturday, Aug. 7.

Power tools stolen

An unknown suspect stole more than \$1,000 worth of tools from a home in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe sometime between 5 p.m. Monday, July 26, and 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The tools were stolen from the unlocked garage at the home. They included assorted tools, a yellow DeWalt handsaw and an orange and white Stihl trimmer.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Parking rage

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was arrested for assault at 10:20 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, after screaming and striking her mother, because her parents' vehicles were blocking the entrance to the garage when she arrived home.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

‘No, sir’

A 30-year-old Marlette man was arrested in the 19000 block of Mack for operating while intoxicated at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. An officer was called to the scene on reports of a drunken driver. The man was driving a light-colored SUV. When the officer pulled him over, he could smell intoxicants. The officer asked him if he had consumed alcohol, to which the driver said, “No, sir.” The driver did acknowledge he took several Xanax earlier. He failed multiple field sobriety tests and did not consent to a preliminary breath test. A warrant was obtained and his blood was drawn. The officer found two small bottles of vodka and a glass pipe for smoking marijuana in the car. The man is not currently licensed and has a warrant out of Warren.

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

running up to a car in the 700 block of Briarcliff Sunday, Aug. 8.

The victim lost sight of the teen, but the rear passenger-side window of the victim's car was broken. Nothing was missing.

A black Jeep was identified in the area at the time of the incident.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Hit and run

A 23-year-old Port Huron man was arrested for failing to stop and identify himself after causing a rear-end collision at Clairview and Lakeshore roads and leaving the scene at 4:33 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2.

Garage theft

An unknown suspect was seen stealing a box of items out of the garage of a Woodland Shore home at 10:36 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2.

False identification

After being pulled over on Lakeshore Road at 12:28 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, a 28-year-old Harper Woods woman initially gave false identification and was found to have two warrants. She was arrested for not having insurance and driving while license suspended.

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

Raising awareness

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The exterior of Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall was illuminated in teal lights Thursday, July 22, in recognition of World Fragile X Awareness Day. A genetic disorder occurring when a single gene needed for brain development shuts down on the X chromosome, Fragile X Syndrome can affect individuals through intellectual impairment and challenges, learning disabilities and emotional behavioral problems. “The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores would like

to join the celebration along with other Michigan cities to participate in the lighting of city hall in recognition of World Fragile X Day,” a proclamation adopted by city council reads. City hall joined other buildings, monuments and downtown regions illuminated in teal worldwide, including the building formerly known as the John Hancock Center in Chicago, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge in Indiana.

— Laurel Kraus

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along other slow-draining streets such as Rivard with the intent to find what is causing the pipes to drain slower than other streets. “Everyone knows the story of the big flood,” Dame said. “More perplexing is the July 16 flood, in which there were no systemwide backups. There was not a problem with our pump station or the Detroit pump station (but) there was a lot of water in the streets. ... The one on July 16 is problematic, because we don't know what caused

that, because it's never happened before, at least to our knowledge.” To aid in AEW's study of infrastructure concerns specifically in The Village, business owners are encouraged to fill out a flooding questionnaire on the experiences and infrastructure in their buildings. To get a copy of the form, reach out to Main Street Grosse Pointe Director Cindy Willcock at cwillcock@grossepointecity.org. Dame urged business owners to file claims both with the City and the Great Lakes Water Authority. Separate claims should be submitted for

each flooding event and within 45 days of the event.

Correction

In the Aug. 3 story, “DTE now defendant in flood suits,” the name of Navid Mehram, COO of the Great Lakes Water Authority, was misspelled.



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OUR VIEW

Infrastructure Week in Pointes

The City of Grosse Pointe has touched all the infrastructure bases as it works on two blocks of Loraine Street: the street, water and sewer lines, catch basins, curbs and driveway aprons.

That’s the pinnacle of good planning, a concept that too often in the past got violated. A new street surface would get put in place, only to be dug up in the next year or so for water or sewer work, or occasionally even utility projects. Or residents would be hampered one year by work on pipes, then the next by repaving.

With this particular project, the city also is replacing sewer lines to homes and water lines to the 30 percent to 40 percent of houses that have lead pipes.

The inclusion of the individual sewer pipes is based on the fact that the main and the individual pipes don’t line up well, and it’s not entirely clear where responsibility lies for the problem, which may date back 80-some years. Replacing the lead water lines is based on a state mandate put into effect in 2018.

The city has generally gotten water main work done ahead of street repair, especially since the voter-approved road millage took effect. But the Loraine Street project — two blocks for \$1.5 million — tops them all in terms of tying projects together.

“The best street in the city” is how Councilman Don Parthum described what Loraine will be after the work, estimated to take three months, is done.

Those two blocks are not the only work underway in the City of Grosse Pointe this summer, let alone in the mix of what’s being done across all the Pointes.

Grosse Pointe Farms got off to a big start with its new road millage, approved by voters last November, by scheduling work on Kerby Road from Mack Avenue to Kercheval Avenue. That project ended up with an additional component: water main work between Ridge Road and Kercheval once it became clear the main was an older section that needed fixing.

The Farms also replaces lead service lines to homes as it does road and water work, but “our inventory is pretty small,” according to City Manager Shane Reeside. About seven properties were involved between Ridge and Kercheval, for example, with a lower average per block elsewhere along Kerby.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, planning is just getting underway for major infrastructure work with the intent to sell bonds up to \$16.3 million. The big projects include getting the Cook Road Pump Station upgraded or replaced, along with changes that should help improve the amount of storage available during storms.

Another big project is replacement of a 90-year-old water main along Lakeshore Road, on the inland side. That includes expanding its capacity from eight inches to 12 inches, with work slated for next year. Also on the 2022 calendar: Oxford Road, where the sanitary sewer needs rehabilitation and water main work is necessary; the city also will do roadwork complete with curbs and driveway approaches as needed.

That’s another good example of combined projects — and the way to plan and do infrastructure well.

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Wayne County vaccinations*		
As of 8/10	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	613,266	559,649
% of residents 12+	66.7	60.9
% 12-15 years old	39.0	32.4
% 16-64	64.1	58.0
% 65+	85.2	80.7
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Pure Grosse Pointe

Bob Lucas, 2020-21 president of Rotary of Grosse Pointe, turned over the presidency to Liz Vogel at the annual “Passing of the Gavel” event, this year held July 21 at Neff Park. Vogel’s involvement with Rotary began when she was a student at Grosse South High School, where she was a member of the Interact Club. She was a member of the Mount Clemens Rotary Club from 2011 to 2015, and joined the Grosse Pointe club in 2016. Grosse Pointe Rotary meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Grille. For more information, visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org).

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OUR VIEW

Primaries set November ballots

Voters throughout the Grosse Pointes can look forward to at least some action in the Nov. 2 municipal elections, now that the ballots are set. Every city but Grosse Pointe Woods has at least one contested position — and even then, the Woods has two charter amendments on the ballot.

Candidates for the general election emerged from the primaries Aug. 3, and from the July 20 filing deadline in cities that do not hold primaries.

Grosse Pointe Park, where signs already abound after a primary election for three council seats, remains the place where contested positions are expected to spur vigorous campaigning. In the primary, the Park narrowed its list of council candidates from seven to six. Voters in Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores, which share a municipal judge, slimmed their choices for that position from three to two.

Among the cities with a July 20 filing deadline, only one additional contest emerged: four candi-

dates for three council vacancies in the City of Grosse Pointe. There will be no contest for mayor. Meantime, the Farms, Woods and Shores have no contests for council or mayor, with incumbents in most cases running for re-election unchallenged.

In the Park, besides the council race, there is a mayor’s race and a judicial race; two candidates are vying for each job. That means more signs and more discussion, especially for the open position of mayor.

And if the primary is any indication, the races may be tight. For the three council positions, the top three vote-getters finished just 17 votes apart. The spread among all six of those advancing to the general election ranged from 1,234 to 1,499 votes — a gap that seems surmountable, even for the lower finishers, in a high turnout general election.

The limited number of cities with contested positions suggests most residents are satisfied with the direction of their local governments. But debate, which generally occurs only when positions are contested, also can prove healthy and informative.

LETTERS

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Concerns re: 389 St. Clair

To the Editor

In response to the Grosse Pointe News article July 29, interviewing Mark Menuck regarding his proposal for repurposing and rezoning of the Grosse Pointe Public School System building, 389 St. Clair Ave., we residents who will be impacted by this proposal want to make known our substantial concerns.

We have met with the builder twice (to no avail) to express our opposition to his plan for 23 rental units and eight three-story townhouses, and the request that the property be rezoned from R1-B—Single Family Residential District to T—Transition

District. In addition, residents of Notre Dame, St. Clair and other residents of Grosse Pointe have submitted two petitions to the city council regarding our opposition.

In April 2019, when the Grosse Pointe school system issued a request for potential developers’ proposals, two options were suggested: purchase and repurpose the building and site, or purchase vacant land and redevelop the property after demolition of the building by the school district.

Our concerns are:

1. The building. The developer expressed his interest in saving this building. To set the record straight, this building is not designated historic and the school system was will-

- ing to demolish it for development. Saving this building is not a primary concern or condition for development.
2. Number of people. With one- and two-bedroom apartments and 16-plus residents of townhouses, the congestion and disruption caused by the addition of 40 to 50 people will substantially impact the usual comings and going of our normal residential neighborhood.
3. Traffic. St. Clair is already heavy with traffic en route to The Village. With the addition of 40 to 50 vehicles, Notre Dame and St. Clair will be unacceptably impacted.
4. Parking and lighting. More parking will necessarily congest the streets. The parking lot, between the condos and apartments, will have 24-hour lighting adjacent to present residences.
5. Property values. Obviously property values will greatly decrease with such dramatic changes to the character of the neighborhood.
6. The proposal does not reflect the Grosse Pointe City’s master plan, which states:
- ◆ Grosse Pointe is a series of tight-knit neighborhoods; the Future Land Use Plan is focused on ensuring the redevelopment occurs in the manner that preserves and enhances the existing character of these neighborhoods.
  - ◆ Proposed use of property should check for compatibility with existing land uses around the site.
  - ◆ The city will continue to maintain a range of housing that are designated to be compatible with predominate single-family character of the community.
  - ◆ Neighborhood areas should be protected from disruptive traffic.
  - ◆ Vehicles stored on the street give rise to real and perceived safety and aesthetic concerns.
  - ◆ Zoning is used to protect property values.
- We hope the Grosse Pointe City Council at the Aug. 16 meeting seriously takes into account these concerns in opposition to the proposed plan and rejects the rezoning request.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# Gifting memories rather than clutter



Last week I got a text from my sister excitedly relaying a message from her two young kids that Sandy, the mechanical horse at Meijer, was back in business for the first time since the pandemic began. My niece,

8, and nephew, 4, reportedly could not wait to tell me and had her send adorable photos of them on Sandy along with the news. That is because every year since my niece was born, I have taken photos of my sister's kids on the Meijer horse as her Christmas gift. My mom's arm made a guest appearance the first year my nephew was born, notably supporting him out of frame. Last year, with Sandy safely tucked away in warehouse stables somewhere, we ventured to Meijer in masks and took photos next to

random Christmas decorations and hand sanitizer. These were just as special, because they capture the memory of that year. The same notion can be said of the year prior when my nephew suddenly decided he was terrified of Sandy and, after much coaxing, only allowed me to take his photo standing next to her. Slowly, I am compiling a heartwarming timeline of their childhoods via Sandy, which is a tradition I fully intend on continuing through their college years. Costing no more than

the effort to bundle up the kids and get them to the store along with the mere cents needed for developing the photos, this simple Christmas gift that everyone pretends not to see coming each year has become priceless. Could my sister use expensive kitchen equipment and home decor just the same as anyone? Sure. Does she appreciate this far more? I'd venture to say yes. As for me, I adore the idea of gifting memories. This past Christmas, in what was easily one

of the best gifts I've ever received, my parents purchased plane tickets for my best friend in Texas to fly up and spend a week with me. I have nothing to physically hold onto from that gift, other than two pieces of paper, but the moments I got to spend with her are tucked in close to my heart. Other notable mentions include my ninth birthday when I got my first pet, a hamster appropriately named Teddia Lemondrop, and a fond memory of when my dad took me to Borders one year to pick out my own books as my

gift. These sorts of gifts are just as much a delight to give as they are to receive. Growing up, I gifted my childhood best friend with a scrapbook filled with our escapades and fond memories, following that up one of the next years with a box of "open when ..." letters that took hours and hours to write. For my friend in Texas, I once filled a jar with 365 little notes, one to be opened each day of the year. My point? It's not really about money or minimalism. It's about the memories.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946  
75 years ago this week

**BETTER STREETS ON THE WAY:** The City of Grosse Pointe has sold its \$300,000 bond issue,

authorized by the voters to inaugurate a general street repair and paving program, which, when it is completed, will have taken in its scope practically every street in the City which stands in need of attention.

**WOODS TO PUR-**

**CHASE ESTATE:** The Woods village commissioners have decided to go through with the purchase of the 43.7 acres of the Edsel Ford estate for a lake front park for the village and they will decide at a special meeting the date for a special election at

which the voters of the village will decide upon a bond issue to finance the deal.

1971  
50 years ago this week

**LOCHMOOR WINS SWIM CROWNS:**

Lochmoor Club retained its title as champion of the Michigan Inter-Club Swim Association for the fourth consecutive year. The swim team also made history by capturing the Blue League Country Club's title for the seventh year in a row.  
*Obituaries: James H. Comins, Daniel Kuhnlein, Leo J. Kay, John A. Theuerkorn, Stephanie M. Moore, Mary Ellen Tapin, Edna J. Meredith, Emma Ballentine Hinchman, Irene W. Cemteck, Juanita Neumeyer Hager, Emma De Roo, Bernard D. House, F. Eva Ralph*

*Sullivan, Clayton C. Passage, Dr. Chester "Chet" Bogan, Alice Singelyn Jacob, Mary "Minnie" C. Martin*

2011  
10 years ago this week

**POWER BACKBONE BEING BRACED:** Homeowners in a central sector of Grosse Pointe Farms are fried about chronic electrical failures. DTE Energy representatives assured them this week the blackouts and brownouts are nearly over. A key transmission line has been fixed and is scheduled for beefing up. Lesser infrastructure, including poles, wires and transformers, are being checked, cleared of foliage, repaired or replaced.  
**DELOOF SISTERS EXCEL:** The USA Olympic men's swim team may have the Vanderkaay brothers, but soon the USA women's team may have the DeLoof sisters. Alexandra and Gabrielle DeLoof, a senior and sophomore at Grosse Pointe South respectively, enjoyed a highly successful year in swimming, recently being named All-American for the 2010-11 year. The younger sister, Catherine, also has seen success. The 14-year-old has achieved junior national times in the 50-free, 100-free and 100-back.

*Obituaries: Marshall Noecker, James B. Eathorne Jr., Patrick J. O'Grady, Michael William Nehra, Barbara Townson Weller, William O. Bradley*

## OUR VIEW: INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2

# Cities ordered to get the lead out

The requirement that municipalities replace lead water lines from the street to affected houses is based on a 2018 state order placed in administrative rules by former Gov. Rick Snyder after the Flint debacle. In Flint, a change in water source and inadequate water treatment resulted in lead leaching from pipes into the water. Now, every municipality in Michigan is supposed to replace 5 percent of lead water lines to residences every year for the next 20 years. The cost is borne by the city or village or township involved, not the individual owner, as had been the norm. Numerous municipalities, including Grosse Pointe, passed resolutions protesting the order, to no avail. An appeal to the state Court of Claims also failed. In the City of Grosse Pointe, the upgrade to the individual sewer and water lines will get covered by the city's water and sewer fund, according to City

Manager Pete Dame. That means all customers will share in the cost. The Farms, as well, uses its water and sewer fund to pay for replacement of lead service lines. Cities also may choose to cover this work out of their general fund tax dollars, said John LaMacchia, assistant director of state and federal affairs at the Michigan Municipal League. Some may use federal money from the American Rescue Plan, he said, but that would not be enough in many cities. The big hope is that a federal infrastructure bill, currently making its way through Congress, will help Michigan communities meet this challenge. The Aug. 1 version worked out in the U.S. Senate was reported to include \$15 billion for replacing lead water lines, with flexibility to put other money toward the problem. That also may not be enough — but it would be a great assist to Michigan communities facing the mandate to replace lead service lines.

## OUR VIEW

# GPHS ready to break ground

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society, after a long pause, is ready to make some significant history of its own. Plans have finally gelled for its new headquarters, and the groundbreaking may come as early as this week or next. The pandemic, among other factors, set the project back considerably. The society first planned to use an existing house on the site, purchased in 2016, but found it unsuitable. By 2018, Grosse Pointe Farms had approved a new structure, paving the way for demolition of the house and an outbuilding. Pre-pandemic, the society had its design ready and additional approval in place. The new building, encompassing about 5,000 square feet, is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2022. It will provide space for the society's archives and an exhibition gallery, as well as for offices.

For the archives, the new climate control system will be particularly important. Society officials also are excited about the gallery space, which will host rotating exhibits. "We have some beautiful artifacts we've never had room to showcase before," said Leslie Wagner, the society president. The first exhibition, now in the planning stages, will highlight the area's Native American heritage.

The society currently stores its archives and artifacts in two different facilities. Its offices are in the Provençal-Weir House, which is believed to be the oldest residence still existing in the Grosse Pointes. The new building, at 375 Kercheval Ave., will sit across the street from the Provençal-Weir House. Current work has brought the society into the 21st Century, as it partners on a YouTube channel with University Liggett School and also digitizes its archival material. And, with a new headquarters, the Historical Society will have more resources to step into the future.

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Public Schools built side-by-side in the early 1900s. It has been used primarily as an administration building for several decades. Up to 23 units of housing would be created by Curtis Builders using two floors of former classrooms/offices and the basement of the school building. There are proposed to be 40 surface lot parking spaces within the existing parking lot behind the school building to serve the development. Each of the proposed eight townhomes on Notre Dame would also have two contained parking spaces as part of the ground floor of each unit for a total of 16 covered, private parking spaces. The townhome height is proposed at no more than 35 feet, the same height limit as for single family dwellings. The Curtis Builders application and plan is posted online, at [grossepointecity.org](http://grossepointecity.org), or may be viewed at city hall.

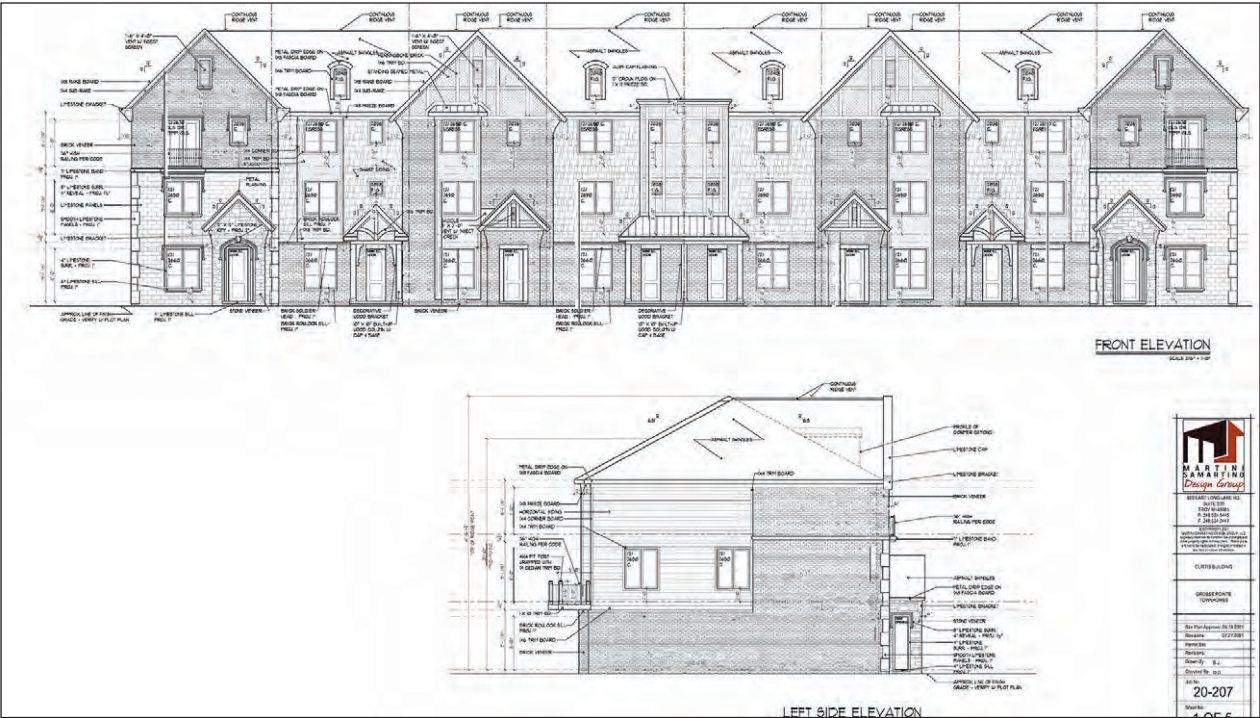
The City of Grosse Pointe welcomes public comment on the conditional zoning application

and plan. In-person comments will be taken at the public hearing as part of the regular council meeting starting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 16, at 17145 Maumee. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may submit written comments until noon on Aug. 16. Comments can be mailed to city hall, dropped off at city hall or into the drop box there, or sent via email to [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org).

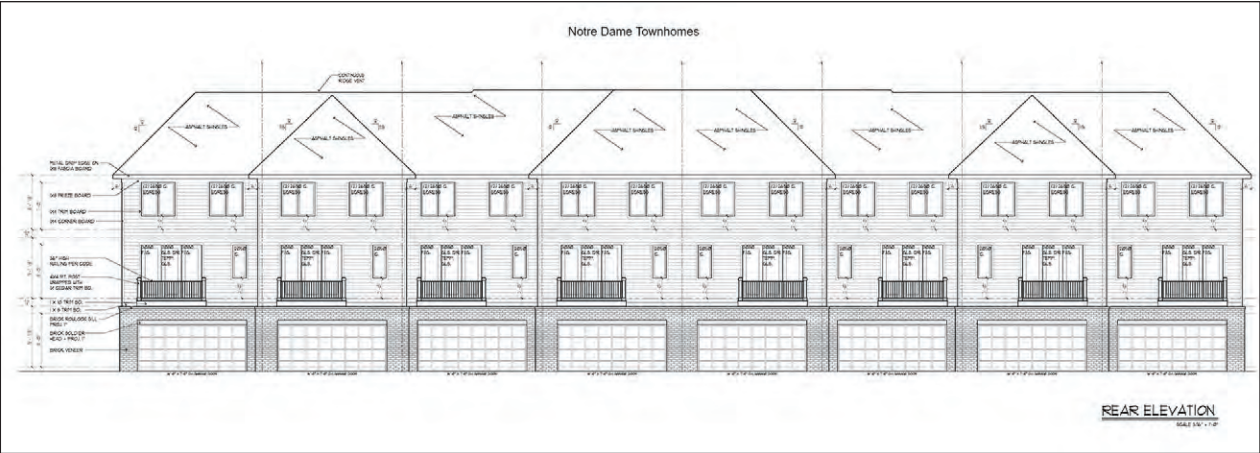
If the request for conditional zoning is approved, the Planning Commission would then review and consider the site plan at a subsequent meeting of the city council. Zoning sets the parameters for a potential building such as height, uses and setbacks from other properties. Site plan consideration goes into more detail about landscaping, parking, buffers, and other requirements. Both the conditional zoning application and a site plan approval would be required for the plan to proceed as proposed by Curtis Builders.

— City of Grosse Pointe

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The Notre Dame facade of the proposed site.



The proposed rear elevation at the site.

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about the policy and wanted all children to be required to wear masks while in school this year. A group of parents and community members staged a protest at the Monday school board meeting to show their support for required masking.

Stephen Warnick Jr., M.D., was one of these parents. He said he felt the district’s rationale for making its decision is incorrect and will only lead to outbreaks of COVID-19 infection in the future. “(Right now, the COVID-19 rates are) relatively low, but they are increasing every day. I also think the district is looking at (the) high vac-

cination rates and they think that will protect us,” Warnick said. “I do agree that having high vaccination rates protects the unvaccinated, but we’re also bordering communities that have the lowest vaccination rates in the country.” In addition to holding signs during the meeting, many participants in the protest dressed up in costumes, including the

Grim Reaper, and decorated the outside of the board meeting venue with Halloween decorations in order to, according to Warnick, get the attention of the board. “I think that as parents, a lot of us are frustrated in that we don’t think our voices are being heard,” Warnick said. “So I do think that there are various ways (we) are looking to try and see how do we get the attention of our administrators and our board of education.”

Private schools

continue to decide masking protocols

With GPPSS having set its masking policy for the upcoming school year, some of the community’s private schools are continuing to release their rules. Both St. Paul and St. Clare of Montefalco have announced they are following the Archdiocese of Detroit’s return-to-school plan, which outlines a mask-optional policy for students. Our Lady Star of the Sea and University

Liggett School are still deciding what their policies will be for the upcoming school year. Meghan Carter, Our Lady Star of the Sea principal, said a decision about masking will be made in the near future. “Our COVID team will be meeting later this week to determine our policies for this upcoming fall,” Carter said. The Grosse Pointe Academy could not be reached for comment after several attempts were made to contact them.

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Parents and grandparents protested outside Brownell Middle School before the school board meeting Aug. 9, against the school board’s decision making masks optional.

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A teen driver learns evasive lane changing, which means learning to change lanes quickly to avoid hitting an object and practicing driving with controlled movement of the steering wheel. Traffic lights direct teens which direction to swerve as they approach.

## Teen Street Skills gives teens serious lesson in driving

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

For parents who wish driver’s education went one step further, now it can. Teen Street Skills, a nonprofit organization cultivated in Detroit, is giving teens the opportunity to learn how to be better drivers by putting them through a three-and-a-half-hour driving seminar that teaches proactive and reactive driving to dangerous situations on the road.

Five years ago, brothers Robbie and Tom Buhl started a program that puts teen drivers in real-life situations behind the wheel. The driving course teaches new drivers about quick reaction situations and how to handle the vehicle when they occur.

“A lot of drivers are unaware of what exactly the car is capable of,” said Robbie Buhl, who was a professional Indie Car driver many years. He took the skills he learned from his racing career and is sharing them with teen drivers. “Our program is very different from driver’s education,” he said. “They teach the rules of the road. We create awkward panic situations to keep kids alive. We are by no means teaching teens how to race, but we are showing them what the car can do.”

Buhl explained that in accident avoidance, the initial move is important and can save a life.

The Teen Street Skills course is split into two segments covering four main exercises: Emergency Braking, Skid Control, Evasive Lane Change and Car Knowledge 2.0.

The program, which took place July 21-22 on Belle Isle, also has sessions planned Aug. 18-19, Sept. 11-12 and Oct. 23-24. The August class is full, but registra-



Gus Kemper, program coordinator, sprays water on the cement to keep the tires from getting too hot when the kids practice accelerating to 35 or 40 mph, then braking hard. This is to help them know what it feels like to have to suddenly brake if a car cuts them off or something happens while they are driving.

tion will open soon for the September and October courses. “Belle Isle has been a spectacular venue for the event,” Buhl said. “We use the big open concrete pad that is usually used for the Belle Isle Grand Prix.”

The Buhls are proud of the program growth, seeing more kids from across Michigan participating every year.

“In 2019, we had students from 144 different schools,” Buhl said. “We felt great to see all of that representation across Michigan. We hope that one day part of this curriculum

is incorporated into driver’s education.” The main goal of the Teen Street Skills program is to keep drivers safe on the road and lessen the number of distracted driving accidents. “Right now, distracted driving is the No. 1 killer of teens on the road,” Buhl said. “Our ‘Eyes Drive’ campaign was introduced in an effort to change this generation’s approach to distracted driving.”

He explained that while most driver’s education courses talk about distracted driving through fear, Eyes Drive

helps give drivers more awareness of the vehicle’s capabilities and the speed at which an accident can happen.

Both the Teen Street Skills and Eyes Drive programs have received excellent feedback from teen drivers and parents. After sending her daughter to the seminar, one parent commented, “My daughter was nervous and a little timid coming



Robby Buhl talked about paying attention to one’s perimeter and being not just a safe driver, but a proactive driver.

to the program; however, all of the instructors were patient and explained things exceptionally clear. In the end, my daughter had a great time and ... is more confident behind the wheel.” Students attending the course must be ages 15 to 19 and have a valid driver’s permit. Registration for the September and October courses can be found at [teenstreetskills.org](http://teenstreetskills.org).



Teens learned to turn into a skid; the wheel brace on the back of this car helps stabilize the vehicle when skidding on icy or wet pavement. This teaches students how to control the vehicle in case of a skid.



Robby Buhl, lead instructor and founder of Teen Street Skills, talks to the teens about how one’s eyes drive a car while one’s hands and feet simply react to what the eyes tell them to do.



Ian Planskar and Detroit Police Officer John Pinchum participate in a part of the program called Interacting with Law Enforcement. Most drivers will be pulled over and for a teenager it can be scary, so this is meant to help them know what to do and what not to do if they get pulled over.

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# Small but mighty

## New Superhero Camp a hit with young fans

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a certain unspoken camaraderie among superhero fans, no matter their age. Bill McAllister witnessed the strength of those bonds during the first meeting of his Grosse Pointe Superhero Camp.



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Illustrator Carlos Aguirre demonstrated his skills during a recent session of Superhero Camp.**



**Bill McAllister reads "The Hulk" to campers.**

wife, Danielle Carlomusto, decided to start their own. "I reached out to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, because our kids went to preschool there," McAllister said. The church offered use of its building and grounds Saturday mornings.

Next, he put out feelers on the Grosse Pointe Dad Swap Facebook page and received a few inquiries. The five-week camp, which cost \$60, drew eight participants — six boys and two girls. Campers meet Saturday mornings for 45 minutes of stories, crafts, snacks and open gym time. Students created their own Captain America shields one week. During another session, artist Carlos Aguirre, whose resumé includes Disney illustrator, stopped by to demonstrate illustration to the youngsters. Though there's just one session left, McAllister hopes to get his former co-worker, Fox 2 Detroit anchor Jay Towers, to visit the club to share about his superhero memorabilia collection.



**Parents help their kids color in and glue their Hulk masks.**

tion. "We've done show-and-tell," McAllister said. "The kids will come dressed up in superhero costumes. ... They seem to love it. I tell my son, there's no right or wrong way to make a craft. They're just in it to have fun." Parents, too, have enjoyed the camp. Several have asked if McAllister will host another. "I am seriously considering doing this again in the fall," the Grosse Pointe Woods resident said, noting he'll likely cap attendance at 10 or 12 children. "It's something different for kids who are not old enough for sports," he added. "It's just another activity. ... I thought, if I wanted to start a club, I should just do it. Why wait for someone else to do it?" Not only did McAllister report the kids are having fun and getting out of the house each weekend, the camp also is building their social skills. "They're meeting kids they may see in school as the years go by," he said. "Maybe we'll get some of the same kids (at camp) in the fall, so they can continue to bond."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT  
**Beppo Mazzara wore a Flash costume to camp.**

# WCCCD classes return to The Helm

Beginning in August, Wayne County Community College District classes return to The Helm at the Boll Life Center. Classes include longtime favorites Conversational French, Ballroom Dancing and Body Alignment and a new addition, Drawing and More for Seniors. These classes are free to Wayne County resi-

dents age 60 and older. Those interested in attending do not need to be members of The Helm, but registration is required. Upcoming classes include: ♦ Body Alignment 101 for Beginners: 1 to 1:45 p.m. 102 for Intermediate: 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 23 to Dec. 6

This class focuses on body mechanics and postural alignment to promote balance, flexibility and optimal range of motion. ♦ Ballroom Dancing 6 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 23 to Dec. 6 This dance class focuses on movement skills, social dance combinations and lead-

ing / following. Participants must register with a partner. ♦ Drawing and More for Seniors 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Aug. 24 to Dec. 7 This drawing and painting class introduces students to the skills required to render what you see. It also is

an opportunity for the more advanced artist to gain visual and creative practice. ♦ Conversational French Beginners: noon to 1:30 p.m. Intermediate: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 27 to Dec. 10 Learn how to ask and

respond appropriately to basic questions, read aloud using acceptable pronunciation and create basic sentences using correct grammar. For full descriptions of the classes, any materials needed and to register, visit [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org) or call The Helm at (313) 882-9600.



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# OBITUARIES

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

**Peter John Hanna**

Peter John Hanna, 70, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

He was born Sept. 16, 1950. Peter attended Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Austin Catholic Preparatory School, Class of 1968, and the University of Dayton.

He was voted “most likely to succeed,” participating in speech festivals and sports. Peter excelled in football and math. He was exceptionally great with numbers, which is probably why he enjoyed gambling. Peter was a fair-minded person; he never forgot what he owed people and what they owed him. Peter loved black coffee, vanilla ice cream and his Wendy’s Frosty. His favorite meal was spaghetti with meatballs. He loved starting his day with Shirley’s scrambled-egg sandwich in pita bread.

Peter and his five brothers celebrated their relationship with numerous fishing trips, often accompanied by his brother-in-law, George, and his nephews, Robert and George Jr. He was celebrated for catching the biggest fish, but they all told stories about their “biggest fish” that got away.

He was well known with the Mack Avenue businesses, especially Irish Coffee and Mr. C’s Deli. Peter was very social. He entertained the family with his impersonations of other people and by making humorous family references. He made friends with postal workers, employees, Comerica bank tellers, and customers.

He also worked at Pointe Auto Wash, Pointe Dairy, and the Lochmoor Club. More recently he made himself useful by running errands and taxiing people around. He loved to drive his car and used his driving to pay for his “Lotto scratch-off luck.”

Peter was a kindly man, a generous, and a charming soul. He always found a compliment, especially for the many women who looked after him.

He was the beloved son of the late Cameell and Florence (nee Cavataio) Hanna; and the loving brother of the late Sylvia Adams and the late Grace Arnold (George Sr.). He is survived by his other siblings, Diane Edwards, Shirley Nagel, Dr. Donald Hanna, Joy Hanna, Dr. William Hanna and Patricia Hanna. He is the cherished and adored “Uncle Pete” by his favorite niece, Jeanne-Marie Beaupre (Zac Ethridge); dear uncle of Wayne, George Jr., Alissa, Robert, Hanna, Adam, Elise, C.J., Carly, Sarah, Lauren, Zach, Rebecca, Audrey, Bo, Grace and Peter; and great-uncle of eight.

A funeral Mass took place Aug. 7, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to National Alliance on Mental Illness, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.

Share memories with

the family at the online guestbook at [wujekcalcaterra.com](http://wujekcalcaterra.com).

**Gloria Argazzi Clark**

Gloria Argazzi Clark, 92, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at her home, surrounded by family.

She was born Dec. 25, 1928, to Italian immigrants Milo Guiseppi Argazzi and Angelena DiPietro Argazzi, both now deceased, and was raised in New Britain, Conn. She met a young lawyer from New York City, Frederick H. Clark. They married in 1953, and traveled together with their family from Virginia, to New York, to Houston, finally settling in Grosse Pointe in 1971.

Gloria was proud of her Italian heritage and a great lover of the arts. She actively raised three children who pursued demanding studies in classical music and ballet, and went on to become professionals.

Through her 50 years in Michigan, she became a leading supporter of many various nonprofit organizations in the area, including Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Medical Center, Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary, American Red Cross, American Lung Association, Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan, Women’s Division of Project HOPE, Women’s Association Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Silver Liner’s Club and Grosse Pointe Branch Lawyers’ Wives of Michigan. She served on the boards of many of these organizations and contributed boundless energy and hours to fundraising, chairing events and through her wonderful personality and enthusiasm bringing new volunteer members on board. In 2006, she was a nominee for the Governor’s Honor Roll and the Heart of Gold Award presented by the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Her estimated annual volunteer service hours, at the time, were 1,150.

Gloria’s lasting gift to the arts was her presidency of the newly formed Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association from 1993-96. She accepted the presidency in 1992, a year before the opening of the Opera House, and dedicated significant time to the structuring of MOTVA, researching and developing its bylaws and beginning many of the groups still in existence today. Based on Gloria’s founding presidency, the 35-member Opera Guild was transformed into a 600-member organization by 2006. She continued to support MOT through 2017, serving on the MOT Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, as vice president of MOTVA. She cofounded the MOT Dance Council and actively organized and participated in MOT fundrais-

ing events for nearly 30 years.

Gloria is survived by her children, Deborah Clark, Cynthia Hubberd and Harriet Clark Webber; grandchildren, Hollie, Fred, Michael and Duncan; great-grandchildren, Havyn and Cole Henry; a niece, Christine Dean; and many Argazzi cousins.

Donations may be made to any of Gloria’s many charities and nonprofit organizations.

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

**George R. “Mickey” Owens**

George R. “Mickey” Owens, a resident of Las Vegas, Nev. passed away Thursday, June 10, 2021. He was predeceased by his wife, Dolores, who died in 2003, after 53 years of marriage.

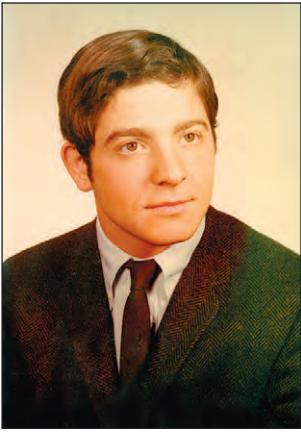
Their love story began in Detroit when the two met on a blind date arranged by an Army buddy, Mickey, who had served with him in Korea. They married and remained in Detroit several years before relocating to Las Vegas, in 1978. They both found jobs and advanced in the casino industry. Mickey was the support and cheerleader for Dolores’ rise to corporate executive once he retired in 1990. He always was the supportive love, rock, strength and stalwart companion during Dolores’ numerous surgeries and protracted illnesses that ultimately led to her death.

Before the two met and married, Mickey served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper, pulling two combat tours in the Korean War. Cpl. Owens served with great honor, valor and distinction, while garnering numerous medals and unit citations for heroism and bravery in the face of hostile forces and later as a paratrooper instructor upon his return to the States.

Mickey’s other life assignments included his legendary devotion to his dogs. After he lost his wife, Mickey turned his attention to caring for two rescue dogs he adopted. Joey and Mikey Owens are small Heinz 57 canines that had such a severe mental and physical challenges that no one offered to adopt them by the end of an animal charity benefit 14 years ago at Caesars Palace. Mickey took them both home. From that night forward, his two little furry companions never missed another meal and were forever comfortable, sleeping nightly on each side of him in “their” king-size bed, until his passing.

Anyone who met Mickey Owens easily recognized him to be genuinely warm and kind. His friends knew him to be a fierce patriot, a loving husband, a loyal and cherished friend and simply put, an uncomplicated all-around-nice guy and truly, a good soul.

The Kabbushes, McSorleys and Murphys, as extended family of Mickey Owens, designated their family group as at-large pallbearers.



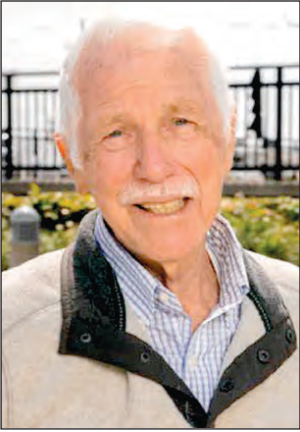
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Honorary pallbearers are the late Terry Lanni, Debbie Lanni, Sean and Patrick Lanni, Teresa Cookson, Carolyn Taylor, the Joe Azzara family, Barbara Rzepa and Curly Ferris.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Father Anthony Sulkowski, pastor of St. Jane Francis de Chantal Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, will lead the services. The U.S. Army Honor Guard will conduct the military tribute. The funeral will be under the auspices and direction of the A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Dolores Owens Scholarship Fund for Women at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; or The Nevada SPCA, No Kill Shelter, 4800 West Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89118. (Tax ID 88-0197383)

Visit [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com) for information on the possibility of Zoom or comparable live broadcast of the Owens service.

Attendees are respectfully urged to observe COVID protocols.

**June Elsie Litch**

June Elsie Litch (nee Meyers), 95, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

She was born in Marine City, grew up in Algonac and graduated from high school in 1944. After a brief career as a hairstylist, June married John Litch in 1953. He is now deceased. They remained married more than 64 years.

Their son, Brian, was born in 1956, and their daughter, Nancy, was born in 1958. The Litch family moved from the west side of Detroit to Grosse Pointe in 1960. In 1970, June and John built their dream home on Lake St. Clair, where they lived until 2015. June and John spent their final years at The Rivers of Grosse Pointe.

In 1992, June and John discovered their Florida paradise, the Ocean Reef Club on Key Largo. They spent every winter at their home at ORC until 2015. In 1994, June and John joined the Old Club on Harsens Island, where they spent every summer weekend for 22 seasons dining and dancing.

June is survived by her

son, Brian (Emigh); daughter, Nancy (Paul Klein); and grandsons, Charlie, Erik and Evan.

June will be remembered as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She also will be remembered for her kindness and compassion. She will especially be remembered for the grace with which she faced significant health challenges later in life.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association, [alz.org](http://alz.org).

**Milton James Kodidek**

Milton James Kodidek, 92, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at home, surrounded by family.

He was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Detroit, to Charles Kodidek and Leona Kodidek (nee Emery), both now deceased.

Milt was a U.S. Navy veteran who served his country with strength and honor. He was a proud member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Troy Elks Club. Milt graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

Milt was the beloved husband for 62 years of Debby Kodidek, now deceased. He is survived by his daughters, Sue Carol Bell-Hamrick (Chris) and Karen Lynn Pfeiffer; grandchildren, Megan Elizabeth Hughes (nee Bell) (John), Stephen Eric Pfeiffer (Sarah), Christopher James Pfeiffer (Nicolette) and Matthew Kurt Pfeiffer; great-grandchildren, Caiden Kodidek Pfeiffer, Charlotte Marie Pfeiffer and Bodhi Thomas Pfeiffer; and numerous extended family and close friends.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Michigan and Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety officers for their compassion.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. The burial will follow at Utica Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the

Wounded Warrior Project, [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org); Detroit Dog Rescue, [detroitdogrescue.org](http://detroitdogrescue.org); or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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

**Reginald Warren Moxley**

Reginald Warren Moxley, 82, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at Ascension St. John Hospital.

He was born March 14, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio, to Howard and Merle Moxley, both now deceased.

Reginald graduated from Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, in 1957. He opened Reggie’s Bike Shop in Trilby, Ohio, in 1952, at age 14. He later moved the bike shop to Detroit, where it evolved into Eastside Locksmith, which he owned and operated 50 years. He was a member of the Associated Locksmiths of America. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Reginald was an avid golfer who took every opportunity to be on the course with friends and family. He also enjoyed spending his winters in Port Charlotte, Fla., and his summers at the family cottage on Black Lake in Northern Michigan.

He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Sue Moxley, and his second wife of three years, Elaine Pomeroy. He is survived by his daughters, Robyn Marcotte (Gordy), Tracy Wellman (Charlie) and Brenda Ban (Rob); grandchildren, Tyler and Lauren Marcotte, Ben and Jack Wellman and Emily and Joey Ban; and brother, Dale Moxley.

Visitation is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a memorial service at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Ward Church-Chapel (Door 3), 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. He will be buried near the family cottage at Waverly Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ascension St. John and Ascension Providence Foundations—Hospice, 19251 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, [stjohnprovfoundations.org](http://stjohnprovfoundations.org); or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

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Wanda Ciesielski

Wanda Ciesielski, 101, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, while visiting family out of state.

She will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Joseph, who died in 2009.

She was born Oct. 12, 1919. Wanda — or “Mrs. C” or “Mrs. Ciesiel,” as she was called — was very active with her church and its activities until recently. She and her husband also were active in the produce business; they both owned Crown Eggs and were partners in the J.R. Mazzola company.

Wanda was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Lotti Okonski. She leaves behind a daughter, Janice Pack (Thomas); granddaughters, Michelle Pack Lewis and Deanna Lynn Pack; and great-grandchildren, Alex Pack and John Huston.

A funeral Mass took place Saturday, Aug. 7, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rita McBride

Rita McBride, 92, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

She was the beloved wife of Joseph McBride, now deceased.

Rita was born on Labor Day, Sept. 3, 1928, to George and Florence Murphy, both now deceased. She grew up in Detroit and graduated from St. Philip Neri High



Wanda Ciesielski

School in 1946. She began her college studies at Marygrove College, but interrupted them to get married and raise a family. She also helped her husband in his business and resumed her college studies at Wayne State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She then began a 25-year career as a teacher in East Detroit elementary schools, which she enjoyed. She was an excellent teacher of young students and of adults learning to be teachers. She also earned a master’s degree in education in 1975. She retired in 1993.

Rita tutored individual students in various school systems for years after retirement. She loved working in her flower garden and was a highly rated contract bridge player. She enjoyed reading and was both leader and participant in the Great Books program for years, as well as taking part in a Bible study group.

Her early life could have been said to be hard, because her father died when she was 4, but she didn’t complain and remembered it as a basically happy time. Rita



Rita McBride

worked at Sanders during high school, where fringe benefits included free hot fudge sundaes for employees.

In later years, Rita enjoyed traveling around North America, to Europe and especially to Arizona, where her son, Chris, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren reside. She always was devoted to her family and faith and was generous with her support and advice through the decades.

She is survived by her sons, Dan and Chris (Mary); grandsons, Joe, Doug and Sean; great-grandchildren, Connor, Cidney, Riley, William and Charlotte; and nieces and nephew, Kathy Engstrom (William Hunt), Maureen Kordesh (Rich) and Kurt Straub (Diane). She was predeceased by her sister, Dolores.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. The family will greet guests at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, [thecapuchins.org/](http://thecapuchins.org/)



John Burl Artis, Ph.D.

donate; or St. Matthew Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit MI 48224, [osvhub.com/st-matthew-detroit/funds](http://osvhub.com/st-matthew-detroit/funds).

Share memories with the family at the online guestbook at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, [bcfh.com/tributes](http://bcfh.com/tributes).

John Burl Artis, Ph.D.

John Burl Artis, Ph.D., 75, passed away Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, due to heart failure, after contracting COVID-19.

John was born Jan. 9, 1946, in Arthur, Ill., to Kittie Lee Artis (nee Keeney) and Homer Ralph Artis. He was the youngest of six boys — his brothers were Horace, Jim, Bob, Kenny and Phil — and spent his youth between Illinois and Wisconsin, with both places holding a special piece of his heart.

In 1980, he married the love of his life, Julie, and they began their adventure together, shaped always by their unshakable love.

John was a lifelong educator, beginning as a high school teacher and working his way through different levels of educational administration,



Michael Joseph Neme

eventually serving as a high school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of schools.

He retired from his superintendency at Dearborn Public Schools in 2008, and began teaching at the University of Michigan—Dearborn, continuing his life as an educator until his death with utmost pride and joy for his profession and his students.

John is survived by his wife, Julie; and his adoring daughters, Sloane (Jason Thomas) and Mycah (Myles Talbot); as well as countless nieces, nephews and other family members.

John believed in community above all else and continued to be social and accessible to everyone, giving his love to all. His love of books, good food and lively conversation, as well as his loving heart were a blessing for anyone lucky enough to have known him. In John’s words, “I am alone in the world, together with others.”

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in John’s memory to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, or [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org).

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

Michael Joseph Neme

Michael Joseph Neme, 88, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

He was born June 5, 1933, in Detroit. He graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. He played baseball with the Toledo Mud Hens. Mike enjoyed playing all sports. He enjoyed boating and owned his own boats over the years. He loved to travel with his young children.

Mike owned Lochmoor Ace Hardware for 34 years and was a staple in the Grosse Pointe community. He will be dearly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

Mike was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Julie Neme; daughters, Suzanne Schneider and Michelle Rizzo (Charles); son, Anthony Neme (Klodiana); grandchildren, Michael, Mark, Kathryn, Zachary, Tessa, Nicholas, Ella and Charles.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Homes, 25800 Harper, St. Clair Shores. The Instate is at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The family requests that all contributions be sent to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, [give.now.lls.org](http://give.now.lls.org).



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Spinach pie will be on the Greek MiniFest menu.

Assumption’s Greek MiniFest Aug. 19-22

The community is invited to sample authentic Greek foods and enter a chance to win prizes during Assumption Cultural Center’s Greek MiniFest, which takes place Thursday, Aug. 19, to Sunday, Aug. 22.

Although COVID-19 is preventing Assumption from holding its traditional GreekFest, guests still may enjoy the center’s hospitality and popular Greek food with MiniFest curbside carry-out and delivery. The kitchen is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily during the four-day MiniFest. Orders may be placed in advance by calling (586)

596-6326 or (586) 779-8071, or online at [assumptionfestival.com](http://assumptionfestival.com).

The full menu is available online.

The event also includes Assumption’s Grand Raffle, featuring a first prize of \$10,000 cash. Second prize is an iconic Cartier Tank watch, donated by edmund t. AHÉE Jewelers and valued at \$2,550. Third prize is \$500. Fourth, fifth and sixth prizes are \$200 each.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Call the Assumption office at (586) 779-6111 or stop by the office to purchase tickets, or order them online at [\[tionfestival.org\]\(http://tionfestival.org\).](http://assump-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

The drawing takes place at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

MiniFest chairmen Tom Thomas, George Dallas and Bob De Waele said in a group statement: “This is an opportunity to offer our ‘A Taste of Greece’ and our hospitality to the community, since GreekFest will not return until next year. Proceeds will go to our many community programs, including our Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center.”

The full-scale GreekFest is set to return Aug. 18 to 21, 2022.

For more details on Greek MiniFest or other Assumption programs,

browse the fall brochure at [assumptioncultural-center.org](http://assumptioncultural-center.org) or call (586) 779-6111.

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Learn about the Catholic faith

Those interested in learning about becoming Catholic are invited to explore the journey with St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Baptized or not, the church encourages those interested to seek next steps through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process.

This invitation also includes adults who were baptized Catholic and

have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

“I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.” Jeremiah 24:7.

To learn more, contact Fran Bauer at (313) 885-8855 or [fbauer@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:fbauer@stpaulonthelake.org).

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# Center helps rehabilitate, reintegrate veterans to civilian life

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A tour of the newly opened Veterans Reintegration Center at Selfridge Air National Guard Base had quite an impact on Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lamparter.

A longtime supporter of the U.S. military, Lamparter currently serves as regional coordinator for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, which pairs veterans with service dogs. Her visit to Selfridge was in advance of three pairings that took place mid-July. She said she hopes they were the first of more to come.

Just as Guardian Angels seeks recipients for its service dogs — especially Michigan veterans — the VRC is searching for participants for its program, which opened at Selfridge in June.

### The program

The VRC, a program of Ann Arbor-based Eisenhower Center, focuses on relocating, rehabilitating and reintegrating veterans following their service, easing the transition from military to civilian life.

◆ Relocation: Program participants are housed in former barracks that have been transformed into suites, complete with bedroom, living space, kitchen and bathroom facilities.

“This program is all about self-actualization,” said Renee Clemons, VRC director. “We relocate them here to allow



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From left, Guardian Angels volunteer Nancy Dakin, trainer Barb Oshnock and trainer Marc Guerrieri pose with German shepherd, Konner, in front of the Eisenhower Veterans Reintegration Center at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Guardian Angels raises and trains medical service dogs and donate them to veterans and others struggling with disabilities.

them to stay someplace safe. ... Then they come next door for therapy.”

◆ Rehabilitation: A short walk from the suites, the Vandenberg Service Club houses a variety of therapies for participants, including pet, art and music therapy, as well as yoga and martial arts. The space

also includes a gym and a hall for large gatherings and training.

While the program is voluntary, participating in therapies and counseling is not.

“You have to be open to try it, even if you don’t like it,” said Clemons, a nurse practitioner. “There’s really good solid

evidence ... on therapeutic affects. Part of the reason we wanted to tie that in (is because) they won’t stay here forever; they’re here for a year. What takes one person a week to open up to a therapist about, for another person might take a month, six months.”

Additionally, a peer support program for female veterans, Woman Veteran Strong, is offered at the VRC (see sidebar).

◆ Reintegration: Participants are taught a trade through the program, via partnerships with Macomb Community College and Zero Day, a veteran-run nonprofit that specializes in historic preservation.

“We’re giving them tools to get back on their feet so they can be successful when they leave here,” Clemons said. “Once we get them through counseling, then they’re ready for vocational training.”

“... Macomb Community College is very kind and welcoming to our veterans,” she added. “We can send veterans over for credit vs. non-credit for any trade they offer. And Zero Day offers six or seven Department of Labor-approved apprenticeships,” including carpentry, electrical and plumbing, among other trades.

Participants are provided three meals a day, Monday through Friday.

“This is a hand up, not a hand out,” Clemons said. “During the week, we cook and provide meals. On weekends, they fend for themselves.”

Residents may reserve kitchen time to cook or bake, or they can take a leave of absence from the base and go to a restaurant.

“You’re voluntarily here,” she added. “We’re not holding you hostage. But you have to call if you’re going to be late. You have to have accountability.”

The VRC opened mid-June, housing two female veterans. Clemons anticipates opening the program to men late August. Men and women will be housed on separate floors.

Any veteran who is struggling is invited to apply for the program online at [bit.ly/3wTiBRI](https://bit.ly/3wTiBRI)

Struggles may include military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depres-

sion, homelessness, food insecurity — basically any veteran who has lost their way, Clemons said.

Applicants must undergo a field evaluation. Few restrictions apply, but Clemons made clear VRC is not a detox facility. Those admitted cannot have a criminal record either. All participants must abide by base rules, including no weapons, alcohol or drugs allowed.

Families are invited to stay with participants. Currently families will be housed in the suites, until the renovation of historic homes on the base is complete.

“It’s evolving,” Clemons said. “We’re in the process of starting to renovate the historic homes across the way. ... This is what we have now; when the houses are up and running, that’s where we’ll go.”

“We’re trying to make it as homey as possible given what we have,” she added. “We want them to feel self-worth when they come here.”

### The dogs

In Lamparter’s role with Guardian Angels, she surveyed the suites in preparation for a “pairing” between three dogs and their new handlers. The suites at the VRC were perfect for the event.

Pre-pandemic, Guardian Angels flew applicants to its headquarters in Williston, Fla., then lodged them for 10 days so they could train with their new service dogs. Throughout COVID-19, the need for service dogs didn’t go away, so Guardian Angels switched gears and drove dogs to applicants. This full 10-day ritual took place July 8 to 17, at the VRC.

Nancy Dakin, a recently retired fighter pilot and Guardian Angels volunteer, assisted with the pairing.

“It was Nancy’s idea to do the pairing here,” Lamparter said. “This will benefit Guardian Angels in a number of ways. The recipients won’t have to be in a hotel, so it’s less expensive to do for Guardian Angels.”

The suites provide privacy for dog and handler to bond. Additionally, the base is close to Hall Road and its box stores and restaurants, which are visited as part of the pairing process.

Lamparter said

### Ladies first

One of the therapies offered to women veterans at the Veterans Reintegration Center is the peer support group Woman Veteran Strong, led by veteran Shelly Rood, co-founder of Mission: Ambition, which provides support services to the VRC.

Woman Veteran Strong is a program that improves the mental wellness of military women by connecting them through peer groups and events.

“We are a presence offering the opportunity for women to make friends,” Rood said.

The need is strong, she added. More than 40 percent of female veterans say they do not feel respected or valued. One-third of female veterans say they were sexually assaulted during their time in the service. The suicide rate for female veterans is double that of civilian women.

Woman Veteran Strong, through a contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, connects like-minded women and engages them in personal growth and community service.

“When women veterans get together, we like to talk about Korea or flying jets. You can’t find (those conversations) in the civilian world,” Rood said.

“We are not clinical therapy,” she added. “We are a social peer support program sanctioned through the state of Michigan. ... It’s not like it’s going to erase your history and you’ll be a perfect civilian, but we’re here to support and love on each other.”

In her three years at Selfridge, Rood has been seeking military women to participate. She said it’s difficult to identify military women, because many female veterans don’t identify as such.

“There’s a stigma,” she said. “Or they think because they didn’t serve in wartime, or were in the Reserves only, or they don’t qualify for VA benefits, that they don’t deserve the term. This is self-advocacy. We own that word, ‘veteran.’ We’re not broken; we earned that word.”

Because of Rood’s efforts, the first cohort of residents at the VRC is female.

“I’m so touched with every single woman I get to talk to and get to know,” she said. “So deeply I want these women to know how loved and valued they are as individuals.”

Guardian Angels founder Carol Borden would love to establish a partnership with the VRC — a sentiment echoed by Clemons.

For more information about the VRC, visit [missionambition.org/vrc](https://missionambition.org/vrc). For more information about Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, visit [medicalservedogs.org](https://medicalservedogs.org).

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## EVENTS:

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### Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public library will host a book exchange from 6:30 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Central library plaza. Bring a bag or box of books you’ve recently read to exchange with others. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

### Reunion

Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of 1971 is hosting its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Sept. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$55. Tickets and additional information are available online at [gpn1971.org](https://gpn1971.org)

### Toastmasters

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

### NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month, at St. James Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email [lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com).

### Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, “Ask the

Therapist,” from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and “Coffee Break Chat with Rachel,” with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

### Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at [afdegrossepointe.org](https://afdegrossepointe.org).

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## Join the discussion: Free Press editor and artists talk about the issues

Free Press Editorial Page Editor Brian Dickerson, who juried the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s current exhibition, “Have Your Say,” will talk about the show and award prizes at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in the tent on the backyard of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are invited to come early or stay after to see the exhibition in the Artists Association gallery.

For the “Have Your Say” show, artists were asked to slow down the rapid pace of today’s



Kathleen McNamee’s “No, Let Me Say It.”

news and take a deeper look, maybe a 360-degree look, at an issue that mattered most to them. “No, Let Me Say It,” a self-portrait by Kathleen McNamee, sets the tone of the show that covers topics like immigration, gun violence, police brutality and COVID-19. Alexa Wehrman, in her piece titled “2nd,” ponders school shootings and “King” by Taurus Burns shows examples of the country’s mistreatment of black people.



Vasu Tolia’s “Unifying America.”

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“King” by Taurus Burns.



Mary Aro faced the isolation and fear of COVID-19 by painting street trash.

There also are reflections on COVID-19 from Mary Aro, who explains her watercolor of 18 pop cans this way: “The isolation and fear of COVID-19 was constant. I got through it by painting the street trash that people collected and brought to me.”

For more on COVID-19 survival techniques, 40 artists from Wayne State University shared their words of encouragement in squares for a community quilt organized by Jessica Smigels

as part of her Master in Art Therapy project. Adding to their positivity, Vasu Tolia foresees the nation’s kids coming together to help rebuild the country beyond its current prejudices in her “Unifying America.”

The exhibition is open for in-person viewing from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 16. Visitors are asked to wear masks.

For more information, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

### City picnic

Grosse Pointe Woods held its perch derby and city picnic Aug. 7, at Lake Front Park. Fishing, hot dogs, chalk art and more were included. Right, Harper Starkey, pictured with Claire Geier and Dylan Starkey, caught the biggest fish among 6- to 9-year-olds.



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Charlee, Natalie and Liam Breslin draw on the pool deck with chalk.



A.J. Gumapac and A.J. Jamerino had fun in the pool with lots of beach balls.

### Correction

The story “A master in metal: Sculptor’s work installed at Trial Garden,” published in the Aug. 5, 2021, Grosse Pointe News, should have read the sculptor’s mother is Jackie Rybinski.

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If you're tired of hearing, "There's NOTHING fun to do in this house," or "Can I watch a show? I'm so bored," you've come to the right place. While I have an appreciation for electronics and the 20 minutes of silence that comes with them, there's only so much Kid's Youtube one person can take. Let's face it, summer days can be long. Especially during times of bad weather, it can be difficult to find ways to entertain kids, and ultimately prevent them from punching each other in the living room.

To keep them active and educated, I try to break up the day with crafts and special outings to kid-friendly places that

I know everyone will love. Last week, we visited DYNO Detroit. DYNO Detroit is a climbing gym in Detroit's Eastern Market. Their facility is located in a large warehouse with over 18,000 square feet of climbing space. There are multiple climbing options that are suitable for different age groups and abilities. When we visited, we mainly stuck to the auto belay and bouldering areas.

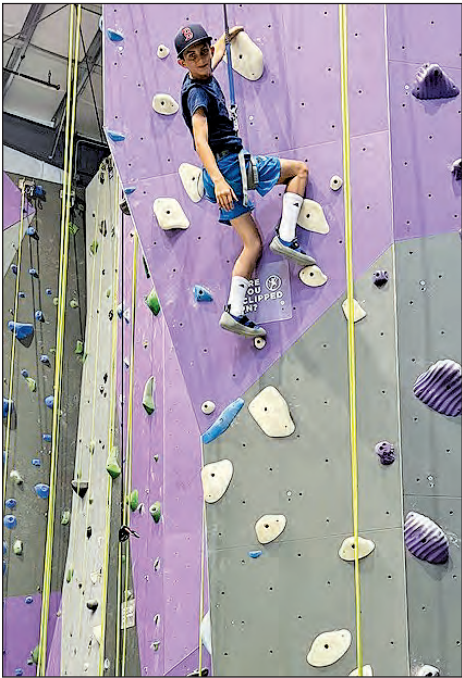
The auto belays allow users to clip their harness to a rope that automatically holds them while they climb up the wall. When they fall or let go of the wall, they are lowered slowly to the ground. This

area requires attentive adult supervision and adults must clip the children in and out of their harness. Children 4 and under require 1:1 adult supervision, ages 5-7 require 2:1 adult supervision, and ages 8-13 require 3:1 adult supervision.

In the bouldering area, the walls are much shorter and climbers can freely scale the wall with no harness. If they fall, they are landing on a soft padded surface.

These two options range in difficulty from beginner to advanced, so there are climbing walls available for all ages and skill levels. DYNO Detroit does a great job of reminding participants that while there are proper safety measures in place, climbing is dangerous and strict adult supervision is required for children to utilize the equipment.

After completing our waivers online, we arrived at the gym and rented climbing shoes and harnesses. The staff



at DYNO sized each child with properly fitting harnesses to ensure a safe climbing experience. A staff member gave us a 10-15 minute orientation where we learned safety rules and practiced the auto belay systems on the climbing walls. Then, it was time to climb!

Throughout the entire

process, I felt very confident in the kids' safety and understanding of the rules. On their website, [dynodetroit.com](http://dynodetroit.com), visitors can find waivers that must be filled out prior to visiting the facility, and general information and safety rules about the climbing gym. DYNO Detroit offers day passes

that include access to climbing, fitness, and yoga. We stayed for approximately 3 hours, but it's an activity that could be longer or shorter depending on the ages of your children. All in all, I highly recommend DYNO Detroit as a fun outing that is great for the entire family. We can't want to go back!

# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Liar drill

*I'm a guy, and a female friend asked me to objectively rate her looks on a scale of 1 to 10. She has a very high opinion of her looks, but she insisted she wanted the truth, so I told her I'd put her at a 5.5 or 6. Afterward, she sent me a text about boundaries and said she's cutting me out of her life -- for being honest like she asked me to!*

— Burned

If there were a class in "how to be a heterosexual man," lesson one would be how to answer a woman's questions about her appearance. She'll insist you give an honest answer to the classic gotcha question: "Do I look fat in this dress?" Always lie. Well, unless you are held at gunpoint or threatened with

disemboweling with a steak knife or rusty pliers. In which case, also lie.

Admittedly, this advice is at odds with the black-and-white notions of honesty and deception drilled into us from an early age: Honesty, good! Lying, evil! If we lie, terrible things will happen to us -- such as cancer of the nose (as seen in that lie-arrrhea-prone puppet, Pinocchio) or pants that spontaneously explode into flame.

"For centuries, philosophers and ethicists have railed against deception," note business school professors and researchers Joseph Gaspar and Maurice Schweitzer. The belief that deception is always evil and harmful was preached by the Christian bishop St.



Augustine, "who claimed that 'every lie is a sin.'" Philosopher Immanuel Kant "argued that 'The greatest violation . . . is lying.'" These beliefs are baked into our culture and "permeate modern thinking."

Gaspar and Schweitzer define deception as "the transmission of information that intentionally misleads others." That *sounds* pretty awful. However, they suggest, "Think about what you should do when your grandmother asks if you enjoyed

her meatloaf" or "your friend asks if you enjoyed her wedding reception." In situations like these, lying "might be the exactly *right thing to do*" (tempting as it might be to tell your friend you wish you'd been given a choice: attending the reception or being repeatedly electrocuted via a car battery attached to your nipples).

These feelings-preserving falsehoods are "prosocial lies." "Prosocial" is psychologist professor-ese for "intended to help other people."

Prosocial lies mislead but also *benefit* the person we're lying to, explain Gaspar and Schweitzer. It's basically benevolent deception: deception in service of kindness and even respect. For example, when a friend fails to show up at your party, "they might (respectfully) cite an illness" instead of admitting that they stayed home to binge-watch season seven of "Bosch."

Reflecting on the merits of prosocial lying, they argue that "deception has been unfairly disparaged" because "scholars have conflated deception with the pursuit of self-interest." Schweitzer, in "Friend & Foe" (co-authored with fellow B-school professor Adam Galinsky), advocates that the truth be judiciously told -- or withheld. The bottom line: "Is it ethical to tell prosocial lies? Our answer is yes. And we'd even take this claim a step further." Instead of telling our

kids never to lie, "we should teach them the guiding principle of benevolence" and advise them to make "careful -- and deliberate -- choices when they face a conflict between telling the truth and being kind."

Take your friend asking you where she lands on the 1-to-10 hotitude scale. She probably believed she was seeking an honest review, and it's reasonable that you took her at her word. However, she was probably fishing not for the truth but for reassurance that she's pretty.

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## Sister longs for deeper family relationships

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently moved back to my hometown after being away for six years. My family is great, and we all get along. The problem is my sisters. There are three of us (all in our 40s) and a younger brother who lives out of town.

I always thought I was close to them, but after moving back, it seems I can't break through the barrier of sister versus friend. I'd like us to be closer, get together for dinners, go shopping, etc. But we

only saw each other for family get-togethers (pre-COVID), and when we talk, we discuss family matters mostly.

To see us, you would think we're close, but it's not the reality. I yearn for a friendship with both of them. I'd like to know their deeper thoughts and concerns, be a source of support and care and generally be viewed as a close confidant.

At the suggestion of some friends, I have tried to foster this closeness by

reaching out just to say hi, inviting them over for sibling nights and making myself vulnerable in our conversations by sharing about my life with them. I have a nice circle of friends, so I know I have the ability to foster long-term friendships. What am I missing? Must I accept our relationship as is, or are there things I can try? -- ST. LOUIS SISTER

**DEAR SISTER:** This may not be the personal rejection you seem to feel. Was your relationship



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

with your sisters much closer before you moved away six years ago? That you relocated and they found other support systems in your absence may have something to do with this. They could also have busy lives and family responsibilities of their

own and therefore be less available for the kind of activities you have in mind. It's time to stop pushing. Accept that you are all in different stages of life than you may have been when you were younger and concentrate on allowing your friends to be the support system you crave.

Draw the line. Tell your husband you will no longer tolerate being the target of his verbal abuse. If he can't calmly discuss your differences -- political or otherwise -- you do not want them discussed, particularly in front of the children.

Offer him the "option" of counseling because it appears he has an anger problem he's projecting onto you. But if he refuses, schedule some appointments for yourself to help you decide if you want to spend the rest of your life in a marriage like this.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of 20 years constantly blames everything on the political party I lean toward. He tries his best to say hurtful things about them and lure me into a fight. I try to ignore it, but it's starting to wear on me, and our kids hear his rants as well. He has a lot of hateful feelings. He refuses to get counseling and is getting worse. I would appreciate any advice that you would be willing to give. -- MISMATCHED IN TEXAS

**DEAR MISMATCHED:**

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**Dear Ann Landers:** My in-laws have a habit of coming to our home without calling first. There have been times when my mother-in-law has called me on the phone “just to chat” and never says a word about coming over. Then, she shows up at the door 10 minutes later with a goofy grin on her face. I’m sure she enjoys these surprise attacks.

My husband has asked his parents politely several times to call before coming over. One Sunday morning, they dropped by, and he refused to let them in, saying it wasn’t a good time. You’d think they would get the hint. They didn’t. I have come home from work on my lunch hour to find them in the house. We also have come home from work and seen evidence that they had been here.

My husband gave them a

key to our previous house, but when we moved, I refused to let them have a spare. However, there is a key that we keep hidden outside for emergencies, and my husband told his parents where it is. He said apologetically, “They might need to get into the house in case of an emergency.”

Ann, what can I do about this galling situation? I’m at the end of my rope and totally out of patience with my in-laws. Please advise. I no longer can think rationally about this problem. -- Ohio Nightmare Without End

**Dear Ohio Nightmare:** Your principal problem is not with your in-laws; it’s with your husband. Telling his parents where to find the hidden key was nothing short of a betrayal.

Find another place for the key (not the mailbox or

## Classic Ann Landers

under the doormat -- that’s the first place thieves look).

Inform your husband in no uncertain terms that he is not to tell his parents of the new location.

If your in-laws show up again on a Sunday, tell them bluntly that you are not ready for company and to phone in the future, please, because you cannot entertain them properly when they just drop in.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have a relative who has diabetes and must take insulin shots after every meal. He makes quite a production of it, testing his

blood sugar level, preparing the injection and injecting himself at the table. This procedure is done in the homes of family members and friends and in restaurants. I can handle it, but several others cannot.

The sight of blood and injections ruins the enjoyment of the meals for those with queasy stomachs.

This person is extremely sensitive, and his feelings would be crushed if he knew he was offending people. Your response in the paper would help make others who are afflicted with diabetes aware of how this sort of thing affects some of us. No name or city, please. -- Mrs. Anonymous

**Dear Anon:** Your point is well taken. A person who would inject himself at the dinner table in the presence of others exhibits gross insensitivity and very poor manners.

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# Easy and decadent summer dessert Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Summer doesn’t get much better than that first ripe, juicy peach making a mess of your hands and face. All I can do is smile with satisfaction. We recently bought a basket full of peaches and I decided to use some in a bright and lovely dessert. Michigan blueberries are currently in full swing as well. Together, these fruits make my smile even wider. Add a buttery rich topping and some limoncello and you will be exactly where you want to be. The fruit is cooked to soft perfection in Atelier’s ([atleiergp.com](http://atleiergp.com)) large bakeware pan from Pillivuyt. The beautiful white pan is a showstopper when it showcases the colorful fresh fruit. Make sure to serve with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream.



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¼ cup flour

1 ½ cups quick oats

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp nutmeg

Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350. In a medium bowl, add the sliced peaches and limoncello. Let marinade for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, add the blueberries and remaining ingredients. Strain the peaches to remove the

liquid and add to the blueberry mixture. Gently mix together and put into a 9x13 inch baking dish that has been sprayed or buttered. To make the crisp, cut the butter into small pieces in a bowl with the oatmeal, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Using a fork, mash the butter, oats and remaining ingredients together. Drop clumps of the topping all over the top in an even layer. Bake for 30 minutes until hot and bubbling. Make sure to save some limoncello for yourself!

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## Riesling, varietally pure

A handful of the world’s best wines are made from grape varieties that are rarely blended with anything else, are grown only in a few areas of the world, are notoriously difficult to make and end up not selling for anywhere near as much money as their strongest supporters believe they should.

Among those few grape varieties that fit this description is riesling, which often displays the locale from which it’s harvested. Best planted in cool or cold regions, it’s a challenger for title of World’s Greatest Wine Grape.

When you attend any event at which someone has thoughtfully opened a bottle of a great riesling, even one that’s 10 or 20 years old, most in-the-know people are thrilled. It’s rare to experience mature rieslings.

Yet the chardonnay lovers among us can’t figure out why riesling gets such a positive reaction from the cognoscenti. Fact is, most Americans disparage riesling because, decades ago, most of the wines made from it were sweet.

And most people associate sweetness with cheaper wines.

As vice president of the International Riesling Foundation, I admit I’m prejudiced. But I mainly prefer riesling when it’s dry. The sweeter ones can be fabulous, of course, but the drier ones are sublime.

And there are infinitely more dry rieslings today than ever, partly because today’s younger wine buyers are more sophisticated and know how complex this wine can be.

Despite the fact that there are more dry versions than ever, most rieslings still are too

sweet or soft for me -- including the many wines that say they’re dry but really aren’t.

This is due partly to winery marketing managers who think to sell a riesling, it has to be at least a little bit sweet. And to achieve this they want wines that have less acidity than they should



have (in my opinion), and thus the wines tend to be a bit flabby.

The coldest regions of the United States are home to some of our best riesling vineyards, and that starts for me with upstate New York (Finger Lakes), where many wines are spectacular.

There is also the Lake Erie district, which includes parts of Ohio. And there is also Michigan’s two peninsulas.

One of the places in the world where riesling typically is very dry, or even, some say, austere dry, is Australia. I’ve been to Australia almost two dozen times, and I simply adore their driest rieslings.

By contrast, Australian rieslings deliver almost all of what you would want in a dry riesling, and that includes the ability of the wines to age for a decade or even two!

Wine of the Week: 2019 Jim Barry Riesling, Clare Valley (\$20): The classic Clare Valley style shows off here with lime/grapefruit aroma, hints of florals like chamomile tea and a very dry

entry. The wine explodes with riesling character when served with white-fleshed fish like halibut. Occasionally discounted to \$16.

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MOVIE REVIEW  
“Philomena”  
2013 - 1hr 38min

“There is nothin’ like a dame” as the song goes. This is especially true when it comes to actresses like Dame Judi Dench. What an amazing talent. As you may know, she’s a classically trained Shakespearean actress who prefers performing on stage to acting in television and movies. You’ve no doubt seen her in films like “A Room with a View,” “Shakespeare in Love,” and of course, “M” in the James Bond movies. If you want to see her

reluctantly. A woman contacts him with what could be an interesting idea. Fifty years ago, her young pregnant mother, Philomena, played by Judi Dench, was taken in by a Catholic convent. When her son was three-years old, he was taken from her and basically sold to a wealthy American family, and all contact with him was severed. Fifty years on, she decides to search for him. Philomena and Martin travel first to the convent in Ireland to look for any records of her son. When it’s revealed that all the



The movie takes some interesting twists and turns and the outcome caught me by surprise. Interestingly, although the two leads are polar opposites, they end up having a positive effect on each other. Martin becomes a bit less cynical and even though Philomena is in her 70’s, she manages to become a little worldlier. I found myself thinking about this movie for several days after seeing it. As an added bonus, “Philomena” features some thoroughly breathtaking scenes of the Irish countryside. Streaming on Netflix. ★★★★★



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Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan, left) Philomena Lee (Judi Dench, center) and her daughter Jane (Anna Maxwell Martin).

in one of her most remarkable performances, I highly recommend “Philomena.” It’ll make you want to see more of her films. This movie is based on a true story and an



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The teenage Philomena Lee played by actress Sophie Kennedy Clark

exceptional screenplay by Steve Coogan, who also happens to costar with Ms. Dench. Martin Sixsmith (Coogan) is a political journalist who has recently been sacked from his job. He’s encouraged to write a human-interest story, which he approaches

records were destroyed in a fire, they fly to the United States to track him down. It’s so wonderful to see the interaction between these amazing actors. Coogan is smart yet jaded, and a cynical recovering Catholic, while Dench plays a somewhat naïve, restrained, devout Catholic. The dialogue between the two is nothing short of brilliant. I especially enjoyed when she recounts in great detail the plot of a bodice-ripping novel she’s just finished. Coogan visibly restrains himself as he patiently listens to her. Here’s a snippet of their extended conversation: Martin Sixsmith: The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time. Philomena: That’s lovely, Martin. Did you just think of that? Martin Sixsmith: No, it’s T.S. Eliot



Royal Stars  
Weekly Horoscopes

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021: You are a busy, active person who gets things done. Nevertheless, you are playful and have a fabulous sense of humor. You are lighthearted and work to make your life interesting. Security matters to you. This year you are more in touch with your higher consciousness or your religious or spiritual beliefs. You might do a personal makeover for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) With the Moon in a sign that is 180 degrees opposite your sign, it means you have to be cooperative with others. You have to go more than halfway when dealing with someone, especially partners and close friends. Hey, you’ve got this. Tonight: Be confident!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you must go along to get along. You might have to be of service to someone. You might have to put the needs and wants of someone else before your own. This is no big deal; it’s just how things are unfolding. Health might be a concern today. Tonight: Focus on pets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a lighthearted, playful day! Accept invitations to socialize. Enjoy the company of others, especially children. In particular, you will like sports events, the arts and anything connected with the entertainment world. It’s a fun day! Tonight: Focus on what’s pleasant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might prefer to cocoon at home today and relax among familiar surroundings. Nevertheless, a contrary influence will make you want to talk to others and socialize. You might want to take a short trip. Therefore, it’s your call. You can be on the go, or you can hide at home. Tonight: Chill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you have strong feelings about your conversations with others. You want to establish a warm connection with someone, especially siblings, relatives or neighbors. You want them to hear you because you’re willing to hear them. You want that bond. Tonight: Talk to someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have financial matters on your mind today. If you go shopping today, you won’t be thinking about finances; you’ll be thinking about what you want. Today you will make emotional choices rather than logical ones. Tonight: Enjoy quiet time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today the Moon is in your sign as it is for two and a half days every month. When this happens, you are a bit more emotional than usual. You feel it. But the good news is that when the Moon is in your sign, your luck is a little bit better! Ask the universe for a favor! Tonight: Play a long shot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This has been a popular time for you because you’ve been more active with friends, groups and competitions. This is why today is a good day to pull in your reins and hide somewhere. Take a breather. Enjoy some privacy so you can get

grounded. Tonight: Pamper yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A conversation with a female acquaintance might be important to you today. Certainly, your ambitions are aroused. You also have strong feelings about bosses and parents at this time. Perhaps you want to share your ideas with someone. Tonight: A warm conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) For some reason, personal details about your private life seem to be in the public sphere. This means people notice you more than usual, or they are talking about you. Just be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: Be aware.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Because you have a strong desire for a change of scenery today, indulge yourself and do something different. Go someplace you’ve never been before. Travel if possible. Talk to people from different cultures so you can learn something new. Tonight: Do something different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today, you’re interested in finances and shared property. That’s why this is a good day to check out banking details and anything to do with insurance issues, inheritances, taxes and debt. Stay on top of things. When it comes to money, don’t be caught snoozing. Tonight: Get organized.

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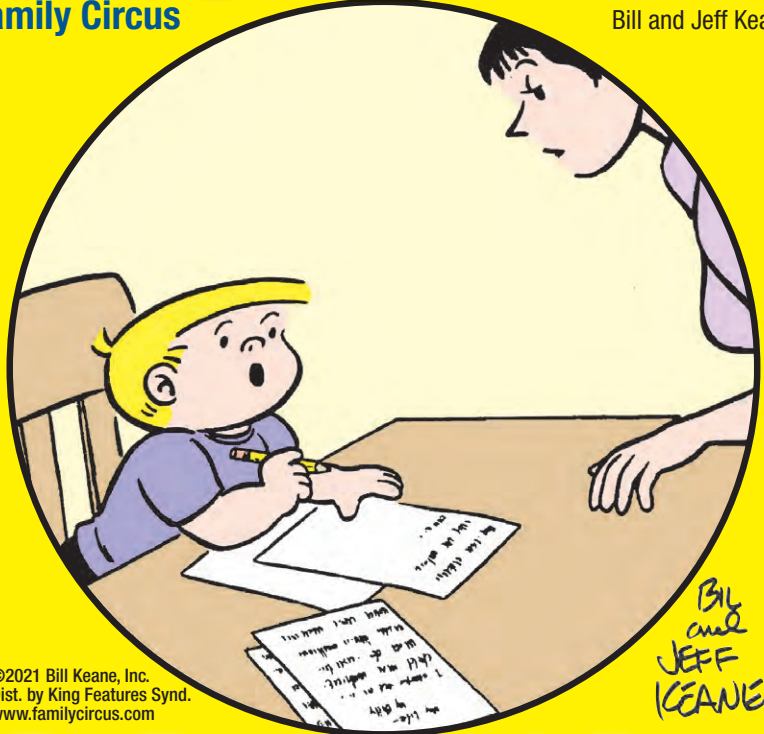
There are players who see every hand through rose-colored glasses. Optimism certainly has its place in bridge and will usually pay handsome dividends when there is a sound basis for it, but the fact remains that an ace is an ace and a deuce is a deuce, regardless of who holds them. It is clear that South in this deal was

a full-fledged member of the Optimists Club. He had an excellent hand, to be sure, but he obviously looked upon his three spade losers as something the good Lord would surely take care of — and he even carried this conviction to the point of redoubling East’s double of six hearts! One thing that can be said about the habitual overbidder is that he is usually a pretty good cardplayer. He gets so much more practice playing contracts that are seemingly out of reach that he becomes highly proficient at getting the most out of his cards. Our declarer in this deal was no exception. He won the spade lead with the ace and played a low trump to the jack, revealing the 5-0 trump division. Undaunted, South cashed the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. He then played four rounds of diamonds, disposing of his two spade losers. By this time nine tricks had been played, and declarer had won them all. East and South now each had four trumps, while dummy still had the 10-5. Declarer next led a spade from dummy, and when East ruffed with the seven, South underruffed with the three! East’s low trump return ran to dummy’s ten, and South’s A-Q took the last two tricks to make six hearts redoubled!

# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane

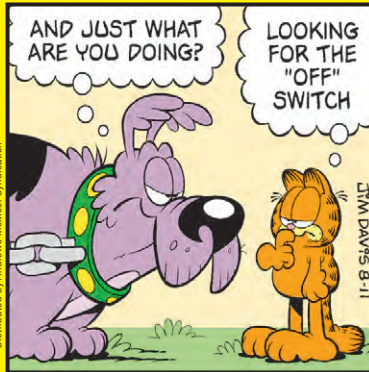


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"I'm writing my autobiography, Mommy.  
Do you want to be in it?"

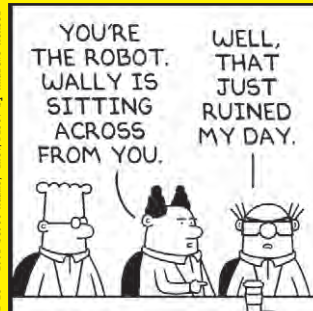
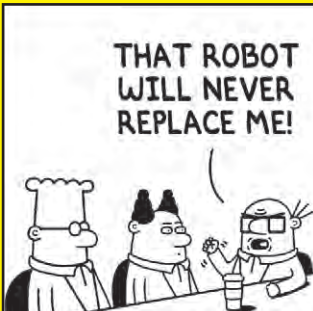
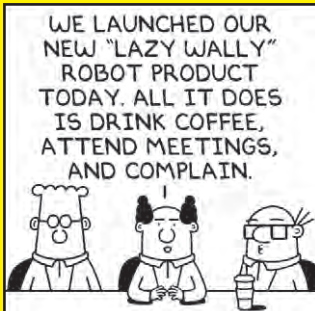
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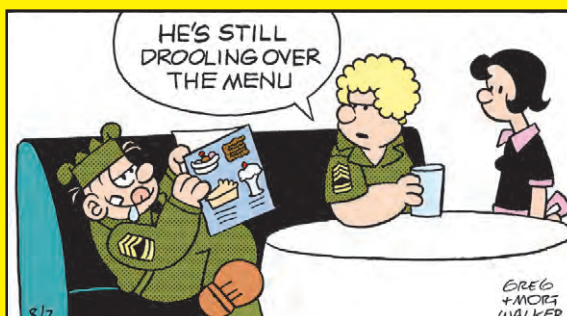
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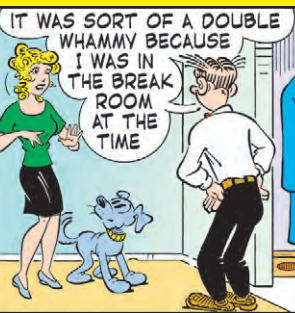
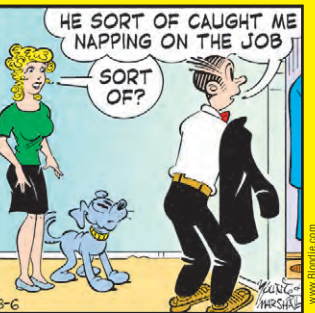
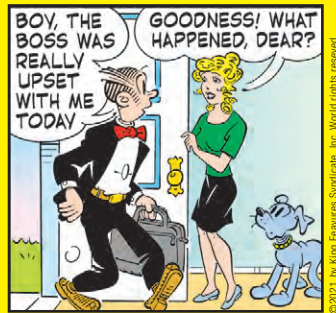
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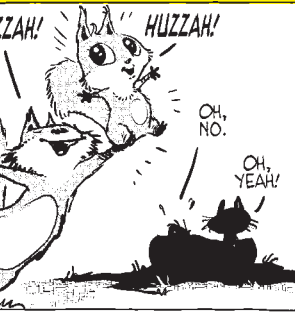
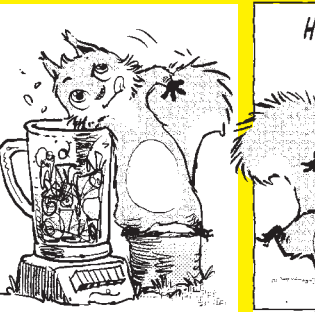
## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 12, 2021

### ACROSS

- Beginning of an idea
- Toy dog from China, informally
- Italian city where Galileo lectured
- Moisturizer brand
- Comedian Andre
- Barely managing, with "out"
- Question about where the pain is, scientifically speaking?
- Washer cycle
- Any one of the two
- Attaching, as a patch
- "Weekend Update" show, briefly
- Unseen before
- Voice actor Blanc
- Firecracker that doesn't go off
- Readied for a drive?
- Blot lightly
- "Lisa"
- "We're live!" sign
- Twists and turns, like a road
- Only temporarily, scientifically speaking?
- Parking places
- Tarnish

- "Batman" sound effects
- "Pet" bone to pick
- Nintendo rival
- Lawyer: Abbr.
- AOC or JFK
- Mind reader's "gift," briefly
- Name, in Nantes
- Spicy sausages
- Free-for-all
- Davenport resident
- Gem safe, scientifically speaking?
- Student, at the Sorbonne
- Ingrid's role in "Casablanca"
- Lake touching four states and a province
- Decorated again
- Small de-nomination
- Virginia (folk dance)

- Similar (to)
- ! The Witch Is Dead
- Not firm, as a foundation
- Meeting plans
- One of the broody bunch?
- Like fresh paint
- Child such as Oliver
- Fashion faux pas list
- "Et tu, \_\_\_?"
- Makes, as money
- Negative responses
- Shouted "Bingo!" say
- Knelt obsequiously
- Very positive review
- Doesn't stick up at all
- More out to lunch

- Road hazard
- Candy in a dispenser
- Winking Face and Sparkling Heart
- "Play more!"
- Masked hockey position
- Beer brand named for a Dutch river
- Ate in high style
- Before, at the start of a word
- Shankar who mentored George Harrison
- Bottom of a shoe
- Affirm confidently
- Sch. for Trojans

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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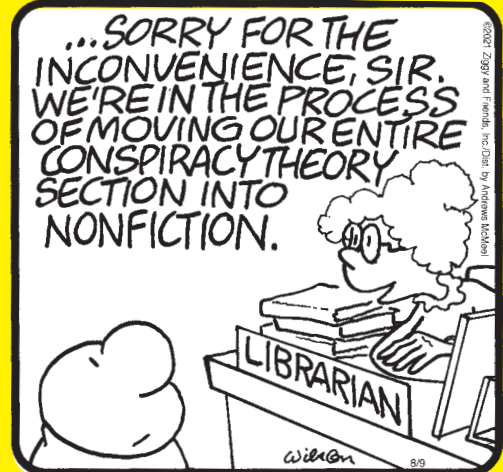
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Tom Wilson



## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



# Comics

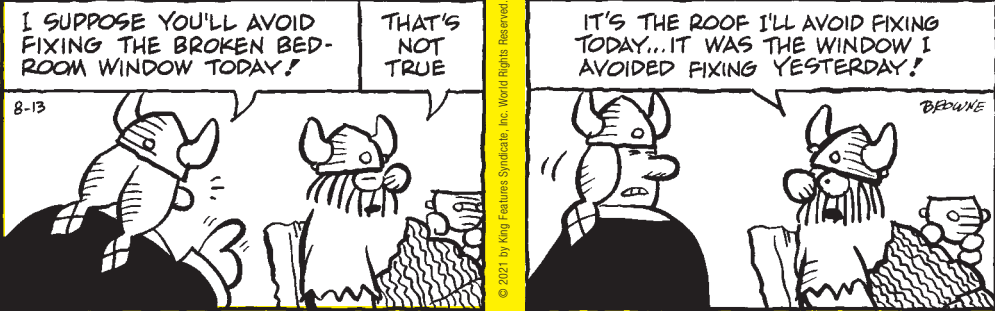
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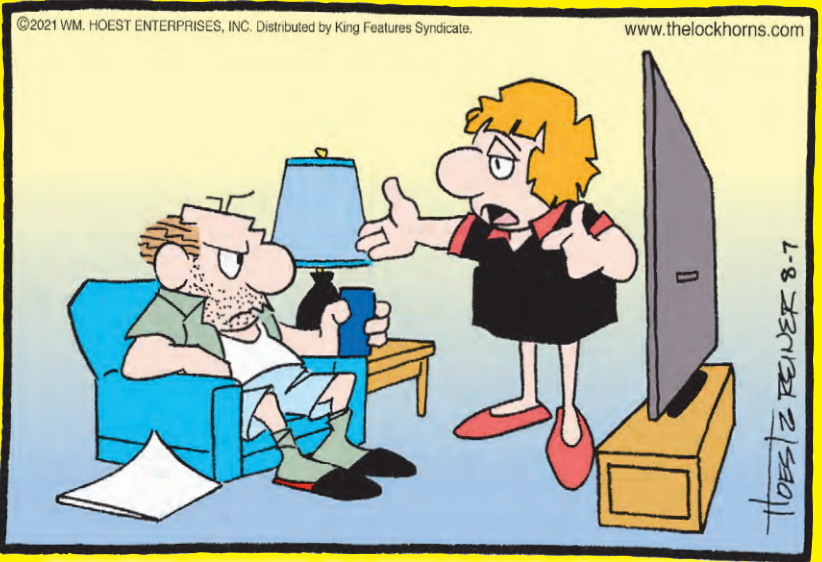
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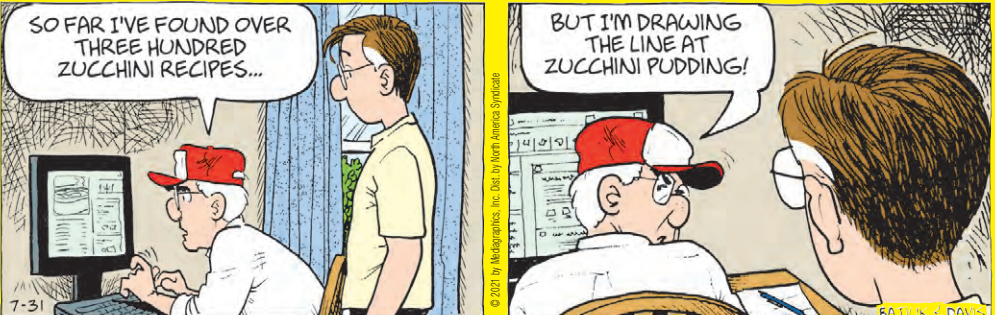
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Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



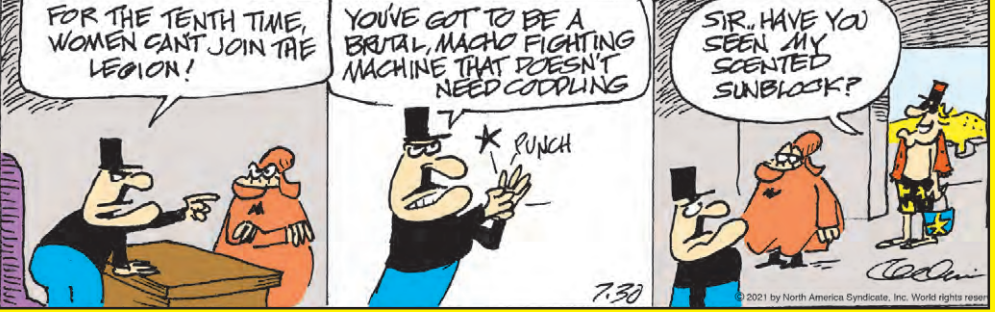
## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



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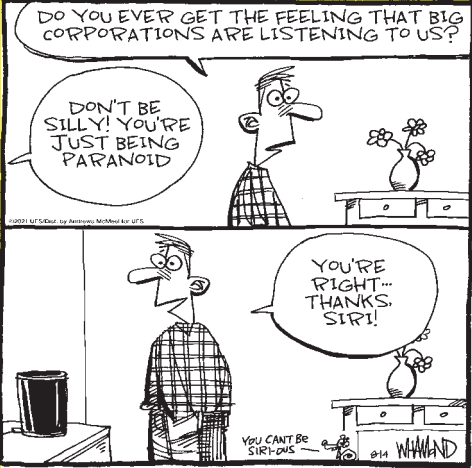
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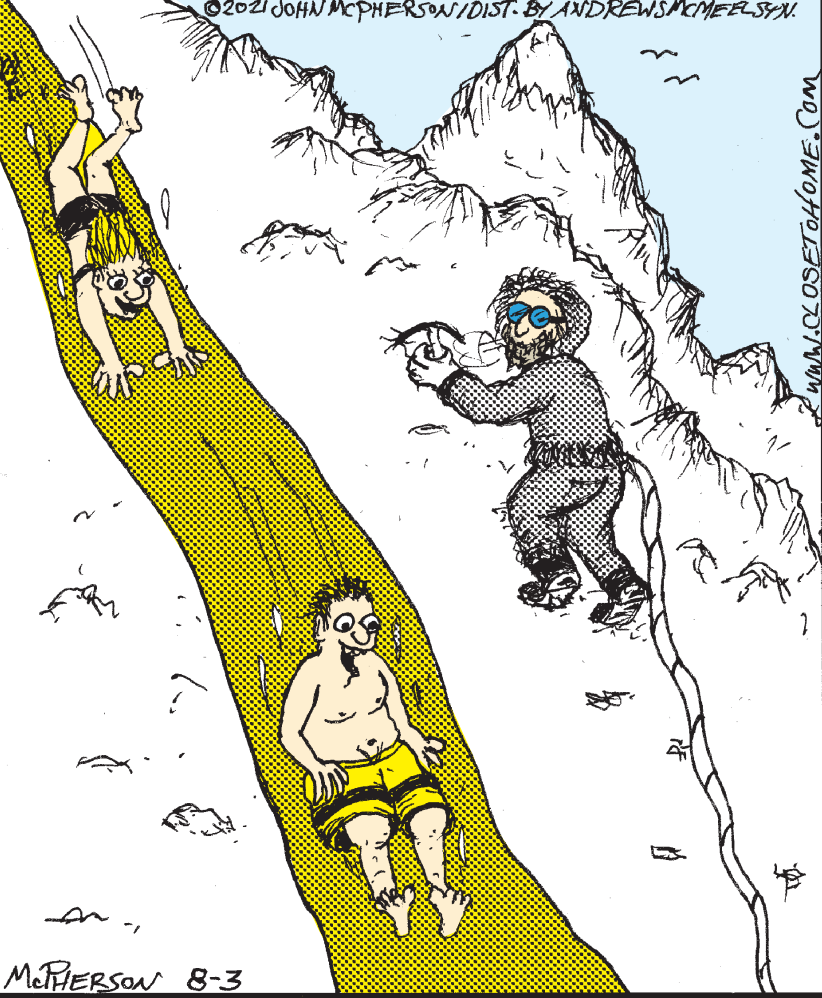
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Dan Piraro and Wayno



## Close To Home

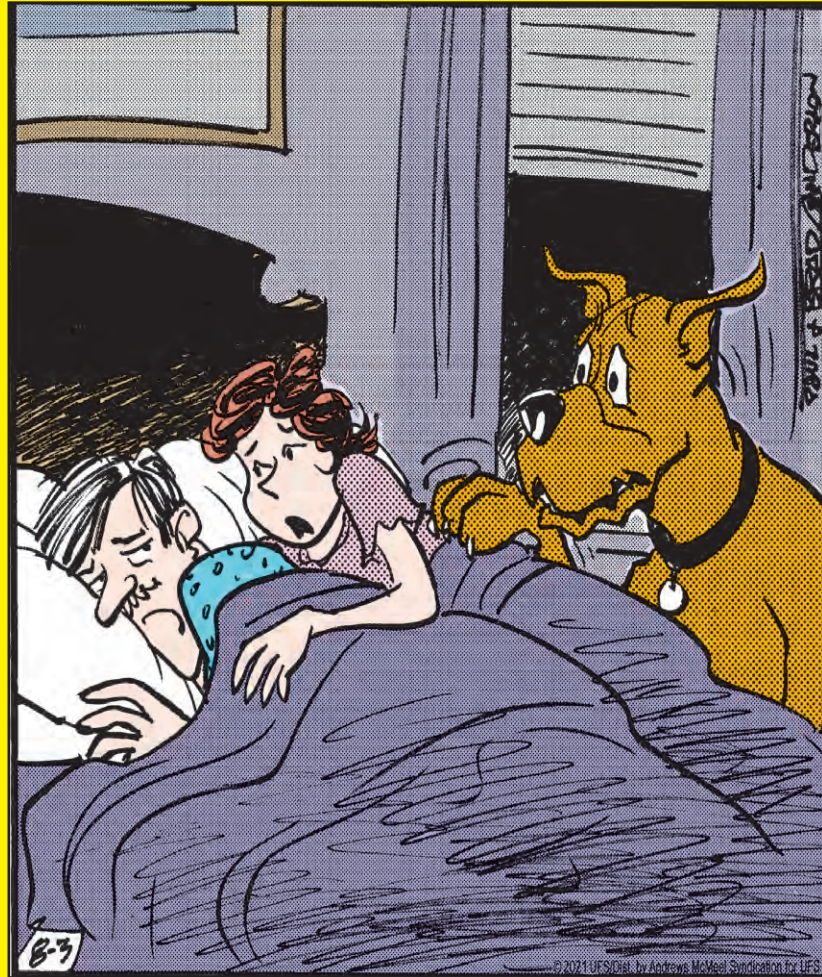
John McPherson



To commemorate their 50th anniversary, Slip'n Slide creates the longest slide in history.

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"But Marmaduke wants Daddy to tuck him in tonight."

# SPORTS

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## DeLoof reflects on Olympic journey

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

The Olympic Games have drawn to a close and Grosse Pointe native Catie DeLoof returned home from Tokyo last week, bringing an Olympic medal back to her hometown. The 24-year-old Grosse Pointe South and University of Michigan alum got her first Olympic experience in a setting that was unlike anything most Olympians have ever seen before.

Returning from Tokyo, DeLoof is not only bringing back a medal, but also a new perspective on her swimming career.

“It really gave me some time to appreciate the journey that I’ve been on the past 24 years and the highs and lows and everything in between,” DeLoof said. “I don’t think I can put into words how happy, honored and humbled I am to represent our country because it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

DeLoof earned a bronze medal in Tokyo as part of the United States Women’s 4x100-meter freestyle relay swim team. She qualified for

the team by finishing in fifth place with a time of 0:53.87 at the United States Olympic swimming trials in June.

Her experiences at the Olympic trials, where her sisters Ali and Gabby DeLoof also competed, and in the actual Olympics in Tokyo were quite different for DeLoof.

“Honestly, I think qualifying at trials for the Olympics was a lot more nerve-racking and more pressure for myself personally because the USA has so many elite athletes,” she said. “You have your own pressure and pressure from parents, family, support people and coaches, but you have to remember that this only happens once every four years and take time to step back and reflect on your journey.”

After making it onto the Olympic team, DeLoof joined her fellow Team USA swimmers in Hawaii for pre-Olympics training. While there, she and her teammates underwent COVID-19 testing every day before they were finally able to head to Tokyo.

Once arriving in Japan for the Games, DeLoof



COURTESY PHOTO

At her first Olympics, Catie DeLoof won a bronze medal with the women’s 4x100-meter freestyle relay team.

and the rest of the swim team had to spend nearly a week in quarantine outside of the Olympic village before being able to compete. When the time finally came to get in the pool, there were no spectators inside the Tokyo

venues, making DeLoof’s first experience in an Olympic environment a unique one.

“I can’t really say if it helped or hurt because I’ve never been to an Olympics before,” DeLoof said. “During our

ISL (International Swimming League) season, we had no spectators so most of us who were professionals kind of had an idea of what to expect and how it was without spectators and I think at least from my perspective that helped. ... That was our mindset, just to stay calm and think about how we can handle this because nothing could be worse than the year we had, but we still made it to the Olympics.”

DeLoof’s 4x100-meter relay was one of the first swimming events to take place in Tokyo after the Games opened. She was joined by Olivia Smoliga, Natalie Hinds and fellow Michigander Allison Schmitt on the relay team that finished second place in their preliminary heat.

Although not racing in the final round, DeLoof was awarded the bronze medal as part of the team when the United States finished third behind Canada and gold medal winners Australia. Now that she is back in Grosse Pointe and able to show her medal to family and friends, DeLoof still is processing what it truly

means to be an Olympic medalist.

“I don’t think it’s actually set in, to be honest,” she said. “Being home with my family and friends, it’s helped me realize how much it means to me. I’ve done it for them and for my country as well. Obviously, I’m super happy to bring home a medal for our country and hometown.”

With DeLoof being from Grosse Pointe and her teammate Schmitt, a 10-time Olympic medalist from Canton, Michigan roots were strong this summer in Tokyo. Through her journey swimming at Olympic Trials, training and competing in Tokyo, DeLoof always knew her hometown was in her corner.

“I’m very thankful for all the support I’ve gotten from everyone in Grosse Pointe and the state of Michigan while I was in Tokyo,” she said. “It does mean a lot to me. I see all the messages people send and can’t reply to everyone, but I hope they know that this medal is for them too and I wouldn’t be here without everyone.”

## Players take field as football practice begins



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe North players face off in 7 vs. 7 during the first day of fall practice on Monday.



Grosse Pointe South head coach Tim Brandon and his team began the week with their first official practice of the season.



University Liggett School quarterback Carson Roose takes snaps at the Knights’ opening practice Monday afternoon.



The Blue Devils’ offensive line practices blocking during the year’s opening practice.

# Richards family leads AAU national championship squad

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

As he waits to get back to coaching the varsity girls basketball team at Grosse Pointe South this winter, Kevin Richards is spending his summer working on collecting more trophies. Taking on coaching duties of the Puma 1 of 1 15U boys AAU basketball squad, Richards and his players were crowned champions at the 2021 Gym Rats Basketball National Championship in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Richards's team for the tournament consisted of some of the best 15U basketball talent from around southeast Michigan, including someone very close to Richards himself. His son, Karter, took the court for the team, helping bring the trophy to Michigan and create lasting memories as father

and son.

"It was great and I'm really proud of him," Richards said. "He bounced back and had a really great spring and summer with South, and our 1 of 1 team and ended up being a huge contributor to us being able to win that national championship."

The Puma 1 of 1 team, sponsored by NBA Rookie of the Year LaMelo Ball, found itself up against some of the toughest competition in the country in Fort Wayne. Possibly the biggest test for the squad was its semifinal matchup against a team from the popular Nike Elite Youth Basketball League.

"Typically EYBL teams have all the best players and we played them in the semifinal and beat them by 13, which was a great win for our program," Richards said.

After defeating the

EYBL team in the semis, Richards and his team defeated the local Indy Heat squad to take home the championship. With some of the top 15U talent from around the Detroit area and the state on the court for him, Richards is confident a victory like this is helping build on the respected reputation of basketball talent from Michigan.

"I think Michigan, and Detroit specifically, has always had a history of successful AAU programs," he said. "This was big for us because we got started late and it's our first year as a program. ... I think we'll continue to grow and look to start more youth teams in the younger divisions than 15U, but we're very fortunate and excited. Overall we ended up going 35-5 over the spring and summer, so a pretty successful year."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEVIN RICHARDS

The 15U Puma 1 of 1 AAU basketball team won the Gym Rats Basketball National Championship in Fort Wayne, Ind.



Coach Kevin Richards and his son Karter with the championship trophy.

# Smith sets course record at GAM Championship

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Going into the final round at last week's Golf Association of Michigan Championship, former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil Coalter Smith had no idea his day would end with him making a little bit of history. Entering the last day of

the championship, Smith was in 16th place but finished the round shooting 62, setting a new course record at the Franklin Hills Country Club and ending up second on the leaderboard.

"Honestly the last day I was just trying to have fun," Smith said. "Being in 16th, you want to just find a way to come up to the top 10, or if you play

really well, then top five maybe, if some of the guys up there stumble."

Smith currently is a member of the golf team at the University of Wisconsin. Before becoming a Badger, he was a part of the golf team at South that took home the state championship in 2018 and was named Michigan's Mr. Golf in 2019.

During his record-setting round at the GAM Championship, Smith made six birdies, one

eagle, and finished the round without a single bogey. Even as he played the best round of his career, Smith never paid much attention to the leaderboard or the record books.

"I didn't really think about it," he said. "After I made birdie on 17 and I knew if I made par on 18, I shot 63 and figured that could be close to it. Your goal is never really to break the course record. I was just trying to make up as many spots as I

could. ... After I made the putt on the last hole, one of the caddies told me that I broke the course record and at the time I was in second place."

In the end, Smith finished at five under par for the tournament, finishing in second place behind James Piot from Canton. He also finished three shots ahead of another former Blue Devil, Patrick Sullivan, who ended the championship tied for fourth place.

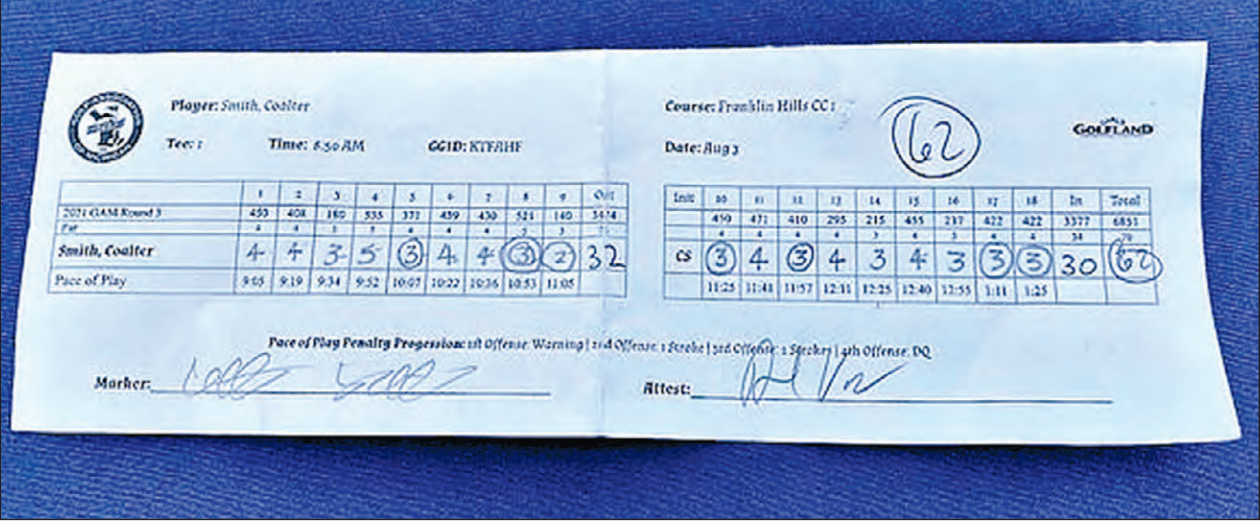
As he prepares to enter his junior year at Wisconsin, his historic round at Franklin Hills is a welcome confidence booster for Smith.

"It gave me a lot of confidence knowing I could shoot 62 on a golf course that was pretty hard and challenging the way they set it up on the last day," he said. "When you do it with your friends and shoot a low round it feels good, but doing it in a tournament is a whole different ball game."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROGER POWERS

Former Grosse Pointe South golfer Coalter Smith set the course record at Franklin Hills Country Club with a score of 62 during last week's GAM Championship.



Smith's scorecard from his record-setting final round at the GAM Championship.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A provision of the Michigan Revised School Code requires all K-12 school districts to provide breakfast programs except in buildings in which less than 20% of the students qualified for lunches at free or reduced rates during the prior school year. In that event, the District may opt not to offer a breakfast program, but it is first required to conduct a public hearing which seeks input from parents and pupils on the issue.

The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System provide a breakfast program at Defer, Mason and Monteith Elementary Schools, Parcels and Pierce Middle Schools and North and South High Schools, but not at other schools. The reason that breakfasts will not be provided at other schools is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:45 p.m., immediately preceding the regular meeting of the Board of Education. This meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room at Brownell Middle School. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

M. Jon Dean, Superintendent  
Acting on Behalf of the Board of Education Secretary

G.P.N.: 8/12/2021

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

For decades, the Zaranek family has played a huge role in coaching youth sports around Grosse Pointe. As Steve Zaranek pre-

pares to be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame this year, his brother, Bob Zaranek, is receiving some recognition of his own.

As a longtime basket-

ball coach, currently working with the girls basketball program at Grosse Pointe South, Bob Zaranek is soon to become a member of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of

Honor. As he and his brother prepare to receive major honors the same year, Zaranek is happy the two of them can give their family something to be proud of.

"We have three older brothers who all paved the path for us and it's been really nice to accomplish something to make them proud to show we learned from them and our mom and dad," Zaranek said.

Zaranek began his coaching career by running various athletic programs, from basketball to volleyball at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in the Park. He served as athletic director at the parish previously, as well as coached several AAU

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 26, 2021

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

1) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:25p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

1) to appoint Richard Barr of the Honigman LLP firm as counsel for the proposed brownfield plan and other potential incentives related to the proposed redevelopment of the Eastland Mall property in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the necessary documents

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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basketball teams. Now, Zaranek works on the coaching staff for South girls basketball in



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT  
**Bob Zaranek will become a member of the BCAM Hall of Honor this fall.**

the winter and spends spring as an assistant coach with North's softball program. Through decades of coaching experience, he has learned what it truly means to be a coach. "The biggest thing is helping young people and keeping them on a good path," Zaranek said. "Coaching to me is a lot bigger than just basketball or softball or anything. Just keeping up with the kids and getting them on the right path so they have activities to do and can learn about life, so I know that's how my brother Steve looks at it and how I look at it, and it's what keeps us doing it." Making it into the Hall of Honor for the BCAM is an accomplishment that shows the sort of

impact Zaranek has had on the sports community of Grosse Pointe. With the honors ceremony approaching in the fall, he knows the real reward for his coaching career is the lasting relationships that have remained strong over the years. "The big award is seeing the kids be successful and learn something and then move forward into college," Zaranek said. "It's more rewarding to get a call when they come back into town to go do something or say, 'Hey coach, can we go shoot hoops?' or something like that. That's really the reward of doing it." Zaranek officially will be inducted into the BCAM Hall of Honor during its banquet Oct. 2.

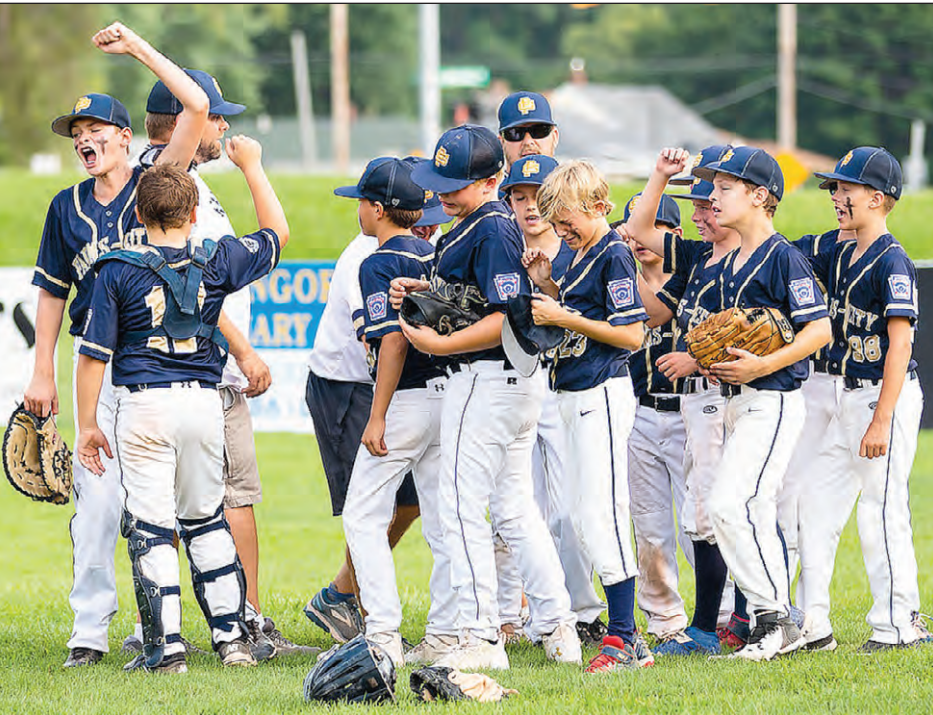


PHOTO BY ERIN WAYMAN

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 11U team finished in second place at the state tournament in Bay City. They defeated Bay City SW in the quarterfinals and Midland in the semifinals before a close 6-5 loss to Commerce in the championship game.

## Grosse Pointe News

# Yard & ESTATE SALE Map

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4. 1377 Devonshire Rd. GPP

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