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Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers/firefighters, in the bucket of ladder truck Tower 1, spray water on the corner of the house, which continued to burn on Beaconsfield after several attempts to put it out. A Detroit firefighter and a Grosse Pointe Farms firefight-

House ruined; family safe

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Where to begin reporting three generations of a family displaced by a house fire Saturday afternoon, June 4, in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield — at the start, with 6-year-old Leo Carden crying out, “Mom, the house is on fire!”

Or with an account by one of the first firefighters on scene:

“Smoke was coming out of the roof from all sides,” said Incident Commander Lt. Anthony Blain, a nearly 22-year veteran of the Grosse

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GLWA drops HP water, sewer surcharge

Grosse Pointe News Staff

THE GROSSE POINTE — Local municipalities, and by extension sewer and water customers, won't have to foot the bill this coming fiscal year to make up for Highland Park's financial problems.

The Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors voted Thursday, June 2, to eliminate the bad debt recovery charges it approved in March meant to cover Highland Park's water and sewer debt.

The change means a reduction in payments for Grosse Pointe Farms, \$55,000; Grosse Pointe Park, \$46,000; Grosse Pointe Woods, \$33,500; City of Grosse Pointe, \$18,000; and Grosse Pointe Shores, \$14,000. “I'm pleased they decided to take into con-

sideration the impact this was having on all the member communities,” Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “Hopefully they'll continue discussions with the state to get it resolved.”

All of the Pointes other than the Park passed resolutions in April and May to put their Highland Park debt recovery payments for FY 2022-23 in escrow accounts, as did dozens of other GLWA customers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

“I'm glad to hear of the reversal of the decision by GLWA,” City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said. “It's a victory in principle for how things ought to operate.”

GLWA supplies drinking water to 88 munici-

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Master plan takes long way home

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The United States took less time winning World War II than the planning commission did updating the municipal master plan.

In the timeframe it took the commission to complete its duty this week,

Hitler and Tojo were history, and U.S. sailors had gone from abandoning ship at Pearl Harbor to kissing nurses in Times Square.

And work isn't finished. Real evaluation, acceptance or rejection comes at next week's city council meeting.

Commissioners began

reviewing the master plan in April 2018, according to its meeting minutes, four years and three months ago, 51 months ago, 216 weeks ago.

During a comparable period, the U.S. recovered from Pearl Harbor, spearheaded the defeat of Italy

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fisher Road construction is scheduled to start late July.

Fisher road work a go

Ridge, Cranford among other projects

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS — After three years of unsuccessful attempts to harness state grant funding, the City and Farms are teaming up this summer to tackle major road reconstruction of Fisher from Kercheval to Mack.

Prior to the project's onset, the Farms also will replace the 8-inch Fisher water main between Kercheval and Ridge, which, following a break in March, was responsi-

ble for low water pressure throughout the Farms and City. The project should take approximately a week or two and may cause intermittent road closures on that block.

As the Farms only is waiting on a state permit for the Fisher water main replacement project — expected to be received within the next couple weeks — city administration anticipates commencing the work by the end of June. The road

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Erykah Benson

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
2017 South grad pursues Ph.D. in sociology, focusing on residential segregation.



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FIRE:

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Pointe Park Public Safety Department. “I realized we were going to need a third alarm. The amount of smoke — I knew we were going to be here for the long haul.”

Officers from four jurisdictions — the Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and by welcome luck, Detroit — converged on the block in six pumpers, one tower truck, at least 17 cruisers and three ambulances.

Or at the peak of danger one hour into the fire when six, full-throated blasts of a fire truck’s air horn warned more than a dozen officers inside the burning house of the imminent risk of structural collapse.

“That means get out now,” said Officer Keith Colombo of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety.

Or as the fight wore on: Firefighters platooned in and out of the 99-year-old, stoutly-built, two-story brick, plaster and lath up-and-downstairs duplex. They strode up the front porch stairs with pep unburdened by lugging more than 50 pounds of protective gear, air tanks and carrying pike poles and axes. They exited sluggishly 30 minutes later, worn down by heat and spent energy.

“It’s taxing when you’re pulling down ceilings and walls, knocking holes through what’s left of the roof to hit hot spots,” Colombo said.

Or with the stunned reflections of family patriarch, Lawrence Radgowski, retired, physically disabled, caught wearing a T-shirt and swim trunks, his mobility aids and medicine abandoned to the smoke and flames, grouped with his wife, daughter and three grandsons on a front lawn across the road watching their roof cave in and flames flare in spots already drenched with water shot from hoses able to discharge more than 21 gallons per second.



PHOTO COURTESY OF C. ZIENTEK

A neighbor captured this shot of the blaze on Beaconsfield.

“It was my wife’s grandmother’s home,” Radgowski said. “We bought it from her. I don’t know what I’m going to do. Everybody got out. There were six people and the dog. Three little children.”

Radgowski and his wife, Laura, a clinical assistant working midnights at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, lived downstairs.

Their daughter, Karen Carden, an instructional assistant at Monteith Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods, lived upstairs with Leo and his brothers, Noah, 4, and Patrick, 2.

Karen Carden said the house has been in the family 90 years.

“We were sitting downstairs watching a movie, ‘Bolt,’ on television,” she said.

The movie is a Disney animated feature about a dog with superpowers.

“Leo happened to hear noises,” she said.

Leo, a kindergartener at Defer Elementary School, said, “I heard some crackling and, um, I went upstairs and I saw smoke. I told my mom.”

“I immediately told my dad to get my boys and mom out,” Karen Carden said.

She tried calling 911 on her cell phone but didn’t get a signal.

“A neighbor said she couldn’t get a hold (of 911) either,” she added.

“My boys were outside. Thank God we got my dad and mother out, too. I ran upstairs to get my dog. The fire was upstairs, not downstairs, at first.”

She’s unsure who contacted public safety.

“The first 911 we got was at 12:13 p.m.,” Park Deputy Chief James Bostock said.

“They began arriving not long after we got out,” Karen Carden said.

“Our first car was on scene at 12:15 p.m.,” Bostock said. “The engine made it there at 12:16 p.m.”

“I was sleeping because I worked last night,” said Laura Radgowski, Karen Carden’s mother and Lawrence’s wife. “My husband came in and said, ‘Get out. The house is on fire.’ He woke me from a sound sleep. Fortunately, next to my bed were my purse and phone, so I grabbed what I could. I was trying to get my shoes and the fireman was back there saying, ‘Forget your shoes. Your house is on fire.’ He picked up my shoes and



From left, brothers Noah, Patrick and Leo Carden spent time at the neighbors’ house while firefighters put out the fire in their house across the street. Six-year-old Leo heard crackling and warned his family about the fire.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Colin Connaire has his air tank replaced by Grosse Pointe Park PSO Ryan Nelson. The air tanks on Saturday had to be changed out numerous times.

ran me across the street. They were there, like, instantly. Thank God.”

On Laura Radgowski’s cell phone are photos of her 43rd wedding anniversary celebrated Thursday, June 2, plus those she happened to download of the nuptials at St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

“We’re very tight with our church,” Laura Radgowski said. “Everybody has stepped up and said they’d get clothes for the kids. They volunteered groceries and everything. You never think it’s going to happen to you. We have two (other) daughters in the area. We’ll at least have a place to spend the night. We’ll turn in an insurance claim and, I don’t know. I’ve never

done this before.”

She seemed calm for someone just escaped from a fire.

“I just stopped shaking,” she said. “I was shaking so bad I couldn’t do anything. Now, everybody’s safe. Thank God for Leo. He saved our lives.”

“It helps that the other day at school, Wednesday and Thursday, they had firemen come out and have a fire drill,” Karen Carden said.

The drill included home fire safety tips.

House fires automatically trigger second alarms and mutual aid.

“It was almost a loss from the get-go,” the Park’s Lt. Blain said. “Our biggest concern at the time was protecting two (neighboring) homes from catching fire, which we were able to do, thankfully, considering the amount of fire coming through the roof and blowing over to the other house.”

Farms officers answered the third bell.

“We got here relatively fast, but flames were already through the roof,” Colombo said. “We were helping the Park set up their tower. They had low water pressure, so we had to search for a separate water main. We tried the next block over. That main was beat like this one.”

City Manager Nick Sizeland said low water pressure was due to small water mains, not breaks.

“A six-inch water main runs along Beaconsfield,” he said. “To relieve pressure on the main — and there were three pumper trucks trying to get the same amount of water going — you have to deviate and move into other blocks and draw water from multiple mains, which is what they did. That’s indicative of older communities with old water mains. Nowadays, they’re a lot bigger, eight or 10 inches.”

“We had to stretch a line all the way back to Kercheval,” said Peter Swenson, commander of the Farms police reserve unit.

Reservists are deployed in support roles, such as exchanging officers’ air tanks and rolling out sections of hose.

“You’re looking at about 2,000 feet of line,” Swenson said.

“That delayed us a few minutes,” Blain said. “But the way the fire had

already progressed, I don’t know if it would have made any difference. Another issue was trying to find the attic. Three doors go into the home, but only one leads to the attic. By the time we got up there, we had fire through the roof.”

Or when umpires, coaches and parents attending a Park Little League playoff game one block away at Defer Elementary School helped officers manhandle a hose.

“Officers were trying to tie into a hydrant on Nottingham,” said Jake Howlett, Park resident, city attorney and parent of a Marlins player. “One of the fire officials ran over and said they needed help. Umpires and a couple coaches helped out. Umpires in their blue uniforms were jumping a fence to lift the hose.”

Detroit firefighters, working on the eastside, saw smoke and couldn’t resist.

“We just happened to be coming this way,” Detroit Duty Chief Percy Allen said. “One of our guys stopped and wanted to know if they needed help. We have 12 firefighters here.”

“Those are the guys you want to help,” said Farms Sgt. Thomas Dionne, former mayor of Utica. “They put out 20 fires a weekend.”

“Their level of expertise is great,” Blain said. “We’re working together and getting it done.”

The origin and cause of the fire won’t be known until the conclusion of a follow-up analysis, often conducted in conjunction with insurance investigators.

“Our big priority right now is getting it out and making sure everybody’s safe,” Blain said midway through the fight.

Shortly after 5 p.m., officers finished their job and left the scene.

“We’re pretty confident it was electrical in one of the upstairs bedrooms,” Bostock said. “From what we can tell, it started in a wall and the fire went up into the attic where it went unnoticed until it was really going. By that time, the little boy saw smoke and warned everybody to get out of the house.”

Or with the admiration by Leo’s mother: “He asked if I was proud of him. I said, ‘Yes, you saved all of our lives, Leo.’”

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Party on Charlevoix Saturday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The party season starts this week on Charlevoix between Maryland and Lakepointe.

The first Charlevoix Street Party of the year is 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 11, featuring the Top 40 band, Keep the Party Going.

“Top 40 has a summer feel to kick off the parties,” said Chad Craig, Park recreation director. “School’s letting out — have some fun and get the party started.”

The city holds three parties on Charlevoix per summer.

“They’re geared for adults 18 and older,” said Corin Vance, the city’s event coordinator. “There’s a band, food trucks and beverage tent. Pretty simple.”

Everyone’s welcome.

Charlevoix parties developed from an event four years ago that proved more popular than expected.

“We had our first really big event in the fall of 2018,” Craig said. “It was such a big hit, we decided to add three.”

This weekend’s food vendors — People’s Pierogi Collective and Little Lou’s Hot Chicken — add to the district’s mixture of

restaurants and night spots.

Bands perform at the intersection of Charlevoix and Maryland.

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More to come

Two more Charlevoix Street Parties are scheduled this year, including July 9, with the country band, Family Tradition.

“We also will have a mechanical bull and an ax-throwing trailer to add to the country fun,” Craig said. “Put on your best button up and daisy dukes and come on down for a fun time.”

On Sept. 17, the band is Square Pegs.

“Our September event is an ’80s throwback theme,” Craig said. “We’ll bring in vintage and retro arcade games; have outdoor games, food trucks and beverage tents. We try to have

things associated with the theme of the night.”

After 6 on Kercheval

The first of three Kercheval block parties is 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Other dates are July 23 and Aug 27. All have bands, street vendors and other forms of live entertainment.

“After Six is more geared toward family,” Vance said. “Bring your kids. Everybody have a good time. Charlevoix is more like date night; come out with your spouse or significant other to have a good time.”

There’s a two-fold reason why municipal officials promote social events in business districts.

“We’re trying to bring more attention to businesses on those streets,” Craig said. “It’s to help bring entertainment there, to help with their dinner crowd, afterparty crowd, people just walking along those strips finding things like Ripe Records or something they didn’t know was there because they hadn’t been down there in a while.”

“We enjoy it,” said Joe Hebek, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association. “It pulls exposure for all of us. It’s positive. It gives us more exposure.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Attendees take a selfie during a 2019 street party.

Avenue sidewalk sale is June 18

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

— Lace up your walking shoes and hit Mack Avenue Saturday, June 18, for Grosse Pointe Woods’ third annual Avenue in the Woods sidewalk sale, happening 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With 13 participating businesses locked in as of press time, Colleen Dyer, Avenue in the Woods president, is hoping each year proves to be better than the last.

“The point of (the sale) is to draw people to Mack, to interact with the businesses and just to get outside and go for a walk,” Dyer said, “like we all do anyways on our wonderful streets that we have

here.”

Participating businesses this year include Aretee Day Spa; Bank’s Vacuum SuperStores; Charles Schwab; Full Lotus Yoga; IRIS; Merit Woods Pharmacy; Moehring Woods Flowers; Precision Blades; Rainy Day Art & Framing Company; Second Glance; Tenue; Wild Birds Unlimited; and Woods Wholesale Wine. More businesses could join this list, Dyer said.

While all participating stores may not physically host the sale on the sidewalk for various reasons, businesses will have a sign outside indicating their participation in the sale.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Collision with tree causes fatality at Mack and Loraine

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Missing a curve in the road led to a loss of life at Mack and Loraine in the early morning hours of Monday, May 30.

A 2011 Buick Enclave, driven by a 40-year-old Detroit man and traveling eastbound on Mack at 1:44 a.m., continued straight where the road slightly curves and drove head-on into a tree at an estimated 60 mph.

“Some officers were outside of our agency on

the apron just having a conversation,” City of Grosse Pointe Detective Sgt. Joe Adams said, “and they actually heard and saw a giant fireball, because it was literally right next door to where we are, so they immediately responded. They were there within seconds.”

While officers were able to put out the vehicle fire quickly, he said, the lone occupant was declared deceased at the scene.

Officers did not find any evidence in the vehicle — there were no alco-

hol bottles and the victim’s cell phone had been left at home — that would account for a cause of the accident.

While it currently is unknown whether drugs or alcohol were involved, investigators are waiting for a toxicology report back from the medical examiner.

“I did not see any brake lights in (surveillance footage from a nearby business),” Adams reported, “and it looks like possibly just instead of making the left, he went straight and right into a tree and as soon as

he hit that tree, a huge explosion happened.”

Without any evidence of the vehicle being chased or similar circumstances, the case was deemed a single-car motor vehicle accident.

“We had our accident investigator here to do a supplementary report for the City of Grosse Pointe,” Adams said, “but also on any fatalities, we call in the Michigan State Police just to make sure that two eyes are looking at everything and to make sure that nothing is missed.”

The man leaves behind a daughter in the area.

Chevys see string of steering wheel thefts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, CITY AND PARK — Chevrolet owners spread throughout three of the Pointes woke on the last day of the month to find their vehicles undrivable.

Amid 12 vehicle break-ins that occurred overnight into Tuesday, May 31 — one of which may have occurred the next night, June 1 — six steering wheels were stolen cleanly out of dashboards in a process that takes less than a minute and is an effort to get to the airbags.

While the other six vehicles varied in makes and models and simply had items stolen from within their unlocked doors, all those missing steering wheels were Chevy Malibus and Impalas and most involved the thieves smashing through a window to gain access.

“There’s certain manufacturers, specifically Chevy Malibus and the Chevy Impalas ... and they designed that car where there’s a mechanism down by the floor where you can just unhook it and then you unhook these three wires,” Farms public safety

Deputy Director Andy Rogers explained. “They’re not even cutting the wires. They’re doing it very cleanly and they take the whole steering column and steering wheel just for the airbag.”

Airbags are in high demand at junkyards and illegitimate repair shops, he added.

Nine of the break-ins took place in the Farms — with four steering wheels stolen, two attempted stolen and items taken from seven vehicles — in the 300 block of Merriweather, 300 block of McKinley, 200 block of Chalfonte and on Lothrop.

Two break-ins were in the City on Rivard and one in the Park in the 1300 block of Audubon.

“It’s not some teenage kids coming in and seeking out these cars,” Rogers said, calling the suspects organized thieves. “These guys are in the neighborhood days prior scoping who has what in what driveway and then they make their list and then they come back.”

The Farms detective bureau currently is looking into a person of interest in relation to the case, Rogers reported. The suspect recently was released from jail after committing

the same crime in the Farms a few years back.

“If it’s an organized crew, if they’re smart, they’re not going to be back for weeks or months,” he added. “You don’t go right back to the same area again.”

For residents to best protect against larceny from vehicles, keep car doors locked, porch lights on and don’t hesitate to

call public safety for any reason.

“You’re never going to bug us,” Rogers said. “We’re here 24/7. We will respond to suspicious noises every time. Just be vigilant. Neighbors know who their neighbors are, so if there’s someone walking around the neighborhood at 3 o’clock in the morning that they don’t recognize, give us a call.”

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JUNE 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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South grad pursues Ph.D. in sociology

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

From a young age, Erykah Benson, a 2017 Grosse Pointe South High School grad, recalls developing a curiosity for different cultures and how they interact. It makes sense, what with her background of living in Japan, where she was born, and Dubai, along with her partial upbringing in Grosse Pointe Park, with its Detroit border. Putting her curiosity to good use, Benson currently is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Michigan in the subject matter, specifically in residential segregation.

“I would say that my experiences living in different places have definitely shaped my experiences in terms of being exposed to so many different cultures,” Benson said. “Because of that I was always really interested in studying international studies. ... I think from then I always had this curiosity for different cultures and learning about different cultures as well.”

Benson attended Michigan State University for her undergraduate

studies, where she switched around major disciplines before settling on interdisciplinary social sciences.

“I changed majors so many times, but they were always in the social sciences,” she said. “I’ve always been interested in studying things at the societal level.”

Like her major choice, her career prospects flipped many times too, from wanting to be a teacher, to a lawyer, to a journalist.

“I feel like all of those occupations have something in common and to me I think it’s human interaction,” she said, “being able to every single day contemplate what is it about human interaction that causes us to have changes at the societal level.”

Her curiosity in the issue ultimately brought her to the University of Michigan, where she’s pursuing her doctorate degree in sociology.

“Every single day I get to write and think about theory and statistical analysis at the societal level and I think that has a lot to do with that curiosity that I still have,” she said.



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Erykah Benson, Grosse Pointe Park resident and 2017 South grad, studied interdisciplinary social sciences at Michigan State University before heading to rival University of Michigan for her post-graduate studies in sociology, with a focus on residential segregation and economic empowerment.

While her current studies are fairly generalized as a first-year student, as she gets deeper into the five-year program she plans to dig into issues stemming from residential segregation, an interest she attributes to her teen years in Grosse

Pointe.

“Grosse Pointe being side by side with Detroit,” Benson said, “you can just see that we are completely lodged in this history of residential segregation. We have since changed so much from that, but I would say that the legacy of that dividing line, the dividing lines that separate groups of people, still exist. They may not exist in the legal sense, but they still exist in the economic sense and the cultural sense, and that’s kind of the aspect that I want to study.”

She also hopes to add another facet of small businesses into her studies, specifically focused on economic empowerment and how that translates across different neighborhoods.

One of the big take-aways she’s learned from her studies thus far?

“Band-Aid solutions are not it,” she said. “They’re not going to be the solution. They’re just what they are — they’re Band-Aids. Any cosmetic change that might make people feel more welcome still doesn’t necessarily address the deep-rooted issue as to

why it came about in the first place.”

Though academia is the typical route for a Ph.D. candidate such as Benson, she said she’s keeping her options open to other career paths, such as being a consultant at a firm, nonprofit work and tech industry work.

“I am really grateful for all of the people who are around me who have supported me into even being able to get to the graduate level,” Benson said. “I would say that I’m really, really grateful to those people — teachers, parents, friends, family. ... (The) Grosse Pointe Public School System growing up was a really great school. (It was a) great school system, which is why I think I have the skills I have now that make me successful academically.”

And while Benson’s studies are impressive, she added it’s important to take time to learn who she is aside from academia. She’s actively investing time into learning to cook, reading for leisure and enjoying time with friends, and encouraged other students to do the same.

HP: City lowers taxes, raises employee compensation

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palities in southeast Michigan, and sewer services to 125.

Frank Schulte, city administrator for Grosse Pointe Woods, said he intends to continue putting the money aside in escrow until the next billing cycle from GLWA to be sure the charges are removed.

“I don’t know why GLWA thought it was a good idea to charge other communities for someone not paying,” he said.

The problem arose a decade ago when Highland Park closed its water treatment plant because it could not afford to maintain it. The state at the time required GLWA to provide water to the city. Since 2013, Highland Park has paid about half of its water

and sewer bills to the authority under escrow, but has paid nothing the past year.

Highland Park’s debt to the authority is more than \$52 million, which in turn has been assessed to the other members.

GLWA’s action comes after a Wayne County Circuit Court judge ruled last month that Highland Park had to start paying the authority 65 percent of its water and sewer revenue for each month the city has not deposited money via escrow until the court decides otherwise.

The authority’s board voted earlier this year to increase rates by 3.7 percent for water and 2.4 percent for sewer. The change reduces the overall amount paid by all participating municipalities by \$6.7 million, including \$5.4 million for sewer and \$1.3 million for water.

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Increasing inflationary pressures and surprising property tax values made for a tight budget process in the City this year; however, residents still will see a decrease in taxes for the third straight year.

With a reduction of 1.5 percent, or 0.2607 mills, the rate will be set at 16.9194 mills come July 1.

Calling fiscal year 2022-23 a “much more difficult budget than we had anticipated,” City Manager Pete Dame explained administration expected a 3.3 percent increase in revenue, but found itself only 2 percent higher than last year when all was said and done.

The forecast, based on

this year’s Headlee cap on taxable value, didn’t account for a realized decline in personal property taxes and commercial values being either flat or slightly increasing. This brought the city’s largest source of revenue to only a 2.5 percent increase, combining with decreases in other revenue sources to result in the overall 2 percent increase over the current fiscal year.

“We only had 2 percent to work with and I think our goal was not to spend anything on anything new and whatever money we could preserve went toward increases for the employees,” Dame said.

With a focus on employee retention in an effort to edge closer to providing competitive salaries in the current inflationary environment, the City success-

fully budgeted for a 3 percent salary increase for non-union employees.

“This is the largest salary increase that we’ve had annually since I’ve been here,” said Dame, who became city manager in 2006. “We tried to cut back everywhere in order to emphasize as much compensation (as possible) to employees this year, given that the inflationary pressures on people are very high. We couldn’t possibly match what actual inflation is, but our goal is to try and pay employees as much as we can afford to.”

The only capital projects fund expenditures the city intends to take on this fiscal year are the purchase of a police vehicle, a roof on the court/council chamber, improvements to the marina and The Village.

Continuing on a “pay as you go” basis, the City will pay \$465,000 out of the general fund for the next year of retiree healthcare costs. While it also is required to contribute \$70,181 to the retirement pension system this next fiscal year, administrators are anticipating a significant funding challenge in the years to come.

Projections estimate that in three years, the City’s required contribution will be \$260,000, Dame reported.

On the other hand, general fund revenues increased approximately \$170,000.

The new budget calls for a 5 percent increase for marina wells to prepare for capital projects planned for when the lake levels recede; the first fee increases for

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reconstruction, set to immediately follow, is scheduled to start late July.

Also on track to begin

by the end of June is road work on Ridge from Kerby to Lewiston. The Farms 2022 road program additionally includes work on Cloverly between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval; and a small

section of Williams between Kerby and Belanger.

The City’s 2022 road program will include work on Cranford from Cadieux to Notre Dame.

“We are encouraging (Farms) residents on Fisher Road and the section of Ridge Road being repaved to have their private sewer leads cleaned and televised beforehand,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside noted via email. “In the event there are defects in the private sewer lead that extends into the roadway, the city will waive the cost of road repairs as long as (the) private sewer lead is repaired/replaced prior to road construction.”

construction will have less of an impact.

“It won’t be as extensive a rebuild,” he said. “It won’t be as disruptive. The curbing is in much better shape, where about 75 percent of it we expect to be saved with about 25 percent replaced and so that did result in some savings from (the) original estimate.”

Rather than the roughly \$1.5 million original estimate, the two Pointes will split the cost of approximately \$1 million for Fisher Road reconstruction.

“We won’t have to tap into the capital projects fund,” City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said, as the project came in significantly lower than the engineering estimate. “We should be able to fund our share of the Fisher Road project entirely from the road improvement fund, with still a little bit left over in case our one-block Cranford project goes over budget.”

Fisher road is shared between the two Pointes and will require 7-inch milling. The average road construction project is a 4-inch mill and overlay.

As compared with the Farms’ last major road project on Kerby, however, Reeside said Fisher



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City of Grosse Pointe

Backyard fire

Officers responded to a fire involving a wooden fence in the rear yard of a home in the 500 block of Fisher at 6:55 p.m. Tuesday, May 31. The fire started from oil dripping from a DTE transformer.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Wreaking havoc on the block

At 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, a house in the 19200 block of Raymond became the stomping grounds for a 29-year-old Detroit man looking to take various items.

The man entered a residence and disturbed many items, removing a pan of ribs from the refrigerator, which was left open on the counter, and placing two boxes of cereal atop the refrigerator. Cabinet doors were left open, seven sets of keys were missing and 10 pairs of shoes were taken, among other items.

When police were called to the scene, a silver KIA SUV parked three doors down was connected to the crime via a witness. The car, reported stolen out of Dearborn, contained many of the items belonging to the victimized resident.

The suspect was located in a neighboring backyard. He was arrested for breaking and entering.

Cookout

An unknown black female wearing a gray shirt and black shorts walked into a business in the 20400 block of Mack at 3:40 p.m. Friday, June 3, and scored free charcoal, steaks, ribs and paper products.

She loaded a cart with the products and left the store through the self-checkout area without paying. The products were packed into a maroon Ford Edge waiting in the lot, and the suspect and an unknown female driver left the area traveling northbound on Mack.

The total loss is upwards of \$270, as employees were not able to determine what else was in the cart.

Picking up the pieces

A red 2013 Chrysler parked and locked in a driveway in the 19700 block of Holiday was broken into sometime between 9 p.m. Monday, May 30, and 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 31. Stolen from the car was a Louis Vuitton clutch, approximately \$70 cash, an American Express card, a Comerica Bank debit card, a driver’s license and a company cell phone.

The rear passenger window was used as a method of access and was found broken at 7:40 a.m. by the resident.

While other items still are missing, the company cell phone later was found by a resident on West Ida near Cook and returned to the police station.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stolen tools

Sometime between 10 p.m. Friday, May 27, and 8 a.m. Saturday, May 28, an unknown suspect entered a detached garage in the 1800 block of Kenmore and stole various tools.

The resident stated the detached garage had an unlocked side-entry door that may have been used for access by the suspect.

Missing items include a DeWalt reciprocating saw, DeWalt circular saw, Craftsman 6-gallon air compressor and eight assorted screwdrivers, with a loss estimated at \$600.

No cart check

An employee of a business in the 20400 block of Mack reported watching a 56-year-old Detroit woman leave the business with two full shopping carts without paying at 3:08 p.m. Monday, May 30.

As the woman left the store, she ran toward a parked red Ford Focus in the lot, where she loaded all the stolen goods and left the premises.

The suspect left behind her shopping cart, in which she also left her purse, which contained a driver’s license and the gig was up.

Fraud dept.

A resident received an email stating her Amazon account had been compromised. She was given a number to call, where she interacted with a man named “Mark Edward,” who stated he was with the Amazon fraud department.

She was told to go to the bank and withdraw cash to purchase two \$500 Target gift cards, which she did.

She was instructed to scratch off the code on the back and send pictures of the cards to the “fraud department,” which she did.

She repeated these instructions with the suspect on three occasions, totaling \$3,000 in losses, before reporting the incident to the public safety department.

Money problems

A household dispute

turned violent when a 39-year-old Woods resident allegedly assaulted his wife at 2:26 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

The husband allegedly demanded money from his 35-year-old wife, who had given him money previously but denied him now, stating they needed the money for bills. He grabbed her cell phone and laptop and threw them under the bed, damaging the laptop’s flash drive.

The woman proceeded downstairs, where she attempted to make a phone call via her Apple watch. When her husband found her making the call, he grabbed her watch, twisting her wrist forcefully enough to break off the watch.

Examination showed her wrist appeared to be swollen, but she declined medical help.

He was arrested for assault and battery.

Ditch the rest

A 2019 gray Chrysler Pacifica parked in the 1600 block of Newcastle was rummaged through by an unknown suspect before 6:50 a.m. Monday, June 6.

Missing from the car were the resident’s driver’s license and First State Bank debit card, as well as cash totaling less than \$20. Scattered about the lawn were more of the resident’s belongings — a prescription bottle, cigarettes, chewing gum, wallet, paychecks, Chrysler keyfob and empty purse.

The car likely was unlocked, the police report noted.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Lost and found

Overnight Monday, May 30, and into the early hours the following day, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from a driveway in the 700 block of Trombley.

Saginaw police recovered it in their jurisdiction. Arrested was a 28-year-old man from Detroit.

One block chase

A 26-year-old male motorist from Warren did a poor job of allegedly absconding police early Wednesday, June 1.

At 12:12 a.m., a patrolman trying to pull him over for running a red light at the intersection of Kercheval and Wayburn reported the man fleeing and eluding at a high rate of speed until caught one block down Wayburn at the intersection of St. Paul.

Whereizit?

The ATF is trying to solve the case of a cell phone missing when its owner left it unattended at a bar and went outside to smoke.

The incident reportedly happened between 12:30 and 1:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4, in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Give a little, get more

After purchasing \$38.43 of food from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, May 26, two women stole four bottles of alcohol worth

\$659.96 and left the area in a black Mercedes.

Out of place

A 62-year-old Ypsilanti man who admitted having a couple beers and believed he was in Ann Arbor was pulled over for speeding 55 mph on Lakeshore at 11:46 p.m. Sunday, May 29. After refusing a preliminary breath test, the man was arrested for his third offense of operating under the influence.

Illuminating crime

After being pulled over for having a high beam activated and disobeying a “Do not Enter” sign on a Mack turnaround at 1:51 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, a 31-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating under the influence and not having insurance. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.11 percent.

What’s yours is mine

After pulling over a vehicle at Canyon and Mack for expired registration at 10:38 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, officers discovered the 65-year-old Detroit man had purchased fraudulent proof of insurance belonging to another person’s legitimate policy.

Suspended speeder

After speeding 49 mph on Moross at 9:06 p.m. Friday, June 3, a 32-year-old Detroit woman was

pulled over and cited for driving while license suspended, having an expired plate and speeding. Her vehicle was impounded.

Death threats

When the store manager of a business in the 19000 block of Mack told a 23-year-old Detroit man he would not sell him liquor at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4, the man became irate and threatened to kill the manager and his mother.

Officers located the man and arrested him for assault.

Found wallet

A men’s wallet was found at Chalfonte and Moross at 12:36 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

Pizza fraud

After a 28-year-old Farms man reported a fraudulent charge to his credit card from a pizza place at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, June 4, officers were able to trace the pizza order to a 43-year-old Highland Park man.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O’Neil Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.*

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OUR VIEW

Goin’ to work

From 2003-08, the Detroit Pistons embraced a promotional campaign called “Goin’ to Work.” The slogan epitomized the work ethic of the city it represented, while the team lived it out, game by game, punching the clock and “going to work” for the full 48 minutes each night.

At the time for Detroiters, this no-nonsense, blue-collar style embodied the core of who we were.

In other words, we in Detroit outworked you.

So what has happened to our collective work ethic lately? Unless you’ve been living under a rock, you have been impacted by labor shortages for the last two years. The reduced hours, modified activities, canceled flights, wait times and general supply shortages have become somewhat of a new normal.

But not a welcome one, that’s for sure.

As we enter graduation season and new beginnings, we think there’s no better time to re-establish our area’s work ethic than now, particularly with the youngest members of our labor force. Summer offers the perfect time for today’s teens to get those resumes written and gain valuable experience in the real world.

According to AdmissionSight.com, a college admissions counseling resource, working during high school is an excellent way for students to increase the strength of their college applications, provided a job does not negatively impact other key areas such as academics. The benefits of learning good habits and a strong work ethic will never let you down — and there are so many reasons why a summer job is a great thing.

For example, did you know, according to the U.S. Labor Department, for every year a person works in their teens, their income rises about 15 percent in their 20s? Studies also suggest around 20 hours or less of work per week is the optimal amount of hours for a high school student to work in order to have some balance. That benchmark is uber-achievable.

Here are some more good reasons to start typing up a resume and pounding the pavement to find a great job you’ll love:

- ◆ Value of a dollar: Whether retired or a current member of the workforce, most of us know there’s nothing like earning your own money and learning the value of a dollar. The ice cream you bought with half an hour’s worth of wages just tastes better and is a little more satisfying.
- ◆ Time management skills: Learning time management and life skills like waking yourself up (without your mom’s help) and getting to your job is a good way to become more responsible. Pride is a wonderful thing.
- ◆ Communication skills: Yes, we are talking to almost every teen on the planet today. We know, the COVID era has been harsh and being at home for too long has created some communication deficits. However, the time is now to get them back and learn how to become a communications triple threat: face-to-face, in a Zoom meeting and in writing.
- ◆ Networking: Holding a job also allows you to



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Pure Grosse Pointe

The American robin, the state bird of Michigan, can locate earthworms by sound, lay beautiful blue eggs in the spring, make round nests and feed on a diet of insects and wild fruits and berries. This robin rests in a flowering tree in Grosse Pointe Farms while searching out a midday snack.

GUEST VIEW By League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

Virtual candidate forums slated

The League of Women Voters, Grosse Pointe, will conduct four candidate forums this month. These forums will be privately recorded via Zoom, with League members serving as moderators and timekeepers.

Michigan House of Representatives, 10th District — Thursday, June 16

The 10th House District, based on the new redistricted maps, includes all of the Grosse Pointes and a portion of southeast Detroit.

Invited candidates: Mark Corcoran, Republican; Toni Mua, Democrat; Joe Tate, Democrat.

Co-sponsored with League of Women Voters Detroit.

Question submit deadline: Wednesday, June 15, by noon.

Michigan State Senate, 12th District — Tuesday, June 21

The 12th Senate District, based on the new redistricted maps, includes all of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores, Mount Clemens, Chesterfield Township, New Baltimore, Ira Township, Fairhaven, Algonac and Harsens Island.

Invited candidates: Kevin Hertel, Democrat; Pamela Hornberger, Republican; Michael Williams, Republican.

Co-sponsored with League of Women Voters Detroit and League of Women Voters Macomb County.

Question submit deadline: Monday, June 20, by noon.

Michigan House of Representatives, 11th District — Tuesday, June 28

The 11th House District, based on the new redistricted maps, includes Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and a portion of Detroit.

Invited candidates: Patrick Biange, Democrat; Marvin Cotton Jr., Democrat; Mark T. Foster, Republican; Paul Robert Francis, Democrat; Christopher Jeffery, Republican; Alex Manwell, Democrat; David Maynard, Democrat; Veronica Paiz, Democrat; Athena Lynn Thornton, Democrat; Ricardo White, Democrat; Regina L. Williams, Democrat.

Co-sponsored with League of Women Voters Detroit and League of Women Voters Macomb County.

Question submit deadline: Monday, June 27, by noon.

Wayne County Commission, District 1 — Wednesday, June 29

Wayne County Commission District 1 includes the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of Detroit.

Invited Candidates: John Barry Anderson, Republican; Brian Banks, Democrat; Tim Killeen, Democrat.

Co-sponsored with League of Women Voters

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make lifelong contacts. You will be utterly surprised how often, when you are older, you connect experiences to your first jobs and those who were your bosses or coworkers. They might become your best reference on your resume or help you secure an interview with a friend-of-a-friend years down the line.

◆ Dealing with discomfort: If none of these factors feel immediately relevant to you (though they should), your workplace will help you connect with new people and make new friends. More importantly, perhaps, is that you also will learn how to coexist with people with whom you may not exactly jibe.

Sometimes you will work with people who become your best friend and other times you will despise a coworker. But both scenarios are beneficial, because learning how to work with others, no matter how

excruciating, is an unavoidable fact of life. It’s OK to be uncomfortable every once in a while and meet people you wouldn’t normally surround yourself with.

Will getting the teen set working this summer solve our country’s labor issues? Unfortunately, it won’t. But it’s a great start to course correcting this bastardized idea that everyone can get the job done in PJs, without ever interfacing with clients, coworkers and John Q. Public.

And for anyone about to hit the interview circuit, keep this in mind: The “Goin’ to Work” Pistons proved to be the most sustained era of success the franchise has ever enjoyed. Not only did the team win a world championship in 2004, but also made the Eastern Conference Finals six years in a row from 2003-08.

So grab that lunch pail. It’s time to get to work.

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More questions

To the Editor:

The recent article about recycling raises more questions than it answers. We are paying all this money for recy-

cling but only two trucks per day are being filled? Is there some real point to this effort? If the materials saved were valuable enough to pay for the program, then obviously it would be

worth it. If we are spending resources to “save” these materials, then we are using resources that could find better uses elsewhere. A dollar spent recycling a cardboard box is a dollar not available to discover a cure for cancer.

The explanation for not accepting plastic bags for recycling was unconvincing. “Take those back to the store.” So why is a grocery store able to deal with these items whereas the entity that claims to be proficient at recycling and is paid to recycle cannot? “...taking practically forever to degrade in landfills.” I thought the whole idea

of recycling was to keep waste out of landfills. Are they saying the “recycled” materials wind up in landfills after all?

“Scrappers usually take the metals ...” Some people seem to have discovered that they can profitably gather materials for recycling without a taxpayer subsidy and are doing so. One might suspect that the millions of dollars spent on public recycling programs are more to satisfy the need for virtue signaling and “feelgoodism” than actual saving of the planet’s resources.

DENNIS COTTER
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

It’s time to change the way we do playoff baseball



When the fans gathered at Grosse Pointe North the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to watch North and Grosse Pointe South’s varsity baseball teams face off in the MHSAA pre-district play-off round, there was excitement just like in any game between the two. However, there were also plenty of questions. Why do North and South have to play each other in a pre-district game? Why is South, this year’s MAC Red Division champions, now kept from making a run in the playoffs because they lost to North? There has

to be a better way, right? Having to play in the same district is nothing new to the two schools and is mostly unavoidable simply because of geography. One would think, however, that inarguably the best two teams in the district this year and the winners of the MAC’s top two divisions would not have to face off in the very first round of the playoffs. It all came down to an unlucky draw. This year’s district includes both North and South along with Roseville and two St. Clair Shores schools, Lakeview and Lake Shore. Since the district has five teams instead of four, a random draw was done to determine who would have to play in a pre-district game to advance to the district semifinals. This year’s draw happened to be North and South. Why should either North or South, two incredibly talented and

successful teams, have their seasons decided by a random draw? Unlike in other sports, the MHSAA does not use any kind of seeding system for baseball when it comes to the state play-off tournament. It would have made more sense to have Lakeview and Lake Shore, the two teams in the district with the lowest regular season records this spring, face off in the pre-district round. Even if seeding was done purely based on record, North and South would have had to play in the district semifinals most likely (due to Roseville’s 17-3 record). That would be slightly better, but in reality there should have been no other scenario this season besides one that would set up North and South to play only in the district final. For sports such as basketball, soccer, boys lacrosse and ice hockey, the MHSAA uses a sys-

tem called the Michigan Power Rating. The MPR is a “computer rating formula similar to the popular RPI rating. MPR provides a way to measure a team’s strength relative to other teams, based on games played against other MHSAA tournament teams, largely on the strength of a team’s opponents’ schedules,” according to the MHSAA. So, it seems safe to assume if the MPR system was used in baseball this year, then North and South would have been the top two seeds in the district and would not have had to play a pre-district game. Roseville may have had the best record, but strength of schedule would likely put North and South ahead. The MHSAA already has the formula and system in place for other sports, but why not baseball? The example in Grosse Pointe is not limited to just North and South. University Liggett’s baseball team had to play Detroit Edison in the district semifinals to open its postseason. Anyone who knows even a bit about high school baseball knows Liggett and Edison are the two best teams in that district. Implementing the MPR or a similar system would help reflect that and make them the top two seeds in the district to set it up for them to play in the district championship. The two best teams in a given district should only have to play each other in a district championship game. There is no reason why a great baseball team like South should have its season ended early in a pre-district round because of a random draw. Players, parents, coaches and fans of better teams should get to experience the excitement of a play-off run. And baseball, like any other sport, should be set up to have the best teams in a district or region facing each other in the latest round possible. If my argument is not enough, go listen to the May 30 episode of the Cold Weather Bats podcast. Hosts Brandon Justice and Brian Sakowski, who are incredibly knowledgeable in the field of high school baseball, go into plenty of detail on what needs to be done to change the way the MHSAA handles baseball. High school baseball in our state might be the best it has ever been right now. There are so many talented players and teams who deserve to play against each other to earn district or regional titles. No more random draws and unfair playoff matchups seemingly without explanation. The blueprint is already there for other sports, it is time to bring it to baseball and there is no good reason not to.

Quick visit

Kevin Rinke, a Republican gubernatorial candidate, spoke May 10, to a small crowd on the back patio of the Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park.



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FORUMS:

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Detroit. Question submit deadline: Tuesday, June 28, by noon. The public can participate in these forums by submitting questions to the LWVGP via its website at lwv-grossepointe.org. All questions must be submitted by noon the day before the forum. Submitted questions should be for all candidates. The forums may be viewed on the LWVGP YouTube channel the day after each event. Non-partisan candidate forums are a part of LWV history. Leagues around the country continue to hold debates and forums for local and state offices.

Additionally, voters may find information about any candidate on the League of Women Voters nonpartisan Voter Guide at Vote411.org after Thursday, June 23.

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North student wins prestigious scholarship

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Grosse Pointe North High School junior Marc Mueller is one of 250 high school students from across the United States who recently received a 2022-23 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship.

The program — funded by the U.S. Congress and German Bundestag to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen diplomacy — pays for students to learn about German culture firsthand by living with a host family and attending a German high school for a year. The same number of students from Germany similarly attend high schools in the United States and integrate themselves into American culture through the program.

In addition to experiencing German culture, the program



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Grosse Pointe North junior Marc Mueller.

allows for the 250 American exchange students to learn more about international diplomacy. Throughout the year, students will be able to watch discussions between U.S. and German ambassadors and meet members of the German Parliament.

Mueller said while his interest in politics was a factor in deciding to apply to the

program, he was most excited to learn about German language and culture because of his familial connections to it.

“My grandma is German,” Mueller said. “When I was (younger) and I would hear her speaking German, I became really interested in learning the language. And so I started learning German by myself, self-studying the language and culture.”

This interest in German, as well as taking German for three years at North, are some of the factors he thinks helped him most throughout the rigorous application process. He wrote about them in several of the seven essays he had to write to be named a semifinalist, he added.

Now that he has been accepted into the program, he is graduating with the class of 2022 at North and traveling to Germany in August for a preliminary language and culture bootcamp. Then, soon after, he will move in with a German host family and attend a year of German secondary school. Because he is planning to attend a university in the United States, he said he will have to fill out American college applications throughout the fall as well.

With his departure date quickly approaching, Mueller said he is becoming increasingly excited to experience all of the facets of the program that initially attracted him to it, but especially being able to meet so many Americans and Germans with similar interests.

“I’m so excited to get a deeper understanding of the German language and also meet so many new people,” he said. “All of the 250 Americans in the program will be dispersed around Germany, but Germany is not that big, so we will be able to get to know each other while also meeting a lot of German people.”

School board members discuss campaigning

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

With the July 26 filing deadline for the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Board of Education positions approaching, current board members Ahmed Ismail and David Brumbaugh shared their thoughts and advice regarding the election process.

Because Ismail had previously been a board of education member before the last election, the campaign process in 2020 was not as much of a surprise to him. He said he was already well familiar with campaign rules and knew what paperwork needed to be filed when.

He said for someone to be successful during the campaign process, they need to be analytically minded and organized — two traits he said also are essential for someone who wins the election.

Brumbaugh mentioned the importance of these traits as well and said because of how complex the campaign process is for someone who has never embarked

on it before, prospective candidates have to be willing to connect with those who can help them understand it.

“When you decide that you want to run, there is a ton out there that you don’t know, so I would say that the best thing you can do is just talk to a variety of people,” Brumbaugh said. “I was fortunate to have good relationships with a number of people on different sides of the board.”

Ismail recommended the resources available through the Michigan Association of School Boards for anyone who wants to run but is not familiar with the process. On the organization’s website — masb.org/getonboardmi — there are guides to campaign filings, as well as candidate forums.

An aspect of the last election Brumbaugh said particularly surprised him was how much more candidates spent on their campaigns compared to previous elections. He said although campaign fundraising is important, the failure of some candidates to win despite

fundraising successfully in the last election shows that the connection between fundraising and campaign success can be dubious. Overall, he said it is imperative for candidates to investigate the role of donations in previous school board elections during the campaign process.

“(Candidates are) going to have to think about how they can (campaign) for free — talking to people at the grocery store, knocking on doors, going to Little League games, going to school events and just making yourself available (to the community),” Brumbaugh said. “But, you also often need signs, literature and advertising. These are all things that cost money. So I think the more foreknowledge candidates get about that, the better.”

Ismail similarly mentioned the importance of traits that do not cost anything. He said particularly successful candidates embody traits that allow them to build trust with the community.

“The biggest thing people have to remember is to be honest with people and make yourself accessible,” Ismail said. “Listen to people and be honest with them if you agree or disagree with their position. And if someone gets elected, they have to remember that they are there to represent the entire community — not just them (and) not just their group. They have to decide what is best for the entire community, not just for one segment of people.”

BB gun reported at Parcels

The morning of Tuesday, May 31, students at Parcels Middle School were walking through the hallway when one student noticed a fellow student drop what appeared to be a gun. That student picked up the object and ducked into the bathroom.

The witness was quick to respond, informing school administration of what he saw and confiding he believed the student may have a gun.

“Administration immediately conducted an investigation in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department,” an official school memo to parents read.

The public safety department was called in at 11:23 a.m. via its schools’ resources officer. Officers checked the bathroom where the student took cover and could not find a gun. The principal also checked the student’s property and personal belongings for the weapon, with negative results.

Another student confirmed the suspect student owned a BB gun. When questioned by officers, the student denied accusations he brought a BB gun to school, indicating he did not own a BB gun but had seen one at the

park, per the police report.

The student’s mother was called, briefed and began questioning her son. Eventually he admitted to owning a BB gun, but denied having the weapon at school. Further questioning by his mother caused him to admit he brought the gun, acknowledging it was hidden in his pants.

He slowly removed the gun from his pants and officials confirmed the weapon to be a BB gun. The gun was not loaded and the student was not in possession of ammunition.

While the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act does not allow disclosure of disciplinary action, said Grosse Pointe Public School System Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon, the school district affirmed the student had been separated from school the day of the incident and is being disciplined according to the Code of Conduct. The public safety department has requested a warrant from the prosecutor’s office, which ultimately could lead to charges and expulsion, depending on what action the school district decides to take.

— Kate Vanderstelt

South, Pierce successful at state competition

Grosse Pointe South High School’s TV Production program and the Broadcast Journalism program at Pierce Middle School were successful at the recent Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Student Journalism competition.

South’s TV Production GPTV News staff received an honorable mention for its daily news program, while Cooper Evans received an honorable mention for his work as a GPTV anchor.

Additionally,

- ◆ Alice Walsh, Gabby Duso, Olivia Sutts, Luca Fermani and Scott Agley earned first-place honors for their “Office”-style parody, “New to News,” in the Humor category.
- ◆ Rebecca Roberts received third place for her 100-year district promotional project.
- ◆ Jackson Catrambone received an honorable mention for his school promotional video.
- ◆ Catrambone, Ashton Losier and Dean Panagos received third place for the short film trailer for their film, “MIRACULUM.”
- ◆ Maryn Smith, Naya Azoury, Mia Fakhri, Trulyn Doyle and Andrew DiLodovico received an honorable mention for their short film documentary, “Day in the Life.”

Pierce’s Broadcast Journalism program earned awards in Division

Two, which was represented by participating Michigan high school and middle school broadcast programs.

Among its awards:

- ◆ The Pierce News team received an honorable mention for its daily newscast.
- ◆ Grace Geresy received a first-place award in the field reporter category.
- ◆ Charlie Marks received a third-place award for his non-animated opener project.
- ◆ Lauren Crawford, Geresy and Angela Allen received an honorable mention for their trivia show, which was included in the first Pierce Pride Show this year.

Scholarship awarded

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Audrey Smihal has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

Smihal plans to attend Northern Michigan

University this fall. Her mother, Ann Marie Smihal, is a teacher at Maire Elementary School.

The Grosse Pointe Education Association, an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association, is a professional organization for teachers working with students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Recognizing and appreciating the value of education, the teachers’ group has provided scholarships to the children of members for the last 21 years.

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Hartley returns as director of secondary instruction

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

A year after Dan Hartley resigned as principal of Parcels Middle School and accepted a position as director of secondary instruction for Fraser Public Schools, he is returning as the Grosse Pointe Public School System director of secondary instruction, following the retirement of Maureen Bur.

Hartley said although he did not take the decision to leave GPPSS lightly, he did so because he felt it was an important next step in his career. Working in Fraser allowed him to learn more about how other districts operate, he said, and he is excited to be able to integrate his new knowledge into GPPSS.

“Fraser has, for example, 17 certified programs in the Career Technical Education realm, whereas GPPSS has eight,” Hartley said. “So taking what I’ve learned this year and being able to bring that back is just an opportunity that I couldn’t pass up and (an opportunity that) I’m really excited for.”

As the director of secondary instruction, Hartley will lead high school level instructors

throughout the district, which he said entails tweaking the framework of the district’s instructional practice, evaluating teachers’ professional development opportunities and, along with Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction Keith Howell, facilitating the curriculum review process.

Given the new strategic plan and emerging trends in the field of education, Hartley discussed many practices present in the district he thinks may change in the next several years.

Building off of comments previously made by Superintendent Jon Dean, Hartley speculates that the importance of testing in the district will continue to decline, as many colleges perpetuate test-optional admissions. He said while the district still will be required by law to administer standardized tests, classroom tests will evolve to test students in a manner that primarily tests their holistic understanding of material.

“A big push I see in education that might pertain to my role is a shift from more standardized assessments to more performance assessments,” Hartley said, “so giving students more practical

applications of their knowledge that are tied to real-world problems or inquiry-based problems. (Students would not) just be taking a test at the end of the unit, but really be taking ownership of their unit. A lot of what’s in the strategic plan for those points discuss incorporating student voice and choice within their learning.”

Hartley said there are many challenges facing education right now, especially after the pandemic. However, the way in which GPPSS is approaching these larger trends has assured him of the district’s resounding success.

“Over the last three years, or in the pandemic, we’ve had to shift a lot of the way that we approach instruction and instructional practice. And I think we were at a pivotal point of where do we go next?” Hartley said. “The conversations I’ve had with Dr. Dean, Keith Howell and Chris Stanley have consisted of focusing our energy and attention to instruction, instructional practice and curriculum development. So, (because of our team), I can call (these things) a challenge, but I’d like to see them more as opportunities.”

GPN Class of 1982 hosting 40th reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1982 is hosting its 40th reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event, which follows the theme “Roll with the Changes,” includes a professional DJ from 6 to 9 p.m., a live performance by Meridian featuring former classmates from 9 to 11 p.m., a Walk of Fame, a special “in memoriam” tributes, dancing, an open bar, retro candy, a photo booth, giveaways, door prizes, heavy appetizers and a professional photographer/videographer. Snappy casual dress is the attire.

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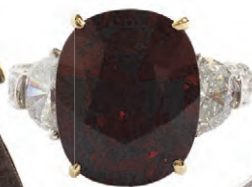
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Female naval aviator
pilots E-2 Hawkeye
in alma mater flyover

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Lt. Chelsea MacGriff, a Grosse Pointe Farms native, achieved what few have done before her — piloting a crew of five highly trained naval pilots in an E-2 Hawkeye flyover past Grosse Pointe South’s iconic bell tower Friday, June 3, to the delight of students, friends and family below.

“The E-2s are a ton of fun to fly,” MacGriff enthusiastically said.

“So you are really having to work both arms, both legs to get to do that ...” she said after her flight. “Coming in low and as loud as I can be, that was really fun and flying past South was definitely very special.”

MacGriff and her crew navigated two passes over the high school at a low-flying 1,000 feet. Flying in from Norfolk, Va., the crew flew in from the Detroit River, beginning the flyover at South where Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Fisher Road meet. The plane headed around the right side of the bell tower, passing over the football field, before quickly heading west to loop back around for a second

run.

“The second (pass) would be what we call a ‘dome flash,’ because the turn we do will allow you to see the spiral that our particular squadron paints on top of the (plane’s) dome,” MacGriff explained.

MacGriff and her squadron, known as the “Screwtops,” have a blue and white circular swirl on top of the plane. She skillfully let the crowd see it last Friday by tilting the plane on its side.

After the flyover, the squadron came back to South to hold a question-and-answer session with students.

While no student would commit to a career in the military, all agreed on their interest in learning how to fly a plane, including sophomore Quinlan Johnson.

“It just seems like it would be fun,” said Johnson, who mingled among the crew members, asking questions. “I would definitely consider getting my pilot’s license.”

As a female naval pilot, MacGriff, a 2011 South graduate, has achieved unique status in a position that consists only of 12 percent women.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

An E-2 Hawkeye, flown by former Grosse Pointer Lt. Chelsea MacGriff and her squadron, performs a “dome flash” maneuver past the bell tower at Grosse Pointe South last Friday.



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Lt. Chelsea MacGriff, second from right, and her naval squadron known as the “Screwtops,” held a question-and-answer session with students last Friday after executing a flyover at Grosse Pointe South.

panic in unfamiliar or stressful situations, is able to quickly adapt to new or changed situations, works very hard to get things right and is exceptionally competitive,” he said.

“... It appears to me as though flying is a skill that just ‘clicked’ for Chelsea and is something she is just instinctively good at doing,” he added.

Lt. MacGriff not only deftly navigates the plane in the air, but also takes off from and lands on U.S. aircraft carriers as part of her duties.

The plane’s sophisticated technology allows Lt. MacGriff’s squadron to engage in battle management, land force support, rescue coordination and drug-trafficking intervention — capabilities that exceed well beyond the aircraft’s original, simple early-warning tasks.

Her father said experiencing the flyover

brought Chelsea’s hard work and sacrifice to the forefront.

“The South flyover felt like we were all treated to an event — and her connection to all of us made the event unique and personal,” he said.

He also said he is humbled by the courage and commitment demonstrated by his daughter and her squadron to step forward to serve and defend the country.

“I was struck by the fact that while the flyover was a fun event, just a few short months ago Chelsea and her squadron were flying combat and other missions while on deployment,” he said.

“The hard-won skills I saw demonstrated over Grosse Pointe South were developed to conduct serious business. The reality that my daughter was the one conducting that serious business once again hit home.”

The flyover gave Lt.

MacGriff’s parents the rare opportunity to see their daughter’s work, up close and personal, for one of the first times.

“(On Friday, we) were exceptionally proud parents. ... I felt thankful I was in that spot at that moment to experience the thrill of her flyover and the appreciation expressed by the crowd gathered on the front lawn of South High School,” her father said.

The flyover was a family affair of sorts, as Lt. MacGriff’s parents, Scott and Mindy, along with their son, Spencer, a former U.S. Army captain, his wife, Emily, and their 1-year-old son, Thomas — all of whom recently moved back to Grosse Pointe — were there to soak in the special moment.

“(Our) other son, Christopher, his wife, Devin, and their children, Blase and Somerset, were cheering from afar (in San Francisco),” Scott MacGriff said.

With the recent release of Tom Cruise’s sequel to the popular 1986 movie “Top Gun,” the timing seems right to consider Chelsea MacGriff as Grosse Pointe’s very own Maverick.

However, there are a few hiccups to this idea, according to her dad.

“The phrase is a slang term that originally referred to the Navy’s Fighter Weapons School (now known as the United States Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor Course). Chelsea flies

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Glenna Suzanne McWhirter

Glenna “Nickie” Suzanne McWhirter, 92, passed away peacefully Monday, May 16, 2022, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Troy.

Glenna was born June 28, 1929, in Peoria, Ill., to Alfred and Lorene Sotier. While attending the University of Michigan, she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She graduated from U-M in 1951, with a Bachelor of Science degree in English language and literature.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, City and Farms, Glenna was a longtime journalist, editor and syndicated columnist at the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News. Her assignments took her many places around the world, including Princess Diana’s wedding in 1981, and the 1987 America’s Cup yacht race in Australia. She often covered social and political issues in her columns, but also had an affinity for the automotive industry, sitting down for interviews with industry captains such as Lee Iacocca and Henry Ford II.

A member of the Detroit Press Club and Association for Women in Communications, Glenna was honored as a first-place award winner by the Associated Press, United Press International and Detroit Press Club Foundation. She began her career in book publishing in Detroit.

Glenna is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Orlicki; sons, Charles McWhirter and James McWhirter; and grandchildren, Katharine, Hannah, Drew, Kyle, Scott, Clay and Kelly.

Memorial contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood, plannedparenthood.org; or the American Heart Association, heart.org.

John George Neuman

John George Neuman, 78, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

He was the beloved husband of Kathleen Neuman; loving father of Jennifer Wagstaff (Nathan) and Stephen Neuman (Sarah); dear brother of Esther Gibb (the late Donald) and Richard Neuman (Marcia); and proud grandfather of five. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Verna Neuman.

John had a master’s degree in electrical engineering and worked for General Motors Research Labs for 33 years. In his free time, he enjoyed photography — especially with wildlife as his subject — as well as nature, traveling, hiking and woodworking. John loved spending time on the water sailing with his family and friends. And he always enjoyed spending time at his summer home in Northern Michigan.

Generous with his time, John also was active as a docent at the Detroit Zoo for many years and vol-

unteered at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

A memorial service for John took place at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Burial took place at The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford Township.

Share a memory at sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Susan Hinsby

Susan Hinsby, 74, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully yet suddenly Monday, May 23, 2022, following complications fighting renal cancer.

Susan was born Sept. 29, 1947, and is survived by her sister, Caryl Hinsby; daughters, Rachel Reavely (Scott) and Tarah Bedrossian; and grandchildren, Ryder and Maren Reavely and Maya and Nathan Bedrossian. She also leaves behind her beloved parrot, Max, with whom she often traveled across the country visiting family.

Susan was a vivacious, creative artist who immensely loved her family, her dear friends, all their pets and all things fun. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and then attended Northwood University. She later settled down in Grosse Pointe Woods, where she raised her two girls.

Susan took pride in volunteering at her daughters’ school when they were growing up, as well as training to be the “CPR lady” for their Girl Scout Troop. She sewed over-the-top Halloween costumes every year for her girls, herself and even her pets.

Anything in which she was involved, Susan made sure to make it a little more exciting. Over the years as a relator, an appraiser and at the Detroit News, Susan consistently bestowed joy and fun amongst her coworkers. Whether by dressing up for fun, creating a special open house, selling boat wells or the paper, she made it fun. Susan loved life to the fullest, from her horses as a young girl to hydro-plane races as a young adult to RV camping with her sister in the Pacific Northwest in her retirement. Susan had a special gift — making friends anywhere and everywhere she went. She cared greatly about them all and will be deeply missed.

In celebration of Susan’s life, services will be held Friday, June 24, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Visitation takes place from 9:30 a.m. until the service at 10 a.m. The family invites all who knew and loved her to attend wearing bright colors in honor of her bright and colorful spirit. The service also will be live-streamed at stjoan.church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Susan’s name to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org; or the nonprofit of the donor’s choice.

Sue Ellen Askew

Sue Ellen Askew, 84, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at The Rivers of Grosse Pointe.

Sue was born Sept. 24, 1937, in Detroit, the youngest of two children born to John E. and Geraldine McFatrige. Raised in Detroit, Sue graduated from Southeastern High School in 1955, and attended the University of Michigan, from which she graduated in 1959, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. While at Michigan, Sue was a member of the Alpha Mu chapter of the Sigma Kappa sorority and was an active alumna for many years.

After graduation, Sue taught elementary school for the St. Clair Shores public school district. In June 1960, Sue met Lawrence D. Askew of Detroit and the couple were married at Our Savior Lutheran Church four months later. In 1963, Sue left behind her teaching career to start a family and ultimately had three boys, each two years apart. In 1968, the family moved to Grosse Pointe where they lived the next 30 years.

Sue loved spending time on the water and was comfortable on both sailboats and powerboats. In her youth, Sue was an avid waterskier, spending countless hours skiing behind Chris-Craft runabouts transiting the Basset Channel. Sailing quickly became a favorite and many summer vacations were spent aboard C&C 35s Walloon and Cygnus, with young children in tow. Her love of the water took her cruising all over the world, from the coast of Croatia to the islands of the Mediterranean, the Canary Islands and the Windward and Leeward Islands of the Caribbean.

Sue was predeceased by Larry, her husband of 60 years, and is survived by her older brother, John J. McFatrige (Susie); sisters-in law, Judy Wise (Raymond) and Linda Lijoi (Tony); and sons, L. David Askew Jr. (Sandra) of Key Biscayne, Fla., Timothy E. Askew (Amy) of Alexandria, Va., and Peter H. Askew (Anne) of Ruxton, Md. In addition, Sue is survived by her grandchildren, Waverly, Alexandra, Olivia, Jodi, Henry, Sally, Caroline, Audrey and Jane, as well as nieces, Wendy White (Bill), Jenifer Elinski (Mike), Tracy Keith (Donald) and Kirsten McPherson (Pat), and nephew, Ian McFatrige (Michelle). Finally, Sue is survived by her beloved Bichon Frise, Buster.

The family is grateful for the help and support of many given to Sue the last 12 months. Sue was lovingly cared for by Ms. Debra Hughes, Ms. Gail Mitchell and Mr. Adam Hughes.

Sue was a dedicated congregant of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was active in the choir more than 20 years and served as the church secretary during the 1970s and ’80s.

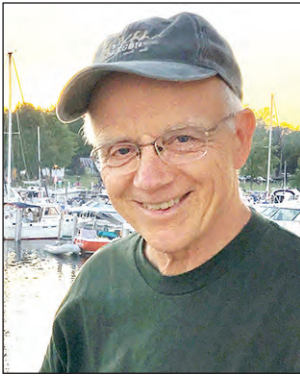
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Sue Ellen Askew



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Gwendolyn A. Balance



Susan Hinsby



William R. Eldridge Jr.

family requests donations in Sue’s memory be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family hopes to host a celebration of Sue’s life later this summer.

Gwendolyn Ann Balance

Gwendolyn Ann “Gwen” Balance (nee Martin), 87, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, died peacefully Sunday, May 22, 2022, at The Springs at Clackamas Woods in Milwaukie, Ore. Her health had slowly declined over several years due to a series of strokes.

Born in Sioux Falls, S.D., Gwen was the daughter of Robert Emmet “Bob” and Lucy Helen (nee Mettel) Martin. Her early childhood was spent in Flandreau, S.D., where she spent summers on the family farm. When she was 7 years old, her parents moved the family to the big city of Detroit, so her father could get a good-paying job as a teacher during the Great Depression.

Gwen graduated from Dominican High School and the University of Detroit. In 1955, she married Ralph Genter Jr., whom she later divorced. As a single mother of four young children, Gwen took a full-time job and became devoted to teaching English and writing at Murray-Wright High School in Detroit. She went on to obtain a master’s degree in teaching and a doctorate in education from Wayne State University.

In 1971, Gwen married the love of her life, William David Gilbert “Bill” Balance, and they created a beautiful home and found many dear friends in Grosse Pointe Park.

Gwen was a talented musician who played pieces by Debussy, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Mozart during her high school piano recitals. Playing clarinet, she and six other women were among the first female members of the U of D marching band. Gwen often spoke highly of this openminded Jesuit university, saying it was adamant about offering women equal opportunity and was at the forefront of higher education.

Gwen was an eclectic person who loved reading, travel, museums, cooking, sewing and knitting, art, fine dining, music and opera, friends, her children and pets, gardening, crossword puzzles, contract bridge

and keeping up with world events. She loved conversation, laughing and debate. One of her proudest achievements was winning first place with Martha Fordin in their division at the American Contract Bridge League national tournament in Detroit, which gave them master points and registered membership with the ACBL.

Gwen was predeceased by her parents, Bob and Lucy Martin; sisters, Janice Krawczyk and Mary Helen Harrigan; and her beloved husband, Bill Balance. Survivors include her children, Robert Brian Genter (Leila), Kathy Anne Holley (Tom), Paul Joseph Genter (Sue) and Lauren Marie Keith (Bob); brother-in-law, Patrick Harrigan; grandchildren, Shaunessy Campbell (Alec), Courtney Holley (Chris), Bryce Holley (Angie), Dylan Keith, Jacob Genter and Amber Garcia (David); great-grandchildren, Zia Campbell, and Omelia, Scarlett and Penelope “Penny Lane” Garcia; nieces and nephews.

William Robert Eldridge Jr.

William Robert Eldridge Jr., 48, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, May 31, 2022. He was born April 24, 1974, in Detroit.

William loved to swim and take boat rides. He had a great passion for music; his favorite musicians were The Beatles, Queen and Elvis. He enjoyed spending time with his family and their outings to McDonald’s. William found great excitement in car rides. He had an artistic side and enjoyed writing and drawing. William loved DVDs, but his favorite DVD to watch was “Sesame Street.”

He was the beloved son of William Robert Eldridge and Elizabeth Ann Eldridge; loving brother of Christopher Matthew Eldridge, Elizabeth Ann Weber (David), Dr. Charles David Eldridge IV (Whitney) and Richard Loyal Eldridge; and dear uncle of Garrett Eldridge, Brayden Eldridge, Lilly Weber, Claire Weber, Anabel Weber, Emmett Weber, Blake Eldridge, Charles Eldridge V and Sawyer Eldridge. He was further survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

His family said William deeply touched the lives of those who knew him.

He will lie in state Saturday, June 11, from



Deborah S. Zimmerman

9:30 a.m. until the time of his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Misericordia Heart of Mercy are appreciated, misericordia.com/giving/donate-online/.

Deborah Sue Zimmerman

Deborah Sue Zimmerman, 73, of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully Friday, June 3, 2022, surrounded by her daughters.

Debby was born Sept. 22, 1948, in Ann Arbor, to Robert and Beverly Straub. She graduated from Pioneer High School and Northwood University.

A homemaker, her interests included gardening, horses and equestrian events, and above all, nurturing her family.

Debby was a deeply devoted mother, adoring grandmother and loyal friend. She was a constant and tireless supporter of her four daughters, cheering their accomplishments fiercely and helping guide them through life’s twists and turns.

She loved cocktail hour in Old Mission, watching the sun set over West Bay from the porch of the home her grandparents built.

Predeceased by her brother, Robert A. Straub Jr., she is survived by her daughters, Bracken Gustin (Andrew), Rush Zimmerman, Phoebe Zimmerman and Hillary Wrosch (Drew); grandchildren, Spencer Gustin and Calvin Gustin; sister, Sarah Straub; brother, Mike Straub (Mariann); niece, Katie Straub; and nephew, Peter Straub. She also had been eagerly awaiting the expected birth in July of her third grandchild, Zimmer Wrosch.

A memorial gathering will take place 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Martha Jane Ginger

Martha Jane Ginger, 75, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022, after a battle with meta-static cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends day and night in the weeks leading up to her passing.

Martha was born Sept. 30, 1946, to World War II veterans William George Diamond and Ruth Werner Diamond and spent her early years on Detroit's east side. After graduating from Cass Technical High School, Martha went on to study education at Michigan State University. After graduation, she began her first teaching job at Elmira School in St. Clair Shores.

Martha has faithfully attended Knox Presbyterian Church since she was a young girl. There she met Ken Ginger in the 1950s. They wed in 1968, and went on to have three children, Sara, Beth and Erin. In 1993, Martha opened a preschool at Knox called Creation Station, which soon will celebrate its 30th year. She then had a fulfilling teaching career at



Martha Jane Ginger

University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Woods. When not in the classroom, Martha could be found teaching Sunday School or volunteering at Vacation Bible School and Pioneer Girls.

Martha was predeceased by her father and mother, William and Ruth Diamond, as well as her husband, Ken Ginger, just 16 months ago. She is survived by her sister, Joyce Janicki (Tom); daughters, Sara Van Sickle (Seth), Beth McFarland (Patrick) and Erin Wojtowicz (Griffin); and eight grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of Martha's life at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 11, with visitation at 9:30 a.m., at Knox Presbyterian Church, 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Twp. The family asks that memorial contributions be sent to Creation Station Preschool, c/o Knox Presbyterian Church.

Eastside Republicans to host picnic June 12

"Come enjoy a great summer picnic, a lovely day at the park, good food and visit with like-minded conservatives," said Eastside Republican Club chairwoman Marie Hackleman, announcing the 20th annual ERC Family Picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

"We will be joined by a number of candidates, including gubernatorial, statewide and local," she added. "Among those confirmed are gubernatorial candidate and businessman Kevin Rinke, who grew up in the Farms, and Pam Hornberger, current chair of the House Education Committee, who is running for the new state Senate seat, to represent all the Grosse Pointes. It's a great opportunity to meet and talk with candidates in an informal setting."

"We are thrilled to have MIGOP Ethnic Vice Chair Bernadette Smith also join us. She is dynamite. We are looking forward to hearing from her."

To satisfy the picnic appetite, the ERC will provide fare off the grill, including hot dogs and some surprises, plus chips and lemonade, but asks guests to bring an



Eastside Republican Club members and friends respond to the dinner bell at last year's ERC picnic.

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item to share, such as a pasta or bean salad, vegetable or fruit dish, dessert or soft drinks.

"The food is going to be spectacular; you're not going to want to miss it," Hackleman said. "We have a guest chef who is known for making picnics a little fancier. He will not

disappoint. Come hungry and bring a dish to pass."

There is no charge, but RSVP with a call or text to (313) 466-1345 or visit the website, eastsiderepublican.club.

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

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month from September through May at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church hosts the Vacation Bible School program "Celebrating God's Greatness," from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through

Thursday, June 27 to 30. Children age 4 through fourth grade are invited. Registration is required by Friday, June 10. To register, visit stpaulonthelake.org/religious-education.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ "The Birds of Gaukler Pointe" photography exhibition, through June 12, in the Teague Gallery.

◆ Storytime: How the Stars Came to Be, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during June.

◆ Yoga at Ford House, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, to June 28.

◆ Concerts on the Lake: "Straight Ahead," 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, \$10 for ages 12 and younger.

◆ Maker Studio: Weaving, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ Walking Meditation, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12. Admission is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Member Picnic, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16. Cost is \$60 for two diners.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Continental in the Ford House Visitor Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Hostess Sharon Lutz will provide lunch for members. There will be an election of officers; hats are required for the ladies to vote, as is their tradition.

Questers

Pear Tree Questers will meet Friday, June 10, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. The group will meet at noon for a short tour of the new club facilities, then have lunch. The day hostesses are Tara Bratton and Joanne Niederoest.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Dance! West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom — Oh My!, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Savvy Seniors Computer Classes: The Library in Your Hands, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Drop-in: I Will Assist, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Digital Downloads, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, via Zoom.

◆ Senior Hustle Dance Classes, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Ewald, 15175 E.

Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Video Game Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the class "Drawing Foundations with Donald Cronkhite," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, June 11 and 18. Cost is \$225 for members and \$245 for nonmembers. Register online at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 13, Tompkins Community Center,

14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge #553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 24, St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register at redcross blood.org.

Assumption

Assumption Summer Camp 2022 takes place June 13 to July 15. A second session runs July 18 to Aug. 19. Youth Camp is for ages 7 to 10; Early Childhood Camp is for ages 1 to 6. Camps include daily art, music, math and science, language arts, sports and other activities. To register, call (586) 772-4477.

Family Center

The Family Center's Rooftop Community Wellness Series takes place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in June, on the top level of the parking garage behind Trader Joe's in The Village.

Remaining sessions include June 14, led by Colleen Yeloushan; June 21, led by Page Heenan; and June 28, led by Victoria Birk-Hill. Guests should bring their own yoga mats. For information, email info@familycenterweb.org.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Cathy Hasse of the Saint Andrews Society, chairman of the Highland Games, speaks. The Detroit Highland Games, in its 173rd year, are a way for those of Scottish lineage to share their music, tradition and culture with others, as well as pass traditions to future generations. Men and women guests are welcome; those who have kilts are invited to wear them Tuesday. To reserve a seat, email gmc attendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

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Full Circle friendships

Organization hosts ‘Evening of Appreciation’ for supporters

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since its debut in 2009, the Full Circle Foundation has received steadfast support from a core group of benefactors. The charitable organization relies on outside sources to help fulfill its mission of offering support activities that foster a sense of self-worth and independence in people with special needs, by giving them a chance to productively participate in the community.

Pre-pandemic, Full Circle regularly honored its supporters with a special dinner event.

Now, ready to welcome back and thank its supporters, Full Circle hosted its “Elegant Evening of Appreciation,” at the home of Richard and Jane Manoogian. The invitation-only May 19 event included cocktails, a strolling dinner catered by The Roostertail and live music by The Thrift Shop Cowboys.

“Full Circle has done this in the past, but this is the first one since the pandemic, so we’re considering it a pretty important event,” said Stephanie DiVirgil, executive director. “We invited our big donors and supporters.”

DiVirgil thanked the Manoogians for opening their home to nearly 70 guests, a handful of whom received special recognition.

“We’re honoring four of our previous board members who were pretty important and pivotal in getting Full Circle where it is today and pivotal during the pandemic,” she said.

Cathy Mestdagh, left, accepts a gift of appreciation for her husband, Bill Mestdagh, who is retiring from the Full Circle board of directors, from Sue Banner and Bob Graziani.



Above, from left, 2022 Full Circle gala co-chairs Katie and Jacques Cyr, Full Circle board member Sue Banner, Full Circle founder Mary Fodell and 2022 Full Circle gala chairs Ken and Claire Perry. Left, Full Circle supporter Shery Cotton, left, and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak. Below, departing board member Terry Cramer receives a gift of appreciation from board members Sue Banner and Bob Graziani.

“Other nonprofits didn’t make it through the pandemic, so we’re grateful to them. They’re no longer on the board, but they did wonderful things for Full Circle.”

Honored were outgoing board members Bill Mestdagh, Terry Cramer, Karl Kratz and Mark Weber.

Filling their seats are incoming board members Alicia Carlyle, Jill Campbell, Patty Sunisloe and Chris Fenton.

Additionally, members of the Full Circle Foundation Founders Circle were acknowledged at the event. Their contributions helped form an endowment, assuring that the pro-



grams and services Full Circle provides will continue to be available, DiVirgil said.

The event also served to introduce the 2022

Full Circle gala chairs and co-chairs. Ken and Claire Perry will serve as chairs of the gala, while Jacques and Katie Cyr will serve as co-chairs.

“We’re excited to have them on board,” DiVirgil said. “Ken was on the board at Camp Fowler for years. ... With his knowledge and expertise in the special-needs world, we’re excited to have him on board.”

For more than a decade, Full Circle has provided training experiences and independent living skills for its participants. As part of its mission to foster independence, Full Circle helps prepare participants for employment, either in local businesses or one of its enterprises, including its Upscale Resale Shop, Edible Garden, culinary and internet sales programs, among others.

Though programs were offered differently during the pandemic, DiVirgil said operations are steadily getting back to full swing.

“We really want the community to know and understand that we’re still here, we’re still rocking,” she added. “Our theme is, ‘We’re back ... to our future.’ This ‘Elegant Evening of Appreciation’ is a big event to thank those who’ve gotten us this far — to let people know we made it, we’re still here. We’re in a really good spot, a good position, and there are good things to come.”

Chamber announces new president, executive director

The Board of Directors of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation recently announced the hiring of Christine Carter Conway as its new president and executive director.

Conway was the unanimous selection of the search committee charged with reviewing applications, conducting interviews of qualified candidates and making the final recommendation to the board of directors. The committee was chaired by Mark Heppner and consisted of Ed Russell, Olga Tecos, Derrick Kozicki and Ebony Duff.

“The committee was committed to a transparent, thorough and inclusive process with the end goal of finding the perfect person for our community,” Heppner said. “We cannot be happier with the final decision.”

Conway was born in the Grosse Pointe area, but since has been living in Malibu, Calif. She has extended family in the area and is excited to return to her roots.

Currently, she is the founder and executive director of VolunteerAdvocate.org, a nonprofit that inspires, engages and organizes volunteers through corporate volunteer programs and speaking engagements. Prior to this, she was the public relations and foundation director of The Malibu Institute, a contributing producer and reporter for KTLA Channel 5 LA, and held various positions as a reporter, spokesperson and talent asset.

Conway is very committed to community development and quality-of-life initiatives and has a long history of philanthropic and volunteer service, including serving on the board of directors for the Malibu Chamber of Commerce.

The search committee was impressed with her vision for the chamber and solid plans to embrace the traditions that make the Grosse



Christine Carter Conway

Pointes an amazing place to live and do business while being committed to meeting the needs of a changing community.

“As a native to the area, Christine is really looking forward to returning to this community that we all love so much,” Chamber Board Chairman Jody Ingle said. “I have no doubt Christine will lead this amazing chamber to a bright future. I look forward to this opportunity for the chamber to begin a new path forward with Christine at the helm.”

Conway follows in the footsteps of Jennifer Boettcher, who guided the chamber during its early development into a relevant, engaging, impactful and successful organization.

“I am honored to be selected to lead the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce into the future and I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of those before me who set the high expectations, professionalism and success,” Conway said. “I am excited to get going, meet the businesses and members and begin working with the great staff and board. Grosse Pointe is a very special place that offers so much to be utilized within the community. I am grateful to be trusted to help elevate this loved and cherished community as a thriving place to live, work, play and be of service.”

Conway will begin her new role mid-June while she transitions into the community and will be present at this year’s Legacy on the Lake event Thursday, June 23, at the Ford House.



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Students from Grosse Pointe South meet with naval pilots after watching them execute a thrilling fly-over during the lunch hour last Friday.

TOP GUN:

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the E-2 Hawkeye aircraft and has not attended that course,” he explained. Still, he said, “We think

of her as our own Top Gun.”

But his daughter’s most important role?

“Most of all ... she is the best daughter a father could ask for,” he said.



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Incoming Full Circle board members are, from left, Patty Sunisloe, Jill Campbell and Alicia Carlisle. Not pictured is new board member Chris Fenton.

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Taking shape

Bend the band releases debut album

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For a local musician, there’s nothing quite like hearing an original song being played on the air on one of Detroit’s biggest radio stations.

There’s a rush in sharing with thousands of listeners the catchy comingling of the beat, rhythm and lyrics over which the songwriters toiled. A sense of pride in a new beginning when a song is introduced.

Ben Wixson knows that feeling. The Grosse Pointe Park resident — bass player for the band, Bend — felt that wave of excitement when one of Bend’s songs recently was played on 101 WRIF.

Wixson — along with former Park resident Kyle Green on vocals and guitar, and St. Clair Shores resident Robert Duncan on drums — formed Bend after getting together to jam during the pandemic.

“We’ve known each other for years,” Wixson said. “Mid-summer of last year, we thought, ‘Let’s do something different.’”

“Different” begins with their sound, heavily



From left, Robert Duncan, Ben Wixson and Kyle Green are Bend.

influenced by the proto-grunge movement of the late ‘80s and early ‘90s, Wixson said.

“For me, this is an opportunity to play music a little different from what I played growing up,” he added. “I was in punk and punk-adjacent bands. Now I’m 36. It’s time to do something more mature. Let’s do some other music

that we really like, that there’s not quite a scene for in Detroit. There’s not a lot of this going on in Michigan. It’s a treat to do something a little different.”

Bend describes its sound as a subgenre of alternative rock, specifically shoegaze, which emerged in the United Kingdom in the 1980s.

“We’re influenced by

Dinosaur Jr., My Bloody Valentine, Nirvana,” Wixson said. “It’s guitar-driven rock music. We use a lot of effects pedals to get different textures in the guitar sound, to make it a little more interesting.”

Also different is the

way Bend introduced itself.

The tendency for most bands these days, Wixson explained, is to offer click content — snippets on TikTok or other social media that promote singles — rather than release an album.

“We wanted to reverse the trend and release an album before we even announced the band,” he added. “We did that starting last summer and announced the band with the album, which is unusual.”

The band dropped its first album, “Deplete,” April 15. It was recorded at Wixson’s Grosse Pointe Park home and mastered by Joe Riley in New Bedford, Mass.

“Deplete” is available on all streaming platforms and has potential to be released on CD.

“I would love to have anyone interested in guitar-based music to check out the record and hopefully find something they like,” Wixson said. “We’ve gotten great feedback from all generations, from people

who like all different genres.”

Bend’s first live gig was at Loving Touch in Ferndale, opening for the Belgian band Slow Crush.

Its next show is slated Friday, July 15, at PJ’s Lagerhouse, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

“We’re trying to be selective with gigs,” Wixson said, noting all three band members have full-time jobs and other interests. Wixson, for example, enjoys racing sailboats this time of year.

He did note that the group hopes to create more music. Touring, however, is a different story.

“We all played in bands in shows nationally and regionally,” he said. “We’ll be taking it on the road sparingly. I mean, I’d love to play Europe and across the U.S., but the days of any of us getting in the van for a few months are over.”

For more information about Bend, visit bendtheband.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kaitlin Arnold, LPC

Helping your teen through a panic attack

Q: What is a panic attack and how can I help my teen if they are experiencing them?

A: Panic attacks in children and adolescents are on the rise. If your child is experiencing panic attacks, this can be scary for you and your child. Here are some information and suggestions to help.

A person having a panic attack perceives some sort of danger. In response, their body releases adrenaline and hormones which can cause heart palpitations, sweating and shortness of breath. Focusing on these symptoms increases them. The heart races; breathing becomes very difficult. Interpreting the sensations as a heart attack or even dying, panic sets in.

Panic attacks typically last a few seconds to 10 minutes, but the impact can last much longer. The attacks are frightening, very uncomfortable physically and if witnessed, could be embarrassing. Your child may avoid places and situations they fear will trigger another attack, which can lead to school absences, fewer interactions with friends and disengagement from extracurriculars.



If your child or teen experiences panic attacks, you can help by offering validation and relaxation techniques. During an attack, rather than saying, “You’ll be fine,” encourage your child to reassure themselves by naming what is happening: “I’m having a panic attack.” Repeat calming statements along with them, “I will be better soon, this will pass.” Offering an ice pack for the back of the neck or the chest and a paper bag to breathe into can be beneficial. Afterward, help your child identify the physical sensations they experienced. Take a few minutes to do some deep breathing every morning or visualize a safe, calm place before bed each night. These techniques can decrease overall anxiety and give your child tools to use when they feel an attack coming on.

Your help and support are important, but seek

professional advice if the attacks occur regularly. A mental health therapist can work with your child to identify the triggers that lead to an attack and strategies to cope. As you help your child, be kind to yourself; relaxation techniques benefit parents too.

Kaitlin Arnold, LPC, is the founder and therapist at Finding Your Balance Therapy. She helps individuals and families dealing with depression, anxiety, other mental health issues and stressors from life challenges to develop positive coping skills, navigate and gain confidence in dealing with stressful situations and improve their relationships.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

Add a battery organizer to the list of things I have zero interest in. What is the point? Well, I guess it warrants a fair shake because at my house there are batteries in literally every drawer, every single day, until the minute someone needs one. At that point all of the drawers get ransacked and I find TV remotes and old toys gutted of their AAs. Enter the Battery Daddy. What a dumb name, but apropos I suppose. My husband insisted on me

trying it and spent about 30 blissful minutes filling it with the contents of about 40 cabinets and drawers. At first he stored it in an accessible spot, which was a mistake. The kids managed to tear it apart in their frantic quest to re-power the dead xBox controllers. Then we got smart and hid it above the refrigerator where nobody ever goes. It's been organized and helpful ever since. I have to admit, its much faster and neater when it's time to replace a battery.

The thing holds about 180 batteries and also comes with a handy battery tester. It's clear plastic so you

can see what's inside and only open the side you need. I also like that there's a little compartment for all

of those disc batteries you rarely use — for watches, electronics, etc. Overall, I probably would have never purchased this item, but it does keep things organized and handy and that is always a good thing. Battery Daddy can be purchased at most major retailers like ACE Hardware, Home Depot, Amazon, etc. The price is only \$20, so it makes a nice side gift for the type A (or AA) dad in your

life. We give it 4.5 alligators.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

Dear Gabby: My kid's lacrosse team moms are killing me. I can't even stand going to the games because they yell and cheer like lunatics even when the other team makes a bad mistake or if our team injures another player. Is there anything I can do to stop them? — Bummed in the Bleachers

Dear Bummed, Gabby: this is something I have run into quite a bit. In Grosse Pointe, there are so many successful people, and that often translates to mean, very competitive people, which might explain why they climbed the ladder, but does not justify their obnoxious tactics at a preschooler's soccer game.

However, things can turn ugly when it involves children. It's very difficult to have a totally symbiotic cheering section at a competitive sports event — it's not like the group was put together with the parents' feelings in mind. My advice is to do your best to distance yourself from those who you find embarrassing, and buddy up

with like-minded mates. Also try to understand that someone might be having a bad day or simply have a different take on what is appropriate. Important note if you think YOU might be the crazy parent: This can



directly impact your child — next season if there's a close call of who makes the team and who doesn't, it will most certainly be the child with the obnoxious parent. Do the right thing! Seven-year-old Boy: I would tell them to be quiet and stop acting like Karens.

Nora Nanny: This is a tale as old as time. Every time the kids join something new, there are bound to be other parents that you just don't jive with. Do you know the coach? Would he or she be willing to

send a general message out to the team to encourage good sportsmanship in the stands? I mean, we should be at least attempting to be good role models for the kids, so you'd think the coach would be open to this. I'm sure other parents are noticing this behavior too, so sending a proactive message out to the team would be a good idea.

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

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Ten years ago, I was diagnosed with kidney disease. My mother told me at the time that both my sister and my brother wanted to donate a kidney so that I might live. As the months of dialysis wore on, I decided to accept their generous offer. When I expressed my

gratitude, they both told me they had no idea where I had gotten such an idea. It was then obvious that my mother had invented the story. My sister subsequently wrote me a letter saying my life was not that important to her. I had always been close to my sister.

That letter destroyed the love I felt for her. I then cut off all communication. Two years later, I had a kidney transplant thanks to an anonymous donor. I recently moved back to the area where I grew up. When I visited my mother, my sister showed up. There was zero conversation between us. I tried to forgive her and be friendly, but it was impossible. I then went for counseling, but that didn't help. Is it OK if I do not forgive her? I have searched my heart and believe I am justified. I need your opinion. — Still Hurting Up North

Dear Still Hurting: No, it is NOT OK. Forgive your sister -- not for her sake, but for yours. When you treat her in a warm and loving way, with no mention of the past, she will remember that she made no effort to help you when your life was in danger -- and that will be punishment enough. Dear Ann Landers: My niece, "Eva," recently graduated from high school

and sent out engraved invitations to her graduation party. She called me to say she ran out of invitations, but hoped I would come to the party anyway. I said, "Of course, I'll be there." A few days ago, my boss told me he had received one of those rare engraved invitations. Eva barely knows my boss. Yesterday, I learned she also sent engraved invitations to her doctor and two friends of mine who are casual acquaintances. It became obvious that the people she invited have one thing in

common: money. I'm disgusted and have decided not to attend the party. Am I right to be angry? — Boiling in Fresno Dear Boiling: I say go to the party. If you don't, Eva will not care, but why miss out on what could be a very good time? You now know about her value \$y\$tem. Unless she changes her course, she's going to have a lonely life. Poor thing. ANN LANDERS COPYRIGHT 2022 CREATORS.COM.

Woman reveals opinion on bad-news brother-in-law

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I have always been close. She's married to a man I have always thought is domineering and arrogant. I also suspect

that he's emotionally abusive from things she has confided over the years. These include days of the silent treatment, refusing to celebrate

her birthday because he doesn't believe in it and discouraging her from taking a job she was interested in. He refuses to go to

counseling and says whatever problems there are between them are her fault. I hold my tongue and try to tolerate him because she has

chosen to stay with him. He recently participated in a marathon and was connected to us and many others through social media so we could

follow the entire two-day event from start to finish. After a day of constant "dinging" on my phone, I

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Spring dessert at its best

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Strawberries are finally in season. There are so many wonderful dessert and salad options when this time of year comes around.

Today, I decided to make individual trifles with a homemade vanilla pudding.

I have to be honest. This week was a tough one for me. I completely failed at making homemade pudding. It turned out like soup. I was devastated but also understood that kitchen failures are inevitable and that’s OK.

So as I picked my bootstraps back up, I decided to try again, rewrite the recipes and lucky for me, I nailed it! Messing up is a part of life. And there is no better satisfaction than when you make it right. Cooking can be tricky sometimes but it’s my job to give you the

best possible outcome. And, I adore doing that.

I ran to the store to buy instant vanilla pudding because my family expected dessert. But then I thought about why the pudding didn’t set, corrected it and it came out perfect.

To make sure, I gave my kids a blind taste test of homemade and instant pudding. They all picked homemade. It really is worth it.

You’ll see the word whisk a lot in the directions but that’s what it takes to produce a glorious outcome.

Fresh berries, pound cake are paired with a lovely and lemony pudding. If you don’t have time to make pudding, you can get the instant and it gets the job done in under five minutes. But, sometimes the sweat and tears makes it all worthwhile.

- Fresh Berry Trifle**
- 1 ½ cups whole milk
 - 4 egg yolks
 - 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
 - ½ cup heavy cream
 - 3 tbsp cornstarch
 - ½ cup sugar
 - 2 tbsp butter
 - 4 lemon peels

Lemon Vanilla Custard

In a saucepan, combine the milk, heavy cream, lemon peel, egg yolks and vanilla. Bring to a medium heat while whisking everything together.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, add the cornstarch and



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sugar. Keep whisking the milk mixture and slowly add in the cornstarch and sugar and keep whisking vigorously. You want it to come to almost a boil so the cornstarch can thicken the pudding. Just get your arm workout out with whisking. Meanwhile, lay a fine mesh sieve over top of the bowl to be prepared. Continue to whisk the milk mixture until it thickens, about 8 minutes.

Using a fine mesh sieve, strain the pudding into the same bowl you

used for the cornstarch and sugar to get any cooked egg and the lemon peel out.

Add the butter and whisk again until everything is combined. Place plastic wrap directly over top of the pudding so it doesn’t form a skin. Let cool for three hours in the fridge.

- Individual Trifles**
- 1 pint sliced strawberries
 - 1 cup blueberries
 - 1 crumbled pound cake
 - 2 cups, vanilla pudding

Layer pound cake on the bottom of your glass. Then spoon a good amount of pudding over top. Add a layer of strawberries and blueberries. Repeat this one or two more times depending on the size of your glass. Make sure you end with the berries. Serve with whipped cream if you so desire. Enjoy this almost summer treat!



Bait and switch

Sometimes it’s simply just a mistake, but it seems always to backfire against the consumer.

And sometimes it is a nefarious strategy intended to put one over on unsuspecting diners, almost always with the intent of making a lot of money.

It’s about wine “bait and switch” in restaurants.

This column is not aimed at casting suspicion on all restaurant owners or to imply that many are simply highway robbers who figure that the likelihood of being caught is very slim.

And besides, what they’re doing isn’t exactly against the law. It’s simply unethical and could lead a savvy diner who discovers the tactic to decide never to visit the establishment again.

Bait and switch is the conscious act of putting something up for sale that appears to be valuable and replacing it with something that has none of the original intended value, but which is priced to indicate that it’s authentic.

Sort of like a street ven-

dor selling an “Onega” watch for \$30.

Obviously, the more you know about wine, the more you are likely to avoid such situations. But when you’re dining in a good restaurant, you’re hoping to have a good time and the last thing that crosses your mind is that chicanery may be afoot that requires action on your part.

Most people accept the insult rather than dispute



Buyer beware: bait and switch tactics might be served with your bottle of wine.

the charge.

For the purpose of this article, I won’t use real names, but some of the most iconic wine brands in the world are often involved.

A very visible Napa Valley cabernet producer whose wines usually sell for \$80 a bottle and up has frequently been seen on restaurant wine lists at about \$60 to \$90 a bottle.

Savvy wine buyers easily see this as a scam

because restaurant prices are almost always higher than their retail prices, and \$60 to \$80 almost never refers to the Napa producer’s “Napa” wine. The restaurant clearly is serving one of the Napa winery’s “lifestyle” cabernets, with a suggested retail price of well under \$25 per bottle.

At \$80, it’s a bait-and-switch rip-off.

Which would be evident to the purchaser once the bottle is brought to the table unopened and the waiter shows the diner the label — to be certain this is the wine he or she ordered.

In most cases, unsophisticated buyers will nod approval perfunctorily, not noticing that the region from which the grapes came is “California,” and not “Napa Valley.”

But even when the “wrong” wine arrives to the table, another issue arises: having to send it back, request the wine list one more time, make another selection and wait

for that new bottle to arrive.

This is time-consuming and meanwhile the food might have already arrived with no wine on the table. It has happened to me many times.

Bait-and-switch tactics are frequently the subject of stories about all kinds of image-based consumer goods. It is one good reason to shop in wine retail stores where you can actually pick up bottles,

look at the back label and assess the condition of the liquid (is it right up to the cork level or has evaporation occurred?) and the cork.

One final idea: When ordering a wine by the glass, I always ask to see the bottle from which it came. I can’t tell you the number of times the bottle differed from what the waitstaff had told me the wine would be.

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found his need for attention over the top and stopped following. My sister was very upset about it. She said she was embarrassed and hurt. When she asked why I stopped, I told her the truth.

Now our relationship is damaged. I apologized and tried to smooth things over, but she’s now fully aware of my true feelings about him after seeing and hearing how he has treated her over the years. Should I have “kept the peace,” as my dear departed mother always said, and continued to keep my mouth



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

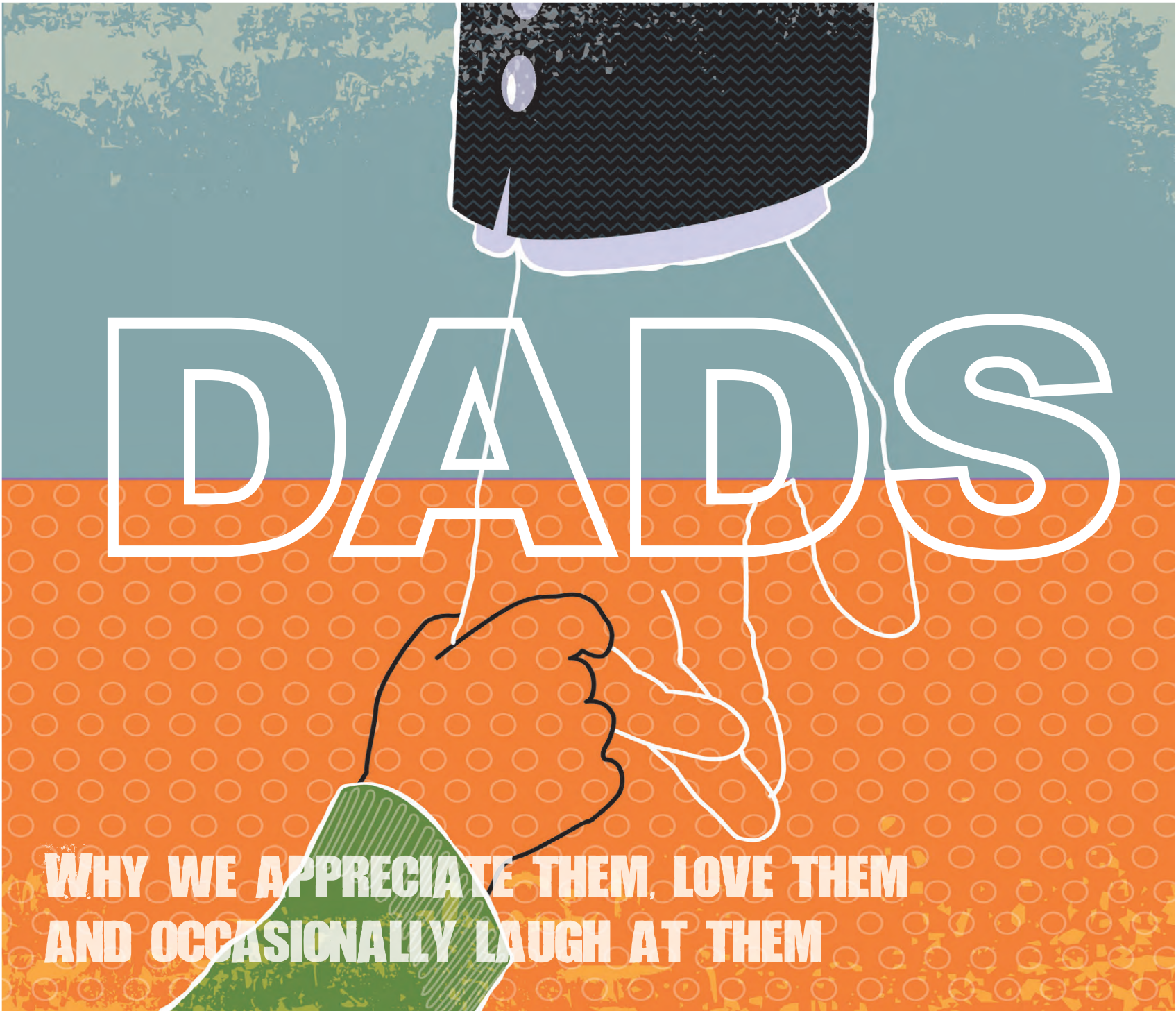
shut, or should I have been honest about my feelings? — PROTECTIVE OF SIS

DEAR PROTECTIVE: Because you say you and your sister are close, I am surprised you held your tongue about her husband’s behavior for so long. You did nothing wrong by tuning out of the marathon updates.

You should not have been expected to be held hostage for two days

because your brother-in-law’s ego needed bolstering. You were honest with your sister and, in my opinion, did nothing that requires an apology.

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By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Many of us have seen the memes and TikToks set to the Home Depot music that make fun of dads and their quirky habits and tendencies. And if you haven't seen them, your kids or grandkids sure have, and boy, do they get a kick out of them. Videos of a dad printing out paper boarding passes instead of downloading them to his phone? Check! Images of a dad, with his hands on hips as he “supervises” the roadside repair of a flat tire? Yep! Footage of a tennis ball dangling by a string in the middle of the garage to guide all other drivers in the family — except himself — to achieve perfect parking placement? Oh, that too! Dads refusing to ask directions? Well, that’s been around since the dinosaurs roamed the earth. Where is our cave, Dad? We are all starving! While these “dad habits” can drive families bananas, they often come from a place of love and from a drive to keep their families safe and taken care of. (Editor’s note: Except the not-asking-for-directions thing. Just ask someone for help, we beg you!) Thankfully, our country annually dedicates the third Sunday in June to honor dads. The holiday gives us the opportunity to take a look at the many ways fathers earn a lot of family eye rolls and sighs, but also make us laugh, help fix things, impart pearls of wisdom and bring about bonding moments: **He knows the words to a curious amount of ’80s and ’90s songs:** We are pretty confident if you look in an old Tupperware bin in the attic, you will find an old Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg CD, or a faded T-shirt from his first Bon Jovi concert. **He stops to admire his work after mowing the lawn:** The diagonal, clean lines that provide evidence of his landscaping prowess also may be the only reason a dad occasionally vacuums too. It offers the same satisfaction, unlike putting away laundry. **He looks for excuses to grill things:** You didn’t really request burgers and brats for your birthday dinner, but here is a monstrous tray of them comin’ at you on your big day, quite possibly with a candle in one of the buns for you to blow out. **He hopes his once-a-year garage cleaning becomes a nationally recognized holiday:** Hey, this garage isn’t gonna clean itself, you know. Who else can alphabetize half-used spray paint cans? And did you even take a tour of

the fresh digs and properly praise his work, or did he use the blower in there for nothing? **He pretends to love the socks or tie you got him for Father’s Day (even though you got him nearly the same thing last year):** Post-COVID, who really dresses up anyway? Your awesome dad will still put the tie around his neck through the remainder of the present-opening portion of the holiday. Gotta love his enthusiasm. **Even when he has no idea how to fix something, he will be valiant in the attempt:** Look, charging the drill and bringing out the tool box shows he means business. While your dad gets proper gear in order, you will probably YouTube how to repair the umbrella stand for your patio table, fix said umbrella stand and take a shower, before he finishes setting up. An “A” for effort anyway, Dad. **He has superhuman dad strength, no matter his age:** This unexpected demonstration of might usually is experienced through a random game of thumb war, or an arm wrestle. You will mutter under your breath, “He hasn’t been lifting weights lately, has he?” as you hang your head in defeat. **He taught you how to fish, catch a ball and drive a stick shift:** Even if it’s none of these things, there is definitely something you can name your dad has taught you to do, which you can proudly consider a skill for the rest of your life. **He taught you the importance of good sportsmanship:** And by good sportsmanship, we mean he is relentlessly and unapologetically competitive. Unyielding, in fact. Your dad wants to win, each and every time, even in a friendly game of pick-up basketball or UNO. We figure this characteristic he has modeled will serve many of us well in the business world or in our fantasy football leagues, if nothing else. **He liberally tells dad jokes:** Do you know how to fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch, of course! Or did you hear the one about the roof? Nevermind, it’s over your head. Ba-dum-tss. See? Without bad dad jokes, how else would we know what it feels like to sigh, shake our heads and laugh at the same time? **And here’s the most important reason to appreciate our dads:** Dads love their families and will do anything to protect their broods. All poking fun of dads aside, the fierce loyalty and love fathers have for their families is something to celebrate. On this Day of the Dads, let’s appreciate all that they do, how they make us laugh and how they love us in their own special, sometimes quirky ways. Besides, Father’s Day just gives them one more reason to use the grill. So pour them a glass of their favorite cold beverage, insist they put up their feet and let them enjoy their special day. Cheers to all of you do-it-all dads!



Grosse Pointe dad, Brad Morgan, center, spends some quality ‘Dad time’ with his children. Dads all across the Pointes will be enjoying the same.

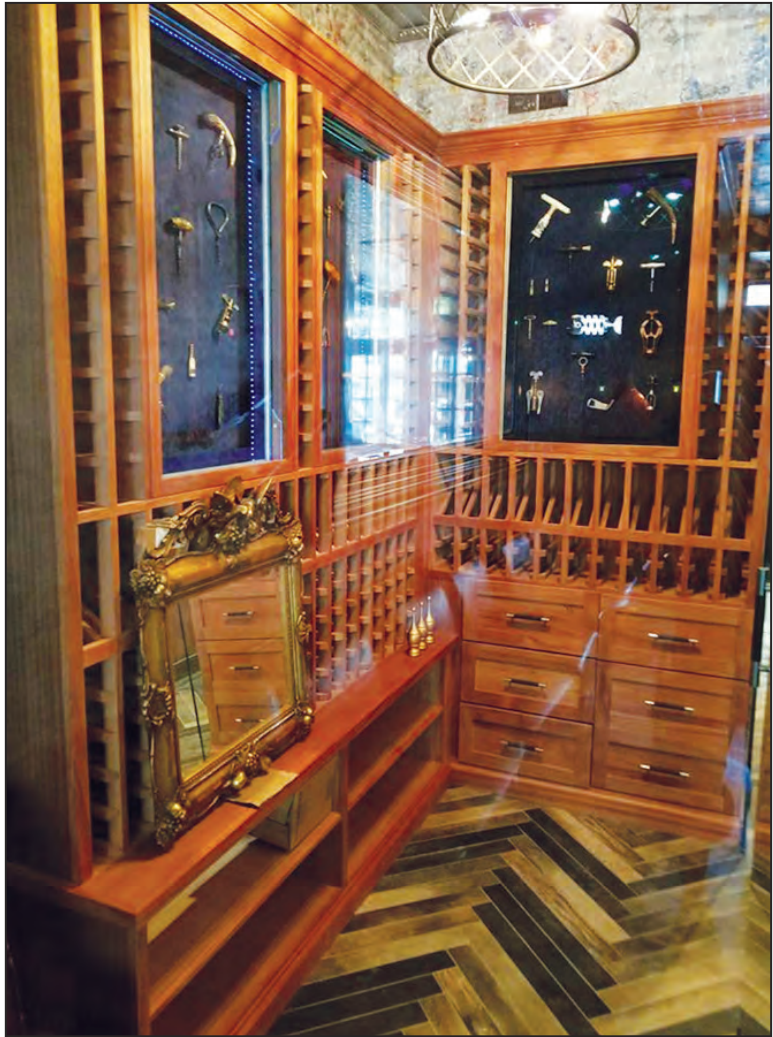
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A brief history of Father’s Day

Each year, the third Sunday in June is a time to pay homage to fathers and the millions of other men who have stepped into the role of father. While it may seem as though Father’s Day has been around forever, it didn’t become a nationally recognized holiday in the United States until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed Joint Resolution 187 into law. Many thank Sonora Smart Dodd for making Father’s Day happen. In 1909, while attending a Mother’s Day sermon in church, Dodd felt fathers were equally deserving of praise. To honor her own father, a Civil War veteran and widower who raised six children alone, Dodd petitioned for a Father’s Day on June 5 (the anniversary of her father’s death) in her native Spokane, Wash. The celebration was deferred to the third Sunday in June. Another account says Grace Golden Clayton came up with the idea for a Father’s Day in 1908 in Fairmont, W.V. Clayton was inspired to celebrate fathers after 361 local men were lost in a mine

accident. Clayton brought the idea up to the minister of her local church. Historians say that Father’s Day may even be a much older idea. St. Joseph’s Day, which was celebrated each year on March 19 in Catholic nations of Europe since the medieval era, and later elsewhere around the world, commemorates Joseph, the husband of Mary and father figure to Jesus. It was said that Joseph should be held up as the ideal example of fatherhood. The Coptic Orthodox Church celebrates St. Joseph’s Day on July 20. In the Orthodox Christian Church, the second Sunday before the Nativity is celebrated as the Sunday of the Forefathers — celebrating all of Jesus’ male ancestors, with an emphasis on Abraham, the patriarch of the Jewish faith. However it came to be, there is surely one thing we all agree on. Dads all across our great country deserve a day to be recognized, honored and yes, maybe even a little bit spoiled! Enjoy your day, dads.

Luxury home gifts for Dad that last a lifetime



Father’s Day gifts with wow-factor

When considering Father’s Day gifts for the dad who has everything, sometimes you just have to think outside the box. Check out these very creative luxury gift ideas for some very lucky dads.

Dad might enjoy a show-stopping custom bar, as seen above, with a little help from Pointe Cabinet & Design. And by “a little help,” we mean they’ll design and execute the entire project from top to bottom. A gorgeous bar designed just for him will serve Dad well for years to come — and become a central part of home entertaining. It’s a useful, yet luxe gift most party-hosting dads would love.

With attention to fine detail, Pointe Cabinet & Design can also create a stately wine room, for connoisseur dads who delight in fine vino. This attractive wine room, left, features warm, inviting wood and has plenty of room to display Dad’s collection.

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For outdoor-loving dads, what could be better than a deluxe outdoor fire pit? This beautiful circular bowl pit, left, from Shores Fireplace & BBQ will become a backyard centerpiece and bring hours of enjoyment for the whole family. Since Shores Fireplace & BBQ offers free design services, they’ll handle it all, making Dad really happy.

Their fire pits are built to the highest standard, to ensure exceptional, safe performance. Dad can choose from grand details such as granite, marble, and glass tops in various style options to suit his taste. Shores Fireplace & BBQ performs free onsite estimates that will help Dad determine size, style, location and gas line run of his new gift.

Shores Fireplace & BBQ is located at 21915 Greater Mack Ave, in St. Clair Shores. Call them at (586) 285-5634 or visit online at shoresfireplaceandbbq.com.



What type of father are you gifting?

Dads are as different from one another as can be. But one thing is for certain, they all deserve to be remembered this Father’s Day with a present that will surprise and delight them for being the unique man they are. Here’s a list of gift ideas for wildly different dads with very varied interests...

The gaming dad
The draw of popular video games doesn’t abate for some men as they get older. If your dad is most at home with a game controller in his hand, then gifts that feed his hobby can be ideal.
Virtual reality has made great strides. Devices that enable VR game play and other entertainment may excite your dad. There are a few current options on the market, like the Oculus Quest 2, HP Reverb G2 Sony PlayStation VR, and Valve Index.

The sports dad
Tap into your father’s love of sports with gifts tailored to his passion. Tickets to a game is something dads and their children can do together. You also can cheer on his team in front of a new big-screen television he gets for being such a great dad — well, maybe it’s a little bit for you, too! Or official merch from his favorite team is always sure to be a winning gift that won’t break the bank.

The outdoorsman dad
If your dad is happiest with a fishing pole and tackle box, kayaking a nearby body of water, or hiding in a tree stand during hunting season, then gifts that cater to his love of the great outdoors are perfect. Insulated thermoses, waterproof bags for storing phones or wallets, multitools, fishing gear, backpacks, and hiking boots make thoughtful gifts.

The techie dad
Does the idea of the latest “smart” offering get your father all revved up? Then purchase gifts that cater to his love of gadgets. Maybe he can use a new tablet or laptop that bridges the gap between home and office. Could it be time to upgrade his smartphone? A doorbell camera or home security kit can help Dad keep an eye on the comings and goings around the house when he’s away. Or help him create surround lighting effects that can react to content on the screen or music being played with LED smart lighting strips.

The practical dad
Some fathers don’t want flashy gifts, instead preferring ones that can be used every day. Think about a new paper shredder or identity block roller stamp to keep sensitive information safe. If Dad takes long road trips, then he might be able to use a car visor extender or a smartphone holder. Shelving, racks or storage straps for the garage also may put a smile on Dad’s face.

This year, make Father’s Day a smash hit with gifts that cater to your particular dad’s interests. The Greeks may have said, “Know thyself,” but it’s also a great idea to know thy dad too! That way you can get him something he’ll love as much as he loves you.

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Dad does so much for you, from being your mentor and your rock to sharing silly jokes and athletic endeavors. Now’s the time to say thanks with a gift that will let him know how special he is to you, today and forever.

We’ve gathered some great gift ideas from Grosse Pointe area merchants to help you find the perfect gift for YOUR perfect dad!



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Treat Dad to one of the best dining experiences in town at Fishbones. Choose from sushi and New Orleans favorites, like jambalaya, gumbo, blackened shrimp and catfish. Or dine on beef short ribs, pictured above top, crab legs, lake perch, T-bone steak or lamb chops. You’ll have Dad saying, “merci beaucoup” in his best Louisian-na accent!



STOGIE LOVE

Cigar aficionado dads will appreciate Zack at Village Wine Shop. He’ll steer you in the right direction gift-wise (he has a full cigar humidor in-store). Zack can hook you up with a gift for Dad that will have him bragging on you all year long.

WHAT’S DAD’S DRINK?

Bourbon? Gift Papa with this Basil Hayden bourbon with sophisticated packaging and great flavor from Village Wine Shop. They’ve got every type of liquor and wine for every type of dad.

WATCH THE BIRDIE

Discover Wild Birds Unlimited. You won’t believe the amazing selection of bird-themed gifts — or the varieties of feathered friends Dad will attract with the right feeders and advice from the experts. For a better look, give Dad these VanGuard binoculars with award-winning technology.



THAT’S MY BABY

Never underestimate the sentimental value of a printed photo and a lovely frame. The League Shop has oodles to choose from. Find a favorite past pic of little you with dear Daddy to put inside and watch for Dad’s smile. Check out The League Shop for any number of wonderful keepsake gifts for Father’s Day.



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WHAT A CATCH!

Fishers gearing up for big competition

Competition is heating up for the Grosse Pointe News' fishing tournament as the pike, bass and more are biting. Each week, winners will be announced for each fish category and age division until the contest wraps on Thursday, June 23 at 9 p.m.

Just a refresher: Entering is simple. Just catch a fish, measure it on an official Grosse Pointe News ruler — they're posted at the local parks — or with the ruler provided in each week's newspaper now through June. Photograph your fish on the ruler and submit your entry (or entries) at grossepointe-news.com/fishingclassic. See official rules on the website.

All anglers are encouraged to enter any size fish, because all en-

trants will be included in weekly raffle drawings to win great prizes from our sponsors.

Enter online or by email at: fish@grossepointenews.com. Include the following in your email:

- Name
- Subscriber name
- Fish type
- Length in inches
- Date caught
- Photo of fish on ruler

All fish entered must be caught on land — no boats, and there must be an adult subscriber to the Grosse Pointe News in the household to enter the contest.

Show us what you can do. We know Grosse Pointe area fishers have what it takes to win!

Age divisions: 12 years and under; 13-19 years; 20 years and older.

Fish types: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pike, walleye and muskie.

Prizes: \$50 per fish category, for divisions 0-12 and 13-19, per week; \$100 for the overall winner each week; \$25 per fish category for the 20 and older division; \$50 for overall winner each week in the 20 and older division.



He's got the skills! Alex Blyth, at top, reeled in a 31.25 inch pike caught during the first week of the contest, using a spinner bait. The fish measures up on the official ruler, above. Way to go, Alex.



Above, Carter Coleman's 15.2" largemouth bass is a beauty. Carter, 12, was the lucky winner of a gift certificate from The Chocolate Bar Cafe in this week's raffle. Enjoy, Carter!



This week's WINNERS



DIVISION A: 12 years and under

Largemouth bass - Carter Coleman, from St. Clair Shores. 15.2" fish was caught in a canal.

Smallmouth bass - Henry O'Laughlin caught a 15" smallmouth at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

DIVISION B: 13-19 years

Smallmouth bass - Henry Logan, from Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 16.5" fish at Farms Park.

Pike - Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, 31.25" pike.

Muskie - Alex Blyth, from Grosse Pointe, caught a 27.5" muskie at City Park.

DIVISION C: 20 years and older

Largemouth bass - Tom Kolojeski, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 18.5" fish at Grosse Pointe Farms Park.

Smallmouth bass - Joseph O'Laughlin, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 25" smallmouth.

Pike - Tom Kolojeski, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 30" pike at Grosse Pointe Farms Park.

Weekly raffle winners:

Chocolate Bar Cafe - Carter Coleman

Fishbones \$100 Gift Card - Allan Morton

Whistle Stop - Henry O'Laughlin



Above, Joe O'Laughlin won his division this week with a perfect 25" smallmouth bass, while Henry O' Laughlin, age 7, right, won his division with a 15" smallmouth bass. Henry was also a lucky raffle winner, with a gift certificate from Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy. Great fishing, fellas.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Gone with the wind

By Brian Owen
Special Writer

I have been wanting to write an article about fishing the conditions the lake gives you but didn't quite have it worked out until today. A cancelled Northern Manitoba trophy pike trip opened up a few days on my calendar to fish Lake St. Clair so I took advantage. Until now, this has been the worst spring fishing I have experienced since moving to Grosse Pointe (under 30 fish and I started the season early April, if not late March).

Much of my poor fishing results are based on timing, species targeted, location and conditions. Plenty of walleye fisherman I know have had great luck this season and if you target silver bass, you should be catching buckets full. But the smallie bite has been tough for me until today.

I was fishing from my small aluminum fishing boat near the Neff Park Marina and kept moving to different spots to target areas I knew typically hold fish. As I powered off the motor

and grabbed my favorite rod and reel a fish surfaced nearby. I scrambled to cast to the rings it left behind and of course, my rod tip got tangled up with another and by the time I got my spinner bait free to cast it was too late. I spent the next ten minutes or so trying to pinpoint that fish. It followed my lure in a few casts later and it was definitely a solid fish.

As I reset my boat to try to target that one fish again, something happened. The offshore wind that was pushing me out into the lake changed dramatically. A strong, cold wind came around the corner and started pushing me with the current. It was too much to try to fight so I gave up on that fish and just went with the new drift.

With the wind at my back I started to drift with the wind and the current and was able to cover a lot of water fast. I chucked that spinner bait as far as I could and reeled it back fast enough to feel the blades thumping in the water and on my third or fourth cast, wham! A 17-inch smallmouth. A few casts later, wham! A 14-inch smallmouth. For the next thirty min-

utes I drifted from Neff Park to Grand Marais, the sun hitting the water in such a way that I couldn't see what I was even casting to. On multiple casts the spinner bait would land and get a hit immediately. With too much slack in the line those fish would shake their heads and get free, but still provide me a little rush of adrenaline.

Toward the end of the drift I had landed seven fish and missed about as many strikes and then wham! A big one. A huge one. It never jumped out of the water. It thrashed its head hard and pulled down to the lake bottom. This is what the big ones do. I kept reeling and gaining on it. As it came up to the surface it gave one last thrash. I saw it's huge mouth come out of the water and then all of a sudden it disappeared and my line went slack. It got away. Heartbreak. Agony. Ugh!

A few casts later wham! An 18.5-inch smallmouth. Not quite the five-pounder I believe I hooked earlier, but a solid St. Clair smallmouth. A bunch of them in a very short time-frame. Thanks to a wind shift that put me on a perfect drift.

The best part of that wind and pattern change is that it was there the next day when I went back. In those two days I caught more fish than the first two months of the season combined. My spinner bait from day one saw so much action that it eventually broke in half when I was fighting another big smallmouth.

As for fishing the conditions St. Clair dishes out, the current can play a huge role for us

in the Pointes. The majority of fish I lost were being fought and pulled into the current. This creates a lot of extra drag on the fish and gives them a chance to create slack, especially if you use monofilament like I do. Using braid would likely increase my chances of landing those bigger ones. (Stay tuned for an update on that!) I had to position my boat down current and cast up to my spots to increase my chances of boating the fish. I was gently reminded of this tip today, day three of this bite as I lost two more giants fighting them against the current. An electric trolling motor slowly moving toward the fight would also help reduce the drag.

At times light will be a condition to adjust to and throw brighter or darker colors, but not on this particular bite. It was hot with cloud cover yesterday and still hot with bluebird skies today. Sometimes they just don't care. Rain also appeared during the bite and did not affect it.

Ultimately, St. Clair is always changing and never the same one day to the next. To get a consistent bite like the last three days only happens a few times every season. I got lucky this year to be on the lake when it was happening and the wind was the driving factor that showed me where to fish.

The bite remained solid for a third day and in my final hour of fishing the wind significantly shifted once again pushing my little boat from Grand Marais right back up to where it all started, in front of Neff Park Marina, and over all those great spots one last time.

Have fun out there and stay in the strike zone!

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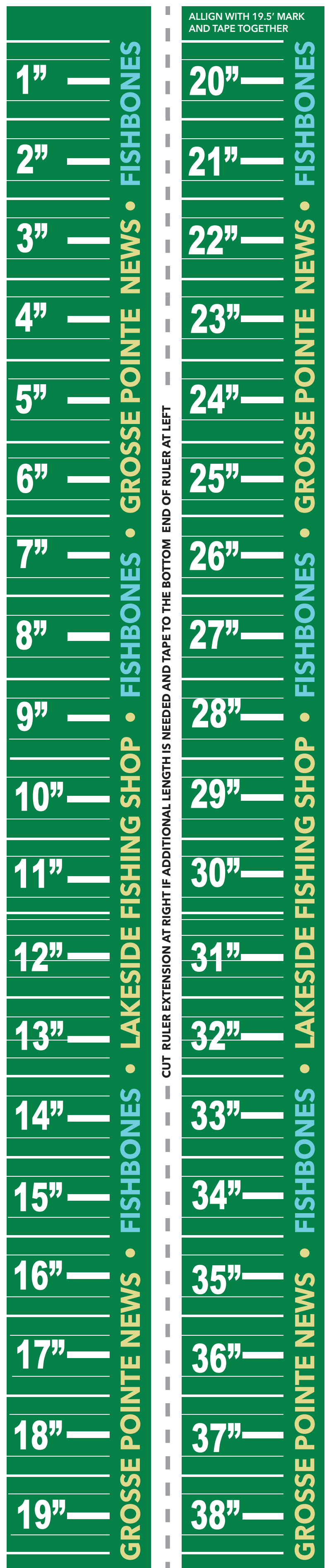
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MOVIE REVIEW
“The Etruscan Smile”
2018 - R
1 hr 47min

There are all kinds of things in this world that just get better with age. I think that’s true with many actors as well. The Scottish actor Brian Cox is a perfect example of that. He’s made a boatload of films over the years, but I think his acting chops, while formidable in his youth, are better than ever.

The film The Etruscan Smile is a great case in point. I’m not sure why this excellent movie isn’t better known—it’s a fantastic film and features Mr. Cox in one of his finest performance to date.

Roy MacNeil (Cox) is a cantankerous old widower, living in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. His life is pretty mundane, and his only goal seems to be his desire to outlive Campbell, another old man he encounters in the pub every evening. Their two clans have been feuding for hundreds of years, over some incident they can barely even recall.

One day Roy has a fainting spell and he decides to visit his estranged son Ian (JJ Feild) in San Francisco for medical treatment.

Ian and his father haven’t spoken in years, and when they reunite,

there’s quite a bit of tension between them. Ian is happily married to Emily (Thora Birch), and they have a newborn baby boy.

Emily is a bit of a control freak, and is trying to raise her child according to all the latest scientific child-rearing methods. Of course, she is destined to clash with Roy and his approach to parenting. It’s fun to watch the two of them butt heads.

After a series of medical tests, it’s discovered that Roy has stage four cancer and he doesn’t have a long time to live. He takes this seemingly devastating news quite well, and actually goes on living his life normally.

His days are spent exploring the Bay Area with his young grandson. He also gets involved with a group of professors and students at the local university who are studying cultures and languages.

He spends quite a bit of time with them telling tales of life in Scotland in his native Celtic tongue. They’re absolutely captivated by him and record him for prosperity.

Of course, no movie like this is complete without a romantic encounter. Roy meets an attractive and charming museum director Claudia (Rosanna Arquette) at a fundraising gala. The couple are well suited to each other, and while



their relationship is Platonic, they regret they didn’t meet earlier.

Claudia keeps Roy going as does his grandson. The two of them give him a reason to not only keep living, but to savor every moment of each day. Roy is determined to live until the day his grandson says the Scottish word for grandpa.

This is one of the most enjoyable movies I’ve seen in a while. It’s like one of those classic films from the 1940’s and has it all—romance, redemption, family tension. In short, it’s simply a great story well told. And the marvelous acting, excellent writing, and gorgeous scenery are mere icing on the cake.

The film is based on the novel La Sonrisa Etruscana by Jose Luis Sampedro and originally takes place in Italy. But I think it works well setting it in Scotland and San Francisco.

The Etruscan Smile will definitely put you through the emotional ringer. But when it’s over, I’m pretty sure you’ll say to yourself, “Wow, that was a great movie!”

Note to parents: The movie is rated R mainly due to language.

Currently streaming for free on Tubi. Also on Hulu and Prime Video.

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Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. EDT today (11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 16, 2022:

You are forever youthful, persuasive and imaginative. You are articulate, quick-witted, and sometimes sharp-tongued. At times you are guarded. You keep your distance from others. This year is the beginning of a fresh, new nine-year cycle for you, which means you must be courageous and ready to open any door!

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Things are much cozier today. (Grumpy yesterday is gone.) Today’s Moon placement makes you high-viz. People notice you, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. After the Moon moves into Aquarius (see Moon Alert), enjoy socializing with others! Tonight: A warm talk with a friend.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Today you’re looking for answers, and maybe even the truth with a capital “T.” (Who knows where one will discover the meaning of life?) Later in the day, do be aware that people notice you, especially people in authority. Tonight: Play by the rules.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Things are mellow today. However, they begin with the Moon in one of your Money Houses; therefore, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Later in the day, things are easygoing, fun and exploratory. You will be thrilled with new ideas! Tonight: Learn something.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Be prepared to go more than halfway today while the Moon is opposite your sign. However, after it moves into Aquarius (see Moon Alert), you will wrap up money matters, especially related to banking and shared property. Tonight: Tidy up business.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you’re keen to work hard and be efficient because you want results for your efforts. Nevertheless, during the Moon Alert, efficiency will wane and possibly disappear. (Just enjoy yourself.) Later in the day, a heart-to-heart discussion with someone will please you. Tonight: Sincere communication.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today begins with a playful vibe. (This is a lighter day than yesterday.) A long lunch with a friend or a fun, social outing will delight you. After the Moon Alert is over, you will roll up your sleeves and get busy. “Baby needs a new pair of shoes!” Tonight: You’re focused.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Home, family and your private life are your priority this morning. In fact, some of you might want to cocoon at home for a good part of this day. However, once the Moon Alert is over, you’re ready to party! Tonight: Make plans for a fun evening.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you’re eager to communicate your ideas because you have something to say. Be smart and be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert so you don’t agree to anything important or make an important appointment. Late in the day, privacy will

appeal to you. Tonight: Home repairs.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today you’re focused on moneymaking ideas, cash flow and perhaps shopping. If so, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Late in the day, when the Moon Alert is over, short trips, appointments and conversations with others will appeal to you. Tonight: Study and learn.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have strong feelings about various issues today because the Moon is still in your sign. Always remember that for two days every month, when the Moon is in your sign, your luck improves! That’s the time to ask the universe for a favor. However, be aware of today’s Moon Alert. Tonight: Moneymaking ideas.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a nicer day compared to yesterday. People are happier and up for some fun back-and-forth, which suits you just fine. Enjoy fun times and schmoozing with others. Sports events and playful activities with kids will appeal to you. By evening, you want to hide. Tonight: Study and learn.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

A happier day! You will enjoy talking to others. You also will appreciate your daily surroundings more than usual. Home repairs and family discussions also might be on the books. Take it easy. After the Moon Alert is over, reach out and socialize! Tonight: Research history and secrets.

BORN TODAY

Rapper Tupac Shakur (1971), actress Laurie Metcalf (1955), actress Anna Cathcart (2003).



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From left, twins Oliver Aero Kappo Epps and Elliot Echo Boom Epps as Jamie, Thora Birch as Emily, Brian Cox as Rory and JJ Feild as Ian.

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

» Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Ave,
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

» Senior Hustle
Dance Classes
Ewald Branch, 1-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

» Cedric Easton & Circle
of Friends
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

» Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Avenue,
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

» The Masked Singer
National Tour 2022
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» Wynton Marsalis
w/ Gil Shaham
Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m.
3711 Woodward Avenue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

» 70's Soul Jam
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» Chris Botti
Music Hall Center for the
Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
350 Madison St.

» Dance! West Coast
Swing, Latin Rhythms,
Tango and Detroit's
Ballroom-Oh My!
Ewald Branch, 1-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» Detroit City FC vs.
Sacramento Republic FC
Keyworth Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
3201 Roosevelt St.

» Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Avenue,
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

» Johnny Mathis
Music Hall Center, 7:30 p.m.
350 Madison.

Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Avenue,
10 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

» Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Avenue,
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

» GP Badminton Assoc.
Parcells School, 6:30-8 p.m.
20600 Mack Ave.

» Immersive Van Gogh
311 East Grand River Avenue,
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

» Read, Rhyme & Play
on Zoom
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.
grossepointelibrary.org

» Savvy Seniors
Computer Classes: The
Library in Your Hands
Ewald Branch, 9-10 a.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» Storytime with
Miss Melissa
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

» Rick Braun
The Aretha Franklin
Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
2600 E Atwater.

» Detroit Tigers vs.
Chicago White Sox
Comerica Park, 1:10 p.m.
2100 Woodward Ave.

Contract Bridge

FAMOUS HAND

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 10 7

WEST

♠ 4 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K Q 9 8 5 2

EAST

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 10 9 7
♣ 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ Q 10
♦ A 6 4 3 2
♣ 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♦		

Opening lead — king of clubs.

declarers cashed five diamonds and five spades, leaving South with only the Q-10 of hearts.

On the last spade, West — who had been reduced to the K-8 of hearts and queen of clubs — had to discard before dummy, which held the A-9 of hearts and jack of clubs. West was squeezed, so both declarers finished with all the tricks.

The squeeze succeeded only because West had the king of hearts and the club queen. But there was a much better approach available that would have yielded 13 tricks even if East had held the heart king.

The proper line of play is to win the club lead and ruff a club. Declarer then cashes dummy’s K-Q of trump and, after he sees that the missing trumps are divided 3-2, ruffs another club.

A spade to dummy’s jack is followed by a third club ruff with South’s last trump, the ace. Declarer then crosses to the ace of hearts, draws East’s last trump with the jack while discarding the queen of hearts from his hand, and scores the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-10 of spades.

Ruffing dummy’s J-10-7 of clubs is better than relying solely on West to hold the heart king — a 50% chance. The suggested line of play will succeed whenever the trumps are divided 3-2, a 68% probability.

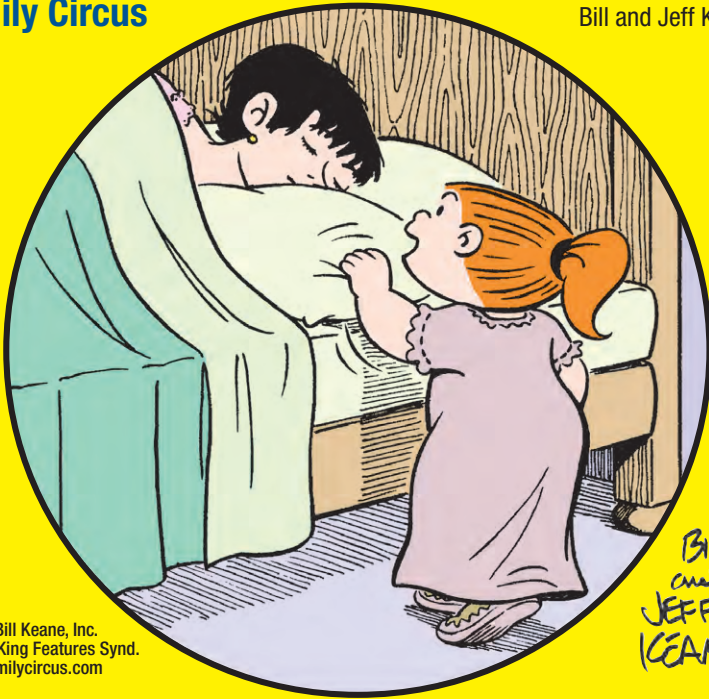
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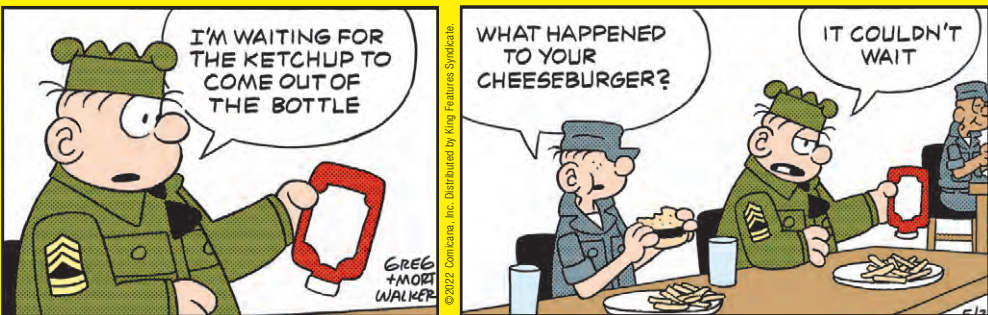
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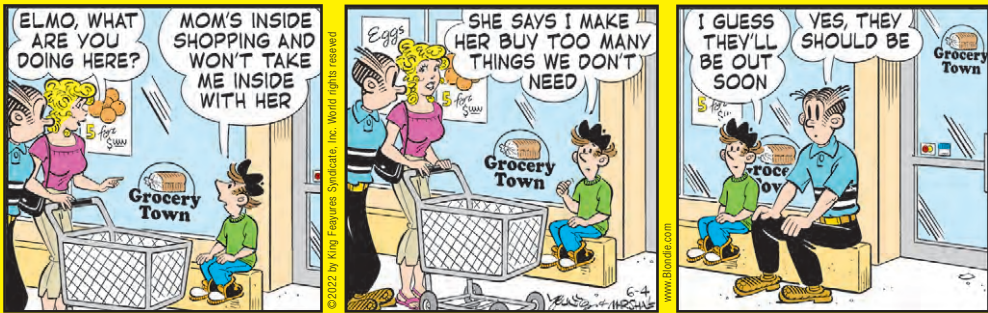
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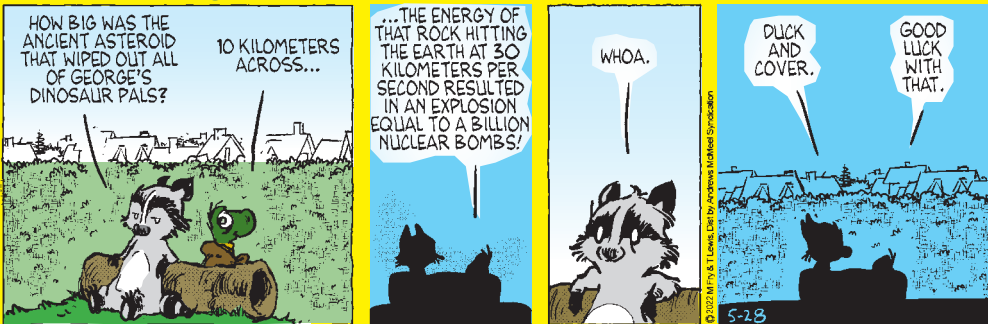
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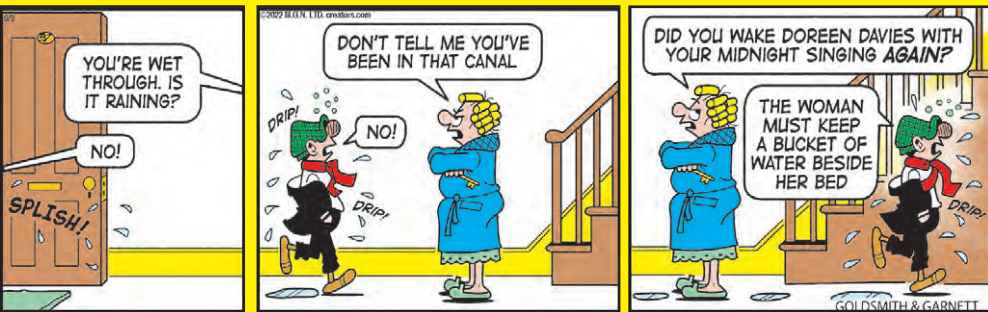
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 9, 2022

ACROSS

- 1 Clumsy person
4 "No booze provided" initials
8 Civil rights icon Parks
12 "Let your flag fly!" state
15 "State Fair" state
16 "Um, I'm right here"
17 They may be accompanied by "Pew pew!"
19 Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
20 Back-to-back move in square dancing
21 _____ and
22 Longtime forensic show
24 They may be accompanied by "Go, Texas!"
27 Maze runner
29 Restroom at a pub
30 Up to now
31 Part of UAE
32 "The Hobbit" hobbit
34 Plasma screens, e.g., and a hint to 17-, 24-, 49- and 58-Across
41 "You win"
42 "By yesterday!"
43 Barbecue residue
46 Gunk

- 47 Lover's question upon returning
49 They may be accompanied by "Great job!"
53 Trojans' or Gamecocks' sch.
54 2020 sci-fi movie with a palindromic title
55 "I'm not listening!"
57 Scary time for Caesar
58 They may be accompanied by "Make love, not war!"
62 "_____ we forget ..."
63 Break into, like a computer
64 T-bone, for one
65 Insects in a 1998 Pixar film
66 Bugs
67 Espionage expert

- 8 Tweet's number of replies vs. likes, e.g.
9 "The Gift of the Magi" author
10 Untroubled
11 In a crowd of
13 Previously
14 "TiK ToK" content creator?
18 Laugh and a half
21 Good, long cry?
22 Dressed (in)
23 Garment worn in Mumbai
25 Girl in "The Last of Us" video games
26 Crowds around
28 Softball stat
32 Open up like a buttercup
33 Bouncers check them
35 Close-fitting

- 36 Felipe, Matty or Jesus of MLB fame
37 _____ Vegas
38 Relieves
39 Thanksgiving vegetables
40 On _____ (without a contract)
43 No. 1 Hun
44 Norway neighbor
45 "I swear!"
47 Moscow _____ (cocktail)
48 "No bid"
50 Word after "smell" or "taste"
51 Part of BIPOC
52 Bags of potatoes
56 Drunk, informally
58 Upsilon follower
59 Organ with a canal
60 Cat's rest
61 Cloud site

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Peanuts
Charles M. Schulz

GOOD MORNING

GOOD MORNING

I'M LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB...DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS PAINTING?

WHEN YOU PAINT, DO YOU USE A SPRAY GUN, A ROLLER OR A BRUSH?

MOSTLY RAGS... I SPILL A LOT!

Hagar The Horrible
Dik Browne and Chris Browne

CRASH

WHACK

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The Lockhorns
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

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Crankshaft
Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis

FOR INSTANCE, IF WE HAD AN INVESTMENT CLUB...

WE COULD TRY INVESTING IN A CRYPTO-CURRENCY FUND!

WHY WOULD WE INVEST IN A FUND NAMED AFTER SUPERMAN'S DOG?

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MOM, WHAT'S THE SPEED OF LIGHT?

THE SAME SPEED AS YOUR DAD DISAPPEARS WHEN I ASK HIM TO DO SOMETHING AROUND THE HOUSE

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THE MOST DIFFICULT SIDE EFFECT OF TREATMENT MIGHT BE GETTING BETTER AND HAVING TO GO BACK TO WORK.

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Elementary! With just one look at the victim, I can conclude that he enjoyed sailing, had an engineering degree and was recently divorced! You probably couldn't see that, right?

Well, yeah ... It's all on his Facebook page ...

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Mother Goose and Grim
Mike Peters

WOW. A CAMEL CAN GO 500 MILES WITHOUT WATER.

I WONDER HOW FAR IT CAN GO WITH WATER?

Reality Check
Dave Whamond

WAIT, YOU'RE A RICH ECCENTRIC NUT WHO LIKES GADGETS AND DRESSING UP? I'M A RICH ECCENTRIC NUT WHO LIKES GADGETS AND DRESSING UP!

DID WE JUST BECOME BEST FRIENDS?!

YEP!

OR MAYBE NOT?

Bizarro
Dan Piraro and Wayno

Don't like your roommate chores? You should have named yourself Vacuum Man or Grocery Man.

Close To Home
John McPherson

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"I see you rode your bike to work again."

Marmaduke
Paul & Brad Anderson

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"The drive-thru is for people driving through, understand?"

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District domination

North baseball, softball squads lift district title trophies **PAGE 2D**

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Tennis trifecta: North, South earn top 10 finishes; Liggett’s Zampardo wins title

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Tennis teams from Grosse Pointe South, North and University Liggett put up a racket, making some serious noise at their state tournaments June 3 and 4, with all three squads

earning top 10 finishes. Putting their court talents on display among 22 teams from Division 2, South tied for a fourth place finish (17 points), while North grabbed a sixth place finish (11 points). South head coach Mark Sobieralski said

he considers it “a great season overall,” for his team. “(We were) 19-5 overall, MAC Red champions for the eighth straight year, regional champions and (got) a fourth place finish at the state tournament.” For the Norsemen,

head coach John Van Alst said despite the wet spring and resulting practice cancellations, his team rallied to have an “outstanding season.” “Right before (state) finals, I told them just to go out and do what you do best – just play.

“...We were a very young team, but I’m proud of how receptive they were to the tweaks and adjustments I gave them each day,” he said “They just had the desire to improve.”

In Division 4, University Liggett finished in seventh place overall, with No. 1 singles Maddy Zampardo reigning supreme and earning the title of state champion by beating Clarkston Everest Collegiate’s Moorea McNally 6-0, 6-4.

Highlights from the exciting championships over the weekend include:

Grosse Pointe South and North Division 2 state finals tournament

South and North came into the state finals weekend in Holland riding the momentum of some key season accomplishments the last two

weeks, including the Blue Devils’ regional championship and the Norsemen’s MAC White dual and tournament championships.

While Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern ultimately emerged the top dog in the Division 2 state championship, both Grosse Pointe squads battled against tough competition, including:

Singles results

- No. 1 Singles:

Both Moira Hix (South) and Helaina Pietrowsky (North) had a bye in the first round, then won their second round matches easily (6-0, 6-0 for Hix and 6-0, 6-1 for Pietrowsky). In Round 3, both players lost tough, long battles. Hix lost 7-6, 6-4 and Pietrowsky lost a three set match 2-6, 6-4, 6-0, both in their quarter final matchups.

- No. 2 Singles:

South’s Olivia Dalman made it through rounds two and three after a first round bye, eventually losing 6-2, 6-3 in the quarter finals to Nathalie Lanne of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, who ultimately made it to the finals match.

North’s Meredith Olzem won her first round match but lost to Deshana Betala from Portage Central, 6-1, 6-0.

- No. 3 Singles:

South’s Olivia Sutts breezed through rounds one and two with a default and a bye, but then faced crosstown rival Ana Todesco in Round 3. Todesco won 6-4, 6-0, but went on to fall against Andrea Wang of Grand Rapids Forest Hills in the semis.

- No. 4 Singles:

South’s Olivia Kowal got knocked out in her first match of the day, 6-1, 6-1 against Lilly Sasky of St. Joseph.

North’s Elena Shaheen had a tough three-setter in Round 2 versus Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, but came out on top in a tie-breaker to move on. She then fell to Miriam Ogilvie of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 6-3, 7-6, who went on to play in the final match.

Doubles results

- No. 1 Doubles:

South’s Meghan Wysocki and Molly Perkins breezed through Round 1, but faced a

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Maddy Zampardo from University Liggett ended last weekend as a state champion, taking the crown in the No. 1 single bracket at the Division 4 state finals.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

No matter what time of year it is or where he is, Niko Karoutsos eats, sleeps and breathes golf. The senior from Grosse Pointe North found a love for the sport from a young age and has used that passion to build a successful career and a bright future in the game of golf.

Karoutsos has grown his list of accomplishments over the years in his golf career including during high school with the Norsemen.

Most recently, he tallied the lowest individual score of any golfer on 20 teams at last week’s MHSAA regional tournament, earning him a qualifying spot at the state championship. He also has finished in the top five at every tourna-

ment North has played this spring.

Now with a chance to win a state championship to close out his high school career, Karoutsos also has time to remember where his passion

there. Once I turned eight, I got more competitive. Each year I’d practice and play more just wanting to get better.”

The Lochmoor Club quickly became like a second home to Karoutsos. Playing there with family, friends and competing in club tournaments sparked a competitive spirit in him to always be the best golfer in the field. It was through his time playing and competing at his home club that golf turned into Karoutsos’ self-proclaimed

addiction.

“At Lochmoor, they would have their tournaments and I qualified for the club championships at ten and was playing against 15-year-olds, but I actually won,” Karoutsos said.

“After that, I wanted to

win every year. Each week we would play against each other. I don’t really know what it was, but I fell in love with it. During the summer, kids would go to the pool or do whatever. The only thing I wanted to do was golf.”

Just as back then, Karoutsos now devotes as much time and energy as possible to golf. He even put his career in his other most beloved sport, hockey, on hold indefinitely a few years ago to focus solely on golf and spending time on the course.

Like any great golfer, Karoutsos knows that golf is a mental game. Working on mechanics such as his swing, stance and grip can always help, but Karoutsos credits staying mentally sharp with being the biggest key to his success.

“Keeping a positive mindset and going over the mental aspect...it’s so important,” he said. “Having a pre-shot routine or never giving up



COURTESY PHOTO

North senior Niko Karoutsos earned an individual qualifying spot in this year’s Division 1 golf state championship after shooting the lowest individual score at the regional tournament.

because you never know what can happen on the last shot. Golf is a crazy game.”

Karoutsos always keeps his own sharp mindset when it comes to golf and is keen to help his teammates as well. The Norseman has

spent his senior season as a captain of North’s boys golf team. Even on a team with plenty of other experienced players, he is always willing to help his teammates be the best golfers they

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North softball dominates, moves on to regional

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The goal for almost every team throughout a given season is to be playing at its best when the playoffs come around and the games matter the most. For the Grosse Pointe North softball team, that goal looked like it had been achieved during Saturday's district play-off tournament. With stellar pitching and high-powered offense in both games, the Norsemen were firing on all cylinders on their way to winning a district championship while outscoring opponents by a combined score of 34-0.

"I was real proud of the fact that they came out and played their game," North coach Ron Smith said after his team's district title win. "They weren't focused on the opponents or the hype. They focused on who they were and what they can do and they went out there and did it."

Both games on

Saturday were lopsided in favor of the Norsemen. In the district semifinal round, North needed just three innings to cap off a dominant 19-0 victory over Detroit Western for the team's first win of the postseason.

Lizzy Rheaume and Charlotte Julien each had three RBIs for the Norsemen in Game 1 on Saturday. Jessica Alway and Sophia Browoski tallied a pair of RBIs apiece to help spur North's offensive fireworks in the victory.

Starting on the bump for North was senior Maraina Smith, who struck out five batters in two shutout innings while allowing no hits. Sarah McCloskey kept the shutout and no-hitter going in one inning of relief.

After needing only three innings to win the district semifinal, North finished off the district final in four innings. The dominance continued for the Norsemen and so did the shutouts as North notched a 15-0

win over Cass Tech. Eleven different Norsemen batters tallied at least one RBI in the district championship game. Leading the way was Katelyn Barr, who brought in three runs with her bat while going 2 for 3 at the plate.

Smith took the ball again as the starting pitcher for North in the district final and continued to shine. The senior pitched the entire four inning game and once again allowed no hits and racked up nine strikeouts.

"Pitching is such a big part of softball and we're blessed with the pitchers we have," coach Smith said. "It was nice for Maraina to pick things up and carry us and it's a big plus having the pitchers that we have."

The district title win moves the Norsemen on to the regional round of the playoffs. Up next for North in postseason action is a matchup with Mercy in the regional semifinals, which will be played at Mercy on Saturday morning.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH SMITH

North softball celebrates with the district championship trophy after defeating Cass Tech 15-0 in Saturday's district final.

Norsemen keep baseball district crown

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A goal all season for the Grosse Pointe North baseball team was to replicate and build upon 2021's postseason suc-

cess. The Norsemen advanced as far as the state quarterfinals last spring, and took the first big step in getting back there on Saturday as North defeated Lakeview and Roseville to win a

second consecutive district championship.

"The MAC White was a big thing for us to win and this was another thing to win," North coach Kevin Shubnell said. "It's another trophy

and we'll enjoy this for a bit. When I took the job, the seniors told me they want to go as far or further than last year...We'll enjoy this for a bit, but we know we've got bigger goals ahead of us."

North's first game on Saturday was a matchup with Lakeview in the district semifinals. In the opening game, and throughout the entire day, the Norsemen seemed to be firing on all cylinders. Big time players stepped up in big time games both on the mound and at the plate as North dominated the Huskies 9-2.

Things were looking up for North right out of the gate on Saturday morning. A two-RBI double by Jake Tedesco brought in the opening runs and put the Norsemen up 2-0 early. Senior catcher Luke Babcock added an RBI single to make it a three-run lead for North just in the first inning.

Tedesco would end the game with three RBIs

while Brennan Hill brought in a pair with his bat as well. Holding things down on the mound in North's first win of the day was Jordan Arsenau, who surrendered no earned runs on just two hits with eleven strikeouts over seven innings.

A win over Lakeview to start the day gave the Norsemen a shot at the district title in the afternoon. North faced off against Roseville for the trophy and handled the challenge against the MAC Silver champs with ease, ending the game in the sixth inning with a 10-0 mercy victory.

Drew Hill had the biggest game at the plate for North in the district final with three RBIs. Firstbaseman Brian Carney furthered the Norsemen's offense with two RBIs on two hits in the victory.

While the offense thrived for double-digit runs, another stellar pitching performance made the district title

game win even sweeter for North. Tedesco took the ball in the championship and pitched all seven innings, striking out nine batters and allowing just three hits and finishing with the shutout.

"They're work horses and they put the work in during the offseason to be strong for this point in the season," Shubnell said about his pitchers in Saturday's games. "We didn't over-use anybody early in the season so they're fresh during this time of the year...It's important to do that because it saves arms and we have other guys who are fresh now."

After repeating as district champions, the Norsemen now move on to try and win a second consecutive regional championship trophy. North began its regional title defense with a regional semifinal matchup at home against De La Salle scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 after press time.



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The North baseball team earned wins over Lakeview and Roseville on Saturday to win the district championship for the second season in a row.

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North senior Jake Tedesco recorded nine strikeouts in six innings and got the shutout victory against Roseville in the district title game.

Blue Devils top Dearborn, win first district title since 2015

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

While the regular season may have lacked any major headlines for Grosse Pointe South girls soccer, the team is gaining notice during its postseason campaign by

winning the district championship game June 3 against Dearborn — the program’s first district crowning since 2015. It took a couple of odd bounces and unlikely goals going South’s way to earn the win, but

teams take whatever they can get when it comes to the playoffs. That was certainly true for the Blue Devils, who used those bounces to take the 3-1 victory. The Blue Devils struck first in the game’s ninth minute to take an early

lead. Senior Katelyn Carion launched a high shot from an awkward angle that surely she did not even intend to score from initially. However, the trajectory of the ball put it right over the Dearborn keeper’s head and into the net to make it 1-0 in favor of South. Barely over a minute later, the Blue Devils extended their early advantage to two. South junior Olivia Dimuzio scored her first of the night to make it a 2-0 game. The early flurry of scoring continued as Dearborn notched its first and only goal of the night in the 12th minute to cut the deficit back to one. Dimuzio struck again for South to get her second goal of the night 23 minutes into the match, making it a 3-1 game heading into halftime. The scoreboard did not change in the second half. Despite Dearborn’s best efforts, the Blue Devils’ defense held strong and Elsa Bachert made some key saves in net for South to wrap up the district title win. “After losing to North in 2018 in my first year here, it was really great to see the girls go out there and get it done,”

South coach Chris Bolio said after his team won the district. “Olivia Dimuzio has been lights out for us all year... Libby Ebenhoeh has been our rock in the middle of the field, and Ashlyn Johnson held our back line together. Bachert also had an outstanding game for us in

net. Everything seemed to come together.” The district title win sends South on to the regional round of the state playoff tournament. The Blue Devils began with the regional semifinals, where they took on Northville in a game scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 after press time.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s girls soccer team defeated Dearborn last week to win the program’s first district championship in seven years.



Olivia Dimuzio scored twice for the Blue Devils in the district title game win over Dearborn.

South, Liggett golfers headed to state finals after strong regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is a good spring to be a golf fan in the Pointes. Last week’s regional tournaments gave boys golf teams from Grosse Pointe South, North and University Liggett the

chance to punch their tickets to the state championship tournaments. With strong displays in the regional round, both South and Liggett’s teams earned spots in the state finals in their respective MHSAA divisions. The Knights were one

of 13 teams competing in the Division 3 Region 18 tournament last Tuesday at the West Shore Country Club in Grosse Ile. Out of those 13 teams, Liggett ended up as one of just three to qualify for the state championship this weekend, with a team

score of 328 earning the Knights third place in the region. Freshman Charlie Cooksey led the way for the Knights, shooting a low score of 81 that ended up as the third lowest individual score in the entire field. His teammates were close behind, with Jack Estes and Leo Pampalona each finishing at 82. Sean Sullivan ended his round at 83 and Bennett French rounded out the Knights’ team with a score of 85. Both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North were on the course in the Division 1 Region 5 tournament last Thursday afternoon

in Washington at The Orchards Golf Club. The Blue Devils had an outstanding day all around, finishing second in the region and earning their place in the state championship. South sophomore Brennan Sullivan had the team’s low score of the day with a 76. The rest of the Blue Devils, which includes Corbin Ifkovits, Will Jordan, Alex Blyth and Tommy Ciconte all finished at 82 to propel South to second place with a team score of 322, just two strokes behind first place Dakota. The Norsemen ended up in 11th place out of 20 teams, failing to earn

a team qualifying spot at states. However, North will be represented by senior Niko Karoutsos, who earned an individual qualifying bid to the state championships by shooting a 75, the lowest score of any golfer in the field at last Thursday’s regional. The Blue Devils and Karoutsos will head to the Division 1 state finals at the Ferris State University Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids this Friday and Saturday. Liggett will also be in action on Friday and Saturday for the Division 3 state finals, which are set to be held at The Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth.



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South’s boys golf team finished second in last week’s regional tournament and qualified as a team for the Division 1 state finals this weekend in Big Rapids.



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Knights stunned in playoff opener, state title defense cut short

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Repeating as champion in any sport at any level is maybe the toughest task in all of sports. The University Liggett baseball team faced that challenge all season long and entered the playoffs on Saturday with many expecting the Knights to reach the mountain top again. However, Division 3 will have a new champion this year as Liggett's title defense was cut short with a dramatic loss to Detroit Edison in Saturday's district semifinal round.

"The other team earned it and you have to tip your hat," Liggett coach Dan Cimini said about the loss. "It will motivate us for next year. We've had a lot of success here and dealing with defeat is never easy.

But it's okay, and it's a positive. Sometimes the worst things that happen to you can end up being the best things."

The district semifinal game was like a roller coaster, rarely giving the players, coaches or fans any moment to catch their breath. Liggett took an early lead in the bottom of the second inning when Ryan Knaebal scored after Neil Murphy hit into a fielder's choice. The early 1-0 advantage did not last long for the Knights, as Edison turned right around and evened the score with a solo home run in the top of the third.

An RBI single by Ryan Jones put the Knights back on top 2-1 shortly after in the bottom of the third inning. That remained the score until the fifth inning, when Reggie Sharpe knocked



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Ryan Jones swings for an RBI single during Saturday's loss to Detroit Edison in the district semifinals.

in a run with an RBI single to extend Liggett's lead to two. The lead continued to build for the

Knights in the bottom of the sixth when shortstop Jarren Purify launched a solo home run to left cen-

terfield, putting the Knights up by three and just three outs away from moving on in the post-season.

After securing one out in the top of the seventh, Liggett starter Kurt Barr was replaced on the mound with a runner on first base by brother Preston Barr. Edison's Edward Gregory moved the runner to third and himself to second with a double. Preston Barr was able to strikeout the next batter in order to bring Edison down to its last out, but a walk in the following at bat loaded the bases.

With the bases loaded and the season on the line, Keith Smith stepped to the plate for Edison and changed everything with one swing. Smith sent a ball over the left field fence for a grand slam, taking the game

from 4-1 in favor of Liggett to 5-4 with Edison on top.

"He got the job done in a big, crucial spot," Cimini said, regarding the game-changing grand slam. "He hit a good pitch and hit it hard. What are you going to do?...We had opportunities to make our lead bigger and we left a lot of runners on base which kept them in the game."

Kurt Barr would single in the bottom of the seventh. However, the Knights offense came up short overall with a chance to come back, as Edison sent them home with a 5-4 final score.

Edison would go on to defeat Clinton Township Clintondale later in the day on Saturday to win the district. The loss brings the Knights' season to an end with a final record of 18-11.

Liggett shines on softball diamond



PHOTO COURTESY OF JANE NUGENT

The Knights' softball team dominated Detroit Southeastern 23-0 on Saturday to win the district championship and advance to the regional playoff round.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Track and field athletes close spring at state championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett took on their final events of the season this past weekend at the Division 1 and Division 3 track and field state finals. Though none of the teams returned to the Pointes with a championship, plenty of athletes still made their marks with strong performances on the biggest stage.

Both North and South were represented in Rockford at the Division 1 state finals last Friday and Saturday. The Blue Devils' girls track and field team was the only team that qualified as a whole out of boys and girls divisions from both schools, and South ended up placing 36th in

the girls team rankings at states out of over 50 teams.

The top performance of the day from South's girls team was junior Selga Janson's fifth place finish in the 100 meter hurdles. Jansons finished the event in just 14.9 seconds, smashing her previous personal record by nearly two full seconds.

South's boys team saw its best finishes of the day both come in the finals of the 1600 meter race. Junior Logan Detweiler finished 10th at 4:18.90 and fellow junior Brendan Downey also made the top 20, coming in 16th place at 4:23.06.

Ava Hopko was the lone representative for North at the Division 1 finals, competing in three field events for the Norsemen over the weekend. The senior's highest finish was 10th,

which came in the shot put. Hopko later finished 15th in the high jump and 19th in the discus.

At the Division 3 finals, Liggett's girls team earned a 22nd place finish overall. Olivia Thomas made her mark for the Knights with two top-five finishes. The junior placed third in the 100 meter race with a final time of 0:12.73 and was fourth in the 400 meter race at 0:58.88. Thomas also made the top ten in the 200 meter race, finishing in eighth place.

Sophomore Jacob Juip brought home two first place finishes for Liggett on the boys side. Juip took first place in both the 100 and 200 meter wheelchair race finals. Knights' senior Darius Samples had the team's best finish in the field, placing 15th in the discus.



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South's Selga Jansons, right, with assistant coach Mira Zaranek are all smiles after Jansons earned All-State honors in the 100 meter hurdles.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELIZA HIX

Top, North’s girls tennis team finished sixth at the Division 2 state finals last weekend. Bottom, Moira Hix of South gets ready to serve in preparation of her state finals match.

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challenge versus Birmingham Groves in Round 3, pulling out a victory in the third set. The duo was unable to beat Birmingham Seaholm, bowing out in the semifinals 6-2, 6-3.

For North, Kristine Bonnell and Mya Jackson beat East Lansing 6-4, 6-4 in their first match, then lost to Portage Central 6-1, 6-1 in Round 3.

• No. 2 Doubles: South’s Maeve Hix and Megan Kornmeier blew past Mattawan 6-1, 6-2 in Round 2 after a first round bye. The duo continued solid play through Round 3, besting Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 6-1, 6-1, but losing the semis to Birmingham Seaholm.

For North, Stephanie Karoutsos and Maggie McSkimming lost to Portage Central 6-1, 6-1.

• No. 3 Doubles: Molly Wysocki and Ana Maria Garberding beat Portage Central in Round 2, advancing to then beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in Round 3, 6-2, 6-1. The duo then lost a heart-breaker, a three-set match in the semi-finals, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, to Birmingham Seaholm, who ultimately won the state championship at No. 3 doubles.

North’s Gianna Roux and L a u r y n

Rendzikowski lost 6-0, 7-5 in the first match versus Mattawan.

• No. 4 Doubles: South’s Elise Sutts and Cara Chadwell beat Petoskey 6-1, 6-1 before facing Mattawan and losing 7-6, 6-1 in the quarter finals.

North’s team of Paige Lefevre and Natalie Grillo lost 6-0, 6-2 to Mason in the first match.

University Liggett Division 4 state finals tournament

Liggett finished an impressive seventh overall out of 26 teams (13 points) in Ann Arbor, including grabbing the No. 1 singles championship.

Singles results

• No. 1 singles Maddy Zampardo won the state championship title, beating out Clarkston Everest Collegiate’s Moorea McNally 6-0, 6-4. As the No. 1 seeded player heading into states, Zampardo showed no signs of nerves, losing only a single game in her first three matches, and just five games overall to grab the crown.

• No. 2 singles Alexandra Larrea won her first match in three sets, but unfortunately faced Greenhills’ Shanyang Xia, who beat her, then went on to sweep the state championship title at No. 2 singles. Larrea managed to take the most games of

any of Xia’s opponents, but lost 6-0, 6-4.

• No. 3 singles Olivia Valente defeated opponents from Midland and Bloomfield Academy of the Sacred Heart, before falling to Ann Arbor Greenhills Sophie Chen, who went on to win the No. 3 singles championship.

• No. 4 singles Zora Edwards breezed through her first match 6-0, 6-0 versus Frankenmuth but then drew No. 1 seed Hannah Lourido from Grand Rapids Catholic Central, who went on to win the No. 4 singles championship with ease.

Doubles results

• No. 1 doubles Avery Slanek and Claudia Hauilou lost 6-1, 6-3 vs. Brandywine

• No. 2 doubles Kennedy Campbell and Bella Meredith beat Round 1 foes from Frankenmuth, 6-4, 6-2, but then fell to Ann Arbor Greenhills who advanced to the finals.

• No. 3 doubles Logan Merriweather and Leah Coleman won their first round match 6-2, 6-3 versus Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central, then lost to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in Round 2.

• No. 4 doubles Hannah Wheatley and Miki Farah lost their first round matchup 6-0, 6-1 to Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

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can be.

Always a leader ready to help others, Karoutsos still gets plenty of coaching himself. Between his high school coaches and individual coaches, he is constantly working on improving himself and his own game. His most recent area of focus in becoming a better golfer is making sure to have a plan on how to attack each course.

“We really work on course management and

going over the game plan that I want to go into a round with,” Karoutsos said. “That and my short game. You can never do too much work on the short game.”

His constant hard work and love for the game has even helped Karoutsos earn an opportunity to continue golfing at the next level. After graduating from North this spring, Karoutsos is headed to play college golf at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. It will hardly be a sum-

mer break for Karoutsos in the months before he heads to Florida to begin classes and work with his new team. He knows more than anybody that there are hardly any days off if he wants to become sharper physically and mentally on the golf course.

“From now until August I’ll be playing local tournaments and practicing constantly to get my game ready for college,” Karoutsos said.

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Karoutsos has been a top performer for the Norsemen in every match and tournament this spring. After graduating from North, he will continue golfing in college at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s Emily Fox fights for a ground ball during last week’s regional semifinal game against Eisenhower.

South lacrosse playoff run ends in regional final

By Mike Adzima Sports Reporter

The most successful season in nearly a decade came to a close last week for the Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team. The Blue Devils fought through three win-or-go-home games, winning each contest, and were one of only eight teams left in Division 1 before falling in last Friday night’s regional championship.

To earn their spot in the regional final, South dominated Eisenhower

last Wednesday in the semifinal round. Five goals by senior captain Abby Keane helped lead the Blue Devils to a 13-7 victory over the Eagles. Fellow senior Emily Fox had a pair of goals to contribute to the win.

Waiting in the wings for South in the regional final was Bloomfield Hills. A hat trick by Keane and goals from Fox and senior Phoebe Bedsworth were not enough for the Blue Devils to overcome the Black Hawks. 13-5 ended up as the final, eliminat-

ing South one game shy of making it to the Division 1 final four.

Before last Friday’s loss, South had won nine of its previous ten games. The playoff run to the regional final and the hard-fought loss to Bloomfield Hills brought an impressive season to an end for the Blue Devils with a final record of 13-4.

“This team was super close this year,” Bedsworth said. “And (the season) was super special because we did so well.”

South softball falls short in close playoff loss

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Saturday afternoon brought the beginning of the postseason for the Grosse Pointe South softball team. Beginning in the district semifinal round, the Blue Devils faced a tough opening matchup against Detroit Cass Tech. In a game that was back and forth with plenty of ups and downs on both sides, South's postseason run was brought to an early end as Cass Tech prevailed 8-7.

The district semifinal game started out looking good for South as the team took a 3-0 lead in the second inning. The Blue Devils' early rally began when Avery Bellish scored on a passed ball, with Shannon Dame also

scoring on a passed ball later in the inning to add another run to the board. An RBI triple by Avery Harris finished off the inning to solidify South's early advantage.

South added another run in the third inning on an RBI single from Addie Waller. Things quickly turned, however, in the bottom of the third inning. Cass Tech put up five runs to take the game from 4-0 Blue Devils to 5-4 in favor of the Technicians.

Another quick change of momentum came shortly after in the fourth inning. South's Katie Steiner scored on a wild pitch to tie the game. Meredith Kramer followed that up with a two-RBI single to right field that put the Blue Devils back out in front.

While South kept the

lead until the sixth, it took one last big inning by Cass Tech to change things once again. Cass Tech struck for three runs in the bottom of the sixth, taking the lead by one yet again and bringing the game to a decisive final of 8-7.

Emily Peacock got the start on the bump for the Blue Devils, pitching five innings and surrendering only one earned run on seven hits. Coming on in relief for one inning was Murphy Russell, who allowed two earned runs on four hits.

19-11 ended up as South's final record for the season after being eliminated from the playoff tournament on Saturday. The Blue Devils also finished fourth out of seven teams in the MAC Blue division.

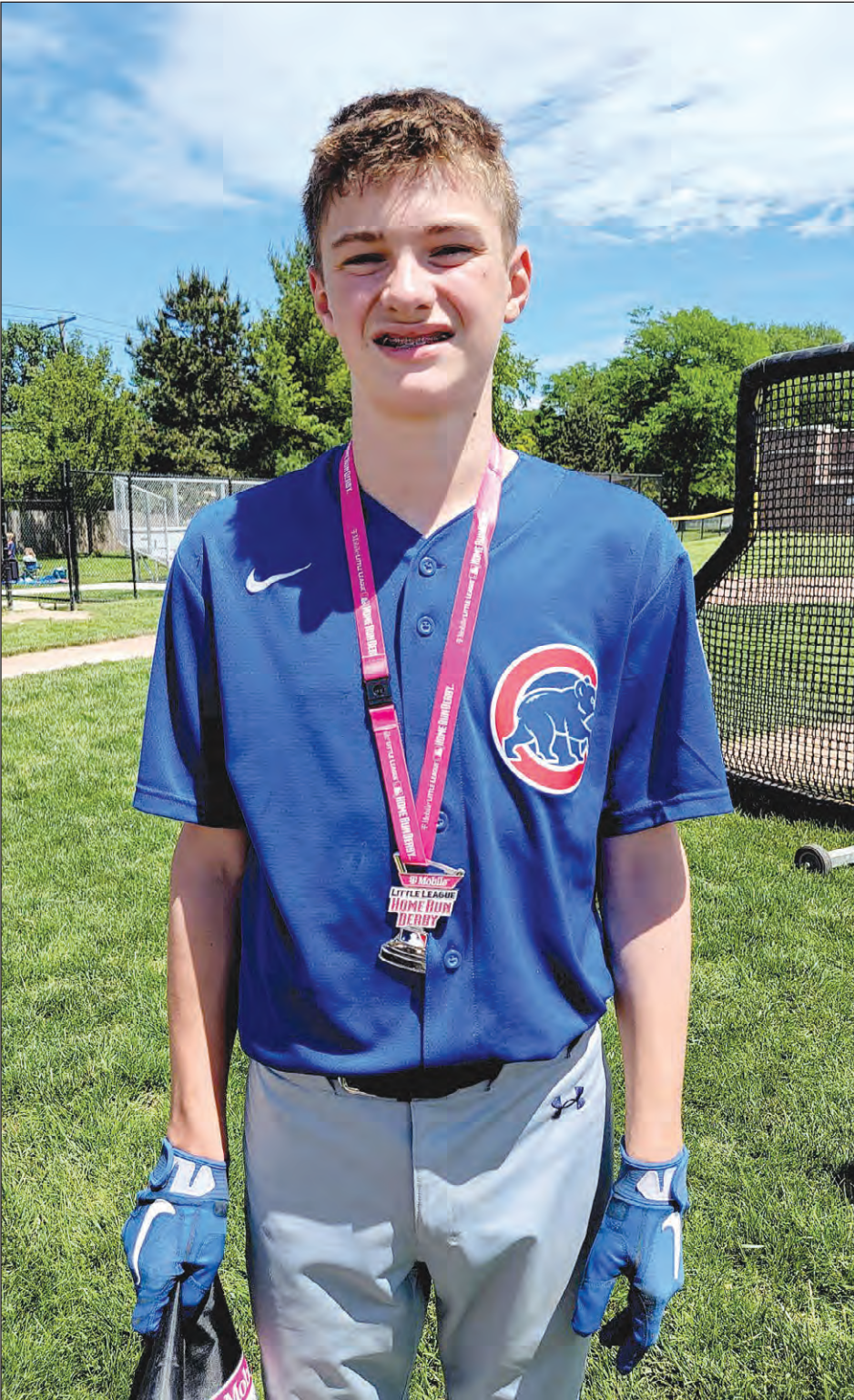
From Blue Devil to Bronco



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELISSA SMITH

Joined by her supportive South teammates during her signing ceremony last week, Sofia Smith, (first row, second from left), has committed to perform and compete with the Division 1 dance team at Western Michigan University this fall. Smith, a senior co-captain on Grosse Pointe South's Blue Devils dance team (BDDT), will double major in dance and psychology as part of Western's Lee Honors College. Smith also is an original member of the BDDT, a fan-favorite squad since it began performing at South during football halftimes, pep rallies and sporting events in 2018. — Meg Leonard

Big power on display at Little League home run derbies



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Out of 50 participants from the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, Dylan Phillips hit 39 home runs to be crowned champion of this year's home run derby.



Shane Denworth launched 27 baseballs over the fence to claim the top spot in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League home run derby.



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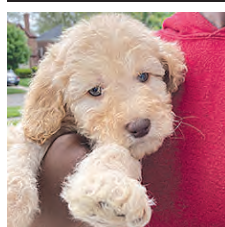
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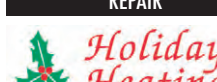
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