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Park spikes fake letters

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The merry pranksters and their water carriers who wrote letters to city council under fake names promoting sup-

posedly provocative issues that have been asked and answered were hoisted this month with their own petards. The council no longer reads written comments aloud during the public comment section of

council meetings. Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges announced the change during the April 11 meeting. “In order to achieve the best practice, we will no longer be taking writ-

ten comment,” she said. “We did that throughout the (COVID-19) pandemic, thinking it was appropriate all had access to the deliberation process. As we researched that matter, we understand the best

practice is to do in-person comment. That preserves the process and good information sharing.” “People behind a keyboard and an anonymous letter are very different from people face to face,” said Councilman Max Wiener, among five council members beginning inaugural terms in

November along with former councilwoman Hodges in her new role as mayor. “If somebody has harsh criticism they want to voice in council, I’m not going to stifle that. But, if you believe so strongly in something, do it in person. Do it to our faces. That is not a tall ask.”

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The new play structure is set to be constructed after Labor Day and is estimated to take two weeks.

Pier Park to replace play structure

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Through a \$150,000 partnership with the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, the Farms will be constructing a new and improved play structure at the entrance of Pier Park come fall. “The playground that sits there currently is anywhere from 25-plus years old,” Parks and Recreation Director

Chris Galatis said. “It is beginning to fail in numerous areas. Wooden posts (are) failing and deteriorating at the bottom (and) some of the play equipment has gotten (through) its useful life.” Residents can expect one last summer of the current playscape. Construction of the new green and blue structure — along with an Oodle Swing, Curva Spinner and Cozy Dome — is anticipated to begin right

after Labor Day and take approximately two weeks to complete. The contract with Penchura LLC, not to exceed \$311,209, covers the removal of the prior playground equipment, installation of ground cover and new equipment and work to enhance the landscaping, including the replacement of any bushes that may be harmed in the process. “Given the very generous contribution from

the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, this playground is roughly about \$500 a month for the next 25 years,” Councilman Neil Sroka said of the city’s expenses. “So it’s a very cost-efficient way to spend this money, given how well utilized we know that playground is.” Rather than going the route of poured-in-place ground cover, which was

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Charlevoix to close for sewer repairs

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While the City of Grosse Pointe was hoping to save money and inconvenience by repairing a section of the 20-inch Charlevoix sewer with sewer lining last month, the attempt was unsuccessful. “When they went in to start cleaning the pipe ... what was happening (was) material kept on falling in, so they weren’t able to get that liner in to adhere to the existing pipe,” Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said, “so now we have to go back and actually do

the old traditional method of digging up the road and cutting out the section of pipe and putting a new piece of pipe in its place.” A section of Charlevoix between Lakeland and University likely will be closed next week for three to four days as the construction takes place. The hole created for the work, Randazzo said, will be approximately 15 by 30 feet and 20 feet deep. The new section of pipe is anticipated to last 50 to 100 years.

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Sign ordinance update coming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The new assistant city manager joined the staff last week with a regulatory albatross around his neck from his prior job supervising St. Clair. “The ordinance I found most challenging to interpret and enforce in 2 ½ years in St. Clair was our sign ordinance,” said Warren Rothe, the Park’s second in command since last week. The challenge continues. Rothe, the new go-to man on ordinance revisions, is sadder and

wiser for seeing during his inaugural Park city council and ordinance committee meetings how the burden of preserving constitutional protections in a sign ordinance knows no jurisdictional boundary. Rough revisions of the ordinance mistakenly made it final form on the Monday, April 11 council agenda, prompting Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance committee, to receive unanimous council support to table it. “These (comments) were combined in dis-

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City takes stand against HP surcharge

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following the trend of southeast Michigan communities, the City became the second Grosse Pointe to approve withholding the Highland Park surcharge from its Great Lakes Water

Authority payments Monday night. According to the GLWA, Highland Park paid only approximately 50 percent of its sewer charges between 2013 and March 2021, while since April 2021, it has paid none at all. Because of this — as laid out in a 2011 court order that requires bad

debt expense recovery from one customer be recovered from that same customer class — the bad debt has been credited to the other southeast Michigan member communities. “Most cities that are objecting to the payment

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Woods sees increase in larcenies, fraud

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In 2021, Grosse Pointe Woods saw an 18 percent increase in overall crime, according to the department of public safety’s annual report, presented at a council meeting Monday, April 4. Director of Public Safety John Kosanke also was proud to debut many improvements to equipment in the department throughout the year.

An 18 percent increase, total crimes reported rose from 446 in 2020, to 525 in 2021. The statistic still falls below the five-year average in the city, which is 561.

The city saw 383 non-index crimes, which are defined as less serious offenses, like crimes of curfew and loitering laws; damage to property; disorderly conduct; driving under the influence; drug abuse violations; drunkenness; embezzlement; forgery and counterfeiting; fraud; gambling; liquor laws; offenses against family and children; other assaults; prostitution and commercialized vice; runaways; sex offenses; stolen property; and weapon misuse, among other things. Index crimes, defined as more serious crimes and consisting of aggravated assault, arson, auto theft, burglary, criminal homicide, criminal sexual conduct, larceny and robbery, reported to the department were 142.

Larceny continued to be the highest index crime, with 107 reported incidents. This is an increase from 2020,

when 73 were reported. Kosanke said these larcenies, many of which are larceny from auto accounts, contributed highly to the 18 percent jump in crime the annual report depicts.

“One category has really made an impact on that 18 percent,” Kosanke said. “It’s not like all crime has gone up and it’s rampant throughout the city. It’s a couple of crimes that we continue to have problems with — every community has problems with it, really — that’s what is driving that 18 percent number.”

Calls for service, Kosanke noted, were at a five-year low for the department, down about 4,000 calls from 2017.

“There’s been a big drop in our calls for service,” he said. “... We’ve been keeping a lid on all the serious crimes.”

Other crimes noted in the annual report included major index crimes of aggravated assault and burglary, which each decreased by one; one robbery reported, compared to none in 2020; criminal sexual conduct reduced from four to one in 2021; intimidation/stalking had its lowest statistic in five years, with 12 reports; fraud increased from 94 to 107; two narcotic crimes; 17 incidents of auto theft; public peace crimes rose 60 percent; and retail fraud dropped 55 percent. The department saw no reports of arson or criminal homicide.

Perhaps most notably for the department, Kosanke said, was the addition of a brand new E-One ladder truck, put

into service in June 2021.

“That was probably one of the biggest highlights because we replaced a 31-year-old aerial truck,” he said. “So the year started off really well with receiving that and then followed by many months of training to get that truck into service.”

Added Kosanke, the acquisition of the new fire truck was years in the making, with setbacks seen due to COVID-19 and tariffs. The truck has a higher pumping capacity and is easier to use and set up, which Kosanke said is crucial in getting fires taken care of as soon as possible.

“So far, so good,” he said. “The officers really, really like it. There’s a lot of technology in there. It’s a lot easier to use.”

Additional improvements to the department include two new Ford Police Interceptor vehicles; new apparatus bay doors; 30 body cameras and eight in-car video systems; 15 bulletproof vests; 10 automated external defibrillators; a portable speed radar sign; and a new washing machine for prisoner laundry.

The department accomplished 4,898 hours of training in the year. Two officers were sent to a 40-hour crisis intervention training program in the City of Grosse Pointe and, along with the other Grosse Pointes, the department became part of the first joint crisis intervention team in the country. The whole department also

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Protect the environment

Sgt. Thomas Dionne of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department responded to a call March 19, to the area of Lakeshore and Tonnacour to assist a citizen who was concerned about deflated balloons that had landed in Lake St. Clair, approximately 20 feet from the seawall.

“The citizen advised that she was concerned about the environmental impact that these balloons place upon wildlife, especially ducks and geese,” Dionne said. “I noticed a large cluster of balloons that had washed up on a sandbar. The water was only about 12 inches deep between the shoreline and the sandbar. It required little effort to retrieve the balloons from the water. Thankfully, the water never even got inside my boots, as our residents ensure that we are provided with the very best equipment.

“I’d ask that folks remember the impact of releasing balloons in the air,” he added. “They create potential environmental concerns for wildlife and create litter.”

Main Street grant to fund holiday decor

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Last Christmas, the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation put \$5,000 toward revamping The Village Christmas tree, which takes center stage during downtown holiday festivities each year. Its backdrop is now set for a similar makeover, as Main Street Grosse Pointe has received a

\$20,000 grant for holiday decor.

Awarded through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and intended to support downtown improvement projects, the grant will help MSGP tackle one of its main 2022 project goals.

“The holiday decor that we had was on its last legs for sure and, really, it’s a testament to the people who hung it last

year that it looked good,” Main Street Director Cindy Willcock said of the 15-year-old garland. “The fact that the Grosse Pointe Foundation did such a great job on the tree I think helped dim the fact that the rest of the decor had reached the end of its lifespan. So we knew we would have this big expense when this grant opportunity came up.”

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Keeping alive innuendo

It is officially circumstantial that ending public recitation coincides with no longer mandating social distancing as COVID fears wane.

Yet, officials in the Park have been grouching for months about being side-tracked into games of Guess Who? with what they believe are nom de plumes attached to seemingly contrived inquiries that someone or some group considers hot buttons but lacks credibility to do so honestly.

The latest and last instance occurred at the March council meeting.

Someone whose identity City Manager Nick Sizeland said he couldn’t confirm submitted a letter implying municipal wrongdoing in the purchase more than five years ago of commercial landscaping property on Alter Road in Detroit.

Councilman Vikas

Relan, elected to office two years before the newcomers, sided with the letter writer. Without explanation, he questioned the city’s method of purchase, the terms of payment and doubted the best interests of municipal officials at the time of the transaction.

As when he and then-Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt complained about the sale during a council meeting last fall, Relan did not respond in March to an interview request for a follow-up story about the sale and reasons for his opposition.

Fluitt resigned a couple months ago and moved out of state. Before leaving, she called Park voters racist for rejecting her preferred municipal candidates in November.

Seeking accountability

“During the start of the pandemic, we were looking at ways to provide more transparency for residents, one being written public comments,” Sizeland said last week. “Members of the public

appreciated it. As the pandemic has been getting lower, we looked into phasing it out.”

He’s never been able to determine the identity of the March letter writer. Nor has anyone taken credit.

“We would vet letters to see if comments were coming from residents or from outside the city, because you’re allowed to be a resident from another city and provide public comment here,” Sizeland said. “I know our last one was a fake name. I read it (publicly) because I wanted to follow the city’s recent practice.”

It was representative of what he called a “handful” of fake letters that had administrators chasing their tails.

“The pandemic is ending,” Sizeland said. “The policy is being phased out.”

Councilman Brian Brenner, chairman of the community engagement committee, initially opposed the policy change.

“I — and I think this

would be of unanimous opinion — don’t want to get in the way of any communication between residents and city officials,” Brenner said. “But it was instituted as a COVID measure because we could not meet in person.”

He discussed it with Sizeland.

“He took me through the process of vetting,” Brenner said. “Obviously, there was uncertainty about the source of some of these letters. The administration was spending time having to vet letters. That is probably not my first choice for the use of the resources.”

Reciting someone else’s letter by proxy is allowed.

Park resident Karen Stock read a letter to council last week she said was written by fellow resident Steve Wildern, unable to attend the meeting.

“I work evenings,” Wildern wrote, according to Stock. “Unless I were to take vacation time to attend council meetings,

I am unable to participate in these public meetings. I was disappointed when remote public comments were eliminated. Now I am silenced.”

None of the Park council candidates to whose campaigns Wildern donated last year won office. Campaign donations are filed with the Wayne County clerk.

“The idea that people are being stifled is completely untrue,” Wiener said. “The resident who had a concern with it had somebody else read it into the record.”

“(Wildern) works Monday evenings and is therefore not able to appear in person, so he wants to write, which is understandable,” Brenner said. “That said, he sent that email to council, so we all got the message. Later, at the meeting, he was able to find somebody to read the message for him in person, which I agree is a big lift. Folks shouldn’t have to do that to get their message out, but it is another avenue to get your message heard

before a council meeting. There are many avenues to get your thoughts through to its intended audience.”

Around the league

In Grosse Pointe Shores, letters to council are read in open session simply because there are so few requests to do so, according to City Manager Steve Poloni.

“Every once in a while, they’ll read something into the record,” he said.

Not in the City of Grosse Pointe.

“I’ve never heard of that,” Manager Pete Dame said.

In the Farms, letters from the public are provided to council members but not necessarily read aloud during meetings.

“The public comment period is for people who are there in person,” Farms Manager Shane Reeside said.

Arthur Bryant, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods, said, “It’s never come up. I don’t think I would do that and I don’t consider it a good practice.”



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Carelessness coming at a cost

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An extension of the retail rule, “if you break it, you bought it,” is in the works at city hall.

The ordinance committee is researching the creation of a cost recovery policy by which negligent non-residents must reimburse the city for commanding police, fire-fighting and ambulance resources.

Bryan Jarrell, the Park’s director of public safety, proposed the idea to city council Monday,

April 11.

“We’re looking at partnering with a company which specializes in cost recovery for public safety,” he said. “In essence, they submit a claim against a negligent party’s insurance to recover the cost of us responding.”

Jarrell suggested the Park’s policy be carried out by R. Moore Solutions, headquartered in Ohio.

“(Cost recovery) is being looked at more and more because public safety is continually being asked to do more

with less budget dollars,” said Regina Moore, CEO. “The idea behind cost recovery, if you’re doing it properly, is to be fiscally responsible and fair. It’s not to injure anyone.”

Policies can be tailored per community.

“It’s not a cash cow,” Moore said. “It just alleviates some of the tax burden from taxpayers. All of that money would be put back in the public safety budget.”

Jarrell cited a recent traffic crash on Jefferson which occupied several of his officers for hours.

“If it’s a resident, they

will not be addressed at all,” Jarrell said. “It’s only for people who don’t live in the Park who cause a drain on our resources that they don’t pay taxes for.”

Implementation requires a cost recovery ordinance.

“I would love to see that,” said Councilman Tom Caufield, chairman of the ordinance committee.

“It would be for both police and fire,” Jarrell said. “If our trucks roll, we’d get cost recovery.”

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South rallies around classmate after fire

Fundraiser is this Saturday

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — What initially sounded like a best-case scenarion when a St. Clair house fire last week was contained to a single bedroom, grew dimmer when the Grosse Pointe South High School student who occupied the room learned she had lost all her belongings.

“We were dispatched to smoke filling up the house at about 2 a.m. (Saturday, April 16),” lead officer on the scene Sgt. Chris Saunders said. “Upon arrival, there was heavy smoke and within a minute, flames began to shoot out of a window (at) the first-floor bedroom.”

Thanks to the quick action of City, Farms and Park officers, the fire was extinguished in about 10 minutes, there were no injuries and even the family’s cats came out unscathed.

However, 100 percent of what was in the bedroom, Saunders said, was destroyed.

Liv Livingstone, a South senior and hockey

and softball player, was spending the night at a friend’s house at the time of the fire. Set to soon play hockey at Michigan State University, her losses include all her clothes, personal belongings and what she had begun to collect for college.

Rallying around their teammate, the South softball team is planning a fundraiser Saturday, April 23.

Taking place between games of South’s round-robin tournament — the first of which starts at 10 a.m. at the South varsity field on Kercheval next to the main library — and at the suggestion of the team captains, the fundraiser will be a “Toss-A-Ball” contest.

Participants will pay for a chance to toss a ball over the fence to see who can get the closest to the pitching mound. The winner will earn a \$50 gift certificate, while the remainder of the money will be donated to Livingstone.

“One of the great things about our community is

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With a significant portion of the upgrades anticipated to be ready in time for this year’s Christmas festivities, the funding will go toward replacement garland, light strands and bows for The Village light poles; conversion of all lighting to LED for better energy efficiency and lifespan extension; and incorporation of programmable lights for the clock arch.

As a focal point along Kercheval, the arch has been decorated in the past for occasions such as Christmas and the annual “Get Your Pink On” event. The programmable lights will allow the colors decorating the arch to be changed far more often and with a fraction of the effort.

“That clock arch is such an integral part and such an icon — in the Grosse Pointes even, not just in The Village — so we want to make sure we’re honoring it as much as we can and showcasing it and highlighting it,” Willcock said.

Also by using the grant funds, MSGP plans to incorporate the addition of a new, large feature to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Part of the grant funds will go toward replacing the 15-year-old garland wrapped around The Village light poles each Christmas season.

draw attention and offer photo opportunities this winter.

Possible options under consideration include a giant, lighted, walk-through arch shaped like a Christmas ornament and large letters that spell out “Joy.”

“We know the tree is a great photo backdrop and we love the tree,” Willcock said, “but let’s create some other opportunities in other areas of town, so that people are taking pictures all over The Village and then sharing that out there, because that helps promote The Village and our businesses as well.”

Beyond enhancing the

downtown holiday experience, she explained, the intent is to “draw attention to The Village to create that destination at a time that’s so important to retailers and small businesses. A lot of them, their entire year is made and dependent on how successful they are, so to find this grant that enhanced the physical look and enhanced what the community felt about The Village, but really also to be a driver of economic development and prosperity during that time, is a huge deal and is really good for our businesses.”

The grant was part of \$160,000 in funds

awarded to eight Michigan communities in early April.

“Vibrant downtown areas are critical to creating jobs, attracting new investments and helping local businesses build a foundation for long-term success in Michigan,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in a press release. “These grants will help communities in both peninsulas invest in their downtowns, developing unique places where people want to live, visit, work and play. Small businesses are the cornerstone of our economy and we must continue working together to help them thrive.”

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received certification in first responder mental health training.

A 27-year employee retired: Lt. David Gardzella moved to part-time work with the department of public works after a long career in public safety. Two promotions — Mark Agnetti to the rank of sergeant and Brian Conigliaro to

lieutenant — occurred, and three new hires were made: Public Safety Officer Douglas Copple, Records Clerk Kim Rupinski and Communications Dispatcher Meredith Williamson.

“As we move into the future of 2022, my top priority will continue to be the safety and well-being of members of the community,” Kosanke said in a letter. “I welcome suggestions from

residents and business owners for improvements that can be made or for alerting us about problems which need resolutions. I will continue to work to the best

of my ability to make this department the best that it can be.”

To view the annual report in its entirety, visit gpwmi.us/publicsafety/page/annual-reports.

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Council unanimously approved the \$38,500 contract to Fontana Construction, which worked with the city for open cut repairs in 2014, during its meeting Monday night. The funds will come out of the City’s

water and sewer fund.

“For that type of project,” Randazzo said, “that’s pretty fair market value.”

The \$11,160 contract that had been approved with Pipetek Industrial Services for the sewer lining during the March council meeting was canceled.

— Laurel Kraus

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Pointer helps others live their healthiest lives

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Inspired by her own journey to health and healing, Rachael Schroeder has made it her mission to share with others the knowledge she's gained. The owner of Rhythm & Blue Juice Co., and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Schroeder said she finds purpose in helping others help themselves live their healthiest lives. "I started playing around with juices around the house," the 2000 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate said. "I was on a healing journey; I had some health issues. So I took the knowledge base I had my whole life, using alternative and natural therapies ... and began healing from all the stuff I was going through at the time." She shared the colorful juice combinations with her friends, who quickly became among

Schroeder's first "customers." "I'm an artist, so I play around with colors," she said, noting apart from being pleasing to the eye, the juices are nutritionally dense. "I try to make them different and people love it." The fast-growing popularity of her special blends prompted Schroeder to start a business two and a half years ago, in the kitchen at The Hill Seafood & Chop House in Grosse Pointe Farms. "I had an idea for a juice delivery service," she said. "I'd take pre-orders during the week, make the juices Sunday when the restaurant was closed and then deliver during the week. It grew organically." It also outgrew The Hill. Just more than a year ago, Schroeder opened Rhythm & Blue on Mack to share her products with a wider audience. "We developed a fol-

lowing that warranted our own space," she said. Rhythm & Blue was so well-received, Schroeder recently opened a second location in Corktown. "We still make everything in Grosse Pointe," she noted. "We buy our produce locally from Eastern Market and stock our location in Corktown with juices made in Grosse Pointe." Furthering the fluidity to Detroit, Schroeder takes compost to the community farm at Lakeview and Alter, "assisting in that effort and using the grounds in Detroit to give back to the earth," she said. The newlywed — she married Kevin Schroeder in September — said there is little time these days for life outside of work, but it works for them. "We are a good team," she said. "He handles the produce orders. This is our life right now. "I have a really great team behind me," she

added. "Without them, none of this would be possible. Especially my husband. He has allowed me to do what I love and turn it into something helpful for a lot of people." Schroeder, who has two sons — one at the University of Michigan and one at Western Michigan University — said helping people feel good and promoting good health puts a smile on her face, just as she put smiles on people's faces during the pandemic. "We donated juices to healthcare workers, to try to be a part of something," she said. "Our customers donated to us so we could do that. Those are the things that keep me going. This place gives me purpose. I'm very driven by watching other people benefit from how I can help them. ... This is helping people, especially during the pandemic. It's a way to stay healthy and keep your immune system up."



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Rachael and Kevin Schroeder, who work together at Rhythm & Blue Juice Co., were married last fall.

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cussion from our last ordinance meeting that were prematurely put forward," Caulfield said of the document. "There needs to be a whole lot more discussion on this." He repeated and expanded the reasoning at the ordinance meeting Thursday, April 14. "It's complicated because of the Supreme Court ruling," Caulfield said. "The sign ordinance is challenging because it has to be content-neutral," City Manager Nick Sizeland explained. "This went to council without going through procedure," added Councilwoman Christine Gallagher, also of the ordinance committee. "I had not seen it. We had no opportunity to comment on it." Also at the ordinance meeting, Assistant City Attorney Erica Shell introduced a four-step flowchart by which commissioners can track the status of each project. Rothe said revisions to the sign ordinance should involve the planning commission

because sign provisions pervade zoning ordinances. "Our zoning ordinance probably should be evaluated as the step that logically follows the master plan adoption," he said. "Normally, part of the master plan is the zoning plan. Let's finish the master plan, then work with the planning commission." The master plan update is so far behind schedule — the once every five-year review began 3 ½ years ago — council members interjected themselves in the process last week in an attempt to hurry things up. "It's taken a very long time getting a master plan done," Gallagher said. "My concern would be putting more on their plate and distracting them from the focus at hand." "There's a problem with our sign ordinance right now," Caulfield said. "We want to fix things that are unenforceable." "It's a document that's going to take a lot of thought, input (and) tweaking because you want it to be solid," said Councilman Marty McMillan, of the three-member ordinance

committee. "It's most important that we get it done right as opposed to getting it done quickly," Gallagher said. "Ninety days is enough time." There are lawn signs, wall signs, sandwich board signs, pylon signs, billboard signs, canopy signs, blade signs, flags and more. They advertise or inform about politics, ideology, religious events, community events, personal events such as birthdays, graduations and weddings. Residential signs, commercial signs, municipal signs, regulatory, warning, identification, directional and more. "It's a huge topic," Rothe said. "There's a time and place for signs. We probably should be looking at signage across all zoning districts in the city. We thought it would be appropriate to revisit it as part of a broader discussion of the zoning ordinance." **Premature provisions** The premature ordinance addressed only signs in areas zoned for residential use. Provisions limited five signs per plot, none larger than 36-by-36 inches and to be con-

structed of either corrugated plastic, plastic poly bag or polycoated cardboard. Further, two signs per lot may be displayed for an indefinite period of time whereas additional signs must be taken down after 60 consecutive days. Prior to the council tabling consideration, Park resident and attorney Ed Keelean spoke against the measure. "I'm a Democratic precinct delegate and routinely use lawn signs as a way to communicate upcoming issues, candidates and elections," he said. "The lawn sign is the poor man's billboard. This ordinance by its nature is discriminatory (because) it's residential. You're eliminating residential lawn signs, not signs on storefronts on main thoroughfares. It is not content neutral by virtue if you limit residential lawn signs; you're only dealing with residential folks' ability to communicate with their constituents." During the ordinance meeting, Kay Agney, owner of Highbie Maxon Agney real estate in Grosse Pointe Farms, said the ordinance draft that was tabled at the council meeting out-

laws her agency's lawn signs measuring 20 inches wide by 53 inches tall. "To put it on a small, square sign isn't going to work," Agney told commissioners. "It would be too smushed. It was designed this way so it stood out from other signs." The agency dates to 1929, but the timing of proposed limits to sign dimensions couldn't have been worse. "We just ordered all new signs," Agney said. **Court ruling** In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the sign ordinance in Gilbert, Ariz., unconstitutional because it treated a church's temporary direction sign differently than political and ideological ones. "The Supreme Court found that these types of distinctions that are based on the content of the sign favored certain types of signs (i.e., speech) and violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution," according to a 2017 Fact Sheet by the Michigan Municipal League. "An important rule from this case is: If you need to read the message on a sign to

determine how it is regulated, then the regulation is content-based." "(Signs) should all be treated equally and fairly," said Shell. "Zoning is one way you can tailor it to the community that surrounds. So, (if) we don't want billboards in a residential neighborhood, zoning is a way to do that without saying, 'I don't like the billboard.'" "The only thing you can regulate are types of signs (and) size of signs," Rothe said. "Where people get into trouble is not that they're trying to pick on certain kinds of signs, but because they're trying to be nice," Shell said. "So, we make a carve-out that says, 'Real estate signs are exempt from the size restriction because we've just heard a very thoughtful public comment from someone.' That is not intended to inappropriately target anyone, but one person's sign has more rights than other peoples' signs." "The goal would be to take on the sign ordinance at the next ordinance review committee meeting," Rothe said. The meeting is 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in council chambers.

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STAND:

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are doing it to draw attention to the fact that they're unhappy about the situation and hope that someone will help fix it from the outside," City Manager Pete Dame said, "but it is a legitimately approved fee and whether it's added as a surcharge to our bills of all the members of the GLWA specifically, or whether it's just assumed as a cost of all the people that are paying their bills, we are paying it one way or another if Highland Park doesn't. So, to me, it would be mostly (a) means of drawing attention." Through a unanimous vote by council, the City will withhold the \$18,100 it will be charged for Highland Park's debt in fiscal year 2022-23, placing it in an escrow

account just as Grosse Pointe Farms chose to do, as the cities await a resolution. "My sense is that if nobody does anything, there's no incentive for anybody to resolve it," said Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, who also wrote a letter to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on the matter in mid-March. "If we just pay it out, where's the incentive for somebody to come up with a solution? Because it looks like they've been trying for a long time but (have) not come up with anything." The ramifications of the decision that City Attorney Charles Kennedy called "in the nature of a political protest," could include a late fee of 1.5 percent per month and/or mandatory mediation, per the city's contract with the GLWA. "If that mediation pro-

cess, which is nonbinding, did not resolve the dispute," he explained, "then GLWA has the right to go to state circuit court and sue for the debt." If that case became a reality, Tomkowiak noted, the city could simply pay immediately with the funds out of the escrow account. The GLWA currently is suing Highland Park and the state of Michigan for recovery of the bad debt. Council approved the project 6-0, with Councilman John Gillooly absent. "Part of the project is to upgrade the tot lot a little bit too," Councilman Joe Ricci added. "... It's not in the budget plan, but it is in the plan for the foundation to step up and upgrade that at our cost."

April 11. "Penchura did inform us there's a 5 percent increase coming if we don't have the project (purchase order) sent to them by April 15, so we felt we were at the point that it's a great playground. We think that it's one that's going to last for years and years to come, that residents will enjoy."

companies, city officials held meetings with the foundation, parks and harbor committee and the public to share opinions and feedback on the plans. "We are a little bit up against it in terms of everything that's going on in the world today," Galatis informed council at the meeting Monday,

PLAY:

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used in the recent redesign of the City of Grosse Pointe's Rotary Tot Lot, the structure will feature engineered wood fiber chips. The decision was made because poured-in-place materials were nearly double the cost,

Galatis said, and would require early replacement as they wouldn't last the 25 years expected of the new structure. "Folks should know there was a lot of thought that went into the decision to use engineered wood as the base of it," Sroka noted. After choosing Penchura over two other

City of Grosse Pointe

Phone held
hostage

A 69-year-old Grosse Pointe man is suspected of refusing to return his friend's iPhone 11, which was left in his car, due to a previous disagreement.

Criminal
jealousy

During an argument in a Cadieux Road parking structure at 9 p.m. Friday, April 15, a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman pointed a gun at a woman who is involved with the same man.

After being arrested for felonious assault at her home a short time later, the woman subsequently confessed and was criminally charged and arraigned.

House fire

Crews responded to a 911 call at 2 a.m. Saturday, April 16, reporting the smell of burning electrical and smoke inside a home in the 800 block of St. Clair.

Upon arrival, flames were visible. Officers were successful in extinguishing the blaze and containing it to a first-floor bedroom.

The police report noted an "excellent job by all."

Can run,
can't hide

Officers discovered a street sign at Cadieux Road and Charlevoix Street had been struck and was leaning at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, April 17.

They then discovered the damaged, responsible vehicle parked a few

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streets over. The owner, a 32-year-old Hazel Park woman, was cited for leaving the scene.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Honest
intoxication

When an officer stopped for a welfare check on a vehicle parked on Lakeshore Road with its hazard lights on at 2:08 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, the driver said she had stopped to retrieve her phone that had fallen between the seats.

Because of an odor of intoxicants, the officer asked the 51-year-old Detroit woman if she had consumed any alcohol, to which she said she had a glass of wine and two shots an hour prior.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.17 percent, for which she was arrested.

Unlikely
suspects

When a vehicle was pulled over at Mack Avenue and La Belle for a cracked windshield and no plate attached to the trailer at 10:49 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, the driver was let off with citations, but the two passengers were arrested.

A 38-year-old Detroit

man, who initially gave a false name to officers because of a warrant in the city, was arrested for a driving while license suspended warrant, while a 62-year-old Detroit man was arrested for multiple Wayne County warrants including breaking and entering and damage to property.

Unmended fence

Video cameras clearly captured a Farms man using his body, and later a plank of lumber, to press repeatedly into a neighbor's fence in the 400 block of Calvin, intentionally causing \$1,500 to \$3,000 of damage at 11:53 a.m. Tuesday, April 12.

Although he failed to topple it, the fence was left leaning significantly.

Risky red
light run

While driving alongside a vehicle on Mack Avenue at 5:22 a.m. Friday, April 15, an officer stopped for the traffic light at Moross Road as it turned to red. The other vehicle did not.

After being pulled over, the 35-year-old Warren man was arrested for a felony warrant out of Wayne County.

License
suspended

A 22-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving while license suspended, not having insurance and an expired plate, after

being pulled over on Mack Avenue for a broken headlight at 10:04 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

Trespassing

Officers were called to a Kercheval Avenue restaurant at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, April 17, because an employee's ex-boyfriend was at the location. The 32-year-old Woods man is said to have been violent in the past and is not welcome at the establishment.

When two warrants were found out of the Park, he was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

May need
extension

A FedEx package containing tax documents was stolen after being dropped off on a front porch in the 1100 block of Balfour.

The incident was reported shortly before 4 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Town &
Country taken

Someone stole a blue Chrysler Town & Country van parked in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Cadieux between 6 and 8 a.m. Thursday, April 14.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Over the limit

A 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, for drunken driving.

A patrol officer observed a gold 2003 Cadillac DeVille driving northbound on Lakeshore Road near Vernier Road when the driver attempted to use a turn-around to head south on Lakeshore. The officer had to swerve to avoid colliding with the Cadillac after it drove over the curb.

The man said he had been smoking marijuana earlier but denied being intoxicated. The officer observed several empty beer cans and an empty bottle of vodka in the vehicle. The driver failed several field sobriety tests and registered 0.237 percent on a preliminary breath test. He was

arrested and lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail, charged with operating under the influence and no proof of insurance.

— Ted O'Neil
Report information about this and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

License
suspended

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Vernier Road for an expired license tab at 4:57 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, a 25-year-old Detroit resident was only able to produce a Michigan ID card. The driver was issued citations for driving while license suspended, not having insurance and expired plates. The vehicle was impounded.

— Kate Vanderstelt
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OUR VIEW

Extension too soon

If NFL quarterback and seven-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady walked into his general manager’s office asking for a contract extension, new paperwork would be drafted within the day.

On the other hand, if former Detroit Lion Joey Harrington — the third overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft — asked his employers for an extension during his rookie season, on the heels of his controversial selection, he would have gotten laughed out of town (that part happened a few years later). And maybe told to run laps just for asking.

We recognize that very few people are of Brady-esque caliber in their place of employment. But the Grosse Pointe Public Schools stakeholders should demand a much greater body of work, along with measurable achievement, for a contract extension to be considered for Jon Dean and his administrative team.

We also would like to see a data-driven, upward trajectory in multiple areas for longer than the 10 months Dr. Dean has held the position of GPPSS superintendent.

In the April 14 edition of Grosse Pointe News (“Board discusses sup’t, administration contract extensions”), Dr. Dean called the action “routine.” We question how anything can be routine in this era in public education where we have been endlessly told, scolded even, that we are in “unprecedented” times and we need to be “flexible” and willing to “pivot.”

Extending a contract this early should be anything but routine. It should warrant a much greater benchmark than “just because” we have done it this way before. When it was previously done this way, our district was in a dramatically better financial position, with greater enrollment numbers and elite state and national rankings.

We hold our position to delay an extension for several reasons. First, we should all have major concerns about how quickly our BOE can extend an 831-word administrative contract in the course of two weeks (at the head administrator’s own request, mind you). We also can’t reconcile how Dr. Dean negotiates two-year contracts for his own teachers, while seeking to nearly double that with a four-year contract for himself and only select players on the district’s team.

What exactly is the impetus for a contract extension for Team Dean? And why right now? The juice-to-squeeze ratio of this extension benefits administration only and not the community at large. It certainly gives Dr. Dean the job security he seeks. But we fear it potentially infuses an unnecessary element of complacency in our leadership team — something this district can ill-afford.

Then there is the issue of a budget, which is not yet known, that would provide a hard piece of evidence regarding Dr. Dean’s performance. While he did receive a “highly effective” rating in the evaluation of his 10-month-long tenure — and a whopping \$10,000 bonus for it — our Board of Education doesn’t even agree that the proper, most important metrics are being used to evaluate him.

We would detail for you what those metrics are, but we can’t, because the state’s Open Meetings Act iron-

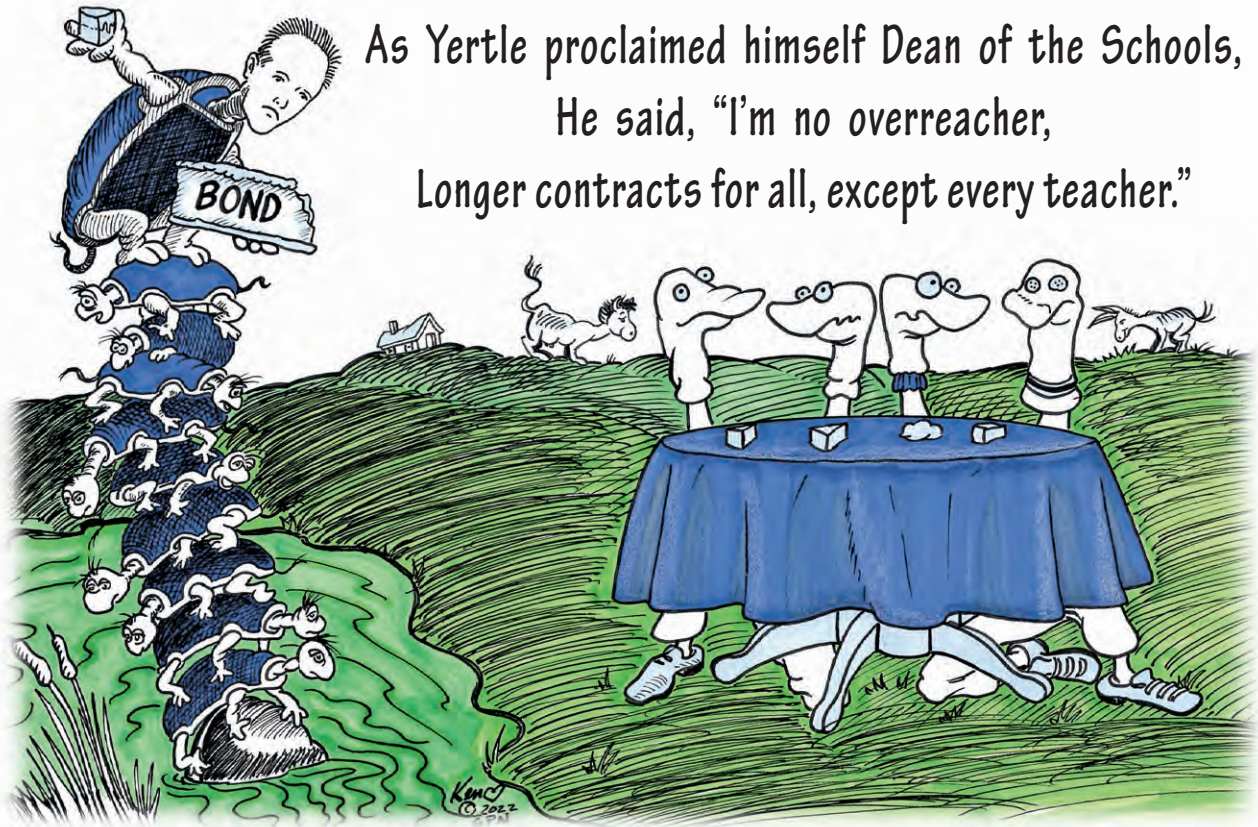


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FROM THE PUBLISHER

On publishing letters to the editor

Last week, the editorial staff and I decided to publish a letter to the editor by Grosse Pointe Board of Education Trustee Lisa Papas. Ms. Papas is one of a handful of local officials who represent all of the Pointes. Questions have been raised as to whether we should have published her letter.

I believe that a fundamental pillar of democracy is giving our elected officials and appointed officials a voice in the press. They should be covered fairly and accurately. Additionally, should they feel the need to write to our paper on newsworthy matters, they usually will find us a receptive paper, for any position they take that impacts the Pointes. It is in the nature of democracy that if you, our readers, do not like their positions or opinions that you use your vote on the matter. I wish more of our elected officials would give their opinion to the voters. Unfortunately, too many candidates have views on issues they are unwilling to be transparent about, thus frustrating the democratic process.

This almost carte blanche permission to use the Grosse Pointe News as a forum will be more restricted



when an elected official is in their own election cycle. In that instance, if letters to the editor become routine and smack of political positions, then the candidate will be asked to submit them as paid political advertisements. This is not an absolute rule and, similar to a debate, if a candidate was mentioned in an article or by their opponent and wishes to respond, our pages are open to them as long as they refrain from libelous or untoward personal comments.

Last, to give you the full picture, during my tenure with the paper we decided not to publish a letter to the editor by an elected official. While I have stated that elected and administrative officials in the Pointes will usually find me more than happy to print their opinions or perceptions on matters under their watch, this letter had previously been widely circulated on Facebook. As always, we reserve the right to refuse publication of anything submitted to the Grosse Pointe News. A strong case would need to be made in order for us to print a previously published letter. Op-eds or letters to the editor that are exclusive to the Grosse Pointe News will be given more weight.

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Roll call for new college grads

If you are graduating from college this spring, the Grosse Pointe News has one last assignment for you: submit a picture of you in your cap and gown — maybe even holding your hard-earned diploma — at your upcoming college graduation ceremonies.

The rubric for this assignment is as follows:

* You must be an alum of Grosse Pointe North, South or University Liggett.

* Your family also can be included in the photo (by and large your parents funded at least some of this endeavor. They are celebrating something too!)

* Snap a photo of you in your cap and gown, preferably somewhere on your beautiful college campus.

* Please identify with first and last names, from left to right, every person in the photo.

* We welcome photos from all colleges from around the country.

* We love your roommates and know you will miss them, but we are featuring alum from Grosse Pointe-based high schools. So if they hail from somewhere like Chicago, Charlevoix or Charlotte (read: not the Pointes), please have them help you with your assignment by taking the picture of you, instead of being in it.

* Group photos: We also would love any group photos with multiple Grosse Pointe-based alum in them, so get your high school people together and recapture those prom “red carpet” days.

* We will accept selfies, as long as you are generally considered the “best selfie taker” by friends and family. In other words, make it a good one.

Due date for this assignment is midnight, Monday, May 16. OK — it doesn’t really have to be turned in at midnight, but we just know how much you will miss that special assignment time your professors have embraced throughout your college years.

Please submit your hi-res photos to mleonard@grossepointenews.com.

Congratulations to you all! We can’t wait to feature this major life accomplishment.

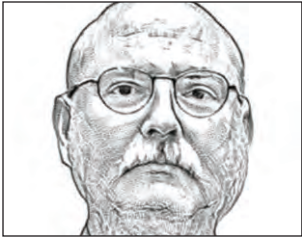
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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Ted O’Neil

Rock, rock, rock, rock, rock ’n’ roll high school



Growing up in metro Detroit, my friends and I had many opportunities to see a lot of great concerts. That was mainly due to the wide variety of venues in the area and trusting parents who were OK with a bunch of teens heading off on our own or, before any of us could drive, with someone’s

older sibling. First and foremost, there’s Pine Knob. I’m glad to see it has returned to its original name, although folks of a certain age never stopped calling it that. Meadowbrook is another nice outdoor setting, albeit more calm. Then there are the places that now exist only in memories — The Silverdome, The Palace and Joe Louis Arena. Over the years we saw Paul McCartney, Bob Seger (multiple times), Bruce Springsteen, The Rolling Stones, REM, The Grateful Dead, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Jimmy Buffett and Eric Clapton.

I even saw Whitney Houston before she hit it big when the girl I was dating in high school won tickets in a radio call-in contest. At the time, Houston was an opening act and the main draw was Jeffery Osborne. Kids today probably don’t believe it, but this was back in the day when you actually had to stand in line to buy concert tickets. The inhumanity of it all! During the summer of 1986, a group of us took turns holding our place in line for three days and nights outside a record store in the Eastgate Shopping Center on Gratiot so we could buy Seger tickets.

My very first concert, however, was a bit unusual. It was The Oakridge Boys, who performed at the closing ceremony for the 1981 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Just imagine 30,000 Scouts singing along to “Elvira.” The opening act was Burl Ives. Hokey, yes, but it’s not like they were going to bring in AC/DC. In the early days of college, summer weekends sometimes meant trips across the river to Windsor, where the drinking age is 19. We liked one place in particular that had a good cover band and there was

no charge to get in. One night, a guy at the door was collecting \$5 from everyone. When we asked why, he replied, “Mitch Ryder is playing. You want in or not?” We couldn’t reach for our wallets fast enough. My last attempt to see a concert, however, didn’t go so well. A bunch of us last summer planned to see Dead & Company, which includes a few original members of The Grateful Dead along with John Mayer. Some 45 minutes after the show started, we were still in line waiting to get into the Pine Knob parking lot. You’d think with all that corporate money

over the years they would have come up with a better traffic plan. Reports from inside indicated a 45-minute wait to get through the COVID check line, so rather than hoping to catch a few songs of the encore and fight the traffic all over again getting out, we threw in the towel and left. With the pandemic seemingly behind us and warm weather approaching, check out the tour schedule of your favorite band and spend a few hours reminiscing about those younger, carefree days. If you go, just remember to get there early.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week
ANONYMOUS WRITER STEAMED UP OVER VOTING MACHINES: The News office and many residents of the City of Grosse Pointe have been bombarded in recent days by anonymous postal cards and letters expressing opposition to the use of voting machines in the Pointe. The arguments seem to bear a striking similarity and stress the cost of the machines as the chief objection to their use.
DETROIT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL SCENE OF SPECTACULAR FIRE: A

fire that started about 4 o’clock Friday afternoon completely gutted the top floor of the Detroit University School building on Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. The fire started in the northeasterly corner of the loft where there is a room called a senior study room and adjoining it another smaller room used as a miniature print shop.

1972

50 years ago this week
LIBRARIES GIVEN OWN VOTE: Taking a “sink or swim” position, the Board of Education decided to let Pointe residents determine whether

or not Pointe libraries will be open next fall. The voters will decide on this issue when they go to the polls in an upcoming millage election. The funding of the Pointe system of public libraries will be contained in a separate millage proposal.
BOARD SAYS 67 TEACHERS FACE LAYOFF: Concerned residents, students and teachers packed the small board room at 389 St. Clair and spilled out into the hallway to hear the reasons behind the proposed layoff of 67 teachers employed in the Pointe school system. It was determined in the March regular meeting of the school board that due to uncertain revenues for the 1972-73 school year,

the board would have to propose a reduced program for the coming year.

1997

25 years ago this week
A FIELD OF TWO FOR TWO SEATS IN SCHOOL BOARD RACE: Both candidates running for the two open seats on the Grosse Pointe school board are hoping a quiet election year won’t cause voter disinterest. Candidates Joan Dindoffer and Joseph Brennan were the only two residents to submit nominating petitions for board candidacy by the deadline.
FARMS, SHORES MONITOR SEWAGE

OUTFALLS: Grosse Pointe Farms officials embarked, with some apprehension, on a project this week to begin accurately monitoring and measuring the city’s sewer outfalls — combined storm water and sanitary sewage dumping into Lake St. Clair during heavy rainstorms. Grosse Pointe Shores and the Farms have been cooperating in this monitoring effort by sharing common costs, such as computer equipment and software.

2012

10 years ago this week
DOUBLE FEATURE: The Grosse Pointe

Theatre wants to go legit with a 400-seat playhouse in the Village. Bright lights of the flickering kind are proposed by E m a g i n e Entertainment for a multiplex movie theater in the same district.
BASHARA IN COURT: A Wayne County Circuit Court judge was expected to rule on the latest legal challenge in the ongoing investigation into the murder of Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane Bashara. The Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office has requested a handwriting sample from Bob Bashara, Jane’s husband, but his attorney, David Griem, has demanded he be present when his client gives the sample.

GUEST VIEW

‘Promote the Vote’ so every voice is heard, every vote counted

Supporters of Promote the Vote 2022 recently gathered virtually to launch petition gathering for the ballot initiative that will protect the fundamental right to vote. Two virtual events featuring speakers from local and statewide organizations kicked off petitioning for 425,059 valid Michigan voter signatures to place Promote the Vote 2022 on the November 2022 ballot. All Michigan voters should have confidence that their voice will be heard and their vote counted no matter what political party or candidate they support, where they live or what they look like. The Promote the Vote 2022 ballot initiative will enhance the accessibility and security of elections and ensure that every eligible voter can have their vote counted without intimidation or interference. Several local and statewide organizations released statements about the launch:

“Promote the Vote is committed to cutting through the partisan noise to preserve, protect and enhance voting rights for the people of Michigan, because our democracy works best when every eligible voter can vote without the threat of harassment, intimidation or interference,” said Micheal Davis, executive director of Promote the Vote. “Voters Not Politicians is all in on this effort because Michigan voters — no matter who we are and who we support — want safe, secure and convenient elections,” said Nancy Wang, executive director of Voters Not Politicians. “Hyper partisans and other ballot initiatives are trying to make voting harder in this state. This initiative is about what voters — not politicians, parties or special interests — want.” “No matter what political party or candidate you support, where you live or what you look like, Promote the Vote 2022

will help ensure all voices are heard and every vote counts,” said Christina Schlitt, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “We urge voters in Michigan to sign this important petition and protect voting rights for future generations.” “The NAACP continues to stand ready and willing to protect voting rights at all levels of government and we encourage everyone who believes in ‘freedom and justice for all’ to get involved with the Promote the Vote 2022 campaign and to stand up and be a voice in your community,” said Yvonne White, president of NAACP-MI. “This ballot initiative will help ensure every vote is counted and every eligible voter can vote without harassment, intimidation or interference,” said Erin Knott, executive director of Equality MI. “This is important to LGBTQ+ voters as it can be emotionally fraught for a

transgender or non-binary person to cast a ballot and be challenged over their identification while trying to vote. This is especially true as many in the community face financial or legal roadblocks to updating documents as they transition.” “Michigan voters should have confidence knowing that every eligible vote cast will be counted, regardless of what we look like or where we live,” said Loren Khogali, executive director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. “Voters must know that their voices will be heard at the ballot box. The ACLU of Michigan has been working with Promote the Vote since its founding in 2018,

and we are excited to help announce their ballot initiative to further enshrine Michiganders’ voting rights in the state Constitution. The right to vote impacts every issue that we work on and is fundamental to protecting the civil rights and liberties that allow people to make their voices heard in Michigan.”

Promote the Vote 2022 is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to ensuring Michigan has a voting system that works for all.



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Blossom Heath Inn under new management

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — The St. Clair Shores City Council recently approved a new agreement with Encore Catering to take over management of Blossom Heath Inn, a wedding reception and event venue located at 24800 Jefferson Ave., just south of 10 Mile Road.

The contract began Jan. 1, and runs through Dec. 31, 2029, although it can be extended five years if both parties agree.

Encore has agreed to spend \$150,000 to upgrade the facility, including \$50,000 on improvements to a new LED lighting system and a sound system that will remain the property of the city. Encore also is gutting the kitchen and installing new appliances, including ovens, deep fryers, an industrial dishwasher, a 10-burner range and ice machine. Encore will have the option of keeping those items when the lease ends.

Encore is owned by Robert Nahra, known to local television viewers as “Chef Bobby.”

Other upgrades include redoing the ceiling, new



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The gazebo at Blossom Heath is a landmark in the community.

carpeting and new chandeliers.

“We’re going with period pieces, taking it back to its original opulence,” Nahra said.

The bar will get refinished with an art deco look, harkening back to Blossom Heath’s speak-easy history.

Annual rent payments of \$72,000 per year begin in 2024.

At the same time, the city has committed to spending \$250,000 to bring the building up to code with respect to fire,

electrical and plumbing, complete mold and asbestos remediation and paint the interior.

“The city has been great to work with,” Nahra said. “They have the same vision for this place as we do and the city council has established a perfect plan to succeed.”

Encore has its own catering and banquet facility in St. Clair Shores on Nine Mile Road between Greater Mack and Harper avenues, and Nahra also runs the catering operations at Hotel St.

Regis in Detroit and Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights.

Nahra’s partner in the Blossom Heath venture is Jon Zube, executive chef at Encore, who has plans for a weekly Sunday brunch and holiday events such as Mothers Day, Easter and the Christmas season.

They have 14 weddings booked starting in June and also plan to host bridal and baby showers, funeral luncheons and corporate events. Couples who book a wedding

reception at Blossom Heath have the option of having their ceremony under the gazebo in front.

“It’s perfect for spring or fall weddings,” Nahra said.

Starting in the fall, Blossom Heath will transform into a jazz cafe Wednesday nights, offering swing music as it did years ago.

“The city has a music in the park program on Wednesdays during the summer at Memorial Park, so we didn’t want to interfere with that,”

Nahra said.

The second story of the building will be turned into offices, replacing the bedrooms that bootleggers would rent after bringing alcohol across Lake St. Clair from Canada during Prohibition.

The new agreement came about after the previous management company exercised its right to terminate its contract early. That tennant told the city last year that its business had dropped 80 percent in 2020 and 2021, due to the COVID pandemic.

“The shutdown was tough, but we were able to pivot to other things,” Nahra said. “We weren’t hosting events, but at the same time we weren’t spending as much on utilities.”

One way Encore survived was by catering boxed meals for several hospitals in the area.

In addition to the building, the city is making upgrades to the adjoining Blossom Heath Park, including \$8 million for a 400-foot pier extending into Lake St. Clair and \$200,000 for outdoor furniture on the pier, plus \$182,000 for a new playscape.

This rendering was submitted to the St. Clair Shores Planning Commission to show what the new building will look like.



National grocer coming to SCS

ST. CLAIR SHORES — The St. Clair Shores City Council at its meeting Monday, April 4, unanimously approved a site plan for a national grocery chain to revamp the former Kroger store at Nine Mile Road near Greater Mack Avenue.

Speculation abounds over the identity of the chain, which is being represented by St. Clair Property Management. That company told city council it was bound by a non-disclosure agreement to not reveal the name of the retailer.

The site plan calls for interior and exterior renovations and a repaved parking lot. Some 5,000 square feet

will be removed from the east and west sides of the building, reducing its footprint to 44,454 square feet. New landscaping and lighting will be installed and the truckwell will be moved from the east side of the building to the west side.

Construction is expected to begin this summer with an anticipated opening in 2023.

The building, at 22332 Nine Mile Road, has been vacant since 2001, when Kroger moved to the former KMart building at the southwest corner of Harper Avenue and Nine Mile Road.

— Ted O’Neil



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Sauna in the City

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with CYL Sauna Studio, 17108 Mack, Ste. 103, City of Grosse Pointe. The new business, which opened inside the Jim Saros building, is a luxury infrared sauna studio. For more information, call (313) 400-2250 or visit cylsaunastudio.com/grosse-pointe. Pictured during the chamber event are, from left, Carolyn Stolarski, chamber director of membership; co-owner Karl Messenger; co-owner Carol Rickerman; David Rickerman; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; Kayla O’Nan; Melissa DeMattio; and Regan Stolarski, chamber director of administration.

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At the ordinance committee meeting three days later, Caulfield

opposed billing residents for firefighting.

“This would be tailored for non-residents,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “Our residents pay the public safety millage

and obviously have an expectation for those services.”

Jarrell was inspired by policies in other Michigan cities, including Waterford Township.

“It works fairly well,” Waterford Chief Scott Underwood said. “We initiate cost recovery for alcohol-related driving offenses (and) traffic accidents. For at-fault drivers, assuming they’re not township residents, we bill their insurance company directly.”

The recovery policy in Grosse Pointe Shores applies to everyone. Incidents that qualify start with answering repeated false burglar alarms and range up to major emergencies.

“I would be surprised if a city didn’t have an ordinance like this,” Shores Chief Ken Werenski said. “If you do something that causes an emergency response and there are costs that go over the cost of the response, you should be responsible for that. If one of our resident’s cars leaves the roadway and runs over a light post, chances are we’re going to go after their insurance company for replacement costs.”

The City of Grosse Pointe’s cost recovery

practice mirrors the Shores, according to Steve Poloni, former City and Park public safety director, now manager of the Shores, where he also used to direct public safety.

“I duplicated the one from the Shores in the City,” Poloni said. “On accidents and drunk driving, we recover. Some cities recover more on accidents. In the Shores, we don’t charge for the use of fire trucks. People pay enough taxes that we try not to nickel-and-dime them.”

The Farms’ recovery policy also applies to everyone.

“It works, in cases where the individual has insurance,” Farms Manager Shane Reeside said. “Sometimes the difficulty is a person who runs into something also doesn’t have insurance. Recovery can be more difficult. There are also fees associated with drunken driving.”

“This potentially could help our city budget,” said the Park’s Sizeland.

“If property damage

needs to be repaired, I can see that,” Caulfield said.

“We’ve had it happen a couple times to the art installation on Kercheval,” Sizeland said, referring to a metal sculpture in the center of the traffic island at Kercheval and Wayburn on the Detroit border.

“We have a cost recovery ordinance for alarms,” Underwood said. “Most of the time, the homeowner or business owner was setting off the alarm themselves. They tend to pay closer attention when they know it’s going to cost them a few dollars.”

As Jarrell intends to do in the Park, Waterford officials didn’t enact cost recovery as a revenue generator.

“We don’t police based on whether we’re able to generate revenue,” Underwood said. “There are cases where we can, will and need to recover some costs that residents ultimately pay for, especially when things are caused by non-residents.”

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South assignment causes controversy

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

On Monday, April 11, a picture of a U.S. History worksheet from a Grosse Pointe South High School classroom was widely shared on social media and later picked up by nationally read news outlets. Many online criticized the content of the assignment as intrusive to families and inappropriate for school instruction.

While the worksheet included questions like the political affiliation of the student's parents, whether or not anyone in the student's family sees a psychologist and if the student's parents have ever lost their job, these questions were not asked for the collection of information and the context of the lesson was not shared with the picture of the assignment online, according to Grosse

Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka.

He said the assignment was meant to simulate McCarthyism for students by asking similarly intrusive questions as former U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy had during his anti-communism movement in the 1950s.

Hamka said the assignment was not intended to collect information, but also was carried out in a way that would make collecting information impossible. He specified the worksheet including the questions was handed out to students, the worksheets were collected from the students' desks after a couple of minutes, the teacher promptly informed students the worksheet was a simulation designed to teach them about McCarthyism and the worksheets soon after were destroyed.

Both Hamka and Superintendent Jon Dean

said they stand behind the assignment and are proud of the work that went into producing it.

Dean elaborated that in his own professional experience as a teacher, he often found simulated lessons to be a great way to engage students and make the information more memorable to them.

"I think when you can feel something and you can kind of live it, then you're going to learn it more," he said. "And, of course, we do want kids to feel everything. There's some stuff we don't want people to feel. But when we can make (lessons more) engaging and enjoyable for kids, that's something they would be more interested in."

After finding out about the context of the lesson later that day in a message from the South administration, Grosse

Pointe Public School System Board of Education Secretary Lisa Papas still found it to be an inappropriate way to teach students.

She said she was especially concerned when she spoke with Dean soon after the incident occurred and he said, from what he understood about the situation, that some of the papers had been written on.

When asked about whether or not the papers were written on, Hamka said he did not know because no one reviewed them and they were destroyed after they were collected.

In a letter to the editor from Papas published in the April 14 Grosse Pointe News, she said she found the assignment to be extremely problematic, regardless of its intent.

She raised concerns about whether or not

teachers would have been required to report anything written down on the worksheets because they are mandated reporters by law. And she questioned why, if the assignment was not meant to collect information, the students did not take away or destroy their worksheet themselves.

In addition to her comments about the lesson, Papas said she thinks an official letterhead policy should be developed because of it. She is especially concerned that because several nationally read websites published the questionnaire, the reputation of GPPSS and the community might be damaged as a result of the worksheet looking so official. She thinks a letterhead policy could help prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Dean said because they

did not believe anything was wrong with the lesson, he does not see the need for anything to change because of it. Ultimately, he said it will be the teacher's decision on whether or not they decide to teach the lesson the same way again.

Overall, he said he was concerned that the response to the lesson on social media represents a lack of trust regarding public education, both locally and nationally.

"There is such a schism in our country right now around trust and truth and the value of public education," Dean said. "I mean, I am concerned. I think public education is under attack. The only way to build trust is to be predictable, meaning you tell people what you're going to do and then you follow through and you do it, and then you do a lot of listening at the same time."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Bridget Backer as Rapunzel and Sebastian Moncivais as Rapunzel's Prince are cursed and cast out by the Witch, played by Alice Walsh, during a rehearsal of "Into the Woods."

GP South spring musical slated April 20-23

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

While many people are using the phrase "out of the woods" referring to what everyone hopes is an end to pandemic life, Grosse Pointe South High School's spring musical is going into the woods, literally.

As in, "Into the Woods," the Stephen Sondheim work that won three Tony Awards on Broadway. It marks the school's first production since 2019.

South's students were nearing the end of rehearsals for "Crazy for You" around this time in 2020 when COVID-19 struck and extracurricular activities were canceled as schools turned to remote learning.

"We went with a little bit smaller show this

year that requires a smaller cast," said Katie Parent, the show's producer and an English teacher at South. "For many of these kids, this is their first high school musical. A lot of them have done things before with Grosse Pointe Theatre or were in their

middle school musicals, but they're just happy being able to do what they love again."

The show opened Wednesday night and continues through Saturday with 7 p.m. performances in the Grosse Pointe North High School auditorium.

Parent said they are hoping to bring back weekend matinee performances next year.

The story weaves in the plots of several fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm, including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel and Cinderella.

"We started rehearsals in January but took a few weeks off here and



Alice Walsh and Bridget Backer rehearse a song.

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that when things like this happen, people rally around the people or the family," said Bill Fleming, head coach of the South varsity softball team, "and I know that Liv especially has felt a lot of love from the community, a lot of people reaching out to help her and that says a lot about our community and about the people who live in our community."

The contest will be held three times, shortly before the start of each game at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

"Proceeds will go to help Liv replace her clothes and belongings," City Manager Pete Dame said via email, "including the college stuff she had already started to collect for the fall semester at MSU."

The cause of the fire is believed to have been electrical, Saunders reported.

"I commend the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department for their quick response and being able to contain the fire damage to one bedroom, although the whole house suffers from smoke and some water damage," Dame said. "The whole family is having to relocate until the house is made habitable again."

'South Runs for the Roses' derby fundraiser is May 7

After a more than two-year hiatus, the time has come to once again celebrate the students of Grosse Pointe South High School in style.

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South invites the community to its Kentucky Derby fundraiser, "South Runs for the Roses," from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"South Runs for the Roses" includes talent, local fashions, a silent auction, raffles, dancing and more. Tickets are \$75 each.

A variety of event sponsorship levels are available as well. Other ways to show support include making monetary dona-

tions, silent auction donations, wine donations for the Wine Pull or donating live auction vacation stays.

For tickets or more information, contact event co-chairs Erika Page and Jacqueline Mathis Knuth at south runsfortheroses@gmail.com.

"Grosse Pointe South is 'Running for the Roses' and you should, too," Page said. "Please join us May 7, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to gather for the first time in nearly three years for an entertaining evening to benefit the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club. The Mothers' Club provides enrichment, scholarship and preservation for our high school students."

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Analysis: Concern over future of South’s IA building

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Schools Reporter Michael Hartt is supplementing his regular coverage of Grosse Pointe’s private and public schools with analysis of commonly asked questions regarding schools in the community. Email him at mhartt@grossepointenews.org with questions that you would like covered.

What is causing concern among some board members about the proposed IA building tear-down?

The past several weeks, debate over the fate of the industrial arts building at Grosse Pointe South High School has been an important topic of discussion among several Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

Education members. At the April 11 board meeting, Trustee Ahmed Ismail expressed frustration with how the project to eventually demolish the IA building was being handled. And more recently, in the April 14 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, board Secretary Lisa Papas submitted a letter to the editor echoing many of the same concerns.

Both Ismail and Papas expressed most of their reservations about the project’s approval process. They contend that because of the magnitude of the building, a formal board vote should be taken to determine the plans for it.

“My concern is that when we’re talking about this kind of money or when we’re talking about off-lining 35,000 square feet of building, there

should be some board discussion on it and not just at the committee level,” Ismail said. “And it should (even be more) than that. It should be voted on.”

Superintendent Jon Dean appeared to disagree with the idea the administration was overstepping its authority on the project. At the board meeting, in response to Ismail’s statements, he said the administration has been planning the project in order to bring it to the board for approval. He specified that discussions regarding the fate of the IA building have been held internally since before the first phase of bond construction began at South in 2019.

“We’ve always asked the board to approve contracts on final things,” Dean said. “We haven’t

asked this board to approve the construction of anything in our district until we have final documents. If the board of education does not want us to consider this with the IA building ... then have board members put (a resolution) on the agenda, then have four board members (vote to have us not consider this).”

In addition to echoing Ismail’s opinions, Papas also was concerned about what would be done with the space of the IA building if it were torn down.

“The administration has planned to take down this building, but have no plan for what will go in that space,” Papas said in her letter. “It is irresponsible to demolish a building without any clear plan for what will go into that space.”

The primary reasons for the administration’s idea to reallocate classrooms from the IA building is the excess amount of classroom space at South and the cost of renovating the IA building to make it comparable to other recently renovated district buildings.

The past several years, Dean explained, 12 rooms on the third floor of the IA building have been vacated by math teachers as they have moved to other parts of the school. And he said after they left, the only rooms being used in the building are art rooms the administrative team believe can be moved elsewhere on the South campus.

While the work being done to prepare the classroom moves at South will cost approximately \$4.5 million of the remaining

\$6.7 million in bond funds, the cost of demolishing the IA building likely will be taken out of the general fund or sinking fund, Dean said.

Ismail said while he understands the administrative planning that routinely goes into projects before they are brought to the board, he believes the plans to move classrooms outside of the IA building are inducing the eventual decision of demolishing the building.

“The dilemma with what we’re doing now and when you look at this particular situation is that you’re going to be so far down the road that you are basically vacating the building by moving those classrooms into the other facility,” Ismail said. “You’re gonna be so far down the road that (you might as well tear it down).”

Hands-on fun with DNA

Students in the magnet class at Defer Elementary School discovered in science class that humans are more alike than they are different.

Dr. Francesca Luca, a geneticist from Wayne State University, helped take the class’s study of traits and inheritance a step further when she taught the students how to extract DNA from strawberries.

She began her visit with a presentation on how DNA carries genetic instructions for the development, functioning, growth and reproduction of all known organisms, including many viruses. Then she provided the materials and instructions for the young scientists to conduct a hands-on experiment in which they created their own extraction liquid, mashed the strawberries to release the DNA and filtered the fruit liquid through a coffee filter.

When they added rubbing alcohol to the mixture, a white cloudy substance appeared in the top layer above the fruit extract layer — the DNA.

Of the “fun facts” Luca shared with the third and fourth graders, including that every cell in all human bodies has the same DNA, the statistic on the similarities vs. differences among people resonated most among the students.

“I learned that everybody here is 99.9 percent alike and 0.1 percent unique,” Noah Cruz said.

Kenydee Dupree put it in a different way: “I learned that we all are different, but we have very similar DNA.”

The students also discovered that not only humans are composed of DNA.

“I learned that you can extract DNA from all living things and you can extract it from all fruit, too,” Harrison Wood said.

“I learned that you can extract DNA from pizza,” Michael Denner said, “but only certain parts of it.”

Owen Gifford and Declan Johnson agreed that learning about DNA made



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Francesca Luca helps Claire Williams prepare extraction liquid to add to the mashed bag of strawberries.

them more interested in becoming a scientist someday.

Luca said visiting young people to get them excited about science is important because “it’s raising the next generation of scientists.”

“There’s a lot to gain and learn, not only for the students, but for us, too,” she said. “Every time we do an activity, we learn a different way of doing it. We learn what really engages the children. We learn to communicate science to a diverse audience.

“There are also concepts that are important not just for scientists, but for daily life,” Luca added. “Like we are all the same. Or we need to work as a group.”

North hosts fundraiser for marching band uniforms

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

Part of the pomp and circumstance of a high school marching band’s performance is the flair of their uniforms.

A fundraiser scheduled Saturday, April 23, aims to provide just that for the Grosse Pointe North High School marching band.

“Our goal is to get up and running as a full-fledged marching band so that we look as good as we sound,” Tom Toronto, director of bands at the school, said.

The fundraiser is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gym. Admission is \$2 before 11 a.m. and \$3 after. Dozens of vendors will be on hand selling custom jewelry and accessories, home and garden decor and gifts for Mothers Day, Fathers Day and graduates.

Toronto said the uniforms the band has access to now were purchased in the late 1960s, when the school opened. “They’re 100 percent wool and the white is more of a faded yellow,” he said. “Talk about uncomfortable.”

Over the years, the marching bands at both

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools transitioned into pep bands. South revived its marching band program in the mid-2010s and has had more lead time to acquire uniforms.

“Our kids have bought matching tracksuits,” Toronto said. “There’s no rivalry there, but when we perform at football games or march together in parades, we want everyone to look and feel good.”

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education has approved a matching grant of \$25,000 toward the purchase of the uniforms, and Toronto is waiting on a decision about another grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation.

“It will cost about \$55,000 for 100 uniforms,” Toronto said. “We need to have a variety of sizes so there’s no hemming or tailoring involved. These should last 10 to 15 years.”

The new uniforms will consist of black pants with green and white coats with yellow accents.

“They’ll have an N on the chest, like the original uniforms, along with the Norsemen logo on each sleeve,” Toronto

said. “We’ll have a mock up on display at the event.”

The hats, called shakos, will be black and gold with a white plume and gold accents.

“They’ll really look sharp under the lights at football games,” Toronto added.

The marching band currently has about 60 members, but Toronto expects that to grow.

“When I interviewed for this job in 2018, I said my priority was to bring the marching band back within two years,” he said. “Even with the pandemic, the kids were really interested and that never wavered.”

Another fundraiser for the North music program will occur 7 p.m. Monday, May 23, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. The spring show will feature the concert band and symphony orchestra. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the school or at the door.

“We rented the place out and have 1,000 seats to fill,” Toronto. “It’s been five years since our last performance there, so it will be two hours of great music at arguably the best venue in the state.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Alex Cline, Ashton Fell, Olivia Watson, Ethan Vernon and Lillian Hunwick give it their all during a recent dress rehearsal for “Into the Woods.”

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there because the show choir competitions get pretty busy in February,” Parent said. “Other than that, we’ve been going every weekday.”

Monday and Tuesday of this week included full costumes and makeup in order to make any last-minute tweaks.

The cast, including understudies, has 31 students, while another dozen are on the production crew. The music is

provided by an 18-member orchestra, including 10 students.

Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults, with free admission to gold card members. Visit gpsouthchoir.org for more information.

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The District is requesting Proposals To Purchase the property located on the north side of Lennon Street and the west side of Harper Avenue in Harper Woods, Michigan. The Prime Residential Infill site also has frontage on Duprey Avenue and Van Antwerp Street.

The District is looking for Proposals to demolish the existing vacant building and redevelop the property with Missing Middle/Step housing with density in the 14 to 19 units per acre range. A concept plan has been provided as a guide prepared by McKenna Associates, the planning consultant for the City of Harper Woods. However, developers are encouraged to use their own market experience to develop a plan and specific product type for the subject Site.

As a Core Community, the City of Harper Woods has indicated the potential of Brownfield Tax Credits for projects that meet community planning goals. These include credits for demolition and project infrastructure. Further, the City will consider working with the successful developer to create an affordable real estate tax structure for the project.

Great Northern Consulting Group is marketing this Site for the Grosse Pointe Public School System on a fee basis as consultants. The School District is seeking Proposals to purchase that must be submitted to Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations, Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236 on or before 3:00 P.M. Local Time on May 6, 2022. No phone, fax or electronic transmission Proposals will be accepted. If mailed, no responsibility is assumed for postal delays.

Request for Proposal documents may be viewed and downloaded at www.gpschools.org under “District News.”

Please note that all Proposals must include a detailed concept plan for the proposed project and be provided on the Proposal Form provided in the RFP.

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals, in whole or in part. The School District also reserves the right to waive any irregularities contained in any proposal or requirements of the RFP.

Developer interviews with selected finalists will be held on May 17, 2022.

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Three cheers for volunteers! National Volunteer Week is April 17-23

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though National Volunteer Week — April 17 to 23 — is coming to a close, it’s never too late to recognize the volunteers who put time and effort into providing services that benefit others. Plus, National Volunteer Month spans the entirety of April.

Formed in 1974 as a way to honor hardworking volunteers, National Volunteer Week encourages taking the time to thank the people who give of themselves to help others. There are quite a few such givers in Michigan.

According to census.gov, more than 2.3 million volunteers in the state annually contribute 185.9 million hours of service, valued at \$4.4 billion. Data shows 57.7 percent of Michiganders do favors for their neighbors and nearly 50 percent make financial donations to charity; however, just 28.7 percent participate in local groups or organizations.

Though their actions and motivations may vary, their contributions do not go unnoticed by the agencies they serve — many of which depend on volunteers to function smoothly. Several organizations in Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities operate with a team of volunteers. Among those volunteers are Mickey and Kathy Kurap of Grosse Pointe Farms, who have been giving of their time and talents at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House since 2010.

No job too big

In addition to serving as ambassadors during summer concerts, the



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Nancy Hinz has volunteered at The Helm 13 years.

Kuraps have performed a variety of other tasks, including helping with Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Fairy Tale programs for children, assisting visitors at last winter’s Starry Nights light festival, wrapping Christmas packages for displays, helping visitors during special holiday house tours and dressing in costumes for the Fairy Tale festivals.

“For multiple years, Mickey served as the coachman for horse-drawn sleigh rides at Christmas concerts in the Ford House,” Kathy Kurap said. “One year, when the Ford House was closed to visitors for cleaning during January and February, Mickey was asked to help recondition and polish the walls of the library and dining room, as well as the beautiful wood banister on the staircase.”

The Kuraps volunteer at Ford House whenever and wherever they are needed. They see their service as a form of gratitude for the gift Eleanor Ford bestowed on the community when she turned over her property

for public use.

“We cannot walk the grounds without thinking of her with gratitude,” Kathy Kurap said, “and know that others who visit feel the same from the many comments we have heard.”

“As volunteers, we have always been treated with respect by the staff, who welcome the work that we do,” she added.

The Kuraps, who also have volunteered with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Fisher Theatre and Detroit Opera, said serving others is one of the most important goals in life.

“The many people we have met through volunteering have brought joy and enriched our lives,” Kathy Kurap said. “It has helped foster friendships and encouraged participation beyond our vocations. ... In whatever endeavor, we have always felt greatly appreciated, both by patrons and staff.”

Providing a purpose

Nancy Hinz, who has been volunteering at The Helm at the Boll Life Center the past 13 years, echoed the Kuraps’ sentiments, noting the invaluable connections she’s made with staff, volunteers and patrons alike. Twice a week, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident helps organize escort drivers.

“It’s important that you can be useful and helpful,” she said. “I’m happy doing whatever I can do. I meet so many different people. ... My best friend is in her 90s and I met her at The Helm.”

The social aspect of her work is an important one for Hinz, who at one time managed an optical company. When she went from talking to numerous people every day to no longer working, she felt the isolation of retirement.

youngest ones here,” Hinz recalled. “I said I don’t care. I can’t sit in my house.”

Hinz said she works harder volunteering than she did “at my paying job,” but it’s work she loves to do. From talking to the escort drivers to the people who call for the service, Hinz said she enjoys the company.

“The people that call in for rides, usually they don’t want to ask their family or friends to drive them,” she said. “They’d rather call us and we provide that service. A lot of escorts are also Meals on Wheels drivers, so it gives them purpose too.”

Being there to help make those connections also gives her purpose, she said.

“It’s a fulfilling job,” she said. “If I didn’t have it, I would be pretty much depressed. This gives me real purpose in life. I love the people I meet.”

“When you get where you can’t drive anymore, you don’t know what to do with yourself,” she continued. “... I don’t think I would be here if I didn’t volunteer.”

A new path

While Hinz chose volunteering after closing out her career, Hannah Gunnell of Grosse Pointe

Park began volunteering to prepare for one. The 16-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School junior opted to volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, because she hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

She came highly recommended to serve at the City of Grosse Pointe hospital and went through a thorough screening process before starting her service work two months ago. Among her supporters was Beaumont’s Alfonso Flores, BSN, RN, a family friend.

“It goes without saying that all emergency rooms face overcrowding, long waiting times and overworked staff,” Flores said. “Having volunteers like Hannah helps enhance the patient care experience by providing help with the comfort needs of the patient. Volunteers assist with noninvasive comfort needs of the patient such as a warm blanket, something to eat or drink, adjustment of the bed or even just someone to talk to. ... They help the clinical staff with simple tasks, so the doctors and nurses can focus on pro-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hannah Gunnell began volunteering at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe to prepare for a career in medicine.

Above and beyond

“Over these last two challenging years, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe’s team of volunteers has shined and came up with ways to support our hospital from home during many of the surges. There were many times during those surges when we had to pause many of our volunteer roles. That did not keep our volunteers from helping. They found new and different ways to support Beaumont, GP from home. They delivered meals to our caregivers, dropped off handmade cards and notes and words of encouragement that filled our bulletin boards and spread cheer to our hard-working staff. They made phone calls to patients, made phone calls to other volunteers that were isolated and checked in on one another. They provided a full celebration dinner to our physician residents upon graduation, they dropped off flowers and other gifts to lift spirits. The list goes on and on. Beaumont, GP and the other Beaumont sites were some of the only hospital systems in Michigan that had volunteers on site during these last two years, still helping support our patients and staffs, while also following all the new restrictions. These last two years our volunteers have really demonstrated just how committed they are to our patients and staff. I am honored and inspired by their care and devotion.”

— Betsy Schulte, director of volunteers, Beaumont, Troy and Grosse Pointe



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Kathy and Mickey Kurap pause with Mr. Claus during a holiday event at Ford House.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House
The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:
◆ Bunny Trail scavenger hunt, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays throughout April.
◆ Story Time: “My Friend Earth,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during April.
◆ “The Birds of Gaukler Pointe” photography exhibition, through June 12, in the Teague Gallery.
◆ Sustainability Talk: Farming, with Anthony Hatinger, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.
◆ Birding 101, 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 24. Admission is \$5.
◆ Coffee with Collections, 9:30 and

10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28. These members-only tours include coffee and tours with the Ford House Collections team.
◆ Arbor Day Tree Tour, 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Cost is \$12 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.
◆ Stargazing, 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 29. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library
The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.
◆ Final Draft the Crash Course, with filmmaker Sareta Cheatham, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April

21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, via Zoom.
◆ Indoor Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ 1,000 Hours Outside Spring Walk, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28, via

Zoom.
◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, via Zoom.
◆ Murder Mystery, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, via Zoom.

The War Memorial
The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the following events:
◆ Live at the Alger Series with Kris Johnson, award-winning trumpeter, composer and educator, 7 p.m. Friday, April 22. Tickets are \$30 for the concert only, \$45 for a pre-glow and the concert. Student tickets are \$10.
Register online at warmemorial.org

Blood drives
The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, April 22,

Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, Our Lady of Hope, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.
◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville.
Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm
The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:
◆ The movie “North by Northwest” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 22. Cost is \$2 for mem-

bers, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes the movie and snacks.
◆ Tour & Lunch: National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers; participants also are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.
◆ Rosa’s Fitness Combo Class, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Rosa Hunter. The class includes tai chi, yoga, ball exercises, cardio and balance, as well as brain exercises, sign and foreign language, affirmations and more.
◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. The facilitator is Jessica Malfa of David Gilboe & Associates.

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viding the best healthcare for their patients. They are indeed an asset to the healthcare team.”
Gunnell said she’s learning a lot from her experience, which she hopes leads to a paid internship this summer.
“It’s a great opportunity to be involved and meet people,” she said. “There are so many realms of work (in a hospital), but I love the environment of the ER — working under pressure, the fast pace.”
In the months since she joined Beaumont’s volunteer team, Gunnell decided she’d like to pursue a career as an emergency room physician assistant.
“Starting as young as possible gets me the most experience in what I want to do,” she said. “I’ve already gained baseline medical knowledge. I really love that. I feel like I’m going into college with a little more experience about how an ER actually functions. I love the firsthand experience I’m getting.”

Puppy (& kitten) love
Following his passion is what led Mike Corcoran to donate his time with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. He’s been there seven days a week, sometimes twice a day, for more than three years. The Eastpointe resident walks the dogs housed at the facility and helps out during adoption events. An animal lover, Corcoran started volunteering at GPAAS after his wife, Mary, signed on to volunteer.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE CORCORAN

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society volunteer Mike Corcoran with his “girlfriend,” Roxy.

“I would hear her talking about it and then I started,” he said. “Volunteering at GPAAS allows me to work with the animals and give them a second chance at life. Working with these dogs, you get to see their personality. Some of these dogs come from some bad situations and, as you walk, stop and give them pets, show them some attention, they come out of their shells. The dogs get to know their walkers and they are always happy to see you. Seeing a dog that is afraid of people and then change into a dog that wags its tail, puts on a smile and wants to walk and be social means a lot. It is very rewarding to see these dogs change.”
Fellow GPAAS volunteer Erin Flannery also said her passion for ani-

mals led her to volunteer. She started last summer, feeding and walking the facility’s dogs. Now with the start of “kitten season,” she’ll be playing with felines and cleaning out their cages as part of her duties.
The St. Clair Shores resident, a full-time accountant, volunteers for two hours Saturday and Sunday mornings.
“It’s an escape,” she said. “I get to do something I enjoy doing.”
“I’ve always been passionate about animals in general,” she added. “At my job we’re encouraged to get involved in the community we live and work in.”
She said filling out the application to volunteer for GPAAS was simple. The work, she added, is fulfilling.
“By helping others, you can fulfill something inside of you, too,” she said. “Plus you’re making a difference. A lot of volunteer organizations are looking for help right now; they’re hurting. It’s nice to try to help a local

organization and feel like you’re making a difference.”

Why and how
Flannery encouraged others to find what they’re passionate about and then find an avenue to fulfill that passion.
“Reach out and see how they need help,” she said. “If it’s something you’re passionate about, it’s really fun.”
Corcoran agreed.
“Take something you like to do and see if their way is to volunteer,” he said. “There are many opportunities and volunteers, especially at GPAAS, are always welcomed. This doesn’t have to be every day. It can be whenever you have the time. You’ll know when you find your niche at volunteering as you will schedule other daily activities around your volunteer time.”
“There are so many organizations that need physical help,” he continued. “Sure, sending a donation is needed, but when you show up in person, it makes even more of a difference.”
GPAAS currently is accepting volunteers to help foster cats and dogs, walk dogs, do laundry and provide enrichment for animals so they have additional activity and socialization outside of their kennels and cages. Applications are available online at gpaas.org/volunteer.
“Volunteers are needed in so many organizations,” Kathy Kurap agreed. “Think not only of areas that interest you, but those that might possibly challenge you to learn and grow. You will definitely benefit as much as you benefit others.”
Ford House currently is in search of volunteers to assist with educational programs, holiday events, concerts, gardening, sustainability, pres-

ervation and conservation efforts, among others. Those interested should visit fordhouse.org/visit/volunteer-at-ford-house/.
Volunteers are crucial to the programming success at The Helm, which serves older residents in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Despite the age group it serves, The Helm seeks volunteers of all ages and talents.
In the last year alone, volunteers at The Helm provided more than 15,000 hours of service delivering Meals on Wheels, driving members to doctor appointments, completing office and clerical work, helping at special events and other responsibilities. For more information, contact Director of Volunteer Services Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone at (313) 882-9600, Ext. 2107 or email huhlig@helmlife.org.
Gunnell said she, too, encourages others to volunteer. She’d love to see more volunteers her age.

“I’m trying to get some buddies in on it,” she said.
Volunteer opportunities at Beaumont are vast. The hospital works with volunteers to match their interests and skill sets to specific areas, which may include working directly with patients or assisting behind the scenes with hospital operations or in the community. Those interested may apply on the Beaumont website, beaumont.org.
Around 44 percent of people are unsure how to get involved or where to find opportunities to volunteer. Those still searching for inspiration may visit pointsoflight.org, where they can search for volunteer opportunities by keyword or ZIP code.
Another option is sharedetroit.org, where those looking to lend a hand can sift through nearly 300 nonprofits and among 266 volunteer opportunities to find the perfect fit.



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GPAAS volunteer Erin Flannery cuddles with Rose.

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Children’s books share simple, powerful messages

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Just the titles of Lauren Radke’s two children’s books share an important message for any age group.

“Always Be Nice” and “Will You Be My Friend?” were released within months of each other and have been met with excitement.

“I’ve been drawing these characters since I was in high school,” said Radke, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. “Growing up, my dad always loved frogs. We had a ceramic frog on a piece of driftwood in our living room. I was 16 or 17 when I started drawing it.”

She put the illustrations to use when her four children were young and, when it came time for grandchildren, she hand-painted alphabet books for all three of them.

A natural next step was sharing the message of kindness, friendship and acceptance with a wider audience.

“It’s a simple message,” she said. “It’s important to share it, especially with the way things have been the last couple of years.”

“Always Be Nice” reminds readers one never knows what sort of a day someone is having, so it’s best to be kind.

“If so many people could just remember to be nice, it would make such a difference,” she said. “Sometimes things go wrong. We need to make sure we’re not taking it out on other people, too. How much better would it be if people remember that simple thing?”

“Will You Be My Friend?” includes insights such as the importance of sharing, helping others when they’re sick or hurt, and celebrating differences.

“Maybe friends look different from one another,” she added. “... Friends are special whether they look like you or not.”

Some people, she noted, might have an army of friends while others prefer the company of one or two people.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Woods artist Lauren Radke recently published two children’s books.

While the books are targeted to ages 2 to 6, based on their simplicity and number of words per page, the messages are for all ages, she said.

“One smile can make a big difference,” she added. “Someone may be ready to fall apart with one mean word. But if you smile at them, it can make a difference. Your kindness can change someone’s day or even someone’s life.”

Following the success of her first two children’s books, Radke has plans to release a third late this year.

“Someday I Might have Dinner with the Queen” will focus on manners. She plans to follow it with an alphabet book.

“My friends who are teachers said it’s great to have lots of choices when teaching the alphabet,” she added.

In the meantime, the established artist will host an open studio event at her Grosse Pointe Woods home from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Her paintings, books, handmade cards and notebooks will be available for purchase.

Wine and cookies are included.

“People can come and look around,” she said. “My paintings will be framed and up throughout the house, like a gallery.”

Radke’s books are available for purchase online at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com or laurenradkeart.com, as well as in person at Macomb Bike, 28411 Schoenherr, Warren.

For more information, email lauren@laurenradke.art or call (313) 510-0767.

Both options — inspired by her own sons — are perfectly OK, she said.

When she was weighing the idea of creating the books, she discussed her plan with a couple of teacher friends, who encouraged her. Since published, the books have been placed in their kindergarten and preschool classrooms; an easy, age-appropriate craft also is an option.

“I’d love to get these books to every kid in a classroom,” Radke said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lisa Stolarski takes clients for a ride in a Model A. She’ll speak about her Antique Touring Company during the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s Your Old Mansion lecture April 24.

Tour Detroit landmarks in a Model A

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association invites guests to meet Lisa Stolarski, founder of Antique Touring Company. Her lecture at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe is part of the association’s annual Your Old Mansion lecture series.

Stolarski will talk about her company, which operates out of the

historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant and chauffeurs guests through notable Detroit neighborhoods in Model As, highlighting the contributions of people like Detroit’s world-renown architect Albert Kahn.

The Your Old Mansion series is the GPAA’s annual fundraiser. Christ Church and the presenters donate their services,

so all proceeds go to support the association’s arts programming for veterans, senior citizens and art students in area high schools, as well as its public art project, AlterCrossing.

Register for the lecture at the grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week returns

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the return of Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week. A flavorful tradition in Grosse Pointe, Restaurant Week highlights the variety of restaurants available throughout the community.

Grosse Pointe is a dining destination with a selection of culinary flavors to satisfy any appetite. Seeking delicious ethnic food? Or maybe satisfying American flavors? No matter the craving, Grosse Pointe has the palate pleaser.

Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week is a six-day promotion that features the unique and fine dining options available in Grosse Pointe. It’s a perfect time to visit a favorite restaurant or try a new one. Participating restaurants will offer diners a Restaurant Week special at a special price during the week of April 26 to May 1.

All costs are exclusive of tax, beverages and gratuity.

Tickets and special passes are not needed, but reservations are strongly recommended. Contact the individual restaurants to make reservations.

Participating restaurants offering dine-in service include:

Cellar 313, Alma Kitchen, Big Boy, The Bricks Pizzeria, Cadieux Cafe, Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, Churchill’s Bistro & Cigar Bar, The Continental at Ford House, Howlers & Growlers, Little Tony’s, Luxe Bar & Grill, Mike’s on the Water, Old Pony Martini Pub, SideStreet Diner and The Whiskey Six.

Carryout restaurants participating this year are: Beyond Juicery + Eatery, Burger Pointe & Wings and JHouse Juice.

The list of participants will be updated online at grossepointechamber.com.

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◆ Games on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Games are free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

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

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

◆ Alzheimer’s Caregivers support group, 5 to 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, with facilitators Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited and Marian Battersby of Home Instead.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 26, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Nan Washburn, conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, speaks. The club encourages attendees to wear face masks when not eating, drinking or speaking to the group. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. The

speaker is yet to be determined. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos offers Moms Night Out, including wine glass painting, from 7 to 9 Thursday, April 28. Cost is \$32 and includes two wine glasses. Ages 21 and older should bring their own beverage.

Mini Picassos is gearing up for a series of half-day summer camps, beginning 9 a.m. to noon

June 20 to 24. Campers will be divided by age. Cost is \$195 per camper for the week. Other camps take place July 18-22, and Aug. 22 to 26. Visit minipicassosstudio.com/summer-camps.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings

should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise 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.

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.

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.

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Mary Louise Wholihan

Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Wholihan (nee Reyes) passed away peacefully Thursday, April 14, 2022, at age 90. Mary Lou was born Sept. 5, 1931, in Detroit, to Habib and Mary (nee Stevens) Reyes. She was the youngest of eight surviving children.

Mary Lou attended St. Catherine Elementary and High School in Detroit, where she had many fond memories and lifelong friends. After graduation, she went to work as a secretary for Fontana Brothers, where her pleasant telephone voice and demeanor caught the attention of Henry C. Wholihan. That first impression led to a courtship, engagement, marriage, two children and 44 years of marriage until Hank’s death in 2003.

Mary Lou and Hank enjoyed traveling, theater, restaurants, live musical shows and spending time with their family. Mary Lou was a homemaker for most of her children’s lives. As they grew older, she temporarily joined the work force as a bookkeeper at Barnes & Noble on the campus of Wayne State University. That temporary job turned into a 20-year career. She retired when her first grandchild was born to spend time with him and subsequent grandchildren.

Mary Lou’s family was her pride and joy. She deeply loved her children and grandchildren. Mary Lou was full of faith, optimism, love and a positive attitude. She taught her children to do the right thing and when in doubt to “say a little prayer.” She was always there for them, whether it was a ride to the park or a friend’s house, going on a field trip or just listening. She loved to laugh, smile and sing. Feeling welcomed, loved and cherished by her came naturally as she truly cared for everyone. Her “just a little somethings” always were a treat and given with love.

Mary Lou was a parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church for 59 years. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and the funeral choir. She had many faithful friends at Star and enjoyed going to morning Mass and breakfast thereafter.

Mary Lou was predeceased by her beloved husband, Hank; her parents; and siblings, Caroline, Joseph (Bernice), Albert, Cecelia Ellis (Albert), Elizabeth and Frederick Reyes. She is survived by and will be dearly missed by her children, Judith Armbruster (Stephen) and Gerard Wholihan (Laura); and grandchildren, Ryan,

Erin and Kyle Armbruster and Matthew, Sarah and Michael Wholihan. She also is survived by her loving brother, Peter Reyes, who was her constant companion and champion these last few years; sisters-in-law, Helen Reyes and Kathleen Curtis (Donald); and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, with in state beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Mass will be streamed live at olsos.org. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

The family is forever grateful to the staff at Sunrise Assisted Living on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods for the kind, caring and compassionate care they provided to Mary Lou.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary Lou may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food/ or Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, starschoolgrossepointe.org/about-us.

Susanne Hays Davison

Susanne Hays Davison passed away peacefully Monday, April 4, 2022. She was born in Indiana, Pa., to Robert and Emily Hays.

Susanne is survived by her son, Matthew Davison (Christina); daughter, Katherine (Charles); and beloved grandsons, Benjamin, Zachary, William and Matthew. She also is survived by her sister-in-law, Patricia Hays; and many nieces and nephews. Susanne was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Robert Hays; and the father of her children, Matthew Davison III.

Susanne grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She continued her education at Colby-Sawyer College and the University of Colorado, where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Susanne began her career as a social worker in Detroit before moving to Chicago, then Connecticut, then returning to Michigan to raise her children.

She lived in Birmingham for 45 years and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She eventually returned to the workplace by establishing SH Davison and Associates. Her boutique firm sold advertising space in the DAC news and other local publications in the Detroit met-

ropolitan area.

Susanne loved cooking, entertaining and spending time with her family. She spent the last three years in Naperville, Ill., to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to dbsalliance.org/.

Elsie H. Surmont

After living a beautiful and rewarding life of 94 years, Elsie H. Surmont passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

Elsie was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods more than 60 years. She is survived by her sons, Rich (Karen), Joe (Mary Beth), Mark (Mary) and Paul (Karilyn); 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Elsie was a remarkable full-time mom who enjoyed knitting, traveling, volunteering at her church and canning produce from her backyard garden.

Final services are planned Friday, April 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the service at 10 a.m. Her ashes will be laid to rest with her late husband, Robert Surmont, at 2:30 p.m. in Holly, at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Lynne Marie Doyal

Lynne Marie Doyal passed away peacefully Thursday, April 14, 2022, in the very place she spent a lifetime creating, tucked inside her warm and welcoming home and held in the arms of her loving family.

Lynne Marie Poplawski was born Oct. 1, 1960, at Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit, to John Michael Poplawski and Mary Constance Poplawski (née Bednarski). She was baptized by her beloved uncle, Father Mitchell Bednarski, and was the first of 30 grandchildren in the Poplawski and Bednarski families and the eldest of four siblings. Lynne enjoyed a happy childhood surrounded by her close-knit family, first in Hamtramck and Warren, before moving to the City of Grosse Pointe in 1969. She attended Detroit Country Day and The Grosse Pointe Academy, where her father served as founding headmaster, before graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1978. Lynne attended Michigan State University, earning a degree from the College of Communications, Arts and Sciences in 1982. After graduation, she worked in communications for the Construction Association of Michigan and later Stanley Kaplan, Macy’s and others. Still, she always felt her most



Mary Louise Wholihan

important calling was that of loving wife and mother.

That journey began in a U.S. History class in high school, where Lynne met the love of her life, Greg Doyal. They started seriously dating while attending Michigan State University together and were married at The Grosse Pointe Academy chapel Aug. 27, 1983.

In 1989, Greg and Lynne moved to Lambertville, where they welcomed their son, Michael Thomas, in May 1990. The same year they moved to Royal Oak, and welcomed their daughter, Emily Lynne, in September 1992. In 1999, they moved to Grosse Pointe Farms.

Always quick to a smile and a laugh, Lynne loved creating elaborate joy-filled experiences for her family and their friends, creating adventures, planning holiday celebrations and parties, and organizing craft projects. She was a constant source of support for her children’s many interests and she actively encouraged them to grow and try new things. She adored spending time with Greg and the kids, especially near the water, which Lynne considered her place of renewal and peace. This love of water drew her to boating on Lake St. Clair, visits to Mackinac Island, tours of Upper Peninsula waterfalls, looking for sea glass on the beaches of Orange Beach, Ala., and frequent summer visits to one of her favorite places, the Poplawski family cottage in Lexington. One of the most memorable days of the year for Lynne was the annual Labor Day picnic in Lexington, enjoying time with her extended family and friends.

Nothing Lynne created was ever half-finished. That included her boundless love and care for others. Lynne’s legacy on this earth will be of her gracious gifts of love, warmth and care to those around her, which they now carry in their hearts.

Lynne was predeceased by her grandparents, John and Harriet Poplawski, and Thaddeus and Helen Bednarski; and father, John Michael Poplawski. She is survived by her devoted husband of 38 years, Gregory Nelson Doyal; loving children, Michael Doyal (Alexis) and Emily Brenk (Griffin); granddaughter, Eloise Lynne Brenk; mother, Mary Constance Poplawski; and siblings, Lisa Buis, Cary Poplawski (Antoinette) and John Poplawski (Laura), in addition to the extended Doyal and Poplawski family, many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and endless friends.

Visitation takes place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 22, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic



Susanne Hays Davison



Lynne Marie Doyal

Church, 22620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division Bed and Bread Program, centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/bed-and-bread-club/.

Gertrude Theresa Krappmann

Gertrude Theresa Krappmann (nee Schmatz), 81, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully with her family at her side Thursday, April 14, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the loving wife of the late George; adored mother of Kathryn Flanagan (Chris), Christine Sfair (the late Joseph), George (Lynda) and Anne Marie; and beloved grandmother of Christopher Flanagan, Meghan Loftus (Michael), John Flanagan, Joseph Sfair, Thomas Sfair, Olivia Sfair and Madelyn Krappmann. She is survived by her sister, Irmgard Mueller; sisters-in-law, Barb Schmatz, Karen West and Rosalie Fischer; brother-in-law, Robert Bishop; and many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Hans and Marie Schmatz; siblings, Mary Margaret Hubert (Gert), John Schmatz (Nancy), Ernie Schmatz and Rick Schmatz; and brother-in-law, Roland Mueller. She also was predeceased by her in-laws, George and Kuni Krappmann, Marie Fontanive (Bob), Udo Fischer, Lil Bishop, Anita Moore (Dennis) and Edward Krappmann.

Well-known for her incredible cooking, Gerty put family above all else and took great pleasure in making her signature dishes for all to enjoy. Staunchly proud of her German heritage, she instilled the importance of tradition in her family and loved to share stories over a nice meal. She appreciated the simple things in life and was happiest spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren. They were her greatest joys and she was immensely proud of each of them and all their accomplishments.

An avid sports fan, she was especially dedicated to watching Michigan State University, Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers games. She rarely



Elsie H. Surmont



Gertrude T. Krappmann

missed an episode of “Wheel of Fortune” or “Jeopardy!” and was a skilled puzzle and clue solver. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading the daily newspaper cover to cover and always had an impressive selection of snacks. She had a gift of remembering birthdays of friends and family members and made it a priority to send cards or texts to acknowledge loved ones on their special day.

She had a quick wit with a healthy dose of sarcasm and a feisty sense of humor. She fought cancer with dignity, grace and her unique amount of stubbornness. She was an amazing, caring, generous and loving woman who made a positive impact on all who were blessed to know and love her.

She will lie in state at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, until Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207; or the Catholic Kolping Society, kolping.org.

Memorials

Wilson Gordon Rogers

An interment service for Wilson Gordon Rogers will take place outdoors at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. A reception will follow afterward at the church. Questions may be directed to Hilary Atabak at (248) 895-8792. Mr. Rogers’s obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Jan. 12, 2022.

J. Richard “Dick” Dunlap

A celebration of life for J. Richard “Dick” Dunlap will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Dunlap passed away peacefully in his City of Grosse Pointe home Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, after bravely fighting pancreatic cancer. His full obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Jan. 20, 2022.



Concert to feature pianist’s favorites

Pianist Joseph Palazzolo, director of music at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, will perform a concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

“Happy Island: JP’s Favorites” will feature the music of Frédéric Chopin, Claude Debussy, Astor Piazzolla and John Williams, as well as original compositions.

The concert will take place in person and online via Zoom. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$10 for the virtual performance. Vaccinations are required for in-person seating.

To purchase tickets, visit gpuuc.org/concerts.

35th annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is May 5

In observance of National Day of Prayer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 35th annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. The Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of praying for city, state and national leaders.

This year’s keynote speaker is Chris Lambert, the founder and CEO of Life Remodeled, a Detroit-based nonprofit that exists to bridge people across divides to help transform each other’s lives. Life Remodeled focuses on the inten-

tional and equitable revitalization of Detroit neighborhoods distinguished by their significant need and radical hope. In the last seven years, Life Remodeled has invested \$35 million and mobilized nearly 70,000 volunteers to set the groundwork for sustainable change in four Detroit communities. Lambert is the recipient of Building Design + Construction 40 under 40, Crain’s Detroit 40 under 40 and DBusiness 30 in their 30s awards.

The Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by calling (313) 881-4722 or visiting grossepointechamber.com.

FAN gala slated at GP Yacht Club

Wednesday, May 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Families Against Narcotics presents its second annual Women Honoring Women Gala, a celebration of women who have overcome diverse challenges, been affected by substance use disorder or have made a difference in their community by fighting against addiction.

The gala begins at 5 p.m. and includes dinner, raffles and vendors of women-oriented products and services. FAN’s special guest honoree will be Lisa Daniels-Goldman, co-founder and trustee of the Jamie Daniels Foundation, which grants funds to support community partners that provide programs, resources and solutions that address the country’s ongoing drug epidemic.

This year’s keynote speaker is award-winning ESPN and SEC Network sportscaster Lauren Sisler, who, while a freshman away at college, lost both of her parents to drug overdoses within hours of each other. She now works tirelessly to raise awareness of addiction and the devastating effects it can have.

This celebratory evening, which is open to men and women, benefits Families Against Narcotics and helps fund its ongoing efforts to assist individuals and families impacted by the disease of addiction.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships — or for information about how to be a vendor at the event — visit familiesagainstanarcotics.org/gala.



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Basket blessings

The Rev. Timothy Pelc of St. Ambrose Catholic Church continued his tradition of blessing Easter food baskets Saturday, April 16, as cars lined up in the parking lot. During the pandemic, in the spirit of social distancing, Pelc used a squirt gun, but this year he used a Super Soaker to squirt holy water through the open windows to bless the baskets. People also brought mementos to be blessed — like a loved one’s basket or a teddy bear made out of a loved one’s favorite shirt.

The Helm offers tour, lunch program

The Helm at the Boll Life Center offers an informational, fun day Wednesday, April 27, with a tour of National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, followed by lunch at Sign of the Beef Carver. The bus leaves The Helm at 10 a.m. The first stop is the church for a docent-led tour of the art deco-style gem, where participants may savor its wonders and learn about its storied history and controversial first pastor, Fr. Charles Coughlin. After the tour, the bus will take attendees to Sign of the Beefcarver — a Royal Oak tradition since 1957 — for lunch. Following lunch, the bus brings participants back to The Helm.

Anyone may attend this tour. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, plus the cost of lunch, for which participants are responsible.

Members and regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online at helmlife.org. Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.

Lakeside Palette Club presents spring art show

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores recently announced its call for entry for the 75th annual Spring Art Exhibition and Sale. Formed in 1947, the LPC is celebrating its 75th year of art in St. Clair Shores.

“We are starting our 75th year with new faces, new artists, new events and we are looking forward to another 75 years of awesome, beautiful art,” said LPC First Vice President Michelle Callow. “Art is fun and being in this group has been a blast. Our members are not only talented, but they are also some of the nicest people I know. They inspire me.”

The Spring Art Exhibition and Sale is the first of two juried art shows the club hosts for the year; the Fall Art Exhibition and Sale is held annually in November. The deadline for entries is Friday, April 22. Art intake is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at North Lake High School, 23340



Club of St. Clair Shores. The entry form is in the pinned posts.

LPC welcomes Adowa Muwzea as the judge for the Spring Art Exhibition. Muwzea, a professor at Wayne County Community College and local artist, has had her work exhibited regionally in numerous fine art shows as a solo exhibitor and also in group shows.

Most of the art on display at North Lake High School is for sale and will be exhibited for one month following the awards ceremony.

Lakeside Palette Club always welcomes new members and is open to everyone. Visit lakesidepaletteclub.org for information about joining the group or attending meetings, open studio times or local paint-outs. Meetings take place typically the first Monday of the month and open studio time is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at North Lake High School.

For information, email lpcofscs@gmail.com.

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The House on the Hill, 205 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, was selected as the Junior League of Detroit’s 2022 Designers’ Show House.

Junior League of Detroit announces new location for Designers’ Show House

The Junior League of Detroit recently announced a new location for its 2022 Designers’ Show House: The Distinctive House on the Hill, located at 205 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. This home will have the distinction of being the Junior League of Detroit’s 24th Designers’ Show House.

Every other year the JLD selects a prominent estate and curates a team of local and national interior designers to transform the home into a Designers’ Show House. League members Shelia Minetola of Grosse Pointe Park, Gabriela Boddy of the City of Grosse Pointe and Dianne Bostic Robinson of Detroit are the general co-chairs of the 2022 Designers’ Show House.

“The Junior League of Detroit is excited to announce our 2022 Designers’ Show House. We are very proud and honored to carry on this longstanding JLD tradition as our main fundraiser,” said Kimberly Burke, JLD president. “The Designers’ Show House will allow us to continue our league’s philanthropic work which supports community impact initiatives that help meet the needs of Detroit children, young women and families. It also allows us to provide community-based grants and scholarships.”

“The Junior League of Detroit is

returning to the Grosse Pointes for this 2022 event after showcasing two very beautiful Detroit homes for our Designers’ Show House in 2018 and 2020,” Robinson said. “It is always an honor to showcase an amazing home in what has become a highly anticipated community event. This year’s beautiful home also will give designers an opportunity to showcase the versatility and beauty of a truly magnificent setting.”

The Distinctive House on the Hill is a 5,985-square-foot home perched on half an acre overlooking Lake St. Clair. Featuring five oversized bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms and well-portioned living spaces throughout for relaxation and entertaining, the home will be a wonderful showcase for some of the area’s top design talent.

Built in 1988, this manor-style home is set within Grosse Pointe Farms on the highest elevated parcel of land, affording privacy and priceless views of Lake St. Clair.

Area design enthusiasts will have the opportunity to glimpse the house in its pre-renovated state during the JLD’s “Sneak-A-Peek” weekend event in July, before the grand redesigned reveal this fall.

For more information about the Junior League of Detroit’s Designers’ Show House, visit jldetroit.org.

Project partners to share restoration plans for shoreline at Ford Cove

Public invited April 30 to see concepts for improving wildlife habitats

The team working to restore the shoreline along Ford Cove in Lake St. Clair is ready to share its findings and design concepts in advance of the next phase of the project to restore Great Lakes fish and wildlife habitat.

The Ford Cove Shoreline and Coastal Wetland Restoration Project began with a feasibility study in 2021, and a goal is to transform Ford House’s lakeshore back to its natural state. The area includes a mile of shoreline along Lake St. Clair, plus more than 17 acres of marsh, near-shore habitat and forested wetlands.

The project team includes Ford House, the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the Great Lakes Commission and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as many other area stakeholders. The project team selected Michigan-based community advancement firm OHM Advisors to execute the study.

For the past 18 months, OHM and the project team have conducted research, sought public input and completed design concepts. On Saturday, April 30, the public is invited to Ford House for a presentation and outdoor site walk to hear their ideas and findings. The free outreach event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. and the public is welcome, though guests are asked to register in advance at fordhouse.org.

“We are eager to share the data and ideas the team has brought forward after months of surveying the shoreline, studying the cove and seeking public input,” said Karl Koto, director of landscapes at Ford House and one of the project leads. “Together, we have created exciting ideas that will improve conditions in Ford Cove.”

The plan includes removing hard, non-natural coastal features like broken concrete and seawalls and reintroducing native plant species and softer shorelines. This will reduce the heavy waves that disrupt vital habitats for local fish, waterfowl, mussels, turtles, reptiles and other wildlife.

Field work began in May 2021, and included studies to assess the populations of fish, birds, turtles, frogs, insects and other wildlife that call the area home. Scientists also completed mussel surveys and vegetation and geological samplings last summer. Wave and water current modeling of the site was completed to determine how structures around the shoreline could be improved to allow the water flow to be more beneficial to wildlife.

The team also has completed public outreach, including an online survey with more than 550 respondents that offered insight into desired uses and activities in the cove.

Funding for the \$230,000 project came from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through a regional partnership between NOAA and the GLC. The project management team provides input and guidance on the project and includes members from OHM Advisors, the Great Lakes Commission, Ford House, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Macomb County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

The project team is working to secure funding needed for the subsequent final design and implementation phases of the project.

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Detroit Zoo, Belle Isle Nature Center to launch Party for the Planet series

Things are looking green this spring at the Detroit Zoological Society. Across the globe, organizations and individuals recognize April as Earth Month and the DZS is taking part by kicking off its Party for the Planet series. From April to June, the DZS will host four celebrations to honor the earth, promote sustainable living and encourage guests to make their community a greener place.

Hosted in partnership with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and other AZA-accredited zoos, Party for the Planet aims to connect families to nature through activities and volunteer opportunities that improve the planet. With more than 120 participating zoos and aquariums, Party for the Planet is poised to be the largest combined Earth Day celebration in North America.

“We are pleased to celebrate green initiatives here at the Detroit Zoo,” said Stephen Vrla, curator of humane education. “It is important to not only celebrate the good we are doing in sustainability, but to also raise awareness about the need to take care of our planet. We must act quickly for the welfare of ourselves, the environment and the animals.”

With so much excitement surrounding green education, the DZS not only split the celebration



into multiple days but is also spreading Party for the Planet across multiple campuses. Events will take place at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, as well as the Belle Isle Nature Center, 176 Lakeside Dr., Detroit.

Upcoming celebrations at DZS campuses include:

- ◆ **Earth Day — Friday, April 22, a virtual celebration**

The DZS is launching its Party for the Planet series on Earth Day, which historically focuses on education surrounding environmental issues and sustainability.

Community members can tune into Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center social media channels for a day of virtual learning. DZS education staff will post throughout the day about what individuals and families can do to take care of the earth and local wildlife.

- ◆ **Green Day at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center — 10**

a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23

The festivities continue in person April 23, at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center.

At the Detroit Zoo, learn from zoo education and animal care staff at specialized “ed-zoo-cation” stations about how blocked storm drains lead to water pollution, participate in a citizen BioBlitz to identify as many species as possible in the zoo gardens and make wildflower seed balls to create wildlife habitats.

Across the bridge at the Belle Isle Nature Center, outdoor activities will include earth-friendly crafts, nature hikes and opportunities to participate in citizen science initiatives that support clean waterways. Green Day at the Belle Isle Nature Center also features local conservation specialists, who will illustrate the benefits of green initiatives through an assortment of artistic and educational

demonstrations.

- ◆ **Endangered Species Day at the Detroit Zoo — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 20**

For Endangered Species Day, Detroit Zoo staff have put together a day of education to engage the public as the DZS and AZA work to save animals from extinction. Guests can participate to learn what they can do to help save their favorite animals, from cleaning the environment to building sustainable habitats.

- ◆ **World Oceans Day at the Detroit Zoo — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 8**

Celebrate the waters that cover 71 percent of the earth this June on World Oceans Day. The

Detroit Zoo will highlight ocean and water conservation at specially developed education stations. Zoo staff will encourage guests to keep waterways clean and connect with nature.

All Party for the Planet events at the Detroit Zoo are free with zoo admission and free to members. Green Day at the Belle Isle Nature Center is free and open to the general public.

After Party for the Planet concludes, the celebrations don’t have to stop. Guests can continue the event series’ important work from the comfort of

their homes. The AZA and DZS encourage individuals and families to #springintoaction by cleaning up litter and plastics around their neighborhoods, connecting with nature through community science, planting native flowering plants and creating healthy habitats for local wildlife.

“It’s important we all remain good stewards of the environment 365 days of the year,” Vrla said. “We should always make an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle. Every little bit helps.”



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Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month

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Below are five questions we recommend when searching for ABA therapy or complementary services like speech, occupational and physical therapies:

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BCBA? Think of this as you would anything else; it always comes down to the specific people you work with.

2. What’s the BCBAs past experience with a child like my son/daughter and was their approach successful?
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4. What’s the BCBAs approach to parent training? Parents should be receiving one hour of parent training weekly, at the least.
5. What is the company’s protocol for call-offs?

At the time of a diagnosis, families are given many recommendations

of therapies to get their children in, along with a handful of companies to reach out to. The key is finding providers you and your child are comfortable with.

Carlyle Center is an in-home ABA therapy provider, working with families throughout the Grosse Pointe area, focused on ethics, compassion and providing efficacious treatment to all clients. For more information and support, contact Carlyle Center at kyle.steiner@carlylecenter.com or (313) 580-9716.

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Teen daughter spends late nights on phone with boyfriend

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Dear Life Ruiner: We have gathered the opinions of several age

groups and people to help give you multiple pieces of advice. We hope this helps! Best of luck to you navigating this difficult time in your life!

From a 13 year old: Ask her to have him over to dinner and get to know the guy. You could get an idea if he's a weirdo or not.

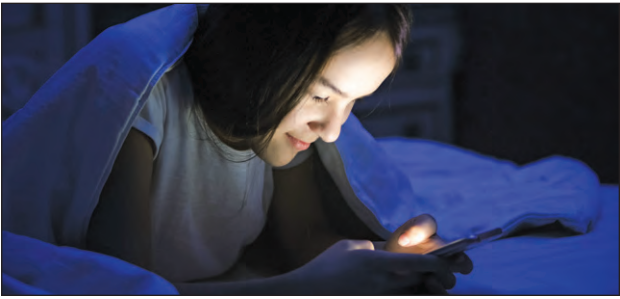
Also why the big secret? It must be bad...

From a dad: You have the right to know what she's doing on her phone but I wouldn't be willing to break her trust. I would try to force her to tell me what she's up to. And if she doesn't admit it, I suppose I'd have to trust her.

From Nora Nanny: Does

she get good grades? Has she given any reason not to trust her? If not maybe let it go, after a serious discussion about the consequences of what you put in writing.

From a mom: This is an underage teenager, so I would have absolutely zero qualms about looking at her phone history



for questionable behavior or decisions. If there's nothing horrific, I would allow the midnight sessions to go on uninterrupted. If there was, I would come down hard. As in go savage and ground her in life and from her phone.

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointenews.com.

Dear Ann Landers: A while back, you printed a letter about the dangers of prostitution. I would appreciate the opportunity to tell my side of the story. I hope you will print my letter, because your assessment was not accurate.

I am a 31-year-old woman with a bachelor's degree from a well-known university. I have been a sex worker for the past 14 years and am happy with my career. It burns me up when I read studies that say we are messed-up drug addicts who were abused as children, or that we are at risk of getting beaten up or raped by our customers. I do not deny that street-

walking is a difficult and stressful way to make a living, but not all prostitutes are streetwalkers. I work



in a brothel in Nevada and would not trade my job for any other that I know of. I perform a valuable service that is legal in most counties in this state. Every

woman who works out of our house gets checked by a doctor every week. I have met some fasci-

nating, successful, well-educated men through my profession. Many have been clients of mine for several years. I count among them doctors, law-

yers, judges, college professors, politicians and business executives. I make enough money working only two weeks each month and can use the other two weeks to pursue my writing career and work toward a Ph.D.

Ann, there's a reason prostitution is called "the world's oldest profession," and it isn't going away. Instead of fighting it, we should decriminalize it everywhere. For a woman who needs to feed her children, the threat of abuse is insignificant compared with watching her babies starve before her eyes. Legal sex work makes it possible for all women to have safer, stress-free working conditions. You

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should endorse it. -- Magdalene at Madam Kitty's

Dear Magdalene: I caught the significance of your name choice -- from the Bible yet. It is obvious that you enjoy your work, and as I have said before, there always will be a market for what you are selling. For many years, I have been in favor of legalizing your profession and have said so. But please do not

try to persuade anyone that babies would starve if their mothers did not go into prostitution. There are many other options -- government assistance is the best known. I won't go down the list of others, but no woman in America needs to sell her body to make a living -- unless, of course, she wants to.

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Aging husband wants to screen potential suitors for his wife

DEAR ABBY: I am an old man, married to a wonderful woman who does everything for me. I'm in poor health and don't expect to live much longer.



a few friends -- widowed and otherwise -- we don't know any men who would be acceptable as a future mate after I'm gone. She's financially

hold projects, not addicted to drugs or alcohol, financially independent and preferably politically conservative who would be a potential mate for her after I am gone.

We have discussed this to a limited extent, but she has expressed little interest in the subject. I can't imagine she won't experience a renaissance after this albatross is off of her neck. She has more than earned it. If you have any suggestions, I would appreciate them. -- THANKFUL IN WASHINGTON

My wife is a youthful 80. She's trim, pretty, active, hardworking, loving and sexy. She enjoys skiing, fishing, gardening, board games, puzzles etc.

She is the most organized person I have ever known. She likes to cook and entertain and is excellent at both.

Although she has quite

independent and meticulous about keeping track of expenses. Neither of us is formally religious.

To be blunt, I can't imagine a better wife for someone special. I would like us to meet a man, probably in his 70s, preferably widowed, physically active, romantically inclined, energetic, capable with tools and house-

DEAR THANKFUL: You are clearly a caring and protective husband who is deeply in love with and concerned for his wife. However, as much as you would like to screen the applicants to fill the vacancy that your death would create, there are some things a person must do

for themselves.

When you pass on, your wife may not feel ready to move on according to your timetable. Please let her make this decision for herself when the time is right.

P.S. I am sorry you are not in better health, because it seems you and your wife have a strong and loving relationship that will not be easy to replace.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson is in a relationship with a girl who manipulates him and abuses him emotionally. I told my grandson what she is doing, but he doesn't see it. Because of that, neither one of them is speaking to me.

My grandson was a caring, happy person until he met her. Now he's withdrawn. He is working, but she is not. They are struggling to make a life for themselves. When I ask how he's doing, he just says OK



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

and nothing more. Is there anything I can do to make him see what she is doing to him? -- IT'S OBVIOUS IN IOWA

DEAR OBVIOUS: No. You have done everything you can by trying to enlighten your grandson, who, it appears, "love" has blinded.

Now it's time for you to accept that nothing will change until he wakes up and smells the coffee.

DEAR ABBY: I have a former colleague whose company I enjoyed while I was working with him. He thought highly of my work ethic, and we worked well together. Because of this, he has asked me to be a professional reference for him sporadically over the years, which I always happily agreed to. The problem is we haven't worked together in six years.

Because it has been so long, I no longer feel as though I'm a good reference for him.

I also worry that recruiters will wonder why I was chosen after all this time. He reaches out to me only for reference requests, so it's not as though I'm damaging a long-term friendship, but I still care about him and his feelings.

How can I politely decline his future requests? -- RELUCTANT REFERENCE

DEAR RELUCTANT: In recent years, the amount of information that can be shared about

former employees and colleagues is quite restricted. I believe it's limited to the dates you worked together. However, because you no longer wish to be a reference, you will have to bite the bullet and be honest about your feelings and the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: The wife of a married couple my wife and I are friends with revealed a few years ago that before she met her husband, she had an affair that produced a child she immediately placed for adoption.

This was 40 years ago. It surprised us all, including her husband.

I believe she should have told her husband before they married. My wife says because it was before she met him, it was none of his business. Well, now it is his business because, through DNA ancestry sites, this "child" is now in his life, which has become an embarrassment for him. What do you think? -- HIS BUSINESS IN THE EAST

DEAR HIS BUSINESS: I think you should mind your own beeswax and stay resolutely OUT of his family business!

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Easter leftovers

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

In the beginning of April, my focus was to give you family dessert recipes that have always inspired me. In the early morning hours of today, I woke up thinking about how I’m going to use up all of our extra Easter ham. So I had to pause this week and share with you what I did to repurpose ours.

I made a cheesy sauce with leeks and lots of ham. Then, I poured it over layers of thinly sliced potatoes. I lightened the sauce up a bit by using chicken broth.

Remember to thoroughly wash your leeks to get the dirt and silt out. This is an absolute crowd pleaser for any-

one. I do have one tip for you. If you have extra gelatinous juice leftover from your ham, add it into the sauce. And if you still have extra meat, freeze it and make soup later!

Next week I’m back to dessert to close out April. Stay tuned.

Cheers, Mombeau

Scalloped Potatoes with Ham and Leeks

2 leeks, washed

4 tbsp butter

4 tbsp flour

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

1 ½ cups chicken broth

1 ½ cups half and half

2 cups white sharp cheddar, grated (reserve 1 cup)

1 cup gruyere, grated

3 cups chopped ham

2 teaspoons chopped thyme

½ tsp ground mustard

3 lbs yukon gold potatoes

Preheat the oven to 350. Start by making the sauce. Slice your leeks into half moon shapes. In a large saucepan over medium heat,

add the butter, leeks, salt and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes or until soft. Add the chopped ham and give it a stir.

Next add the flour. Stir everything around to make your roux, which is the base for your cheese sauce. After about 2 minutes slowly pour in the chicken broth, half and half, thyme and ground mustard.

Once the mixture is just under a boil, begin to slowly add the cheeses, reserving 1 cup of the cheddar for the topping.

Once the sauce is smooth and thickened, turn the heat off and start slicing the potatoes into thin rounds. I prefer my potatoes unpeeled because it’s easier.

Layer a third of the potatoes into a buttered 9x13 baking dish. Ladle a third of the ham and cheese mixture over top.



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Continue alternating the potatoes and the cheese mixture two more times, finishing with the cheese mixture.

Sprinkle with the remaining cheddar and bake, covered for 45 minutes.

If you think the sauce is too thick, don’t hesitate to add ¼ of chicken broth in a corner of the potatoes to help them steam.

Uncover and bake for an additional 25.



Pink takes its (rightful) place

There was a time not terribly long ago when winemakers had a deep, dark secret: The wines they were drinking were made just for themselves.

One man, who had made some pretty beefy and concentrated red wines, told me in 2007 that he made a light rose just for himself. He laughed and called it “real wine.”

“The cabernet I make is for sale,” he said. “This,” he said as he opened a light pink wine, “is for me and my staff.”

I have always loved dry rose wines, but at the time 15 years ago, we both knew light pink wines wouldn’t sell.

“I make about 20 cases a year, just for us, the staff and a few friends of the winery. We don’t sell it. We give it to special people, and we drink it with lunches under the sun.”

All that has changed. Today dry rose wine has become a serious full-fledged category, with some of the best coming in from the south of France, but also from places like Argentina, Chile, Australia, South Africa and of course Northern California.

One reason these wines are popular is that many American consumers now realize they can be delight-

ful. They are not really red and certainly not white, and their real benefit is that they pair nicely with the way we now eat.

And that is with lighter foods, outdoors, with smaller plates, with a more casual attitude toward dining. The pandemic did create a new way of dining, much of it in parklets that were created for health reasons, most of which have continue to operate.

The movement toward



pink wine began, as far as I can tell, about 2008. French analysts released statistics showing that sales of their rose wines, which are mostly dry, rose 42% among U.S. buyers in 2008. Other statistics

showed that all rose sales in the U.S. were up 24% during the same period.

There are several ways to make dry rose wines. The best is to pick the fruit of red grapes early enough so the color and flavors can be carefully extracted without the wine becoming heavy. The result can be sublime.

Sacha Lichine, son of the late wine expert Alexis Lichine, began to get into dry rose with a series of wines nearly 20 years ago at his Chateau d’Esclans in Provence. Prices then ranged from \$25 to \$80 a bottle!

One key to quality dry rose is the amount of sugar in the wine. Too much and the wine becomes so sweet it doesn’t work well with food. But when it’s dry, it can taste slightly like a red wine, though without much tannin.

Another key factor for dry rose is lightness in alcohol. Some rose wines are above 14% alcohol because they were made as a byproduct of making red wine.

When grapes are picked at a high ripeness level to make dark red wine, it’s possible to bleed off some of the juice during the fermentation (the French call this “saignee”).

The resulting wine is often pink or even copper colored, and the wine may be dry -- that is, without sugar.

But if the alcohol is above 14%, usually the wine is just as heavy as is the companion red wine.

For me, the best rose wines are dry and lower in alcohol, about 12% to 13%. An extra percent of alcohol can rob a wine of some

of its delicacy, and that’s what’s so appealing to a lot of winemakers (and to me!) in today’s best pink wines.

Rose can be made from almost any red wine grape.

Wine of the Week: 2021 Carol Shelton Rendezvous Rose, Mendocino County (\$19) -- There is a fascinating aromatic of spiced berries here along with a midpalate richness you rarely get from pink wines. It is mostly zinfandel and is ideal to serve with light meat dishes.

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Woods egg stroll

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its fourth annual Egg Stroll Saturday, April 9, at Lake Front Park. Around 400 people showed up in chilly weather to find eggs and meet the Easter Bunny.



Julian Gagnon finds an egg hidden in a tree.

Leo Castile entertains himself while collecting eggs by jumping in puddles.



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Drew Bacha, Ethan Klingbail, Graham Klingbail escaping the bunny photo, Ellie Klingbail and George Bacha pose with the Easter Bunny.



Fiona Wotowicz, left, and her sister, Jubilee, collect eggs.



Sawyer Matthews gives the Easter Bunny a high five.



Adam Brown, Vivienne Krengel and Madeline Brown show off their full bags of Easter eggs.



From left, Madison, Myles and Vin Listenbee are all smiles with the Easter Bunny.

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 » Allen Dennard Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval. » Blue Man Group Fox Theatre, 7:30-6:30 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave. » Detroit Tigers vs. New York Yankees Comerica Park, 7 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave. » The House Ford House, 7 p.m. 1100 Lake Shore Road.	» Blue Man Group Fox Theatre, 7:30-6:30 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave. » Detroit Tigers vs. Colorado Rockies Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave. » Nicolas Altstaedt Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. 3711 Woodward Avenue. » Salome's Seduction Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8-10 p.m. 3711 Woodward Ave.	» Detroit Tigers vs. Colorado Rockies Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave. » DINO-Light Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m. 350 Madison St. » Kyle Watson with Ranger Trucco, Teknono + Crystal Magic Stick, 9 p.m. 4120 Woodward Ave. » Nicolas Altstaedt Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. 3711 Woodward Avenue.	» Cavetown Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m. 2115 Woodward Ave. » Charitable Run/Walk Detroit RiverWalk 8 a.m.-12 p.m. » Detroit Tigers vs. Colorado Rockies Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave. » Birding 101 Ford House, 8 a.m. 1100 Lake Shore Road. » In the Air Tonight: The Music of Genesis & Phil Collins Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3-5 p.m. 3711 Woodward Ave. » Lightwire Theater Dino-light Music Hall Center, 3 p.m. 350 Madison. » Sky Covington Woodbridge Pub 5169 Trumbull, 7:30-11 p.m. » Urban Arts And Eatery Expo 2022 11 a.m. 2810 Russell St.	» VIP Petcare at Pet Supplies Plus Pet Supplies Plus, 10-11:30 a.m. 23700 Greater Mack Ave. » Your Old Mansion Lecture Series, Tour Detroit Landmarks in a Model A, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 2 p.m. 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.	» Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week 3-10 p.m. » Explorers Ford House, 3 p.m. 1100 Lake Shore Road. » In Cold Mug Book Discussion Offsite, 7-9 p.m. grossepointelibrary.org » Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m. grossepointelibrary.org
» The Wine Counselor®: Subtleties of Scotch at The War Memorial 32 Lake Shore Dr, 7-8:30 p.m. » The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show Brit Floyd-World Tour 2022 Music Hall Center, 8 p.m. 350 Madison. » Yoga & Music: Electronic Flow The CUBE, 7-8 p.m. 3711 Woodward Avenue.	SATURDAY, APRIL 23 » Allen Dennard at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval. » Blue Man Group Fox Theatre, 7:30-6:30 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave. » Boutique Spring Sip & Shop at Wildflower & Company 18849 Kercheval Ave, 3-6 p.m. » Detroit Red Wings vs. Pittsburgh Penguins Little Caesars Arena, 12:30 p.m. 2645 Woodward.	» Parsons Dance Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m. 350 Madison St. » President Detroit Film Theatre, 7 p.m. 5200 Woodward Ave. » Salome's Seduction Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8-10 p.m. 3711 Woodward Ave.	SUNDAY, APRIL 24 » Blue Man Group Fox Theatre, 7:30-6:30 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave.	MONDAY, APRIL 25 » Black Pistol Fire The Shelter, 7 p.m. 431 E Congress St.	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 » An Imperial Mughal Album Folio Detroit Institute of Arts 6-7:30 p.m. 5200 Woodward Ave. » KALEO - Fight or Flight Tour The Fillmore Detroit, 6 p.m. 2115 Woodward Ave. » KEM & Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds Hosted by Sherri Shepherd Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave.
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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I don't regularly paint my own nails. And I have a few good reasons why it never works for me.

1. My nails seem to repel polish. Within 30 minutes of painting, four nails are chipped and my hands look like a kindergarten art project gone wrong.

2. I'm clumsy. As a teenager, I actually managed to spill an entire bottle of nail polish remover on my mother's beautiful wood dining table. Even after she told me not to do my nails there. Table ruined. Yikes.

3. I don't have the patience. One hand always looks great and the other one looks, well, not so great.

In the same breath, at-home manicures typically are cheaper and faster than heading to the nail salon, so I'm always on the hunt for the best products to make my nails look great.

A few weeks ago, I saw an ad for an at-home nail kit called Nailboo. Nailboo uses dip powder

to create the perfect DIY manicure. Also Paris Hilton was the one promoting it and I don't really know why, but I had to try it.

The Nailboo kit comes with a nail file, cuticle pusher, nail brush, colored powder, build powder, top coat, base coat, activator and cleaner.

build powder, I used the base coat again and then dipped each nail into the colored powder.

Once there is a color on each nail, I applied the activator liquid to each nail, waited five minutes and then applied the activator one more time. After waiting another five minutes, I applied two coats of topcoat and the process was complete. Honestly it took a lot of instruction reading and there are so many products, it's a little annoying.

My nails look pretty good, but they could be better. I'm sure you get more skilled the more times you use it.

I definitely don't think Nailboo will replace a traditional salon manicure because it takes about an hour to finish the process and can be difficult to do on your own. Also it was a \$60 investment for the entire kit — though subsequent colors are not that much.

Dip powder is a different system than traditional nail polish, so it's a good idea to read the



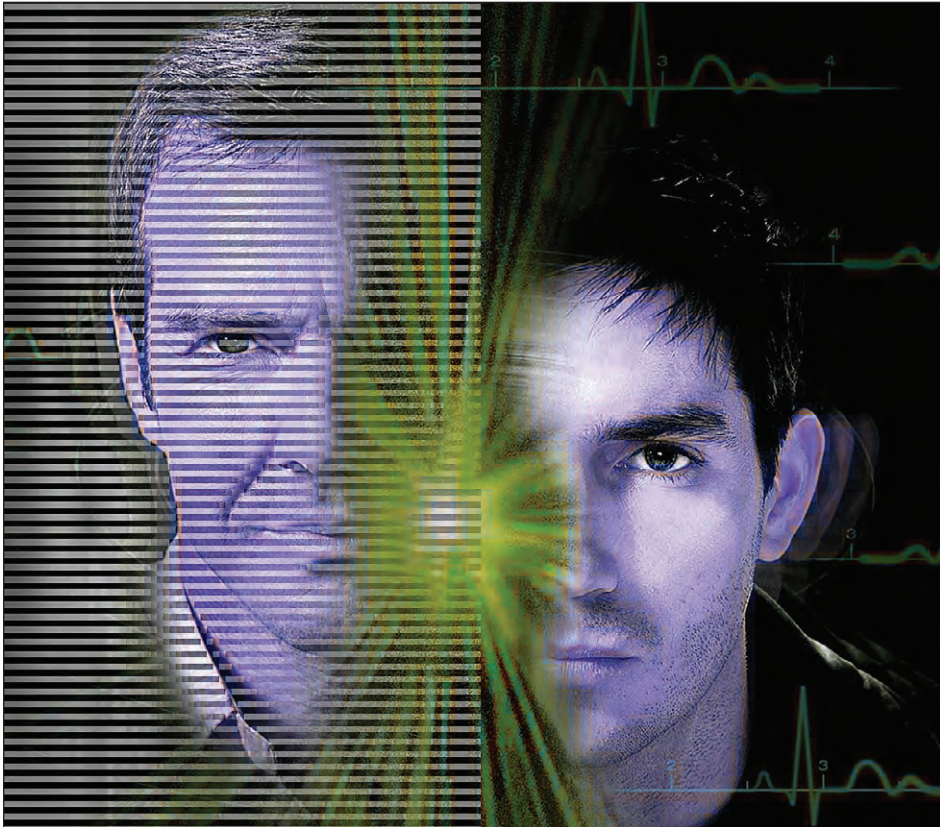
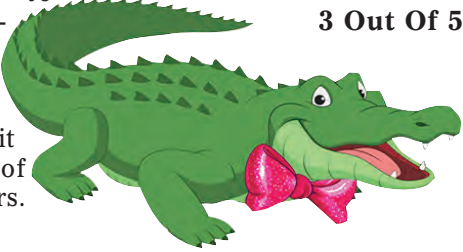
instructions carefully.

Though I still love a salon manicure, I think this product would be fun for teens and their friends to use. If you're willing to put the time and energy into perfecting the dip-powder process, I'd say this product could be a great way to get a durable and long-lasting manicure. I give it three out of five alligators.

Nailboo is available online at nailboo.com.

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com.

3 Out Of 5



From left, Dennis Quaid as Frank Sullivan and Jim Caviezel as John Sullivan in the 2000 movie "Frequency" directed by Gregory Hoblit.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Frequency"
2000 - PG-13
1 hr 58min

As I mentioned in a previous column, I'm a big fan of time travel movies. Here's one I somehow missed when it came out, but I'm glad I finally got around to seeing it.

It has all the hallmarks of what I look for in this type of film—compelling storyline, great acting, lots of action, and solid cinematography. Not to

mention a subtle yet memorable soundtrack. "Frequency" had all this in spades. It had me on the edge of my seat and kept me guessing the outcome right until the end.

The film opens with snippets of the evening news, to establish the date is 1969. Included is the report that the Northern Lights are visible over New York City, which is quite a rare occurrence. Then we're on the tension-filled scene of a multi-vehicle

collision, which includes a fuel truck.

Frank Sullivan (Dennis Quaid) is a New York firefighter, and as a result of his heroics, several lives are saved. Cut to 1999, where a 30-something John Sullivan (Jim Caviezel) is seen watching his wife pack up and walk out on him.

It's revealed that John is Frank's son. While digging through the closet, John finds an old ham radio that belonged to his dad. He fires it up and

immediately comes in contact with another ham operator.

Due to the Northern Lights that are also present in 1999, he inexplicitly begins communicating with his long dead father.

It sounds farfetched, but it's treated very realistically in the film, and is very convincing.

Frank, it turns out died in a warehouse fire when John was a young boy. Since the details of Frank's death are known, John warns him not to leave by a certain exit, and he saves his life. However, because they've altered events, other factors arise, including the death of John's mother.

All this takes place in the first third of the movie. I was wondering where the story could possibly go from here. Was I ever in for a surprise.

I won't tell you a whole lot more about the film except to say the two of them attempt to solve a string of murders that took place back in 1969.

The plot takes some surprising twists and turns. The result is a captivating combination of suspense and time travel. Along with all the action, there are some rather tender moments between the two leads.

In one memorable and gut-wrenching scene, it's just father and son, late at night having a heart to heart talk, knowing they'll never meet in person again.

The film also uses flashbacks effectively to show John as a young boy, interacting with his dad, and we get a sense of how close the two of them were. They have great chemistry in this film, it makes you wonder why they haven't

worked together again.

The excellent supporting cast includes Shawn Doyle, Elizabeth Mitchell, Andre Braugher, and Noah Emmerich. If you're looking for some great entertainment, I highly recommend "Frequency". It's a couple hours you won't regret. Or, if you've already seen it, it's definitely worth a second viewing! Streaming on Hoopla (free with your library card) and Prime Video.

★★★★☆

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column: My main focus is on films that I feel have gone



My rating system:

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

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

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

under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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

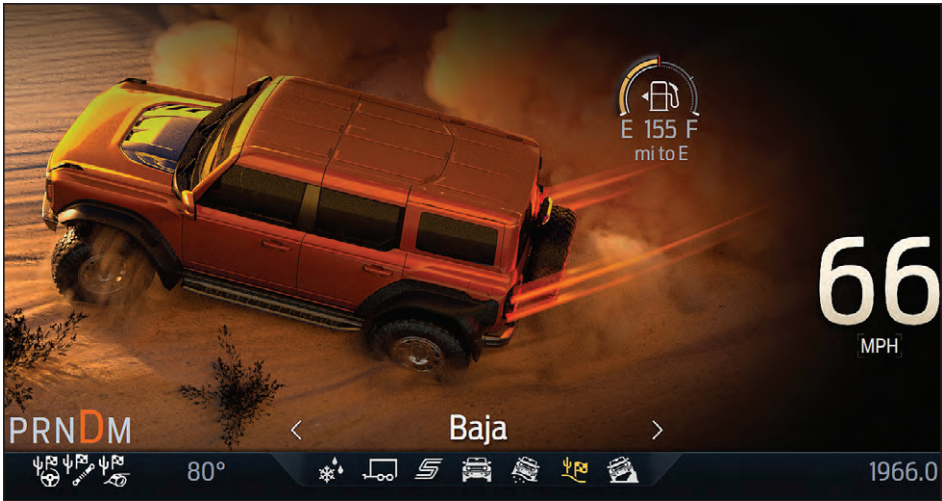
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From left, Dennis Quaid as Frank Sullivan and Andre Braugher as Satch DeLeon.

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2022 Ford Bronco Raptor Baja

All-digital cluster on Bronco Raptor uses high tech to optimize off-road performance

DEARBORN, Mich., April 2022 — It’s fitting that a vehicle delivering the epitome of off-road capability treats its drivers to a visual experience like no other. From behind the wheel, the extreme off-road capability of the Ultra4-inspired 2022 Bronco Raptor™ is complemented by a dynamic display in a fully customizable 12-inch digital cluster that illustrates the optimization enabled by each drive mode.

The 12-inch display represents the next evolution of digital technology in the Ford lineup, expanding on the cluster of F-150 Raptor.

Headlining this new feature is Performance View, which makes crucial information such as gear state and engine speed easy to read for hardcore off-roaders traveling across the desert.

Exclusive Performance View can be used with any mode, but is designed with high-speed, off-road racing in Baja mode in mind.

“Performance View changes a driver’s impression of how to use the vehicle, with an intuitive layout that puts redline at the 12 o’clock position and uses a drive-train avatar to really get the focus on optimizing the performance of the drive,” said Mark Sich, Ford digital design manager. “The entire focus is to provide the driver with important information as efficiently as possible.”

The same team that worked on the cluster also designed the improved 12-inch center stack screen, ensuring harmony across all screens to provide easy-to-read, quick-to-decipher information. In addition, MyMode enables drivers to save all of their favorite steering, exhaust and suspension settings.

Bronco Raptor features advanced SYNC 4 connected vehicle technology that learns customer preferences and improves experiences such as automatically mapping to their favorite trail. Ford also can use this learning capability to improve the vehicle with more and more capability over time.

Ford Power-Up software updates offer this potential for an even smarter Bronco Raptor with plans for new capabilities and off-road features, as well as further evolving the FordPass mobile app to include unique functionality for off-road adventures. Much of the competition can only upgrade entertainment features.

Customers also can control their Bronco Raptor with the FordPass app to lock or unlock their vehicle from almost anywhere, as well as check tire pressure and fuel level.

Animating the cockpit brings Bronco G.O.A.T. Modes to life

For an elevated immersive experience, the all-new digital cluster in Bronco Raptor brings the brand’s exclusive G.O.A.T. Modes™ (Goes Over Any Type of Terrain) Terrain Management System™ to life. Former video-game developers joined the design team in creating animations for all seven selectable drive modes, each capturing the specific performance and personality of the setting through the use of color, speed and even camera angle to help drivers quickly interpret how their vehicle is optimized at any given moment.

Using the center console-mounted G.O.A.T. Modes rotary dial, drivers can easily change from one mode to

another. With Normal mode at the 12 o’clock position, the dial clicks left one by one for three of the modes, then right for the additional three modes.

- Normal: The screen of the digital cluster uses a subtle blue to show the vehicle in an everyday driving scenario.

- Sport: One click left captures the feel of a more exciting drive experience, with the cluster using a red and white theme to show the vehicle in a track environment.

- Tow/Haul: To highlight the increased tow rating of 4,500 pounds, the cluster screen two clicks to the left includes a vehicle towing a trailer, with the gauges turning yellow in a subtle nod to construction vehicles at work.

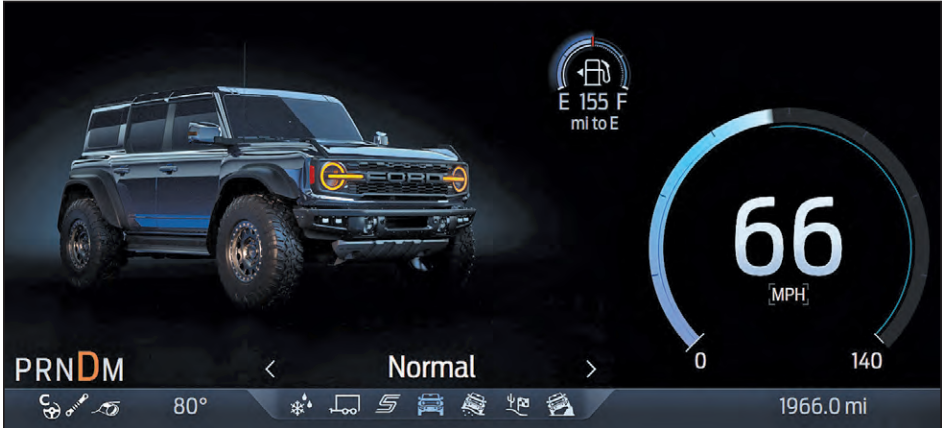
- Slippery: Optimized for use on slick roads or loose surfaces such as gravel, this mode, three clicks to the left, is replicated on screen using light blue to show a vehicle in rainy conditions.

- Off-Road: One click right brings animation of an off-road environment in shades of brown to illustrate that Bronco Raptor is ready for muddy, rutted, uneven terrain, and that four-wheel-drive lock is engaged.

- Baja: Getting to the heart of the Bronco Raptor persona, two clicks right delivers a cluster that uses orange highlights to show the vehicle driving across a desert scene.

- Rock Crawl: Three clicks to the right and the vehicle is optimized for low-speed, aggressive climbing maneuvers, with the cluster showing Bronco Raptor slow-crawling over rocks.

The 2022 Bronco Raptor is due in Ford showrooms this summer.



Ford Bronco Raptor Normal.



Ford Bronco Raptor Rock Crawl.



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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, April 21, 2022:

You push yourself hard, and in doing so, you inspire others to achieve their goals. Despite your strong work ethic, you are playful and enjoy having a good time. This is a year of construction and building. This might apply in an external way or to internal structures that you want to introduce into your life.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today professional and business concerns are your focus. In addition, for some reason your most intimate and personal life might be on public display. Like, what’s with that? Perhaps it’s a public argument. (It’s hard to keep your shirt on when you need to get something off your chest.) Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Today you need to get outta Dodge. You want to be free of your daily routine and do something different for some fun stimulation. Travel would be an obvious choice. Enjoy meeting new friends, especially people who are different. Tonight: Good times.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Today your emotional experiences will be more intense. Or possibly, you will attract someone to you who is very intense. (“Hi, Darth.”) You might be envious of something that someone else owns, because you’re focused on the wealth of others. It happens to us all. Tonight: Stay calm.



CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which will draw your attention to your most personal relationships. Because of the placement of the Moon, conflicts will be more emotional. Guard against knee-jerk reactions when talking to others. Tonight: Stay chill.



LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you might have to put your own considerations second to the wants and needs of someone else. Don’t worry; you’re not being a martyr; it’s just what’s happening. Nevertheless, you will be productive, and this will give you a sense of reward and satisfaction. Tonight: Get organized.



VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Moon is in your fellow Earth sign, which balances your energy and gives you a warm feeling in your tummy. This is why you will project yourself more than usual when dealing with others. You also might feel more protective and nurturing to children. Tonight: Socialize.



LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Grab every chance to slip away to your own private place today so that you can enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings -- preferably with good food and drink. (One needs sustenance.) It might occur to you today just how much your habits control your life. Tonight: Relax.



SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have a strong desire to talk to others today and tell them your ideas and share your opinions. You might even want to teach somebody something. Certainly, you want conversations to be real, which is why you will avoid superficial chitchat. Tonight: Listen.



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It’s easy to identify with your possessions today. You might feel a strong attachment to something that you own. Certainly, you don’t want to lend something to someone. You also might find yourself having to defend yourself about something, perhaps your values, to someone else. Tonight: Enjoy peace.



CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which can bring you a tiny bit of extra good luck. It also increases your need to relate to friends and loved ones, which is why you will be warm and sympathetic to others. You will be there if someone needs you. Tonight: You win!



AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today you will be happiest working alone or behind the scenes, because you need some time by yourself. Nevertheless, don’t hesitate to communicate your deep feelings to someone who is willing to listen. We all need to be heard. (Is it time to send out for dark chocolate?) Tonight: Enjoy solitude.



PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Your emotional contact with a friend or a member of a group will be highlighted today. In part, this could be because you feel more protective and supportive about someone. Your strong connection with this person is important to you, which is why you might feel jealous if they pay attention to someone else. Tonight: Stay mellow.

BORN TODAY
Queen Elizabeth II (1926), actress Andie MacDowell (1958), actor James McAvoy (1979).

Contract Bridge

FAMOUS HAND

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 10
♥ Q 10 6 5 4 3
♦ A K 6
♣ 8 6

WEST
♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 9 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ —
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ A Q J 5 4

The bidding:
East South West North
2 ♣ 3 ♣ Dble Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

The scene was the annual European team championship, played in Amsterdam in 1955. The hand showed occurred when Norway met the Italian team. East-West were Mario Franco and Michele Giovine of Italy. They were playing the highly artificial Marmic system, and Franco’s two-club opening showed a three-suited hand of 5-4-4-0 or 4-4-4-1 distribution.

The Norwegian South, correctly or not, decided to overcall with three clubs

in hopes of stealing bidding space from his opponents before they could locate their best suit. Giovine, who did not understand or speak English well, then asked for a review of the bidding. Upon being reassured (in Italian) that South had actually bid three clubs, he licked his chops and doubled (in English), which was passed all around.

Declarer won the opening diamond lead in dummy and returned the king of spades to East’s ace. When East then led the king of hearts, South ruffed, cashed his queen of spades and trumped a spade in dummy. Declarer next ruffed another heart and led a low diamond to the ace.

At this point, seven tricks had been played, and South had won six of them. He still had the A-Q-J of trump, as well as the J-7 of diamonds and a spade. Giovine’s last six cards were all trumps.

When declarer next played a heart from dummy and discarded his spade on it, West was forced to ruff and return a trump to South’s jack. Declarer then exited with a diamond, again forcing West to ruff and return a trump into the A-Q. As a result, South made three clubs doubled!

At the other table, the Italian South also ended up in three clubs. But because he wasn’t doubled and didn’t realize that West had all the missing trumps, he wound up down two.

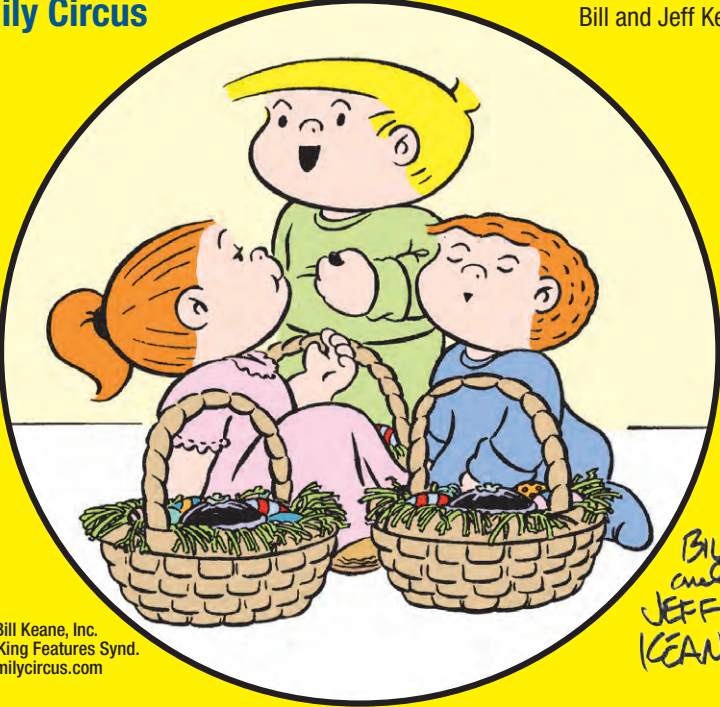
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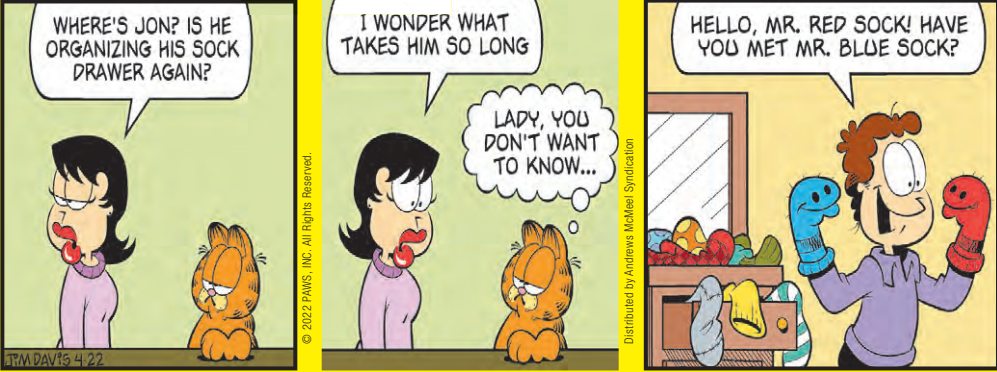


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"We're seeing who can keep a jelly bean in their mouth the longest without biting it"

Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



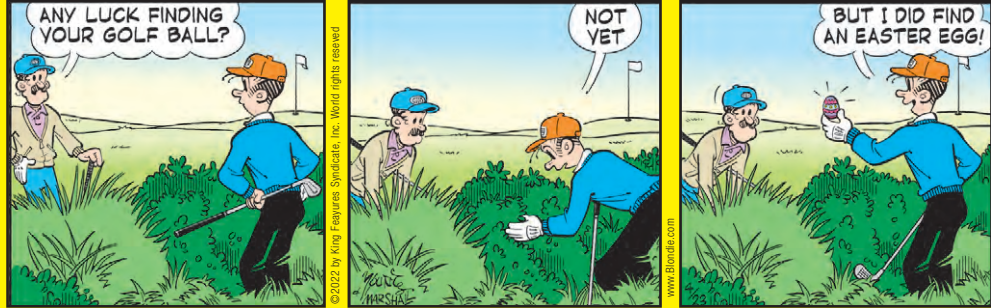
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Greg and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



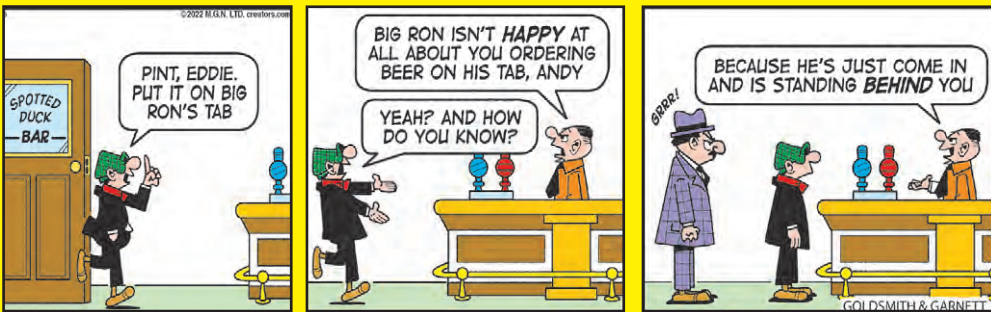
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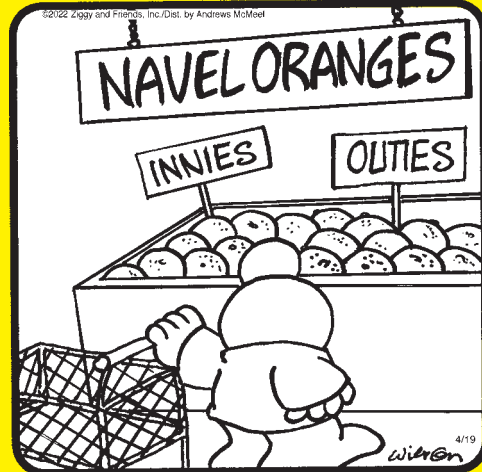


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 21, 2022

ACROSS

- 1 Rumba or samba
6 They're big in Hollywood
10 Make small talk
14 Water brand sourced in the French Alps
15 Mother of Jesus
16 Took a bike, perhaps
17 "You make a ___ point"
18 One with a password
19 In the know about
20 Schmooze
23 Kind of bed with a frame overhead
26 Sauna site
27 "___ what I mean?"
28 Vital energy, in Chinese medicine
29 Beach retreat?
32 Lumbers (along)
34 Where to spice up nachos
37 Bulk beer buy
38 Have some drinks
42 Poetic tribute
43 Jessica Alba character also known as Invisible Woman
45 Prepares, as tea
48 Animal that broods
49 Piece of pizza?

- 50 Favorable vote
51 Tin container?
54 Hurt with an insult
57 Prepare to propose
61 Green-lighted
62 "___ bang for your buck"
63 Sword-forging block
67 Stereotypical tech whiz
68 Recess activity
69 Jump (horror film technique)
70 Dreyer's, in some regions
71 Say "Says who?" to, say
72 Fundamental of a faith
DOWN
1 Patel of "The Last Airbender"
2 "Selma" director
3 Absolutely nothing
4 City in Egypt or Illinois
5 Eventually arrive (at)
6 Flightless birds
7 Deep wound
8 Cookies with an amazing variety of flavors
9 Thick liquid in Italian soda
10 "Oh, shoot!"
11 "Knock on wood"

- 12 Was wild about
13 There are 12 basic ones for English verbs
21 "Ta-ta!"
22 Spots for clip-on mics
23 IV amounts
24 Captain in a whale of a tale
25 Egyptian river
30 Stuffed and steamed bun
31 Painter's tool
33 Letters before QIA+
35 Winter angel material
36 Builds a second story, say
37 Enthusiastic about
39 Wish to undo
40 Exude, like charm
41 Bird with musician and flutist varieties

- 44 In-between size: Abbr.
45 Former
46 Made a sink?
47 Pizzeria or taqueria
52 Blowout wins
53 Sherlock's sister in a 2020 film
55 Enjoy a big meal
56 It's seen around the yard
58 Questions 1, 3, 5, etc., in a textbook
59 Historic spans
60 Middle C and others
64 Mover's vehicle
65 Heated state
66 Rent

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

S	L	A	N	G	L	I	M	P	M	I	S	S
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T	O	N	E		W	E	R	E		E	R	N
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Joint Effort by Sean Ziebarth

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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



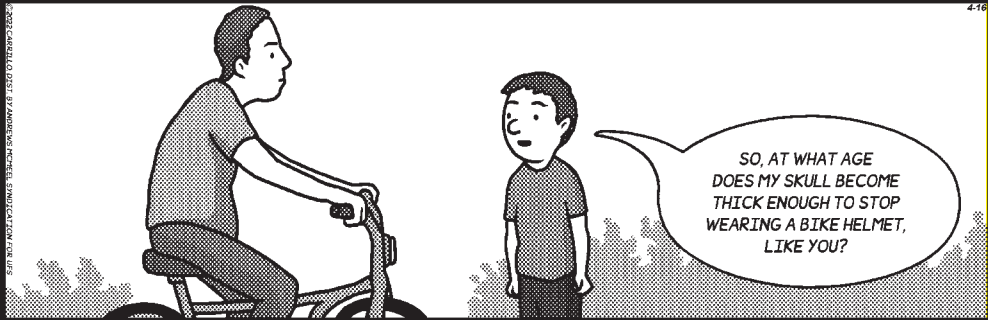
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F Minus

Tony Carriolo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



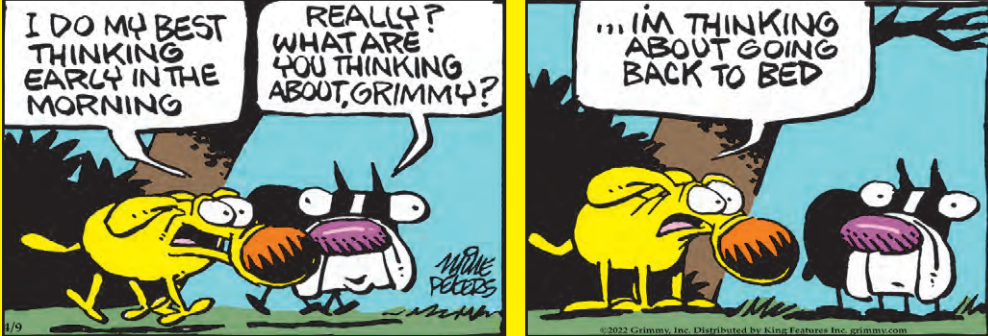
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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

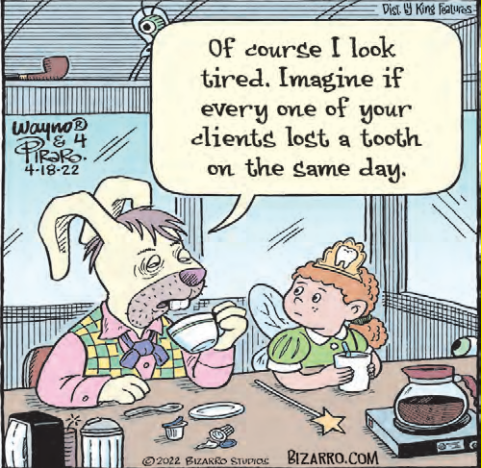


Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



"I THINK IF THEY EACH HAD MARRIED OTHER PEOPLE I'D HAVE FOUR CLIENTS."

Close To Home

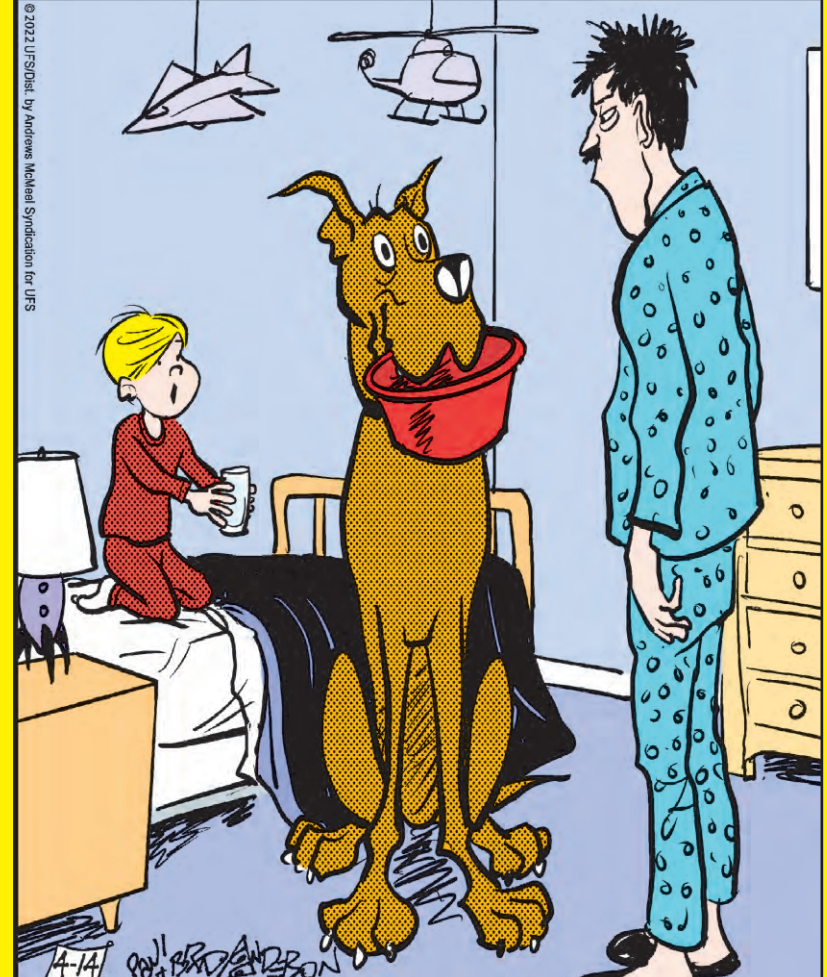
John McPherson



"They're just wax, but they keep my daughters' boyfriends from getting the least bit out of line."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Don't forget, Marmaduke needs a drink, too."

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North sweeps rivalry doubleheader

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

One of the most highly anticipated days on the Grosse Pointe sports calendar each year came around Saturday. In a town that loves its baseball, Grosse Pointe South hosted Grosse Pointe North for a doubleheader that brought all the excitement fans across the Pointes have become used to seeing when the two sides meet on the diamond.

“North and South speaks for itself,” North coach Kevin Shubnell said about his first time being a head coach in the rivalry. “It’s perhaps the best high school baseball rivalry in the state. ... As far as I’m concerned, the game and rivalry is all about the kids. My job is to get them ready and keep them mentally focused to perform at their best.”

Saturday’s games had a bit of everything: strong pitching, good performances at the

plate and drama. In the end, the Norsemen took wins in both games. North earned a close 4-3 victory in the first game and followed it up with a more dominant 12-0 win to close out the day.

The first game started as a showcase of strong pitching and defense on both sides. The starting pitchers, Brennan Hill for North and Robbie Leonard for the Blue Devils, each pitched shutouts until the fifth inning. Hill exited the game for the Norsemen after four innings, surrendering just one hit and striking out nine South batters.

It took until the bottom of the fifth inning for the game to see its first runs. South’s Cliff Grabowski brought in River Kraus with an RBI single to put the Blue Devils up 1-0. An error by the North defense after a hard-hit ground ball by Jonathan Drake later the same inning extended South’s lead to two.

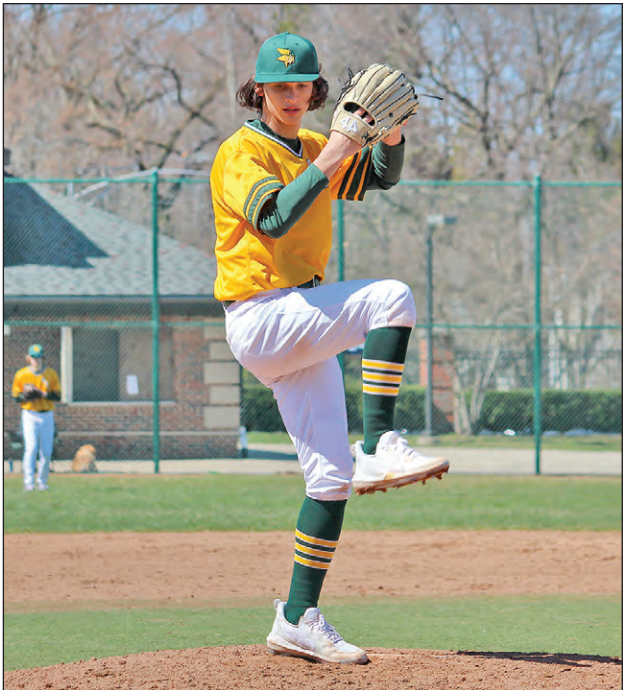


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Brennan Hill was North’s starter on the mound in game one Saturday. The sophomore surrendered one hit and struck out nine batters in four innings.

North was quick to answer in the top of the sixth and managed to cut the Blue Devils’ lead in half. An RBI single by Jake Tedesco scored Drew Hill to make it 2-1

away from sealing the win until things changed with two outs. While North had runners on second and third base, the umpire called a balk on Blue Devils pitcher Chase Campbell. The call allowed Parker O’Neill to advance from third to home and score the tying run for the Norsemen.

Rocco Cardinale, who was at the plate for North when the balk occurred, ended up drawing a walk to give the Norsemen runners on the corners. North’s Ben Suarez then stepped up to drive in the go-ahead run from third with an RBI single. Drew Hill was next in line and put the Norsemen up by two with an RBI single to score Cardinale.

Hill also took the mound in the seventh for the second of his two-inning pitching performance and to close out the game his brother Brennan had started. South was able to

threaten in the bottom of the seventh, getting runners to second and third. However, the Blue Devils did not manage to get anyone across home and North took the win in the opening game of the day.

“Our kids never packed it in. We stress competing until the final out and we did that in game one,” Shubnell said. “Kids stayed focused. We stress it every day to play with class and poise as that is going to keep them level headed when the game stands tall.”

The Norsemen took an early lead in game two when O’Neill drew a walk with the bases loaded in the first inning to put North up 1-0. O’Neill made an impact at the plate again with an RBI single, his second of four RBI in game two of the doubleheader.

O’Neill was one of three North players to have multiple RBI in the

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Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The level of dedication and determination that takes over Alex Agius when he runs is what makes him the ideal runner any track or cross country coach would want on their team. The junior from Grosse Pointe North High School has become a standout in both sports during his first few years with the teams. From qualifying for the state championships to setting and achieving his own personal goals, Agius is as driven as any runner in the world to reach his peak.

“I always strive for the best and work the hardest to become better,” he said.

Now fully dedicated to cross country in the fall and track in the spring, it was not always that way for Agius. He explored different sports growing up and even had his introduction to running track in middle school.

Agius entered high school at North more focused on becoming a swimmer. However, it seemed like fate was pushing Agius to keep running.

“I did track in seventh

and eighth grade just for fun, but didn’t think I’d do it in high school,” he said. “Freshman year, the season came, but I was focusing on swimming. I had a wrist injury which I had to get a cast for so I couldn’t swim. Right after my doctor’s appointment, I got a physical and called the captain to see if I could still join and the coach pulled some

strings so I could still run. I think five days later we had a race. ... Little did I know I would be under 20 (minutes) and was the top runner in JV that day.”

Agius hasn’t looked back since. Starting in cross country and joining track as well, he has stepped up to become one of the most prolific runners the Norsemen have. During his high

school career so far, Agius also has embraced that just being fast is not alone what makes a great runner.

One of his best qualities is his versatility. Distance running has become his specialty, but Agius can do it all. His skills in cross country translate well to track in the spring, where Agius has shown his coaches he is capable of running just about any event.

“The mile is my main event, but if coach needs me in the 400 or the 800, I’m always there,” he said. “I can step in if they need me and can run everything from a 400 to a two

mile.”

Being able to run in any kind of event his team needs him to highlights Agius’ abilities as a leader. Now an upper-classman, his capability to lead has never been in question in the eyes of his teammates or coaches. The same internal drive and determination Agius uses to make himself better spreads to every runner

around him.

“(Alex) is a natural born leader and a self-motivated runner,” said Joe Ciaravino, who coaches distance runners for the North track and field team. “He sets high expectations for himself and is relentless in the pursuit of his goals. He’s a wonderful role model for the younger runners in the program.”

The effort Agius brings to every race and event is nothing new. It has been a part of him ever since he began running and was apparent to some early on.

“I saw Alex run the mile in a middle school track meet when he was in seventh grade,” North boys cross country coach Diane Montgomery said. “He did not win the race — he came in second — but there was something about the way he attacked the race that made me want to make him a part of the North cross country family. ... He is a very dedicated athlete who is internally motivated.”

While focused on helping the Norsemen achieve as many wins as possible during the current track season, some of Agius’ greatest achievements have come in cross country. This past fall season was especially momen-



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Alex Agius has become a key part of the North cross country and track teams and was the only Norsemen to qualify for the state championships in cross country last fall.

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The 2021 cross country season stands out for Agius in terms of what he was able to achieve. He represented North at the state championships, the only runner from North to make it to states in the fall after a strong performance at regionals. Making it to states was a great accomplishment in his career; however, being as self-motivated as he is, achieving his

personal goals was the main focus and highlight of the year.

“I was hoping to qualify and that was my main goal,” Agius said. “Every race I seemed to get a little faster, but there was a while where I wasn’t getting any faster and was having a slump, I guess. We weren’t given very nice courses, which were affecting the time. ...

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Knights win two over Richmond

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Two weeks after opening the season, the University Liggett School baseball team finally got back in action Saturday. Postponements due to

recent bad weather left the Knights having to get back on the diamond and compete. They were able to Saturday, a chilly yet dry day that saw Liggett travel to Richmond for a non-league double-header.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett’s Jack Jones took the mound during both games against Richmond Saturday, working as the closer in the first game and starter in the second.

The two-week break led the Knights to a bit of a slow start in the opening game; however, Liggett was able to escape game one with a close 4-3 win before an even stronger second game that finished 7-0 in favor of the Knights.

“We did a good job in practice by scrimmaging and getting a lot of work in,” Liggett coach Dan Cimini said. “It was unfortunate that we had a lot of rainouts. ... We came out a bit flat against Richmond. We left a lot of runners on base and didn’t get many big hits, but at this time of the year the bats are the last thing to come around and our pitching and defense have been phenomenal.”

Liggett got on the board first in game one with an RBI single from Joey Randazzo in the top of the fourth inning. The Blue Devils of Richmond did not wait long to

answer, scoring twice in the bottom of the same inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Neither team scored another run until the seventh and final inning. With two outs in the top of the seventh, Randazzo crossed home plate on a wild pitch to tie the game. Kurt Barr, who started the game on the mound and allowed no hits through three innings, came up big with his bat, knocking in two more runs on a line-drive single.

“That’s what seniors do and you need your seniors to step up if you’re gonna be good,” Cimini said about Barr’s performance in Saturday’s first game, both offensively and defensively.

Barr’s two-RBI single ended up being the deciding factor in game one. Richmond scored one run to pull closer in the bottom of the seventh, but Jack Jones suc-

cessfully closed out the game on the mound for the Knights and saved the win.

After a close first game, the Knights looked dominant in the second game of the doubleheader. Reggie Sharpe brought in the first run of the game in the third inning by taking a walk with the bases loaded. A two-RBI hit from Ryan Jones followed shortly after to give the Knights a 3-0 lead and put them on the path to a shutout win.

Barr and Jack Jones each had an RBI in the second game as well. Oliver Service collected hits in both of his plate appearances in what was a much more offensively sound game for the Knights as a whole.

After getting the save in game one, Jack Jones started game two on the mound for Liggett and made it through four shutout innings while allowing four hits.

Freshman Blake Ilitch took the mound for the first time as a Knight in Saturday’s second game, coming on in relief for Jones. Ilitch kept the shutout going for the final three innings and surrendered just one hit.

Ilitch, Jones and both Kurt and Preston Barr all took the mound Saturday, which Cimini saw as a much-needed opportunity to get the core of Liggett’s pitching staff into some real game action.

“Our four guys got some work in and they needed to get that work, because two of them hadn’t pitched yet,” he said.

Liggett returns to Catholic League play Friday, hosting U of D Jesuit in a doubleheader rescheduled from April 13. The Knights are also home Monday evening for a showdown with Plymouth Christian.

Blue Devils get first wins of softball season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

By the time last week came around, the Grosse Pointe South softball team was ready to finally get on the diamond. The Blue Devils got to play their first games of the season last Tuesday after weather forced the start of the season to be pushed back a bit later than expected.

Things did not quite get off to the bright start South may have wanted last week. The team dropped its first two games of the season against Marine City and Fraser. Saturday brought a chance to bounce back as the Blue Devils hosted a weekend round-robin tournament and picked up a pair of early-season wins.

The first game saw South win handily over Rochester 16-1, in a game that took only three innings. Rochester took an early 1-0 lead in the first

inning, scoring a run on a sacrifice fly. After that, it was all Blue Devils.

South scratched across eight runs in the first inning alone to start an impressive offensive performance. Liv Livingstone finished with four RBI for the Blue Devils in the win and was one of four South players to finish with multiple RBI. Lily Stidham, Meredith Kramer and Avery Harris all brought in a pair of runs each with their bats. Stidham and Livingstone each brought in some of their runs with balls hit over the fence.

The Blue Devils’ pitching staff had a strong day from the start and the offense also showed up strong. Emily Peacock got the start in game one Saturday and allowed just one run without giving up a hit in three innings.

Another great pitching performance came for South in the second

game of the day. Stidham toed the rubber for the Blue Devils against Warren Woods-Tower and allowed only one hit and three runs through four innings of work.

“Our pitching was outstanding, only allowing one hit all day,” South coach Bill Fleming said. “We struck out eight batters and played errorless defense.”

In addition to her pitching against Woods-Tower, Stidham brought in three more runs with her bat, including a two-run homerun in the second inning. Shannon Dame and Luna Agosta had two RBI each in the win that helped seal a round-robin tournament victory for South.

The Blue Devils host Port Huron Thursday in their first game of MAC Blue league play. Then it is time for another round robin Saturday, with South welcoming Western International, Dearborn and Grosse Ile.



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South softball with the round robin trophy the team earned over the weekend with wins over Warren Woods-Tower and Rochester.

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HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, April 21

4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Bloomfield Hills @Elworthy

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Port Huron @South

4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Port Huron @Messner

4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Henry Ford @South

4:30 pm Boys JV “B” Baseball vs. Lakeview @Elworthy

6 pm Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Romeo @South

7:30 pm boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Romeo @South

Friday, April 22

2 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. Grosse Pointe North @Gowanief Golf Club

4 pm & 6 pm Boys Varsity Baseball DH vs. L’anse Creuse North @Jimmy John’s Field

4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Lutheran North @Messner

6 pm Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Novi @South

7:30 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Novi @South

Saturday, April 23

10 am & 12 pm Girls Varsity Softball Round Robin @South & Messner

10 am, 12 pm & 2 pm Boys JV Baseball (GPS Invitational) @South & Elworthy

12 pm Girls JV Soccer vs. Northville @South

1:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Northville @South

3 pm Powder Puff Football Game @South

Monday, April 25

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Port Huron @Elworthy

6 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs TBD @South

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs ULS @South

Tuesday, April 26

4 pm Girls & Boys Varsity Track vs. Romeo @South

4:30 pm Boys JV “B” Baseball vs. Grosse Pointe North @Elworthy

Wednesday, April 27

2 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. Romeo @Gowanief Golf Club

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Romeo @Elworthy

4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Stevenson @South

6 pm Girls JV Soccer vs. Utica @South

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Utica @South

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, April 21

4 pm Boys Varsity Baseball DH vs. L’Anse Creuse @North

4:30 Girls Varsity Softball vs. Anchor Bay @North

6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech @North

Friday, April 22

6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. ULS @North

Saturday, April 23

8 am Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Grosse Pointe South @North

Monday, April 25

4 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Anchor Bay @North

4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Utica @North

4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Chippewa @North

4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Cousino @Ghesquire

6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe South @North

Tuesday, April 26

4 pm Boys & Girls Track vs. Dakota @North

4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Chippewa Valley @North

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Cousino @North

Wednesday, April 27

3 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. ULS @Lochmoor

4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Marysville @North

4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Grosse Pointe South @North

5:30 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe South @North

7 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe South @North

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Friday, April 22

4 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. U of D @ULS

4 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Lutheran North @ULS

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech @ULS

Saturday, April 23

9 am Girls Varsity Tennis Tourney vs. Multiple Opponents @ULS

Monday, April 25

4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Plymouth Christian @ULS

Tuesday, April 26

4 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Our Lady of the Lakes @ULS

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Shrine @ULS

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Shrine @ULS

Wednesday, April 27

4 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Detroit Catholic Central @ULS

5 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Gabriel Richard @ULS

North begins softball season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North softball team finally got its chance to get into action last week. Weather caused issues for what were supposed to be the opening games of the season, but the Norsemen got their season underway last week with five games.

North opened the spring with two home games Tuesday and Thursday last week. Unfortunately, the home field was not so welcoming to the Norsemen to start the year as both games ended in losses. The first was a closely contested 1-0 loss to Chippewa Valley Tuesday. Thursday, North welcomed Dakota in a game that saw Sophia Borowski get the Norsemen's only hit and RBI in a 15-1 game.

The weekend gave North a chance to rebound in a different

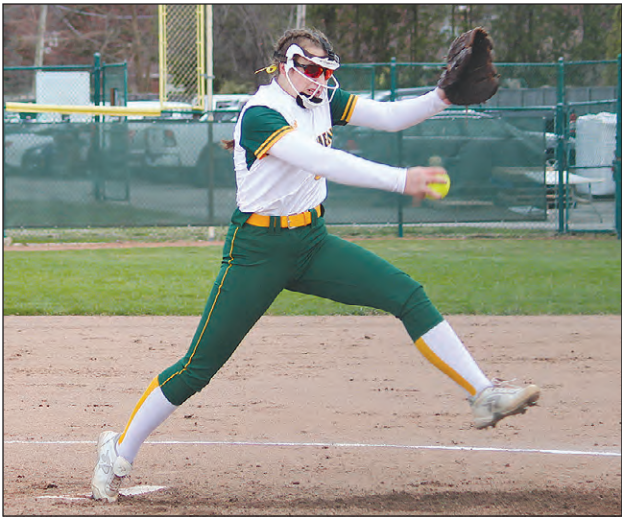


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Katelyn Barr pitching for North against Dakota.

setting as the team traveled to Lake Orion for the Lake Orion Invitational. The Norsemen played three games Saturday and came out of the weekend with one of each possible result — a win, a loss and a tie.

Saturday's first game saw North taking on DeWitt. Lizzy Rheume had a pair of RBI and

Natalie Babcock scored twice to set the offensive pace for the Norsemen. Sarah McCloskey surrendered two earned runs and had four strikeouts, but it was not enough to pull North to victory as DeWitt escaped with a close 5-4 victory.

The Norsemen bounced back in the second game of the day to

collect a win over Utica. Maraina Smith pitched a gem, striking out 11 batters while Babcock, Borowski, Charlotte Julien and Jessica Alway used their bats to bolster the team's offense on the way to a 4-1 victory.

It was then time for North to take on hosts Lake Orion in the final game of the day. Babcock led off the game with a home run and ended with two RBI. Norsemen pitcher Katelyn Barr had six strikeouts in a closely contested game. The game went into extra innings and was saved when North catcher Jenna Winowicki was able to pick off a Dragons runner at third base. Neither team scored in extras, leading to a 3-3 draw to end the day.

North returns home this week to face MAC Red foes Anchor Bay Thursday. Then it is back to non-league play next Tuesday when the Norsemen host Cousino.

Varsity Softball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (1-3-1)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	
4/12	Chippewa Valley	1-0 L
4/14	Dakota	15-1 L
4/16	DeWitt (@ Lake Orion)	5-4 L
4/16	Utica (@ Lake Orion)	4-1 W
4/16	@ Lake Orion	3-3 T
4/19	@ Romeo	
4/21	Anchor Bay	
4/26	Cousino	
4/28	Henry Ford II	
4/30	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)	
5/1	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)	
5/3	@ Eisenhower	
5/4	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/5	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/10	@ Dakota	
5/12	Romeo	
5/13	@ Algonac	
5/17	@ Anchor Bay	
5/18	Lakeview	
5/21	Stevenson (DH)	
5/23	Utica	
5/24	@ Henry Ford II	
5/26	Eisenhower	

Grosse Pointe South		Record (0-0)
Date	Opponent	
4/12	@ Marine City	14-5 L
4/14	Fraser	18-0 L
4/16	Rochester (GPS Round Robin)	16-1 W
4/16	Woods-Tower (GPS Round Robin)	10-3 W
4/20	@ Berkley (DH)	
4/21	Port Huron	
4/23	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
4/26	@ L'Anse Creuse	
4/28	@ Port Huron Northern	
4/29	TBD (Holland Invitational)	
4/30	TBD (Holland Invitational)	
5/3	Cousino	
5/5	Marine City	
5/7	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
5/10	@ Fraser	
5/11	Lakeview	
5/12	@ Regina	
5/16	@ Port Huron	
5/19	L'Anse Creuse	
5/21	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
5/23	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/24	Port Huron Northern	
5/26	@ Cousino	
6/1	@ Eisenhower	

University Liggett		Record (0-2)
Date	Opponent	
4/11	@ Cabrini (DH)	7-5 L, 10-4 L
4/19	@ Cranbrook (DH)	
4/22	Lutheran North (DH)	
4/26	Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	
4/29	St. Catherine (DH)	
4/30	@ Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	
5/3	@ Lutheran North (DH)	
5/6	Cabrini (DH)	
5/10	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	
5/12	Center Line	
5/20	Lutheran Westland (DH)	
5/26	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Griffin Adams had five goals for South in an 18-9 win over Eisenhower.

Blue Devils beat Eisenhower with strong second half

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team finally was able to get in the win column this spring after losing its first two games of the season. The Blue Devils hosted Eisenhower last Wednesday night and pulled away in the second half after a close start, eventually cruising to an 18-9 victory.

In a high-scoring matchup, the goals started almost right out of the gate. Eisenhower scored the game's opening goal less than two minutes after the opening faceoff to start what would be a tightly contested first half. South's Griffin Adams scored his first of the night a few moments later to tie the game at 1-1. Back-to-back goals by the Eagles put the Blue Devils in a 3-1 deficit, but two quick goals, both by South junior Jack Hanigan, evened things at three goals apiece at the end of

the first quarter.

The Blue Devils took their first lead of the game in the opening minute of the second quarter with a goal from William Henry. Three unanswered goals by Eisenhower followed to put South down once again. Adams, Hanigan and Liam Mathieson all scored later in the second quarter to help the game enter halftime tied 7-7.

While it looked like the game would be close to the finish based on the first half, the second half was anything but close. Hanigan, Adams and Harry Wright each scored in a three-goal run for the Blue Devils to open the second half. Both Hanigan and Adams each scored one more time in the third quarter, while South's defense allowed the Eagles only one goal in the quarter to take a four-point lead heading into the final 12 minutes.

South continued its second-half dominance

in the fourth quarter. William Rauh scored three times in the quarter, while Adams and Hanigan each scored once again as the Blue Devils closed out the win.

"When we got to half-time I said to them 'guys this is not deja vu, this is a tie game with a team we know in our hearts we should beat'," South coach Justin Macksoud said about the difference between the first and second halves on Thursday. "They realized what they had to do buckled down and did it."

Hanigan finished the night leading South with six goals, while Adams was just behind with five. Junior midfielder Rauh had his hat trick in the fourth quarter with his three goals of the night.

This week, South hosts Romeo Thursday night and Novi Friday. The Blue Devils then head across town Monday night for their first of two rivalry matches against Grosse Pointe North this spring.

ATHLETE:

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There was a race at Chandler Park, which is one of my favorite courses. I went out strong and broke 17 and I was in shock and so happy to get there."

Agius will have his senior cross country season this fall after finishing spring with the Norsemen track team. His first few seasons of running at North have brought plenty of success, but Agius has the drive to achieve more. Being a leader and focusing on making himself and his teammates the best runners they can be, it is no surprise Agius is confident the best is yet to come.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how my teammates do and hopefully we can qualify for states, which I believe we can," he said. "I also really hope to qualify for states in the mile this spring. I believe I can break 16 minutes next cross country season. I want to improve my running tactics and be able to deal with anything and whatever the course gives me."

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Blue Devils sailors off to strong start

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

Waking up to a chilly breeze and a brisk 40 degrees, sailors from the Grosse Pointe South varsity sailing team jumped in their 420s and took to the water for their first regattas of the spring season.

The team traveled to Pontiac Yacht Club April 8 to 11, and finished first in both the Baker and Mallory national pre-qualifier regattas. South maintained a perfect 11-0 record in the Baker team racing event, finishing 30 points ahead of the second place team in the Mallory fleet racing event.

The team's successes came as little surprise, as the sailors have strong team chemistry and high levels of experience, according to junior Braden Vogel. The team's understanding of wind patterns aided them in predicting the wind's next shift and they were able

to play the course to their favor.

"Knowing how to read and interpret the wind on the water, to identify key shifts and playing those shifts to our advantage while maintaining boat speed really separated us from the rest of the fleet," Vogel said.

The conditions on Cass Lake were light and variable, with moments of more moderate breeze occasionally coming into play.

"Part of sailing on an inland lake like Cass Lake means having to deal with extremely shifty and inconsistent conditions, and being prepared for those shifts was crucial to our success and often hurt the less experienced teams," Vogel said.

These wins leave South in 11th place in the overall Midwest rankings with a total of 1,594 points. They hope to use the momentum from this critical first win to propel them toward qualifying for the national champion-



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH SAILING

South's varsity sailing team shows off their first place medals after wins in the Baker and Mallory national pre-qualifier regattas at Pontiac Yacht Club. From left, sailors Braden Vogel, Eric Brieden, Charlie Gmeiner, Colin Hexter, captain Dougie Cowan, Gavin Webster, Boaz Selinger, Evelyn Young and captain Grant Corrion.

ships in California and Texas.

"We hope to qualify for one or both national championships and continue to practice and grow the team as a whole," Vogel said.

"Members of the team will also be competing at local events in Holland, Mich., and at GPYC."

Tennis teams face off in early matches

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The girls tennis teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School were in action the past week in a busy early spring season. All three squads had matchups against different opponents, including each other at times, making for an exciting week of tennis in the Pointes.

North and Liggett faced off last Thursday in a head-to-head battle. It was the first action of the regular season for the Norsemen and ended up being a successful way to kick off the spring campaign. North pulled off an 8-0 victory over the Knights, sweeping all singles and doubles matches.

Helena Pietrowsky, Meredith Olzem, Ana Todesco and Elena Shaheen picked up the singles victories for North. Kristine Bonnell and Mya Jackson, Stephanie Karoutsos and Maggie McSkimming, Lauren Rendzikowski and Gianna Roux and the team of Paige Lafevre and Sophia Chasiotsis earned the wins in doubles.

Saturday, North was one of four teams in a quad showdown that also included South. The Norsemen first faced off against Warren Cousino and again pulled off an 8-0 victory, with the same competitors from the match against Liggett earning victories to sweep singles and doubles.

When taking on Troy

Athens, North fought to a 4-4 draw. The Norsemen's singles players swept that side of the competition; however, Athens took over dominating in doubles to earn its four victories to force the draw.

Saturday also saw a crosstown matchup as part of the quad showdown, which was hosted by South. The Blue Devils and Norsemen faced off in a close matchup. Although North dominated singles play, strong showings in doubles led to a 5-3 victory for the Blue Devils.

Pietrowsky, Olzem and Todesco all earned singles victories for North. Cara Chadwell got South's lone win in singles by defeating Shaheen 6-2 and 6-3.

Molly Perkins and Meghan Wysocki, South's top doubles pair, earned the first Blue Devils win over North in doubles. South would go on to sweep doubles competition over North to earn the overall victory. The pairs of Megan Kornmeier and Maeve Hix, Molly Wysocki and Ana Maria Garberding and Elise Sutts and Mimi Mager took doubles wins for the Blue Devils as well.

South ended up defeating Cousino and Troy Athens 5-3 and 7-1, respectively, to sweep the quad matchup Saturday. The Blue Devils earned a 7-1 win over Grosse Ile earlier last week to prove they



North's Helaina Pietrowsky, left, and South's Moira Hix, who grew up playing tennis together, compete as No. 1 singles players for their respective varsity squads. Pietrowsky got the best of Hix when the two went head-to-head April 16, winning both sets 7-5 and 6-3.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELIZA HIX

South girls varsity tennis player Mimi Mager serves during a doubles match against rival Grosse Pointe North.

deserve to be among the state's top teams in Division 2 to start the season.

The Blue Devils host Northville, Cranbrook and West Bloomfield this Saturday for another quad matchup before opening MAC Red play Monday against Port Huron Northern. The Norsemen travel to Grand Rapids Saturday for a tri-meet against Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills North before opening MAC White competition Monday at Utica. Liggett hosts St. Mary Catholic Central, Almont and Traverse City St. Francis for a quad Saturday.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

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G.P.N.: 4/21/2022

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2022-2023 City Budget**

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 379,200
General Government	1,961,400
Public Safety	6,016,120
Public Works	2,440,500
Parks & Recreation	1,673,600
Other Functions	2,868,500
Contingency	65,000
Transfer - Other Funds	3,034,700
Total	\$ 18,439,020
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 13,714,900
Licenses & Permits	437,350
Federal and State Grants	737,970
State-Shared Revenue	1,025,000
Charges for Service	1,819,800
Fines/Forfeitures	299,000
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	180,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 18,439,020

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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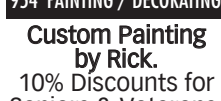
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