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Sgt. John Jebrael, standing next to his patrol car, retired after more than 32 years with the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

Officer retires after 32 years

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After more than 32 years as a public safety officer, John Jebrael isn't sure what retirement holds, but his wife, Christine, has a good idea.

"She told me by the end of the summer I'll be going stir crazy, looking for something to do," he

laughed. "I don't know if that means getting a part-time job with a smaller department or working at Home Depot or something."

Jebrael's last day with the Shores was Tuesday, July 5, two months shy of a full 33 years.

"It's time," he said. "It's been a good career. I enjoyed working with

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Woods may change purchasing policy

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council is looking to double the amount, to \$10,000, that City Administrator Frank Schulte, and subsequent administrators, can spend without prior approval.

Because the amount is set in the city's charter, voters will have the final say come Nov. 8. If approved, it also would convert the matter to an

ordinance, making it easier for council to increase the threshold in the future.

"If the voters are OK with it, then the council could bump it up with just a resolution down the road," Schulte said. "The change will make things a lot easier all the way around."

Repeat purchases of varying amounts, including less than \$10,000, are presented to council as a routine agenda item each month. That includes expenditures on things like Red Cross lifeguard certification, shredding services and public safety equipment and uniforms.

"We'll still follow that procedure for ordinary business, but the new ordinance would be for emergency situations or things that weren't planned for," Schulte said. "For example, if a brick wall fell over in a

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It's official: Pump station failures made flooding worse

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A deeper reading of the Great Lakes Water Authority's analysis of last June's flooding reveals an assertion that despite the inevitability of water backups into streets and basements due to the massiveness of

the rainstorm, failures at two of the authority's eastside pumping stations likely made the problem worse.

"The reduced number of storm pumps available to operate during the June 25-26 rainfall event at the Freud Pump Station and the temporary loss of house power at the Connors Creek

Pump Station may have exacerbated flooding in the upstream tributary," according to Section 2.1 of "Assessment of Extreme Rainfall Events in 2021."

The assessment, dated June 20 of this year, concludes months of analysis by an outside group the authority commissioned to determine the cause of

flooding during the June storm and a second July 16.

Authority officials stated a week after the June storm that operational problems occurred at the two stations, which are essentially eastern Wayne County collection points. They are located

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Summer vibe

We are definitely feeling the summer vibe in this pretty picture Mother Nature painted last month, captured by Grosse Pointe Park resident Tom Motschall — a double rainbow that cropped up after a storm on Lake St. Clair.

Officer returns to duty after injury

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The newest public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Farms is no stranger to policing or the Pointes.

Charity Vanover served as a Detroit officer five years before an on-duty car accident left her with a shoulder injury in 2013. Transitioning to a part-time parking enforce-

ment specialist in the Farms, she has served in that role three years.

Vanover recently received a merit award for her efforts in preventing a car theft in progress last December. Observing suspects smash out the window of an SUV in a lot near 21 Kercheval, she notified dispatch and then positioned her vehicle to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Charity Vanover's husband, Shelby Township Officer David Nelson, pins her badge.

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Farms lays foundation for master plan update

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Public engagement garnered from an

open house in the Pier Park community building last Monday will lay the groundwork for the Farms’ first substantial master plan overhaul in 20 years.

With one of the evening’s main focuses being an overarching exploration of residents’ “big ideas” for what they’d like to see in the city, repeated interest proved to be regarding the prevention of flooding; fixing roads; addressing Lakeshore erosion; the addition of a movie theater — while the reopening of The Patriot Theater also was mentioned; new buildings for public safety and city hall; and introducing a hotel or boutique hotel.

Also gaining significant attention was the area of Mack and Moross, which, while much of the city is already established, was noted as a potential change area. Resident ideas for activating the space included moving the public safety headquarters to the location, creating a community gathering space with retail and cafes, and placing a boutique hotel.

Other ideas mentioned, although with less trac-

tion, included implementing a walkway on the lake side of Lakeshore, creating street festivals on The Hill similar to the Park, placing electric vehicle charging stations on The Hill and at Pier Park, addressing the prevalence of vehicle break-ins and crime along Mack, banning overnight parking on streets and improvements to Mack.

“This is the foundation of the master plan, hearing what the community wants and needs,” said Jane Dixon, an associate planner with McKenna, which is leading the master plan update.

With The Hill on Kercheval as a significant focus of the plan, attendees of the open house expressed interest in its identity as an evening destination. Noted as current issues were the extensive office space, corresponding lack of retail and interest in uses that will drive more activity to the district.

“The Hill is a wonderful location and you have wonderful stores and restaurants, but there may be opportunity along Kercheval and Mack to see how commercial might evolve,” Dixon

said. “I think in the next 20 years, there’s potential for online shopping to continue to be even more prominent in our lives and there’s also a desire for people to live closer to some of those boutique commercial areas.”

The third prong of the evening zeroed in on residential character, with discussions such as accessory dwelling units over garages, front-facing garages, rain gardens, bike lanes, townhomes and home occupations.

While the idea of front-facing garages did not go over particularly well, attendees were more open to ADUs, with the consensus they could not be used for renters. Instead, the uses of home offices or dwellings for the family of homeowners proved to be more acceptable.

Implementing bike lanes on city streets garnered a split response with some more concerned with fixing the streets, some stating the streets are too narrow and there already are sidewalks, and some expressing the need for safe bike paths.

Although the explora-

tion of townhome allowance trended positively toward attracting young professionals to the city, a need for single-floor condos for seniors also was noted.

“The population, as in most of this larger area, is aging,” Dixon said, “so if you look at the demographics, you are most likely going to need to make accommodations for individuals to either continue to live on their own in their home or to live in another area where they might need assistance and how do we accommodate that? It’s an interesting question, especially in a community with such well-established historical homes and what you all want to see that look like is very important.”

To be paired with the feedback from the open house, a community survey and comment map will be open until early August. Both can be found online at gpfmasterplan2022.com.

With another public meeting tentatively scheduled for October to review McKenna’s findings, it is anticipated the updated master plan will be adopted early next year.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Public Safety Officer Charity Vanover is sworn in by Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki Friday, July 1.

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block in the car that was in danger of being stolen. While the suspects evaded capture, the theft was unsuccessful and Vanover was recognized for her keen observations and assertiveness in confronting potentially dangerous suspects.

“I was in my regular duties as parking (enforcement) and I saw a vehicle pull in the lot that triggered my old senses,” she recalled. “I followed that instinct and, sure enough, it turned out to be suspicious activity going on. I just recalled my old training and thwarted that car theft.”

Now fully recovered and calling her return “surreal,” Vanover was

sworn in as a public safety officer Friday, July 1.

“I think you ultimately always end up where you’re supposed to be,” she said. “Something led me here. ... I left (as) just a police officer and I’m coming back as a police officer/firefighter. Better than ever.”

Vanover’s husband, Shelby Township Officer David Nelson, pinned her badge. The two met when they both served in the Detroit Police Department and share three daughters, Alyssa, Victoria and Jordan.

“I’m just hoping that I can pick up where I left off and not let anybody down and have a successful career with no injury,” Vanover said. “... I’m here to help. I’m excited about being here and I hope I can assist the community.”

Woods considers new fence ordinance

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Most people have heard the saying, “Good fences make good neighbors,” from the poem “Mending Wall” by

Robert Frost. Residents could soon have another option in that category.

City council approved at its committee of the whole meeting Monday, June 20, to take up a revised ordinance next month that would allow

for solid fences within interior yards. City council next meets at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11.

The current ordinance only allows for solid fences on corner lots or yards that back up to an alley. Interior yards only

can have chain link or shadow box fences. The maximum height for any fence will remain at six feet.

“Through the years we’ve had many, many

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within a few blocks of each other in Detroit less than two miles from the Grosse Pointe Park border.

This month’s action report made official what the authority and Pointe officials have been saying ever since — the pair of rainstorms last summer overcame the sewer infrastructure, but GLWA problems contributed to flooding so widespread in southeast Michigan to prompt a major disaster declaration from President Joe Biden.

“As of June 17, 2022, the declaration resulted in the Federal Emergency Management Agency approving over 56,437 applications for assistance, totaling \$191,985,161 in aid,” according to the report.

“The City of Grosse Pointe has applied for FEMA grants to improve the stormwater and sanitary system in The Village, as well as to send all of the City’s stormwater to Lake St. Clair instead of just the part below Waterloo, as it currently operates,” said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. “The best thing GLWA can do in the short term is make sure all their pumps

fully operate at all times when there is a storm.”

Grosse Pointe Park officials also are applying for state environmental permits to construct a relief valve to divert extra storm water directly into the lake off Patterson Park rather than sending it to the Connors and Freud facilities.

“Relief not only will assist Grosse Pointe Park but also our partners’ flow that otherwise would be heading towards GLWA stations,” Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

The Park’s relief plan could have a “huge” impact on mitigating area flooding, according to Farms City Manager Shane Reeside.

“It would be very significant for all of the communities that are contributing to the Connors Creek (pump station),” Reeside said. “Anything you can get out of the system helps all contributing communities.”

“Grosse Pointe Park on June 25 and 26 received eight inches of rain in less

than 24 hours,” Sizeland said. “The Grosse Pointe communities and region could not handle the magnitude of this storm, as these systems were not designed for eight inches of rain in a short amount of time.”

“Reducing the chances of flooding is a regional problem that would take concerted and coordinated effort by everyone in the region and require billions of dollars of investment over a long period of time,” Dame said. “That said, every step each city can take to reduce waste and stormwater entering the system is a plus. The City of Grosse Pointe has also adopted a downspout disconnection ordinance and a grease trap inspection ordinance to ensure food-based businesses are not contributing to the backups in the sewer system.”

“To me, one of the questions is what was the impact of the issues Great Lakes Water Authority experienced and Freud and Connors Creek?” Reeside said. “It seems, from the report, that flooding was inevitable; it was more rain than any

system was designed to handle in that period of time. But, if everything had worked to full capacity, how much less water would we have seen in basements? I don’t know if the report says that exactly.”

The report basically said the benefit of flawless operations would not have been of great consequence. The report words a perfectly operating system as handling 26 percent more water, not 26 percent less flooding.

“Twenty-six percent is more than one-quarter of their pumping capacity,” Reeside said. “It may have had less impact on a home that had two inches versus three inches (of basement flooding), but had more impact on a home that had several inches of water in the basement versus none; enough to damage carpeting, drywall, furnaces and hot water tanks.”

GLWA acted in advance of the report to make short-term improvements to its system, including:

- ◆ Installing three new transformers at the Freud station,
- ◆ Installing three redundant power feeds to

the Freud station,

- ◆ Converting external power delivery systems at all wastewater facilities to DTE Energy,

- ◆ Installing monitoring systems at eastside pump stations, including Blue Hill in Detroit off Mack across from the lower city, to help give advance warning of impending power failures and diagnose power quality issues,

- ◆ Inspecting more than 20 miles of the regional sewer system,

- ◆ Increasing the frequency of notifications about impending rainstorms,

- ◆ Expanding communication with its 88 partner communities to improve flow through the system and

- ◆ Obtaining \$27 million in appropriations from state and federal sources for improvements to the wastewater collection system, according to a news release accompanying the report.

“Reviewing the report and seeing the progress GLWA has made in upgrades to their stations downstream of the Park shows a commitment from all parties (that) we must improve our regional infrastructure,” Sizeland said. “GLWA’s commitment to improving the region is happening in the Park as we speak: Eastside community conversations between city managers and GLWA, installation of additional flow meters in the Detroit River Interceptor on Jefferson and technical assistance support in Grosse Pointe Park’s pursuit of the (relief valve) at Patterson Park.”

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Tree contest winners announced

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission’s annual poster contest in celebration of Arbor Day commenced in April, with the five winners from each of the city’s elementary schools being celebrated at the council meeting Monday, June 6.

Honored were Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School’s Valentino Falcon, Monteith Elementary School’s Audrey Skiera, Mason Elementary School’s Alana Martin, Ferry Elementary School’s Ireland Hewitt and University Liggett School’s Timmy Eletreby.

This year’s contest was themed, “Trees are terrific because ...,” leaving the third-grade students to fill in the blank.



The winning submissions reasoned: they give animals homes, keep people alive, provide oxygen and hold things for birds to play in, all while “(making) our community a better place,” Hewitt’s poster read.

Each poster featured various colors, animals, landscapes and more,

with the tree at the center of the piece.

“They were all terrific,” Tree Commission Chairman Paul Lechner said. “They really were.”

Roughly 300 submissions were collected from third graders across all five Woods elementary schools, Lechner said. Of those submissions, commu-

nity tree representatives were asked to narrow the field to one poster that resonated with them from each school.

Along with a white spruce sapling given to each of the students who submitted, the winners received an Arbor Day Foundation T-shirt and a commemorative quarter depicting a small child



PHOTOS BY KATE VANDERSTELT

Above, Mayor Art Bryant and Valentino Falcon inspect commemorative pins given to the Arbor Day Poster Contest winners, while Tree Commission Vice Chairwoman Laura Gaskin looks on. The pins depict a small child planting a sapling. Left, from left, Valentino Falcon, Timmy Eletreby, Audrey Skiera and Ireland Hewitt stand with their winning Arbor Day posters at the June 6 council meeting.

planting a sapling.

“They were really mesmerized by those,” Lechner said.

The five winners also will have their names added to their school’s plaque and be featured in an upcoming Woods e-blast. The posters will be featured in next year’s city calendar.

“There’s always

excitement on the tree commission to reach out to the students in Grosse Pointe Woods and get them thinking about trees and the importance of urban forestry,” Lechner said. “And just sharing our excitement with them; it’s a symbiotic relationship. We get so much out of it, more than we put into it.”

Busy building department: Permit requests on the rise

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Permit increases in cities is a good thing: It means cities are expanding, building, ever changing. Grosse Pointe Woods residents should be happy to hear their city is among one of these

growing and evolving towns.

This year alone, the city already has 3,280 permit requests in the building department, including permits for sales, rentals, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and building.

“2020 itself was kind of record breaking,”

Building Department Administrative Assistant Josie Modrack said. “And then 2021, as well. But right now ... for May compared to 2021, we’re up 360 compared to last year.”

“We’re very pleased with the investment in the community,” Building Inspector Gene Tutag

said.

While the reason for the increase cannot be pinpointed, Tutag attributed the growth to people being home more often.

“First off, it’s a great community,” he said. “The housing stock is going through changes. New folks are moving in, (so) inspections are being

done for sales and rentals trends have changed and things like that. Also, what I’ve seen is that the

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Cafe Nini to expand outdoor dining

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Last summer saw the approvals and additions of on-street dining platforms in front of Pointe restaurants in response to the struggles the businesses were facing amid the pandemic.

While having already long offered outdoor dining on the sidewalk, and as restaurants now are more so suffering from lack of staff than lack of customers, Cafe Nini applied for and received council approval for an on-street dining platform during the June council meeting.

“From what I understand from what (Cafe Nini owner Josephine Barbieri) has said, they’re not looking to really increase volume,” building



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Cafe Nini has long offered outdoor dining on the sidewalk. Soon, it will expand to a dining platform in the single parking space in front of 98 Kercheval.

owner Waref Hawasli, presenting the application on behalf of Barbieri, said. “All they’re looking to do is create an atmosphere that all of us want in Grosse Pointe: outdoor dining and keep it simple.”

The platform will fill one parking space at 98 Kercheval and is intended to be modeled similarly to the on-street dining at Luxe Bar and Grill and Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, although the latter two fill

two parking spaces.

It will offer three additional tables and 12 chairs, operate in the spring, summer and fall months and have the ability for liquor

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residents request a variance and in most cases they get turned down,” Building Official Gene Tutag told council. “That has turned into a lot of unhappy residents.”

As with the current ordinance, a homeowner would still have to get signatures from their immediate neighbors to install a fence.

“I’m in favor of it,” Mayor Arthur Bryant said. “A lot of people want to do it and I don’t believe the city will be flooded with requests. I do worry a little bit about a stockade mentality.”

Councilman Thomas Vaughn agreed.

“I kind of hate to see it come in,” he said. “I’ve lived here 40 years and

never had anything but a chain link fence. Once a privacy fence goes up, it never comes down.”

Councilman Michael Koester was the only member to vote against the resolution. His comments echoed the earliest known iteration of Frost’s famous line, found in a 1640 letter by E. Rogers that said, “A good fence helpeth to keep peace between neighbors; but let us take heed that we make not a high stone wall, to keep us from meeting.”

“I’m strongly against this,” Koester said. “We have enough barriers between neighbors. Some don’t interact at all.”

Tutag said the current ordinance dates back several decades.

“I’ve been on the council 25 years and when this has come up

before there are always two issues,” Councilwoman Vicki Granger said. “First, solid fences don’t allow enough air circulation and public safety has said they don’t want people being able to jump over and hide in people’s yards. I’m not crazy about it, but we’ve heard the current ordinance is too restrictive.”

Councilman Todd McConaghy noted it’s an emotional issue.

“For me it comes down to what residents want to do,” he said. “We’ve heard a lot of impassioned pleas, but if the neighbors disagree, they don’t have to sign off.”

In a related matter, Tutag also addressed an issue that was brought up during public comment, explaining that a damaged fence can be replaced without a permit if the size is 25 percent or less of the entire fence length.

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Mentorship on the field, in the classroom

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

If one were to ask Grosse Pointe Farms native Kevin Nugent how many teams he has coached in his lifetime, his answer probably would be more than 100. Coaching everything from high school and college volleyball to youth baseball and softball and even golf, it is getting harder to find a sport Nugent has not coached.

Nugent’s coaching goes hand in hand with his work as a teacher and all comes from a passion to help mentor kids as both students and ath-

letes. A lifelong resident of the Pointes, his love for sports, particularly baseball, started from a young age playing with his dad and brothers. Although Nugent has played and coached many sports, baseball and the role the sport plays in the community is what really inspired his fondness for sports.

“Backyard baseball and wiffle ball was what we would do all day long,” he said. “We lived by Kerby Field, so we would go there to play sandlot games and that turned into playing in high school for Coach Griesbaum at South for four years. I had so many great experiences with baseball growing up from Little League to high school.”

When he is not coaching, Nugent is teaching world history and Spanish at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores. He spent 23

years teaching at Eastpointe High School before moving to Lakeview.

Like many in the community and around the country, Nugent shows his passion for mentorship through both teaching and coaching. He finds many similarities between the ideas and philosophies that can be taught on the field and in the classroom. Whether in school or in sports, Nugent has always loved helping people become the best they can be.

“When you see somebody take something they weren’t great at and become better and seeing the confidence that it gives them,” he said, “when you can help somebody feel confident enough to take on new challenges, you know your skills as a mentor have had an impact.”

Eastpointe High School is where Nugent’s coaching career began to

After his time at Macomb, Nugent coached volleyball at Grosse Pointe South High School and even spent recent years as the girls golf head coach for the Blue Devils. He also has spent years as a youth baseball and softball coach in the community.

During his time coaching volleyball, Nugent also became involved in coaching club sports. He began VIP Club Volleyball, which eventually became Michigan Elite Volleyball. It was his experience with running volleyball clubs that he used to create his latest venture, Lakeside Indoor.

Lakeside Indoor began in 2014, and is run by Nugent along with fellow Grosse Pointers Jeff Maccagnone and Jason Hill. The club provides a place for baseball and softball players to train and improve their skills during the winter months and it once again shows how much Nugent and his fellow coaches enjoy helping athletes grow.

“I used my background with volleyball club organization to bring it to baseball,” he said. “If you weren’t picked on the tournament team, your season ended and there weren’t many extra opportunities. ... The premise of the whole organization was to provide these experiences for the kids who weren’t picked for Little League. If we could give them



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kevin Nugent of Grosse Pointe Farms has coached countless teams in baseball, softball, volleyball and even golf. He also is one of the founders of the Lakeside Indoor baseball and softball club.

better. They go out there with a different level of confidence and you know it’s because they’ve been practicing.”

Throughout his years getting to work with countless teams and athletes, Nugent has gotten to share those experiences with those closest to him. The three most important athletes he has been able to coach are his own kids, including his two sons, PK and Danny, and his daughter, Victoria.

From baseball and softball to swimming and tennis, Nugent’s kids have followed their dad’s model of doing it all when it comes to sports. Nugent has been there for all of it along the way and knows that of all the athletes in the past, present and future he has and will continue to coach, his time with them will always be the best.

“It’s been such a joy watching them play and compete,” he said. “Watching all of them grow, I know their experiences on the baseball and softball field have meant so much to them. It’s been fun participating with them because I’ve coached their teams and we’ve been through so many highs that it’s been an incredible experience for me and hopefully for them too.”



Kevin Nugent with his wife, Jane, and their children, PK, Tori and Daniel.

me they remember when I gave their class a tour of the station,” he said. “Well, those ‘kids’ are now in their 20s and 30s! “Or if I see a gate that’s open and know it’s always closed, I’ll stop and check,” he added. “Usually it’s a case of the lawn company forgetting to close it or something. I like working the road and talking to people.”

Public Safety Department Director Ken Werenski said that is what made Jebrael an integral part of the team.

“We encourage the guys to get to know people and I swear John is

on a first-name basis with every single resident,” he said.

The St. Clair Shores native graduated from Lakeview High School in 1986, and earned a degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University.

“My neighbor growing up was Joe Vitale, the Shores chief at the time, and he told me to apply here,” Jebrael recalls. “They said if I put myself through EMT class they’d hire me, then six months in they sent me to the fire academy.”

He has served as a firearms instructor and ordinance officer and taken evidence classes to assist the detective bureau.

“Whatever the chief asked me to do, I’d do,” Jebrael said.

Jebrael said when he and Christine first were married, they bought a house in Roseville.

“I knew that wasn’t going to last long,” he

laughed. “It’s like you’re standing in your kitchen and five feet away is your neighbor’s window.”

After five years of saving money, the couple moved to St. Clair County and bought a house with 10 acres. Their two adult daughters also live in the area.

“We usually go out for a family dinner once a week,” he said. “It was easy when the girls were little because all they wanted was a Happy Meal. Now it’s drinks and steak. I told them I’m on a fixed income now so Dad’s not treating!”

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In his time with the department, Jebrael has worked with six department directors, six

municipal judges, four mayors and four city managers. He received 15 commendations and the 2017 Director’s Award for Distinguished Service before being promoted to sergeant in 2021.

“The times have really changed,” he said, noting that when he started patrol cars were not equipped with cell phones or cameras.

“Back then, if I went to investigate a breaking and entering, I’d tell everyone to get an alarm system,” he said. “Now, everyone has one and I’m telling everyone to get a security camera.”

After patrolling the 1.1 square miles that make up the Shores’ land area, to say he knows the area well is an understatement.

“I’ll get stopped by people and they’ll tell

me they remember when I gave their class a tour of the station,” he said. “Well, those ‘kids’ are now in their 20s and 30s! “Or if I see a gate that’s open and know it’s always closed, I’ll stop and check,” he added. “Usually it’s a case of the lawn company forgetting to close it or something. I like working the road and talking to people.”

Public Safety Department Director Ken Werenski said that is what made Jebrael an integral part of the team.

“We encourage the guys to get to know people and I swear John is

on a first-name basis with every single resident,” he said.

The St. Clair Shores native graduated from Lakeview High School in 1986, and earned a degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University.

“My neighbor growing up was Joe Vitale, the Shores chief at the time, and he told me to apply here,” Jebrael recalls. “They said if I put myself through EMT class they’d hire me, then six months in they sent me to the fire academy.”

He has served as a firearms instructor and ordinance officer and taken evidence classes to assist the detective bureau.

“Whatever the chief asked me to do, I’d do,” Jebrael said.

Jebrael said when he and Christine first were married, they bought a house in Roseville.

“I knew that wasn’t going to last long,” he

laughed. “It’s like you’re standing in your kitchen and five feet away is your neighbor’s window.”

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parking lot or a piece of DPW equipment had to be replaced.”

The current process could take weeks to complete if the cost was even a penny over \$5,000, including seeking three bids and presenting the information at one of council’s two monthly meetings.

“This will help streamline things and make all of our departments

more efficient,” Schulte added.

The last approval by voters, increasing the limit from \$1,500 to \$5,000, came in 1989.

Information Schulte provided council shows Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms have a \$10,000 limit and \$11,000 limit, respectively. The City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods are all at \$5,000, while St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe and Mount Clemens are at \$15,000.

City of Grosse Pointe

Paying to sell

A Grosse Pointe resident was swindled out of three dresses and \$600 by someone named “Elvira” while attempting to sell the items online Monday, June 20.

Stolen gun

A Springfield Armory handgun was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Village Lane between 8 p.m. Monday, June 27, and 6:30 a.m. the next morning.

Hacking scam

Grosse Pointe residents were tricked into believing their computer was hacked and could be unhacked for \$5,000 Tuesday, June 28. The victims bought \$5,000 in gift cards and gave the card information over the phone to someone they thought was from Microsoft.

Young thieves

A 19-year-old Detroit woman and younger girl pushed a cart with \$190 in stolen items out of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30. They were stopped and cited, while the items were returned to the business.

Identify theft

An unknown person purchased three iPhones using a Grosse Pointe

resident’s name and bank account at 5:40 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Downed power lines

A Nixle alert the morning of Tuesday, July 5, indicated Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety was on the scene of a downed utility pole with live wires at the intersection of Vernier and Marter. Westbound Vernier was closed and motorists were being asked to avoid the area. Director John Kosanke said DTE was on site, but no further information as to what caused the incident was available when the Grosse Pointe News went to press.

Phone scam

A resident reported Thursday, June 30, they received a phone call with the caller ID indicating it was from the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department’s non-emergency number, (313) 885-2100. The resident said the male caller, who spoke with a heavy accent, identified

himself as a police officer and started asking for personal information.

A Nixle alert from Grosse Pointe Farms said the department will never request personal information or money over the phone.

This type of scam is known as caller ID spoofing, making it appear the call is coming from a local or well-known number, making it more likely to be trusted or answered.

— *Ted O’Neil Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.*

Grosse Pointe Park

Car break-ins

Four larcenies from unlocked automobiles occurred during the three-day period Sunday, June 26, to Tuesday, June 28, in the eastern part of town. Police are using surveillance video in attempts to determine who stole miscellaneous items from vehicles parked in the 1000 block of Bishop, 1000 block of Harvard, 1200 block of Whittier and 1400 block of Bishop.

Stolen bikes

Five bicycles were sto-

len last week from three locations:

◆ Overnight Saturday, June 25, in the 1200 block of Whittier, a \$600 specialized bicycle was taken from a garage.

◆ In the 1300 block of Three Mile between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, someone took a \$500 21-speed mountain bike from an open garage.

◆ Between 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, and 10 p.m. Friday, July 1, three 10-speed bicycles were taken from a rear yard in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield.

The bikes are light green, royal blue and a combination of red and yellow.

B&E of business

Police responding to a burglar alarm at a business in the 15000 block of Jefferson at 5:11 a.m. Monday, June 27, discovered forced entry had been made through a glass door and a cash register reportedly containing approximately \$700 cash had been taken.

Surveillance video recorded the suspect to be a 40- to 55-year-old black male wearing a dark Nike hooded sweatshirt. He carried a white baseball bat.

Drunken driving

At 2:17 a.m. Thursday,

June 30, police arrested a 37-year-old female motorist from Detroit for drunken driving.

They’d investigated her for hitting the curb and running a stop sign at Wayburn and Vernor.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Possible attempted home invasion

While in her living room at approximately 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 26, a homeowner in the 400 block of Elizabeth heard the distinct sound of a door knob rattling and someone pushing the side door. When she later checked the door, she found the door knob was loose as if it had been twisted hard.

Not licensed

A 21-year-old Detroit man was cited for never acquiring a license, not having insurance and an expired plate after being pulled over at Mack and Allard at 10:42 a.m. Tuesday, June 28.

No good deed

After being attacked by a red-winged blackbird while on a walk near Lakeshore and Harbor Hill at 9:16 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, a Farms woman arrived home to discover she was no longer wearing her gold necklace worth \$2,000.

Prior to the realization, she found a key fob near Lakeshore and Moran that was turned over to officers.

Drunken driver

A 36-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:28 a.m. Friday, July 1, after she was pulled over near Moross and Chandler Park because her vehicle had a defective brake light.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.143 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report as per dispatch.

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

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throughout the years. Everybody now wants this open floor plan. ...

“If you’re (home) 24/7,” he added, “you want it to look nice.”

Modrack said the department has seen an increase in kitchen, bathroom and home office work. It’s also seen a slew of deck and patio buildouts. Three or four built-in pools were added to Woods’ homes recently, as well.

With all the increase in work, the building department is experiencing a backup in processing, typically due to the lack of completed request applications.

“One thing that (we’ve) noticed is that, I think because of the volume of work we’re getting, a lot of people are not giving us complete documents so we can do our job,” Tutag said. “And what that does, with the amount of work that we’re getting in here, it kind of delays my process of doing the plan review.”

With an incomplete application, Modrack and others in the department have to send a request for further information to the applicant, putting them back in the queue and delaying the desired project.

The team said the most common delay they’ve been running into with applicants is the site plan, which needs to include very specific information regarding the nature and scope of the project.

For example, when constructing a fence, the department needs a site plan with a highlighted area where the fence is to

be placed and a brochure or picture of the proposed fence, both with specific dimensions.

“It seems like nine chances out of 10 there’s something missing there,” Tutag said.

All information required for permit requests may be found at gpwmi.us/building.

Permits must be obtained through the department for the following work: new construction; major electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling and mechanical installations; home additions; re-roofing; aluminum or vinyl siding installation; rebuilding of chimneys or fireplaces; installation of fences, swimming pools, sidewalks, driveways, porches, sewers and decks; and temporary signs, business signs and awnings.

Modrack added she is happy to work with applicants and assist them on what they may need.

In terms of buying and selling, as well as rental properties, the department is encouraging residents to plan ahead.

“We’re about a week and a half out in scheduling,” Tutag said. An improvement from where the department used to stand, at a two-week delay.

“If you’re thinking about selling your house or (are) going to be selling it, you might want to get that inspection done and over with so you’ve got that (certificate of occupancy). (That way) when that sale does occur — and it will occur quickly — you can move forward,” Tutag said.

The inspection and certificate of occupancy is valid two years after its date of application, Modrack added, so even

if selling isn’t an immediate endeavor, residents can apply if they know it’s an upcoming possibility.

“You have to think ahead,” Tutag said. “We certainly try to accommodate people as much as we can, but we have to take people in the order

that they schedule their appointments.”

He added, “I’d hate to see someone lose a sale because they don’t have a certificate of occupancy.”

For more information on permits, visit gpwmi.us/building, call (313) 343-2426 or email building@gpwmi.us.



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OUR VIEW

Survey shows parents, educators want to punt politics out of classrooms

A new survey says the nation’s parents have three main concerns about their kids. Two of them are:
♦ their children’s happiness and well-being at school; and
♦ their children’s stress and anxiety levels.

But their No. 1 concern, outweighing even COVID-related issues and family financial concerns, might surprise you:

- ♦ political influence in schools.

The survey, “Hidden in Plain Sight: A Way Forward for Equity-Centered Family Engagement,” found that a whopping 68 percent of parents worry “some” or “a lot” about having politicians who are not educators making classroom decisions. The survey was conducted by Learning Heroes, an education research institute committed to elevating parental involvement.

And with the state of our educational system playing a heightened role in upcoming midterm elections, the issue is sure to keep simmering, with Grosse Pointe finding itself directly on the hot seat.

The poll also showed that teachers and principals share the same concerns as parents. In total, 70 percent of educators worry about politicians who lack background in education making decisions about school curriculum and 64 percent share a similar concern about parents who lack experience in education making curriculum decisions.

Yet over the last three years in particular, as we have seen here in the Pointes, politics have bled into the K-12 classrooms in unprecedented ways.

We have witnessed our Board of Education meetings go sideways with impassioned arguments peppered with name-calling. We have followed the rabbit-hole debates on social media about GPPSS’s COVID protocols and gun- and student-safety policies, and the subsequent series of culture wars between those who insist schools adopt various policies that align with their beliefs versus those who disagree with them.

Cue last fall’s debates on our school system’s mask policies or this spring’s kerfuffle on the McCarthyism lesson at South, and these are your examples in a nutshell.

Our newsroom discussed this recent survey, trying to make heads or tails of its most important takeaways for our district. Is Grosse Pointe’s big-



COURTESY PHOTO

Pure Grosse Pointe

A big thank-you to everyone who participated in our second annual Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic, which ended June 23, including Patricia Kolojeski of Grosse Pointe Farms, above, who caught this beauty at Pier Park. Contest winners are reminded to visit the Grosse Pointe News to reel in their prizes.

GUEST VIEW By Kevin Yoder

Congress just delivered major postal reform legislation, so why is the U.S. Postal Service ignoring it?

After the massive mail slowdowns and postage hikes of 2021, Congress took action to financially stabilize the U.S. Postal Service by passing a historic, bipartisan postal reform bill. The bill freed the Postal Service from an unreasonable 2006 law demanding that it pre-fund retiree health benefits 75 years in advance — a requirement that put billions of dollars on the Postal Service’s balance sheet each year and motivated it to keep hiking postage rates while reducing services.

Congress passed the 2022 postal reform legislation with the intent to strengthen this critical service and help the Postal Service avoid additional large rate increases and service cutbacks. However, Postal Service leadership has seemingly decided to stamp Congress’s message “return to sender.”

The very same day President Biden signed the monumental postal reform legislation, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy announced his plans to increase postage prices at an “uncomfortable rate” for some time to come. Specifically, DeJoy and the Postal Board of Governors intend to increase stamp prices again in July, again next January and as often as twice each year after that. And they can, thanks to a recent Postal Regulatory Commission ruling giving DeJoy the power to initiate postage rates that outpace inflation.

In just a decade, Americans could be paying well over \$1 to mail a single letter. Unless Congress takes action again to hold the Postal Service accountable, let’s just say we should all be buying “Forever Stamps” while they are still somewhat affordable.

As a businessman and a fellow Republican, DeJoy should know that raising prices generates fewer customers and can lead to less revenue. The same holds true for unnecessary postage increases. They will not only deter individuals from using the mail, but also will drive away businesses, newspapers, nonprofits and charities — all of which generate more than half of all postal revenues.

The Postal Service already anticipates losing 42 percent of mail volume over the next decade, driven partly by massive rate increases. Additional unnecessary postage hikes could lead to a huge loss in revenue that will jeopardize the survival of the Postal Service itself and its workforce of 650,000 Americans, many of whom are veterans.

Whether it brings something as special as a handwritten card or something as necessary as medication, the U.S. Postal Service is the only institution capable of going the last mile to reach, serve and tangibly link every American. Some claim that private couriers like FedEx and UPS could replace the U.S. Postal Service, but that’s simply not true.

The Postal Service is unique in that it’s obligated to serve every American. It processes more than 425 million pieces of mail (not including packages) each day, delivering them to and from a staggering 163 million delivery points in all of the country’s more than 41,000 ZIP codes. The Postal Service goes the last mile, no matter how rural or remote the address — and that’s something no private courier could, or would, do.

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Koehler noted the fun he had with the business, opening new locations, training employees and befriending clients.

"I've done it all and I've been through a lot," he added. "It has made a good living for me, but it's time. It's the end of an era."

Though selling the salon, the Koehlers still plan to work there, Cathy Koehler full time and Juergen part time.

"We just want to say goodbye and thank you to all the past and present employees and clients," Koehler said. "Thank you for your years of patronage and loyalty. I hope you transfer some of that loyalty over to the new owners."

The salon's new owners, as of June 6, are Elizabeth Rossman and Michael Gairand.

Now renamed, The Lon Next Door is located at 17904 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.

"Thank you again to all the wonderful clients and employees," Koehler added. "Without you all these wonderful memories would not have happened."

— Jody McVeigh



Vice President Brett Stahl and CEO Carleen Gray cut a ribbon to celebrate Stahl's 90th anniversary and new world headquarters in St. Clair Shores, accompanied by representatives from the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce and St. Clair Shores City Council.

COURTESY PHOTO

Nautical Mile company celebrates 90 years

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — The world's largest manufacturer of garment decorating equipment and material marks its 90th anniversary this year and held a ribbon cutting recently to open its new world headquarters on Jefferson.

"We are thrilled to be back," Stahls' CEO Carleen Gray said at the event Monday, June 13. "When we first moved to St. Clair Shores in 1966, we had 15 people. Today we've got more than 1,000 employees in three states, but Michigan is our home state and St.

Clair Shores is our home city."

The company began in 1932, in Detroit, operating out of the garage of A.C. and Ethel Stahl's home. The first products were chenille lettering — like those found on high school letter jackets — sewn onto felt. Today, Stahls' specializes in pre-cut and custom athletic numbers, letters and logos.

Their work has been on display, albeit behind the scenes, at the NFL draft for the past decade.

"When the commissioner announces that a pick is in, we have about a minute to get the jersey ready before the player

comes on stage," Gray said. "We have multiple jerseys for each team, all the numbers and the names of all the players who will be there."

Stahls' motto is, "Little League to Big League," and they work with all the professional leagues and the NCAA through the companies that license jerseys, such as Nike and Adidas.

Framed jerseys line the hallways of the new building and read like a veritable who's who of sports stars, from Magic Johnson to Abby Wambach to Cal Ripken Jr. to Wayne Gretzky.

They also give grants to small companies that



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New space to Zen

Located at 21510 Harper in St. Clair Shores, Sirona Wellness Spa specializes in float therapy and massage therapy. Owners Taylor Semrow and Jason Spencer renovated an abandoned space into a wellness facility. Learn more online at sironamichigan.com or by calling (586) 872-2694. Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber Board Chairman Jody Ingle, Paul Mulier, Keely Clements, owners Semrow and Spencer, Lily Spencer and David Spencer.



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In-home help

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Tutor Doctor, which offers personalized in-home and online tutoring for all types of learners with all types of goals. For more information, visit tutordoc.com/st-clair-shores-grosse-pointes/, call (313) 513-9555 or email cgraham@tutordoc.com. Pictured from left are Chamber Board Chairman Jody Ingle, Tutor Doctor owner Carolyn Graham, Chamber Treasurer Gary Greenfelder and Chamber Director of Membership Carolyn Stolarski.

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to be served, as the business has a license. Outdoor dining will be open when the restaurant is: from 5 to 10 p.m.

"Cafe Nini has been utilizing outdoor dining for a very long time," Hawasli

said. "I think now what (Barbieri) wants to do is just push it out into the street and create an even better experience."

Citing a strong need for street parking for customers to The Hill, the building owner of 100 Kercheval pushed for disapproval of the application, calling it "an inefficient use of a valuable resource for the merchants on Kercheval."

"I think that assigning a space exclusively for one business precludes any-

body else from using that space 24/7," he said. "... We don't need, as a council, to pick particular businesses to succeed and prosper at the expense of others. I don't think that's right."

Conditions of council approval include that wheel stops and other appropriate barriers proposed to surround the platform meet the satisfaction of city public safety officials.

"We've been happy with

what's gone up so far," Public Safety Director John Hutchins said of the current on-street dining on The Hill.

The lease agreement also outlines a \$120 per month payment to the city for use of the parking space.

"This is necessary to make up for meter revenue that will be lost for one metered space being eliminated," read the motion, which council unanimously approved.

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"I've done it all and I've been through a lot," he added. "It has made a good living for me, but it's time. It's the end of an era."

Though selling the salon, the Koehlers still plan to work there, Cathy Koehler full time and Juergen part time.

"We just want to say goodbye and thank you to all the past and present employees and clients," Koehler said. "Thank you for your years of patronage and loyalty. I hope you transfer some of that loyalty over to the new owners."

The salon's new owners, as of June 6, are Elizabeth Rossman and Michael Gairand.

Now renamed, The Lon Next Door is located at 17904 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.

"Thank you again to all the wonderful clients and employees," Koehler added. "Without you all these wonderful memories would not have happened."

— Jody McVeigh



Vice President Brett Stahl and CEO Carleen Gray cut a ribbon to celebrate Stahl's 90th anniversary and new world headquarters in St. Clair Shores, accompanied by representatives from the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce and St. Clair Shores City Council.

COURTESY PHOTO

Nautical Mile company celebrates 90 years

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — The world's largest manufacturer of garment decorating equipment and material marks its 90th anniversary this year and held a ribbon cutting recently to open its new world headquarters on Jefferson.

"We are thrilled to be back," Stahls' CEO Carleen Gray said at the event Monday, June 13. "When we first moved to St. Clair Shores in 1966, we had 15 people. Today we've got more than 1,000 employees in three states, but Michigan is our home state and St.

Clair Shores is our home city."

The company began in 1932, in Detroit, operating out of the garage of A.C. and Ethel Stahl's home. The first products were chenille lettering — like those found on high school letter jackets — sewn onto felt. Today, Stahls' specializes in pre-cut and custom athletic numbers, letters and logos.

Their work has been on display, albeit behind the scenes, at the NFL draft for the past decade.

"When the commissioner announces that a pick is in, we have about a minute to get the jersey ready before the player

comes on stage," Gray said. "We have multiple jerseys for each team, all the numbers and the names of all the players who will be there."

Stahls' motto is, "Little League to Big League," and they work with all the professional leagues and the NCAA through the companies that license jerseys, such as Nike and Adidas.

Framed jerseys line the hallways of the new building and read like a veritable who's who of sports stars, from Magic Johnson to Abby Wambach to Cal Ripken Jr. to Wayne Gretzky.

They also give grants to small companies that



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New space to Zen

Located at 21510 Harper in St. Clair Shores, Sirona Wellness Spa specializes in float therapy and massage therapy. Owners Taylor Semrow and Jason Spencer renovated an abandoned space into a wellness facility. Learn more online at sironamichigan.com or by calling (586) 872-2694. Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber Board Chairman Jody Ingle, Paul Mulier, Keely Clements, owners Semrow and Spencer, Lily Spencer and David Spencer.



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In-home help

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Tutor Doctor, which offers personalized in-home and online tutoring for all types of learners with all types of goals. For more information, visit tutordocor.com/st-clair-shores-grosse-pointes/, call (313) 513-9555 or email cgraham@tutordocor.com. Pictured from left are Chamber Board Chairman Jody Ingle, Tutor Doctor owner Carolyn Graham, Chamber Treasurer Gary Greenfelder and Chamber Director of Membership Carolyn Stolarski.

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to be served, as the business has a license. Outdoor dining will be open when the restaurant is: from 5 to 10 p.m.

"Cafe Nini has been utilizing outdoor dining for a very long time," Hawasli

said. "I think now what (Barbieri) wants to do is just push it out into the street and create an even better experience."

Citing a strong need for street parking for customers to The Hill, the building owner of 100 Kercheval pushed for disapproval of the application, calling it "an inefficient use of a valuable resource for the merchants on Kercheval."

"I think that assigning a space exclusively for one business precludes any-

body else from using that space 24/7," he said. "... We don't need, as a council, to pick particular businesses to succeed and prosper at the expense of others. I don't think that's right."

Conditions of council approval include that wheel stops and other appropriate barriers proposed to surround the platform meet the satisfaction of city public safety officials.

"We've been happy with

what's gone up so far," Public Safety Director John Hutchins said of the current on-street dining on The Hill.

The lease agreement also outlines a \$120 per month payment to the city for use of the parking space.

"This is necessary to make up for meter revenue that will be lost for one metered space being eliminated," read the motion, which council unanimously approved.

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Charlevoix party on tap

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It seems like last month’s Charlevoix Street Party just wrapped up and now it’s time to unpack the one in July.

The second of three parties this summer on Charlevoix between Maryland and Lakepointe is 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 9. This one carries a down-home refrain.

“We have the band, The Family Tradition, a country theme,” said Corin Vance, event coordinator for Grosse Pointe Park.

The band arrives fresh from the Anchor Bay Country Music Festival the night before. It also comes a couple months after being rated “Best Country Band” in mid-Michigan by Review Magazine and a year after earning HOUR Detroit Magazine’s “Best Band” in Detroit.

“They’re really good,” Vance said. “They’re becoming pretty popular

really fast. It’s good that we can get them for a street party because they’re probably going to blow up in popularity.”

The band’s name evokes the title of a gold-selling song released by Hank Williams Jr. in 1979.

“The Family Tradition Band is an old, timeless classic sound which includes many traditional country elements such as fiddle, banjo and steel guitar,” according to its website, thefamilytraditionband.com.

“Family Tradition Band combined with spot-on vocal harmonies, dual electric guitars and a rock-solid rhythm section is what creates the authenticity of the band. No gimmicks or backing tracks, just raw energy and talent.”

Attendees can spend their own energy by participating in special activities.

“We’ll have ax throwing and a mechanical bull,” Vance said.

Charlevoix Street Parties are

aimed for the 18-and-older crowd, not families, as are the Kercheval After 6 block parties.

“There will be drinks served,” Vance said. “Food trucks will be People’s Pierogi Collective and Pure Mitten BBQ.”

The city holds three parties on Charlevoix per summer. All are productions of the city but are not limited to Park residents. Anyone can attend.

Sponsors are John Adams Mortgage Co., Excalibur Park, Raymond James & Associates, Ed Rinke Chevrolet Buick GMC, Robert Loomis & Associates, Inc., Friends Nail Salon, Inc., Detroit Disposal & Recycling, LLC and Park Place Market.

The final Charlevoix Street Party of the year is 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

The remaining two Kercheval After 6 block parties are 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 23 and Aug 27.

Woods settles labor contracts

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council at its meeting Monday, June 20, approved contracts with three bargaining units that were up for negotiations.

Council unanimously OK’d four-year agreements with the public safety command officers, dispatchers and public works.

The deals call for a 3 percent raise in the 2022-23 fiscal year, followed by 2.5 percent, 2 percent and 2 percent in successive years.

Council then approved a 3 percent raise, as of July 1, for all non-union employees, department heads and permanent part-time employees who have been with the city six months or more.

“It’s pretty common practice that non-union employees get the same raise as what the unions bargain for,” City Administrator Frank Schulte said. “These are all pretty good packages, considering the economic climate.”

All full-time employees — union and non-union — as well as department heads, also will get a one-time \$1,000 recognition bonus. Permanent part-time employees hired prior to March 24 will receive a \$250 bonus.

“This is just a way to show our appreciation for all the hard work our team has done over the last couple of years,” Schulte said. “COVID was hard on everyone, but for the most part we stayed open and continued to provide needed services.”

The raises and bonuses will come out of the \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act money the city received from the federal government.

Non-union employees and department heads will continue to get five unpaid furlough days in the coming fiscal year. They include July 1, for the Fourth of July weekend; Sept. 2, the Friday of Labor Day weekend; Jan. 16, 2023, for Martin Luther King Day; April 10, 2023, Easter Monday; and May 26, 2023, the Friday before Memorial Day.

Park sewer inspections near end

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Last month’s sewer system inspection update provides an opportunity to mix horse racing and aviation metaphors: Work is rounding the final turn and is on course and on glide path.

“Inspections were attempted on 175,000 feet of 12-inch and 84-inch diameter sewers,” said Patrick Droze, project manager for OHM Advisors, the city’s engineering consultant. “This represents 75 percent of all sewers planned for inspection.”

Droze’s report for work May 9 through June 9 contains repeats from periods since work began September 2021:

“Accumulation of deposits continued as the (subcontractor, Pipetek) worked through inspections in the north end of the city. Pipetek continued to find areas with undocumented structures and inactive (or) bulkheaded segments. Future capital improvement plans should include a combination of repair programs to restore the integrity of the system.”

Another constant is the inverse correlation between consumption of funds to honor the overall contract compared with mounting costs to dispose debris removed from pipes.

“Recommended contract payments to date are approximately 53 percent of the amount authorized

by council,” Droze said. “However, material disposal is approaching 98 percent of the original bid amount. A contract change order may be necessary to account for the higher-than-anticipated volume of solids removal and heavy cleaning.”

All parts of the city have been inspected except for an area below Jefferson bounded by Barrington, Windmill Pointe Drive and Beaconsfield. Work there is scheduled through June 24, starting with trying to find backyard manholes. Many don’t appear on system maps or are buried by sod.

“Access to these structures is necessary to fully clean and inspect rear-yard sewers,” Droze said. “Locating and adjusting

these structures to grade will be required to continue proper operation and maintenance activities on the system, as well as making needed structural repairs to some of the sewers.”

While the backend of the budget is nearly spent for disposal, the front end has a surplus for inspections.

“Pipetek has attempted inspections on the vast majority of sanitary sewers within the community,” Droze said. “While some work remains, the executed contract is projected to have an unused balance of approximately \$200,000. This is due to certain segments of sewers that could not be inspected due to access limitations.”

Several of those sewers are in the southwest part of the city.

“OHM (has) obtained an estimate from Pipetek to perform additional cleaning and televising and will be starting this work next week,” Droze said.

Sewer inspections under Jefferson will cause temporary traffic changes.

“OHM has identified

several diversion chambers within the system,” Droze said. “Those locations are critical for us to developing a refined hydraulic model. Working with Pipetek, manned entries will be performed within these chambers to record as-built elevation data. To perform this work, Pipetek will deploy traffic control on Jefferson Avenue.”

TIFA home grants now include fences

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — TIFA district home improvement grants are expanded to include fence repairs and replacement.

The change is the idea of Warren Rothe, hired in April as assistant city manager and appointed director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

“In my brief time here, I’ve walked up and down alleys in the TIFA neighborhood in general,” he said. “One of the things I’ve noticed are fences in the TIFA district. I think some of them could use a little TLC.”

Authority board members approved the expansion Thursday, June 9.

Fence grants total \$3,000 per recipient and require a 10 percent match.

Qualifying locations adjoin public roads and alleys, plus sides of corner lots facing roads.

“It’s intentionally open-ended in terms of what kinds of fencework, whether removal, replace-

ment or repairs,” Rothe said. “My preference would be to support fences that are alley-facing. They have the greatest visual impact. However, it is open-ended, so if there are some side fences, corner lots, things like that, it would certainly be something I would entertain allocating grants for.”

The goal of the original residential improvement program was to expand off-street parking options throughout the TIFA district by helping pay for new or larger concrete pads off alleys, plus upgrade garages or replace dilapidated ones with pads.

“Property owners who own residential property within the district are eligible to apply,” according to terms posted under the TIFA section, “Northwest TIFA Grants,” on the municipal website, grossepointepark.org.

The authority is funded by property taxes generated within the TIFA district that otherwise would go to the county and state.

Funds are to be spent for the benefit of the district,

boarded by the city limits to the north and west, the northern boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and Nottingham.

TIFA’s \$1,108,949 budget for fiscal year 2022-23, starting July 1, includes \$90,000 for residential grants plus another \$90,000 for business improvement grants.

“The business improvement program is still running,” Board Chairman John Hughes said.

Residential grants for projects other than fences are \$5,000 each. They also require a 10 percent match.

Rothe initially wanted to

cap fence grants at \$2,500.

“I feel like \$2,500 isn’t enough to incentivize someone,” Board Member Trenton Chamberlain said. “I think a little bit more would incentivize. I would say \$3,000.”

“I’m OK with that,” Hughes said.

“Good idea,” Rothe said.

Member Pier King-Piepenbrok hoped to further broaden residential grants.

“I was wondering if we could consider other improvements, like weatherization, insulation, rain-storm water upgrades, disconnecting downspouts, that sort of thing,” she said.

“It would be great, but that’s beyond the scope of TIFA,” Hughes said.

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ordinance are regulations about trees growing on private property but overhanging public areas:

“Where any tree growing on any private premises overhangs any public area, it shall be trimmed and maintained in accordance with the following: no part shall be lower than 12 feet above any curb or pavement (and

less than eight feet above any sidewalk.”

“Around my neighborhood sometimes you had to duck to walk down the sidewalk,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance committee. “It’s important to take care of this. It’s been overlooked for many years.”

“Who will enforce these rules?” Councilman Vikas Relan asked.

“Our code enforcement officer,” Colter said.

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Scholarships awarded by PEO

Chapter AO of the P.E.O. Sisterhood recently announced that Grace Cueter, a student at Grosse Pointe North High School, is the recipient of the 2022 Florence Miller Award.

The award is given annually by Chapter AO in memory of Florence Miller, a former teacher and administrator in the Grosse Pointe Public School System who also was an active member of P.E.O. more than 50 years. It is given in recognition of academic achievement, as well as school and community involvement.

Additionally, Lilly Geer, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is this year's recipient of the Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts.

The legacy scholarship annually honors the late Johanna Gilbert, a long-



Grace Cueter won the 2022 Florence Miller Award.



Lilly Geer won the Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts.

time member of Chapter AO and renown musical talent and community leader. Geer, of Grosse Pointe Park, will attend the University of Michigan this fall with interest in musical theater. This summer, she will perform in

"The Sound of Music" in northern Michigan.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international philanthropy supporting women's education, is one of the oldest women's organizations in the United States and Canada.

Founded in 1869 as a Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O. has provided more than \$383 million in financial assistance to more than 116,000 women through loans, grants and scholarships.

Foundation awards spring grants

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced \$21,392 in funding for programs and initiatives within the Grosse Pointe Public School System for its spring 2022 grant cycle. Grants include those within the GPFPE's traditional biannual grants program, as well as Social Emotional Encouragement and Development, or SEED, grants, supporting programs specifically targeting mental and emotional wellbeing for students and faculty. GPFPE Grants Committee co-chair Christie Scoggin presented the grants to the GPPSS Board of Education at its May 9 meeting.

The biannual fall grant recipients are as follows:

- ◆ First in Michigan Lego League — Defer Elementary School, grades K-4 — \$1,300
- ◆ Botmasterz Robotics — Pierce Middle School, grades 5-8 — \$1,200
- ◆ Virtual Reality in World Language Classroom — Grosse Pointe North High School, grades 9-12 — \$257
- ◆ The Green and Gold Café: Special Education Micro-enterprise — Grosse Pointe North, grades 9-12 and ages 18-26 — \$2,015
- ◆ Astronomy Class Supplies — Grosse Pointe South High School, grades 9-12 — \$1,788
- ◆ Boll Fitness Center Medicine Ball Sets — Grosse Pointe South,

grades 9-12 — \$3,415

The SEED grant recipients are as follows:

- ◆ Yoga SEL — Richard Elementary School, Young 5's to grade 1 — \$370
- ◆ Cyber Safety — districtwide, all grades — \$3,000
- ◆ Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma and Finding Solutions — districtwide, all grades — \$5,750
- ◆ Resilience and Mindfulness — Maire and Richard elementary schools, grades K-4 — \$497
- ◆ PREPaRE Training — districtwide, pre-K to age 26 — \$1,800

The GPFPE offers grants back to the district on a biannual schedule; applications are accepted and grants are announced in the fall and the spring. The SEED program has funding available year round and grants through this initiative can be funded immediately, without waiting on the grant schedule, allowing flexibility to respond to immediate needs.

"We are grateful to the Grosse Pointe community for supporting our mission for the past 15 years and for trusting us to respond to the needs of our students, teachers and school system," said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president. "We look forward to many more years of working hand in hand with the public school district and the community to ensure that our district and students remain the best and the brightest."

The following Miami University students were named to the President's List for the spring semester: **Betsy Oliver** of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Casey Jackowski** of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Michael Mrsan** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Katherine Gebeck** of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Joelle Reich and **Cameron Kaess** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the President's List for the spring semester at the College of Charleston. ◆◆◆

PRIDE OF THE POINTES



Michael Mrsan



Katherine Gebeck



Joelle Reich

Cameron Zak of Grosse Pointe graduated cum laude from

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Defying the odds

Family turning autobiography into documentary

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Marylin E. Atkins has led quite a life. She's been loved and despised, respected and rejected; she's fallen in love and been embroiled in a scandal of race and religion. She details her life in her 2017 autobiography, "The Triumph of Rosemary: a Memoir by Judge Marylin E. Atkins." "Rosemary was my name at birth," she explained. "To me, Rosemary is the one who triumphed over all the things I went through." Her life is the stuff movies are made of — and that's exactly what she and her daughters plan to do. Marylin Atkins and her daughters, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elizabeth Atkins and Oregon resident Catherine Greenspan, launched a crowdfunding campaign on Loving Day, June 12, to fund a documentary based on "The Triumph of Rosemary." Loving Day recognizes the anniversary of the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision of Loving v. Virginia, which struck down laws banning interracial marriage in 16 states. "The Supreme Court told the last remaining 16 states who outlawed interracial marriage they can't do that anymore," said Marylin Atkins, who is biracial and identifies as black. "They decided there's no good reason to

tell people they can't. It's the same with same-sex marriages — there's no legitimate reason to deny people from creating a life with whoever they love." The film — which they hope will be ready to launch on Loving Day 2023 — will tell the story of Marylin Atkins' life, from being rejected by her white mother's family and adopted by a black couple, to surviving abuse from her adoptive mother and later a boyfriend, to marrying a white ex-priest 25 years her senior. "When going through life, you just do the things you need to do as a mother and a wife to take care of your family," Marylin Atkins said. "Here you have an African American woman that marries an ex-priest who's white and 25 years older than her, who grew up in foster care. That's how life starts out; rejection from the white side of my family. ... This was in the 1960s, when the Civil Rights Movement was in full force." Thomas Lee Atkins spent 15 years as a Roman Catholic priest before leaving the Church. "He said, 'I want my own family,'" Marylin Atkins said. "He knew what he wanted, so he left the priesthood. He wanted a wife and children; he made an excellent husband and father. And he was grateful. He was so grateful to have that second life. I don't know how many men say to their wives, 'Thank you for

having my children,' but he said that to me on his deathbed." Odds against them When Thomas Lee Atkins announced his intention to leave the priesthood, tensions boiled over. As word spread of his budding relationship with a teenager, the situation got uglier. "My grandmother was conspiring with the bishop to get (my father) committed because he wanted to leave the priesthood," Elizabeth Atkins said. "(My mother) was 19 years old and stood up to the bishop." "The bishop told me personally we were going to hell," Marylin Atkins added. The birth of their first daughter helped repair relationships. Elizabeth Atkins was a toddler when she met her paternal grandparents. She crawled over to her stoic grandmother and grabbed onto her dress, then was scooped up and given a kiss that kicked off change. "That broke the ice between the families," Elizabeth Atkins said. "There can be disapproval that melts when babies come. ... We hope this story can help families come back together." She also noted her mother's dedication to working and going back to school while her father stayed home to care for the children. Not only did Marylin Atkins go on to earn a law degree, she later became a judge and holds the honor of being the longest-serving chief judge in Detroit's 36th District Court. "I had a terrible relationship with my adoptive mother, but I still came out OK," Marylin Atkins said. "You have to find it deep within yourself to keep going. Don't let anyone dissuade you from your goals, your dreams. "And get the right partner," she added. "If you get a partner who's not on board with what you want to do, it's not going to work. My husband was Mr. Mom while I went to law school and worked full time. I want to show young women they've got to choose the right person in life so they can take that journey together." In the 1960s, during the Civil Rights Movement, interracial marriages and mixed-race births were just starting to take off. Today, according to the U.S. Census, more than 33 million Americans identify as more than one race and interracial marriages account for 15.1 percent of all new unions, compared to 8.4 percent

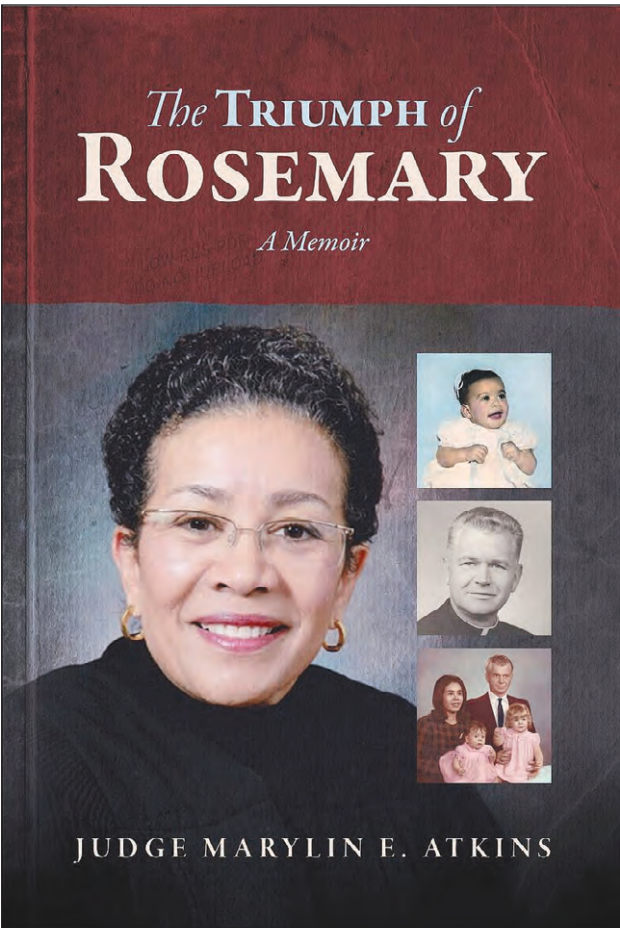


Judge Marylin Atkins films a trailer for the documentary.

of existing ones. Despite current numbers, Elizabeth Atkins said mixed-race couples and individuals often still face rejection and racism. She noted that during her childhood, there were no biracial public figures like Tiger Woods or Barack Obama in the spotlight. She and her sister felt alone. "Catherine and I grew up in this story," she added. "As kids, that was the norm. It's a different world now, but we want to shine a spotlight on this hidden part of the population."

Shining a light

The documentary will be cast and filmed in Detroit. If all goes according to plan, auditions will take place this fall. "You have to have money to do anything," Marylin Atkins said. "The timeline is to cast in the fall, but the reality is if the funds aren't there, it will be postponed." Apart from crowdfunding, the Atkinses are looking at other funding options, including investors. They hope to raise \$100,000 for the film, which the trio will narrate. It also will include reenactments from the book. "There are so many I would like to see reenacted," Marylin Atkins said. "It's going to be difficult picking out which ones to reenact." The documentary will be filmed by Nick Alexander Films, an Oregon-based production company that specializes in culturally empowering films. "His last movie won 20-some film festival awards," Elizabeth Atkins said of "Illegal," a movie about a man who comes to the U.S. to escape the horrors of El Salvador and becomes a successful businessman. "Once this movie is made, we'll make the film festival rounds. Our target is to get it on a streaming platform." Added Marylin Atkins, "And next, a full-length feature film." "It's unique, inspiring, has a happy ending,"



The autobiography that will be the basis of the documentary.

Elizabeth Atkins said. "It has all of the elements of a drama, but with entertainment value. We want to entertain, but we are believers in educating while entertaining. "... We're going to get this done; I'm confident we'll do it," she added. "Our parents persevered through really difficult circumstances and our story shows how they navigated through those tough times. We want to showcase our story to serve as a beacon of hope for others and to shower some love on the world that so desperately needs it." During a recent trip to Oregon to launch the crowdfunding campaign, the Atkinses created a



Marylin and Thomas Lee Atkins, with their daughters, Catherine, left, and Elizabeth.



Marylin Atkins, center, and her daughters, Elizabeth Atkins, left, and Catherine Greenspan.

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SENIOR LIVING

Get your veggies at The Helm

Fresh produce offered to simplify healthy eating



By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, is doubling its efforts to ensure fresh produce is available this summer for those interested.

Not only will the Full Circle Farmers Market return to The Helm from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, July 7, through the end of September, additionally, Eastern Market makes its debut at The Helm, offering fresh produce for sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 9 to 23.

“It’s been pretty important to me for a while to find a way to get older adults in the community fresh, locally grown produce,” said Allie Short, case coordinator at The Helm.

She said oftentimes, older adults with mobility issues struggle to get down to Eastern Market and, once they’re there, struggle to get around.

“It’s a madhouse,” she said.

“I’ve been trying to figure this out for a while,” she added. “I reached out to Eastern Market about doing a mobile unit.”

Though the benefits from eating fresh produce are plentiful, some people may not have the income to support the healthy habit.

“That’s where Project Senior Fresh comes in,” Short said.

Project Senior Fresh is a program offered by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, to encourage healthy eating and support Michigan farmers’ markets. Low-income seniors ages 60 and older who live in select areas of Wayne County — including the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods — are eligible to sign up for the program.

Income requirements are \$22,459 for an individual and \$30,451 for a couple, Short said.

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging will be at The Helm the first day of Eastern Market’s mobile unit, Tuesday, Aug. 9, to sign up those interested.

“People can get \$25 worth of coupons for use on locally grown produce and can buy it right

here after they fill out an application,” Short said, noting a valid photo ID is required.

Produce will vary throughout the summer.

“It all depends on what’s cropping up that week,” Short said. “Right now, it’s beets and salad greens. Later, it will be cucumbers, beans, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes — and sunflowers.

“With Eastern Market, it depends on what the local farmers have,” she continued. “Eastern Market will buy from local markets to bring to us. Both of them will bring a vast array of items to us.”

Full Circle and Eastern Market will charge per item; customers are asked to bring their own bags.

For more information, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

Both markets are open to all.

“Anyone who wants to come and purchase produce, we’d love to have them come out,” Short said.

NUTRITION MATTERS

“Let food be thy medicine” is a quote attributed to Hippocrates, the ancient scholar considered to be the father of modern medicine. The saying relates to the notion that what people put in their bodies can heal and/or prevent certain conditions.

Fruits and vegetables: Fresh, canned or frozen produce tend to be high in micronutrients, including a variety of important vitamins that are essential for all components of health. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics advises eating dark green vegetables, such as leafy greens or broccoli, and orange vegetables, such as carrots and sweet potatoes for overall good health.

Foods such as avocado, leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, blueberries, and salmon are good sources of vitamin E, antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids, and other nutrients that may help ward off dementias like Alzheimer’s disease.

Anti-inflammatory foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may help prevent inflammation that can cause cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Aging.com says foods that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, like salmon, should be consumed at least twice per week.

Without enough iron in the body, a person may feel tired and lethargic from a reduced production of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in the blood from the lungs to the rest of the body. Tofu, spinach, lentils, pumpkin seeds, and fortified breads and cereals are high in iron.

Smart food choices can help seniors live long and healthy lives, and as always, fresh and local is best!

Word’s out — word games aren’t just fun, they’re healthy

With the creation of Wordle and Words With Friends, a whole new generation has been turned on to word games, which continue to provide a great opportunity to engage in lighthearted competition among family and friends.

Wordle is perhaps the most popular word game in recent years. Created in 2021 by software engineer and former Reddit employee Josh Wardle, it was devised as a way to pass the time during the pandemic lockdown. Today it is played by millions of people and was purchased by The New York Times Company in 2022.

For those who are looking for something even newer, Knotwords, a word game created by Zach Gage and Jack Schlesinger, is available on iOS, Android and Steam. It’s a mix between a word scramble, crossword puzzle and sudoku.

There are scores of other word games to try. In addition to their entertainment value, these games may provide some benefits that surprise even the most devoted wordsmiths.

- Builds your vocabulary: Word games enrich vocabulary and may introduce people to new words. They also may help reinforce spelling skills as players reuse newly-discovered and complicated words within the game.
- Improves focus: Nowadays people are pulled in many directions and are expected to multitask more than ever. Word games in large part require focusing exclusively on the task at hand and employing strategy.
- Stimulates the brain: Word games require critical thinking skills that could stimulate the brain. Word games train the brain in a way that’s similar to how physical activity trains the body, sort of like building muscle for your mind.
- Improves memory: According to WebMD, word games may help seniors avoid memory loss and possibly delay the

onset of dementia as the brain gets exercised regularly. But seniors are not the only ones to benefit. Word games may improve short-term memory and the cognitive abilities of people of all ages.

- Increases well-being: Engaging in fun activities is good for overall happiness and stress-reduction. When a person is happy, the body releases endorphins, which are feel-good hormones and neurotransmitters. Healthline indicates an “endorphin rush” often occurs after engaging in a fun activity. Endorphins are released by the hypothalamus and pituitary gland. Playing word games may release endorphins, which can improve mood as well as reduce pain and discomfort.

Getting on a winning streak improves self-esteem, while improving skills is positive emotionally. Engaging in healthy competition and making friends via the game can bring more joy to life while decreasing loneliness and anxiety.



Organize a social club

The early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic taught the world many lessons, not the least of which was how easy it can be to take socializing for granted. Lockdown was a big part of life during the early days of the pandemic, as people were forced to stay home from work and school and remain largely isolated, even from their own friends and family members.

The sense of isolation that many people developed during those early days of the pandemic likely didn't come as a surprise to medical researchers, particularly those who have studied the effects of isolation on aging populations. The National Institute on Aging indicates that social isolation and loneliness are linked to depression as well as a host of other negative health outcomes, including high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and cognitive decline.

Social clubs can be a great way for adults over 50 to avoid isolation and loneliness. Such clubs can provide opportunities to connect with individuals who share similar interests, laying the foundation for new friendships that can be hard to develop in midlife.

Perhaps the best thing about social clubs is that anyone can start one. These tips can help individuals over 50 start social clubs that appeal to locals who are on the lookout for fun ways to meet new people.

- Think of a hobby unique to your location. One of the best ways to attract other locals is to find a hobby that caters to residents in your area. For example, coastal residents may want to start a local fishing club, while city dwellers may draw more interest starting a club focused on local museums or restaurants.
- Take all comers. Individuals over 50 may aspire to meet people in situations similar to their own, but they should still allow anyone interested in their club to join. Adults in the early stages of midlife (i.e., their thirties and forties) are often too busy with their personal and professional lives to make much time for social clubs, so it's likely that those interested will be 50 or older. But accepting all who are interested can increase the chances of starting a diverse and engaging group.
- Spread the word. Meetup (meetup.com) has been facilitating connections for two decades, making it a great place to start a group for people with shared interests. In addition to utilizing a service like Meetup, founders can spread the word through their social media apps and create fliers to post on public boards at local community centers and libraries.
- Find a public place to get together. It's best to avoid hosting club events and meetings at a private residence, including your own. Instead, prior to starting the club, look around for meeting places, which can include local churches, libraries or community centers. Ask about reserving spaces for meetings and look for places that are accessible for all people, including those with mobility issues.

Starting a social club can be a great way for individuals over 50 to meet new people and explore new or existing passions. It's never too late to make new friends.

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Temrowski Eldercare: How to know when your loved one needs more assistance

By Grace Cueter and Clare Ramsdell
Staff Interns

Three years ago, Julie Temrowski brought her business, Temrowski Eldercare, to fruition. After both of her parents passed away from dementia within the span of three months, she decided she wanted to do something to help those who struggled as they aged.

"It was a four-year battle for both of them and we had help in the home," she said, "and so after they both passed away, that's when I decided that I'd like to open an agency and help others."

Her son, Mathew Temrowski, decided to join the business shortly after its start and has become a crucial part of the company, working as its business manager. The two work as a dynamic duo, overseeing 110 employees across the metro Detroit area. Their services extend to all of the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Fraser, Warren, Sterling Heights, Macomb Township, New Baltimore and Troy.

From basic companionship to end-of-life care, Temrowski Eldercare offers a range of services customized to the extent of involvement and help needed. This assistance includes personal care, preparing meals, medication and appointment reminders. The company also provides 24-hour care, in which a group of nurses work as a team to monitor the patient at all times.

Temrowski shared some signs to look for that may indicate a loved one may need extra care:

- **Memory loss**
Normal age-related memory loss, like forgetting someone's name and recalling it later in the day, does not cause significant concern. However, memory loss that disrupts one's life is among the first signs of dementia. This can include repetitive questions, forgetting common words, mixing up words, difficulty handling finances, poor judgment, confusion, forgetting how to do simple tasks, getting lost walking or driving in a familiar area.
- **Difficulty reading or writing**
- **Losing interest in daily activities**
Some elderly begin to give up their interests, simply because they don't find pleasure in them anymore. This includes things they normally would have loved, like playing golf, tennis or bridge with friends. Occasionally this can be due to a psychological condition known as anhedonia. Anhedonia can present itself as a general lack of motivation or interest to do things.
- **Difficulty expressing thoughts and feelings**
- **Paranoia**
Paranoia tends to be a symptom of another underlying medical condition, typically dementia. Paranoid individuals may begin to believe others intend to do them harm without reason.
"Like with my mom, who was the sweetest woman on earth, she never had a bad thought about a person," Temrowski said, "but sometimes people then tend to start behaving like they never would have in their life and like not caring about how other people feel and things like that."
- **Lack of hygiene**
Due to limited mobility and occasionally a lack of energy, maintaining appropriate personal hygiene can be challenging for many seniors.
- **Falling**



As a registered nurse, Temrowski brought her own expertise into the company and the care provided to patients. Her experience in the medical field combined with the knowledge she gained due to the loss of her parents allowed Temrowski to train caregivers herself, focusing on dementia support.

The staff at Temrowski Eldercare is dedicated, making sure to provide each patient with exactly what they need. Temrowski believes her staff's dedication and retention is in part due to her attention to them and their feelings. She makes it a priority to ensure they are content with their work environment.

"I have a very good relationship with all my staff. I am very involved in how they feel and what they want and what kind of cases they'd like to be on," Temrowski said.

If a loved one may be in need of extra care, reach out to a professional to discuss the options moving forward. Temrowski Eldercare can assist in this process, creating a health plan catered to the exact needs of the patient. For more information, visit temrowskieldercare.com or call Julie Temrowski at (313) 415-0663 or Mat Temrowski at (313) 415-0092.



Summer activities in Grosse Pointe Woods

Senior lunch and a movie
Looking for a cool way to spend a summer afternoon? This fun and entertaining activity is the way to go and includes a catered lunch, dessert, beverages, and a movie. The cost is \$10 for residents and pre-registration is required. You must pre-register at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center at least one full week before the event. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.

Afternoon of cards
Join with friends at the Community Center for an afternoon of cards on Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. and have a great time. The card games are sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at no charge. At least one GPW resident must sponsor each foursome. When space is limited, residents take first priority.

Knit for a bit
Drop in on the new group forming at the GPW Community Center for fun and laughter that will keep you in stitches. The informal "knit-togethers" meet each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. Any knitted creations you don't wish to keep will be collected and donated to charity.

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

Elizabeth Virginia Edmison Gauss

Elizabeth Virginia Edmison Gauss, 103, passed away peacefully Monday, June 20, 2022, at her Grosse Pointe Farms home.

She was born Sept. 5, 1918, in Detroit, to Frank and Edna Edmison.

Elizabeth served as president and board member of Ibex in Grosse Pointe, a member of the Fine Arts Society of Detroit and a Life Member of Junior Goodwill of Detroit.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles William Gauss II; and son, Charles William Gauss III.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Westover (Frank); daughter-in-law, Cheryl Gauss; grandchildren, Robert Westover (Jana), Bradford Westover (Aileen), Craig Gauss, Christopher Gauss (Annika) and Charles Gauss (Shannon); and great-grandchildren, Matthew, Margaret, Nathan, Alexander, Regan, Taylor and Mackenzie Westover and Nora Gauss.

A memorial service will

be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She will be interred at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Contributions in Elizabeth's memory may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, at the above address or online at gpmchurch.org.

Stephen Robert Davies

Stephen Robert Davies of the City of Grosse Pointe returned to God peacefully Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, with his wife, Jane, at his side. The family is grateful to the Medical Intensive Care Unit staff at Ascension St. John Hospital for the compassionate care given to Steve and his family during his brief illness.

Steve was born March 29, 1942, in Cleveland, to Maxton "Tiny" Routh Davies Jr., and Martha Clark Davies. He grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio, graduating from Shaker Heights High School in 1960. Following a generations-long fam-

ily tradition, Steve attended Yale University, receiving an English degree in 1964. At Yale he participated in the ROTC program and was a member of the "Duke's Men" a capella group, which offered opportunities to tour and entertain. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to the Dominican Republic, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service and achieved the rank of 1st lieutenant. Honorably discharged in 1966, Steve enrolled at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, graduating with an MBA in 1968.

After receiving his MBA, Steve began a career as a sales engineer, specializing in materials and manufacturing, primarily in the automotive industry. Always interested in work, he never officially retired, continuing part time to help longtime colleagues establish new businesses, as well as mentoring young professionals.

A true classic gentleman with grace and humor, Steve was a dapper dresser. An avid



Elizabeth V. Gauss

reader and frequent local library patron, he was an excellent and eager conversationalist, possessing a quick wit and easy manner. Always welcoming to friends and strangers alike, he had a talent for putting people at ease with a story or engaging question. Kind and giving, Steve could be relied upon to provide a helping hand, whether shoveling snow for neighbors or giving time to friends during unexpected circumstances. He and Jane were integral organizers of their neighborhood block parties. Warm weather was a favorite time of year to spend tending the gardens or reading and entertaining on their deck. Steve and Jane annually planted the garden surrounding the clubhouse of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club as Grosse Pointe City Project Bloom volunteers.

As residents of the City of Grosse Pointe for decades, Steve and Jane were active 30-year members of the Grosse



Stephen R. Davies

Pointe Boat Club, rarely missing an event. Gifted dancers, together they enjoyed taking the floor when the music began — no matter the tempo. He served the Boat Club in many capacities, genially supporting Jane as First Gentleman during her year as Commodore, always being counted on to assist with and co-host many events — especially the popular annual Lobster-Fest Luau.

Steve was the loving husband of 33 years to Jane Reed Keough Davies of Grosse Pointe; and dear father of his sons, Stephen R. "Rob" Davies Jr. (Emily) of Arlington, Va.; John M. Davies (Lidia) of Tallinn, Estonia; and Brian P. Davies (Katharina) of Mainz, Germany. He cherished as a daughter his stepdaughter, Katherine Keough-Jurs (Peter) of Cincinnati. He was the proud grandfather of Maxton, Tess, Lauren, Graham, Alma, Gustav, Thomas and Amanda.

He was briefly sur-

vived by his brother, Maxton Clark Davies of Hudson and Put-in-Bay, Ohio, who passed away April 8, 2022. He also is survived by his beloved sister, Sally Davies Bates (Dennis) of Des Moines, Iowa; sister-in-law, Mella Cooks Davies of Hudson and Put-in-Bay, Ohio, sister-in-law, Sister Ruthanne Reed, OP, of Racine, Wis.; close friend, Grant Keough; Jane's and Steve's "bonus kids," Brian and Tamra Fromm; and a large extended family. Steve's ready smile and cheerful nature is tremendously missed by his family and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Steve was predeceased by his sister, Susan Marshall Davies; former spouse, Margaret Buchanan Davies; and mother-in-law, Mary Belle Reed, with whom he had a special relationship.

A man of faith and integrity, a Celebration of Life with Military Honors will be held this summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in Steve's name may be directed to Grosse Pointe Boat Club, P.O. Box 36076, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Grosse Pointe Public Library, grossepointe.library.org.

Arrangements were entrusted to Charles Verheyden, Funeral Homes, Inc. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Free virtual Alzheimer's educational conference is July 13

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America will host a free virtual Alzheimer's educational conference for Michigan residents from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, as part of its 2022 national Educating America Tour. The conference, which is free and open to everyone, will allow participants to learn from and ask questions of health and caregiving experts. To register, visit alzfdn.org/tour.

"Knowledge is a useful and powerful tool that can help make any situ-

ation easier to navigate, especially something as challenging as caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease," said Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., AFA's president and CEO. "Connecting families with useful, practical information and support that can help them now and be better prepared for the future is what this conference is all about. Whether Alzheimer's is affecting your family, you are a caregiver or just want to learn more, you can participate in this free virtual conference from the

comfort of your home or office."

Sessions during the AFA virtual conference will include:

- ◆ Living with Dementia and Other Chronic Conditions: How Do Family Care Partners Influence Another's Health and Well-Being?

Family care partners often put their loved ones' needs ahead of their own, but neglecting their own health can negatively impact them and the person for whom they are caring. Courtney A. Polenick,

Ph.D., will talk about how someone living with dementia and their family care partners impact each other's health and well-being. For example, if the care partner exhibits depression or has high blood pressure, how will that affect their loved one living with dementia? Polenick will discuss strategies to maintain the health and well-being of both partners through exercise, adopting a healthier diet or other means.

Polenick is an assistant professor in the

Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School and faculty associate in the Aging & Biopsychosocial Innovations Program of the Survey Research Center at the U-M Institute for Social Research.

- ◆ Navigating the Estate Planning and Elder Law Maze

When a family member is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness, it's never too soon to plan for their long-term care and get the necessary documentation in place. Elder law attorney Glenn Matecun will discuss how to plan for long-term care while legally protecting your assets and the foundation you should create to safeguard your loved one and your family.

Matecun has been a Michigan estate planning and elder law attorney more than 30 years. He is an attorney with the law firm of Matecun, Thomas & Olson, PLC.

- ◆ What is Dementia? Understanding the Differences Between Diseases and Types of Dementia

Alzheimer's disease and dementia are terms that often are used interchangeably, but many people do not know there is a difference between them or that there are other types of dementia-related illnesses besides Alzheimer's. Barry Kaufman will provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, describing symptoms, warning signs and other features of each type of dementia. He will share with caregivers what they can expect as their loved ones' disease pro-

gresses.

Kaufman, a West Bloomfield resident, has been living with Lewy Body Dementia the past 12 years. He retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and is an active participant in LBD research and support groups with the National Institutes of Health and U of M. He serves on the steering committee of the Michigan Dementia Coalition, a statewide coalition that consists of approximately 200 individuals from dementia-related fields and backgrounds, representing more than 65 organizations. He also is a member of the National Council of Dementia Minds.

There also will be a musical performance by singer-songwriter David Molinari of Senior Sing-A-Long, a West Michigan nonprofit organization that provides music therapy to individuals living with dementia-related illnesses in long-term care communities. Its music therapy program consists of small groups of seniors creating music by playing instruments to accomplish therapeutic goals.

For more information or to register, go to alzfdn.org/tour.

Those who cannot participate in the virtual conference or have immediate questions about Alzheimer's disease may connect with licensed social workers seven days a week through AFA's national toll-free helpline by calling (866) 232-8484 or web chatting at alzfdn.org by clicking the chat icon in the righthand corner of the page. The web chat feature is available in more than 90 languages.

Dr. Donald R. Briggs DDS 1928-2022

couple were blessed with two healthy and active boys, Donnie and Joey.

After the navy, the young family of 4 settled in Grosse Pointe, Michigan (Mary's home town) where Don enjoyed his practice and patients for 54 happy years. He was not your run-of-the-mill dentist.



Don took time and special care of his patients. It was not uncommon for him to go on a house call or to answer a ringing phone in the middle of the night. He truly went above and beyond.

In his early years, Don played on several semi-professional baseball teams and carried that love and knowledge of the game into mentoring his own two sons and by coaching many of their baseball teams throughout the years. Baseball was truly one of the fam-

ily's joys, as was skiing, where many happy family days were spent on snow packed hills in Northern Michigan. If it had to do with family, Don was there, ready to go, ready to have fun and ready to dive in and play!

Don was dedicated to his community. He served as president of the Trombly

PTA, headed up school millage drives, was a member of the Jaycees, the Grosse Pointe Rotary, the Seniors Men's Club and was a member of the Detroit Country Club.

Tennis with an active and lively group of close friends later became a major form of recreation for Don and Mary who also enjoyed many peaceful days of fly fishing together in Michigan and Montana. Birdwatching and hunting with his yellow lab, Wongo, were also favorite avocations.

Don shared his love of fly fishing with his sons and grandsons, which turned into annual fishing trips to Montana that will always hold a special place in the Briggs men's hearts.

Don was a man of extraordinary kindness and understanding. He was always willing to offer a word of support and encouragement. Don was a man of patience and grace. He didn't light up a room - his was a quiet presence. He was the one who made the humorously insightful remark that put things into perspective. He was a man of integrity without pretensions - gentle and strong. And he will be forever loved and missed.

Don is survived by his wife Mary, his two sons Don (Deborah) and Joe (Mira), his four grandchildren Amalia, Donald, Joseph and Lindsey and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sharon Klamerus and brother Patrick Briggs.

A celebration of life took place Saturday, July 2, at The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at verheyden.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE FARM AND GARDEN CLUB

Celebrating 90 trees for 90 years, members of the Grosse Pointe Farm — that’s Farm, not Farms — and Garden Club highlight their year-end soiree by displaying a symbolic check to help buy and plant 90 trees between roads and sidewalks in front of residences in Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms. “The idea is to re-leaf the canopy for next generations to come,” said Rick Whitney, chairman of the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission. Shown, from left, are club members Julie Foust, Susan Durant, Kim DeMeulemeester, Tish Collet, outgoing President Kate French, Whitney and, wearing a tie made of wood, a belt made of wood and, in his coat pocket, a pen made of wood, Brian Colter, city forester of Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms.

Ninety trees for 90 years

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The headline can be read two ways, both accurately.

One of the Pointes’ oldest garden clubs is marking the completion of its 90th year by donating money toward the purchase of 90 municipal trees.

“We are all about beautification of our community, about environmental education and conservation,” said Kate French, outgoing president of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club, founded May 31, 1931.

That’s one way. The other is: It is intended that 90 trees due for planting this fall on curbside easements will mature over generations to evoke the over-canopied community of old.

“The whole idea is to re-leaf the canopy for next generations to come,” said Rick Whitney, chairman of the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission. “I think back to childhood when elms formed a beautiful canopy over so much of Grosse Pointe. Then, through many decades of Dutch elm disease, the canopy is kind of gone.”

Trees will replace those lost between roads and sidewalks in front of residences in Grosse Pointe

Park, City and Farms. French and Whitney live on the same block in the City. Both value the long-term benefits of urban forestation.

“I’m excited to help with such a huge problem in our Grosse Pointe community,” French said. “We’ve never done anything on this scale. We have just been more of a sleepy little garden club, sort of doing our thing.”

“It is leaving a legacy for future generations,” Whitney said. “It also connects to past generations as we try to reestablish a canopy that was present when I was a kid.”

Planting 90 trees is expensive.

“A tree costs \$250,” said Brian Colter, municipal forester of Park, City and Farms. “The nursery adds \$100 for planting costs.”

Colter is coordinating the project and tapping his collective budget to pay \$22,500 toward the total bill.

“The Farms and Park are about equal in size and need of trees,” Colter said. “The City is half the size of both those communities and its need isn’t as great. So, the Farms and Park are getting 35 trees each, plus 20 for the City. That works out perfectly for my budget for those three communities. My budget will be able to accommo-

date the required match from those three communities.”

Colter and Whitney have been surveying their jurisdictions for tree candidates.

“I drove around the City of Grosse Pointe over a couple of weeks,” Whitney said. “There were about 100 trees that needed to be replenished.”

“I want to diversify so we don’t plant more than 20 percent of any one genus,” Colter said. “We can plant 10 percent acer rubrum (red maple) and 10 percent sugar maple, for example, but I don’t want to plant 20 percent red maple. The general rule is to keep it below 10 percent species and 20 percent genus. That’s to avoid future epidemics because almost all epidemics are species-specific.”

He foresees planting tulip trees, Ginkgoes and, under utility wires, the smaller flowering ivory silk tree lilac.

“We’re not going to make the same mistake of predecessors and plant locust or silver maples under utility wires and then complain when Edison trims them to prevent losing power,” Colter said.

“There are a handful of trees I’m personally partial to,” Whitney said. “Tulip tree, London plane tree and oaks are fan favorites of mine. There are a number of species that will create a nice canopy and be around for many, many decades to come.”

“If somebody really wants a tree, this is the time to request one because we have this additional funding,” Colter said.

Contact Colter at his Grosse Pointe Park office, by calling (313) 822-5020.

Navy Week returning to the Motor City

The U.S. Navy is preparing to bring Navy Week back to Detroit, July 11 to 17, with 50 to 75 Sailors from across the fleet to take part in the service’s signature outreach program. Detroit Navy Week will give the community an opportunity to learn

about the Navy, its people and its importance to national security and prosperity.

Detroit Navy Week will feature in-person demonstrations, performances and engagements throughout the week,

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DSO returns to Grosse Pointe July 17

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra continues its William Davidson Neighborhood Concert Series with two week-ends of concerts at community venues across metro Detroit, including one in Grosse Pointe.

The local concert, under the direction of Jonathon Heyward, includes Beethoven’s youthful Symphony No. 1, Mendelssohn’s Fair Melusina Overture and Rossini’s virtuosic Bassoon Concerto, with DSO acting principal bassoon Michael Ke Ma as featured soloist.

The concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17,

at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

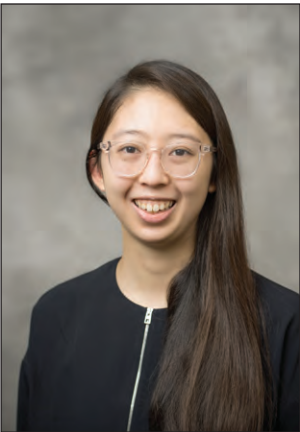
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Memorial presents free carillon concert July 12

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, continues its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12.

This week’s performer is Michelle S. Lam, who has been the resident carillonist at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church since 2019. Her journey with carillon started as an undergraduate at Wellesley College in 2014. Lam is committed to playing pieces from diverse backgrounds which often are not part of the standard carillon canon. Over the last few years in particular, she has dedicated herself to playing mostly women composers. She passed the carillonneur exam June 17, at the annual Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. When she is not playing music, she is doing research in international trade and labor to complete her doctorate in economics at the University of



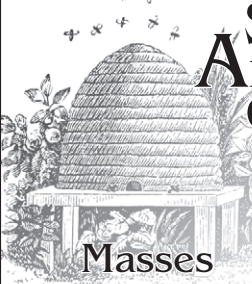
Michelle S. Lam

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The carillon recital series is played on the church’s refurbished set of 48 tower bells. Listeners are invited to gather outside on the front lawn of the church. Some listeners bring a picnic dinner to enjoy during the music. A closed-circuit television is provided so the audience can see the performer at the playing clavier in the tower. The 45-minute concerts are free and presented rain or shine.

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Georgie LeDuc, Kit Greening holding a photo of Anne Thomas, Linda Solterisch, Liz Hardwick, Judy Long, Kay Burt-Willson, Pat Wilson, Pat Eatherly, Marlene Harle and Lynn Detwiler.

Fox Creek Questers dedicate plaque

The Fox Creek Questers Chapter 216, which formed in 1965, recently created a project to install a plaque on The Hill that shares the history of Grosse Pointe Farms. The project was proposed four years ago by Fox Creek Questers member Anne Thomas, who joined the organization in 1997. She also carefully managed the project to completion. The chapter recently dedicated the historical plaque to Thomas, who passed away in April 2022. Thomas and three other Fox Creek members — Dr. Leslie Wagner, Kay Burt-Willson and chapter President Kit Greening — spent hours crafting verbiage to tell just enough of the story of Grosse Pointe Farms to invite visitors to explore more. In addition to this project, Fox Creek has provided funding for other restoration projects in Grosse Pointe



The Fox Creek Questers recently dedicated this plaque, commemorating the history of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Farms. The Questers organization began in 1944, and has grown throughout the U.S. and Canada. Its mission is preservation, restoration and education. There are 54 chapters throughout Michigan with more than 600 members. The Questers annually fund a two-year, \$17,000 scholarship to a graduate student earning a Master of Science degree in preservation and restoration at Columbia University, as well as a three-year, \$40,000 fellowship to a graduate student earning a Master of Science degree in art conservation at the University of Delaware/Winterthur. Fox Creek welcomes new members. Visit questers1944.org or email Greening at kbgreening@comcast.net for more information.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Opera MODO: The Wedding Singer, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7; Friday, July 8; Tuesday, July 12; and Thursday, July 14. General admission tickets are \$40; student tickets are \$20 and VIP adult tickets are \$60. Register online at warmemorial.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.
◆ Craft-To-Go: Underwater Adventure, all day Monday, July 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ GPPL at Pier Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Ghesquiere Park, 19955 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Archery Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Super Hero STEM, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ GPPL at Windmill Pointe, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ ArtLab — Jellyfish Friendship Bracelets, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, July 11, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.
◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.
◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 15, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Tompkins Community

Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Father Rich Bartoszek, chaplain and director of spiritual care with Beaumont Health, will speak. He initiated the "No One Dies Alone" program at Beaumont; and his chapel fund supports the Patient's Clothes Closet, Hospice and Cancer Suites, as well as provides funds for further education of nurses at the hospital. To reserve a seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Rotary

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

13. New Grosse Pointe Rotarian Carolyn Graham will give a vocational speech. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres will meet at noon Thursday, July 14, at the Osius Park pavilion in Grosse Pointe Shores. Joanne Niederoest is the hostess for the day. Social time will be followed by lunch. Afterward, the group will have a "Red, White, and Blue" discussion. Members are

encouraged to wear patriotic colors.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Bayview Yacht Club. The event includes '70s/'80s music, heavy appetizers, an open bar and a professional photographer. Organizers also are working on a school tour Saturday in advance of the reunion. Visit the GPS Class of 1982 Facebook page or call Kary Standish at (312) 343-0046 or Lydia Barry Kelley at (312) 403-0437 for information and to purchase tickets.

NAVY:

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including:
◆ Senior Navy Leaders — Flag officer and senior civilian Navy leaders with ties to Detroit and the surrounding area.
◆ Namesake Sailors — Sailors serving on the littoral combat ship USS Detroit and the Ohio-class nuclear-powered guided missile submarine USS Michigan.
◆ Navy Band Great Lakes — Performances and masterclasses with Navy musicians.
◆ Naval History and Heritage Command — Educational presentations and lesson plans

about the deep ties between Michigan and the Navy.
◆ USS Constitution — Demonstrations about the oldest commissioned ship in the Navy.
◆ U.S. Navy SEALs and Special Warfare Combat Craft Crew — Demonstrations and static displays.
◆ U.S. Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command — Educational presentation on the importance of atmospheric and oceanographic science and the overall value of STEM education to the Navy.
Detroit was selected by the Navy Office of Community Outreach as

one of 14 locations for the 2022 Navy Week program.
"We are very excited to bring Navy Week to Detroit," said NAVCO's director, Cmdr. John Fage. "Navy Weeks give us the opportunity to help connect Americans to their Navy. We are looking forward to safely and responsibly building those connections in the Detroit area and showing everyone why their Navy is so important."
Since 2005, the Navy Week program has served as the Navy's flagship outreach effort to regions without a significant Navy presence, with more than 250 Navy Weeks held in more than

80 different U.S. markets.
"We coordinate about 75 outreach events during a Navy Week," said NAVCO Navy Week program manager Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Chambers. "Outreach events range from corporate, civic, government, education, media, veterans, community service and youth engagements. We're excited about this year's schedule as it allows us to visit new markets as well as return visits to cities like Detroit."
For more information on Detroit Navy Week, visit outreach.navy.mil/Navy-Weeks-2022/Detroit-2022/

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Outdoor yoga returns to the Detroit Zoo

Guests are invited to find inner peace at the Detroit Zoo this summer.

Yoga at the Zoo is returning to give guests a chance to practice their downward dog and warrior poses with a certified instructor while surrounded by nature and the animals who call the Detroit Zoo home. Taking place select Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August, each Yoga at the Zoo session will include a meditative flow appropriate for all skill levels in front of an animal habitat, along with a habitat chat about the featured animal.

Tickets are \$25 per session for members, \$30 per session for the general public. Each ticket includes Yoga at the Zoo admission, parking and a complimentary admission

ticket to the Detroit Zoo to be handed out upon completion of the session.

“Not only is yoga a healthy form of exercise, but Yoga at the Zoo offers a chance for guests to connect with the animals and their stories,” said Randi Hamilton, vice president of guest services, communications and marketing. “As a bonus, your admission directly supports the Detroit Zoo and the animals who live here, along with our mission to advance conservation and sustainability. This is an event that’s good for the mind, the body and the community.”

Yoga at the Zoo is limited to participants 13 years old or older. Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required. For complete class details and tickets, visit detroitzoo.org/events.



COURTESY PHOTOS

DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

Finding success after treatment

Q: Our 35-year-old daughter is about to complete a 90-day stay in treatment. Our daughter lives with her husband in a different state and is the mother of two young children. As parents, we attended the treatment center’s family program along with her husband. While there, we were told that relapse is pretty much inevitable. This has left us all in a very dark place. Her husband is very supportive of her treatment but is quite distressed with this unhelpful prognosis for her chances of staying sober. At this point, we are just looking for a ray of light to give us hope.

A: There is a false idea that has taken hold among many addiction professionals: “Relapse is part of recovery.” They often refer to addiction as a “relapsing brain disease.” We only have to look at the success rates of doctors and lawyers who participate in post-treatment recovery programs for licensed professionals—such as physician health programs or judges and lawyers assistance programs—to understand the fallacy of that thinking.

Relapse rates are very low for these groups of addicted people, not because they are licensed professionals (they tend to be more difficult to treat), but because they are engaged in programs offering a high level of recovery support for the first three to five years after treatment. Research has shown 78 percent of doctors

involved in five-year programs, for instance, never tested positive for alcohol or other drugs in those five years. The success rates of these programs demonstrate it is more accurate to think of addiction as a chronic disease that needs a plan designed for achieving long-term sobriety by providing the support necessary to maintain recovery.

Treatment, at its best, prepares the addicted person in a way that builds a capacity for achieving successful sobriety and, additionally, designs a recovery plan that offers the correct level of support after treatment. Treatment alone does not fix alcoholics and addicts.

If your daughter has been provided a solid recovery plan—often called an aftercare plan—by her treatment team and has the right kind of family support, she will start off on the right foot for maintaining lasting sobriety once she returns home. The trick is sticking with the plan as it is designed.

We offer a webpage of additional resources for topics covered in our Grosse Pointe News columns. If you’d like more information on this topic, use this link bit.ly/3OQ3rGc.

Jeff and Debra Jay are addiction professionals and authors of books for families concerned about an addicted loved one. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at lovefirst.net.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Volunteer poops out on class parties

Dear Gabby: I have a parenting problem, but for once, I'm not the one screwing up. I am a room parent for my child's school, along with two other people. One of them always volunteering, but NEVER shows up when it counts, leaving the rest of us scrambling.

For example, last holiday party, they signed up to bring balloons and

face paint and simply didn't come to the party. When they do bother showing up, and are in charge of running a game, they just talk to other parents and leave early with their child.

One parent even came to a party and sat in the hallway addressing their holiday card envelopes. The last straw occurred at the end of the year when they agreed to help run

the party — and never even showed up. I had to call my husband and mom to come help out! Is there any way to ban a volunteer?

— **PO'ed in the Park**

Dear PO'ed,
Gabby: This is a tough situation, but you are not wrong to be frustrated. I'm sure this room parent meant well by signing up, but somehow was

over-committed or just somehow clueless about how it's impacting others. In the worst case, they wanted people to think they were helping out, but had no intention of doing so.

I don't think it's off-limits to discuss with next year's teacher at the beginning of the year, should your children be in the same class again. There are surely ways



to assign a different set of tasks or lay out expectations. If you are not in the same classroom, breathe a sigh of relief and let sleeping dogs lie. From the sound of it, this parent "helper" will

quickly become someone else's issue.

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

Classic

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 12 years and are unable to have children. A year ago, my niece, "Nicole," became pregnant by her boyfriend, who then left her. She was 18. He was 20.

When her boyfriend walked out, my husband and I offered to adopt the baby. Nicole said she wanted to put the experience behind her and agreed to the adoption.

The papers were signed. We live in another city, so we invited Nicole to move in with us until the baby was born. I accompanied her to the obstetrician dur-

ing her pregnancy, and my husband and I were with her when she gave birth to her son.



Two days ago, Nicole's mother (my sister) called to say Nicole wants the baby back. It seems she and the ex-boyfriend have settled their differences and are going to be married.

My sister matter-of-factly described the previous breakup as a "misunderstanding" and

said the kids want to raise their son.

Ann, there are no words to describe how we feel. We want to retain custody of our son, but we don't want to put him through a long and protracted custody battle. Do you have any advice? We are — Living a Nightmare in New York State

Dear New York: Check with a lawyer, and learn what your chances are of winning custody. If it is likely that you will lose the child, give him up willingly and avoid an ugly court fight that could drag on for years and create wounds that may never heal. I wish you luck.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 18 years. We have two fine children. Five years ago,

my husband had an affair. I was devastated when I learned about it, but I did forgive him. He promised never to see the woman again, and he has kept his word.

Here's the problem, Ann. The woman has kept in close touch with my in-laws for the past five years. My mother-in-law is well aware that this is very upsetting to me, but she continues to be friendly to the would-be home wrecker.

Even my husband has asked his mother to stop seeing the woman, but she continues to be chummy. We moved from Florida partly to get away from this unpleasant situation, and believe it or not, this woman had the gall to move to this same small town.

My nerves are completely shot, and I am

beginning to develop health problems over this. Can you help me? — Hurt in Alabama

Dear Alabama: You cannot do anything about that woman, but you can do something about yourself. Get some counseling at once. I've often said, "Nobody can take advantage of you without your permission," and the same goes for "torturing." You must put on an emotional raincoat and let whatever comes your way slide off.

As for your mother-in-law, you have no right to dictate to her who she should socialize with, so again, dear, put on that raincoat. Meanwhile, your doctor can give you something to settle your nerves.

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Young mother careening through stressful life

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter, "Crystal," has a toxic relationship with her mother. Both have battled alcoholism. The mother did some extreme damage that has ended the possibility of Crystal regaining custody of her 6-year-old son.

My husband and I hired a lawyer to help her fight for her rights, and we have brought her to our home twice. The last time was right out of the hospital after she nearly killed herself with alcohol poisoning.

Fast-forward: Crystal is trying to mend her relationship with her mother, and now we have become second fiddle. What used to be a daily phone conversation happens now only when I call. When we try to visit them, they make excuses, and they have visited us only twice in the last six months. Her

latest plan is to stay overnight with us and spend the following day with her mom.

We are swallowing our pride so we can see our 6-month-old granddaughter, but our feelings are so hurt. Please help me take the high road. Do we talk to her or just feel crushed? — WOUNDED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WOUNDED: Your troubled stepdaughter is trying to mend fences with her mother. Try not to take personally that she has tunnel vision right now. I do not think you should address this with her at this time. Let more time elapse, and if her distancing continues, talk to her about it then.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in southern Florida. My problem

is our children, grandchildren and their spouses. When they come to visit, they only eat certain foods and need "healthy this" and "healthy that." I feel like we're being used as a hotel and restaurant.

I want to see them, but it is becoming exhausting. What should I do? — ROLLING BACK THE WELCOME MAT

DEAR ROLLING: Roll back that welcome mat. Talk to your children, grandchildren and their spouses. They may not realize the extent to which they have been imposing on you. Tell them that if they have special dietary requirements, they should buy their own foods, and you will make room in the refrigerator to accommodate them. If their presence in your home is becoming

too taxing, provide a list of affordable hotels or rentals in the area they might consider.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 91-year-old, 4-foot-8 woman who still drives and goes alone to shop and conduct business.



My problem is I am frequently approached by strangers who want to "help" me. This frightens me because I cannot defend myself. While someone holding a door

open for me is appreciated, I have no way to identify a purse snatcher

who may intend to knock me down. How can I communicate that I'm capable of caring for myself without offending the person? — GREAT-GRANDMOTHER IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR GREAT-GRANDMOTHER: You are not the only senior who has expressed these feelings. Look the person in the eye and say firmly, "I know you mean well and thank you, but NO THANK YOU. I prefer to do this myself."

DEAR ABBY: My grandparents have been very generous. They provided for me in ways my parents could not when I was a child. They allowed me to take music lessons and vacations, let me travel with them and paid for my higher edu-

cation. They also started an investment fund for me that has grown nicely.

Now I'm married (I'm 37; my husband is 42), we are financially stable and obtaining financial counseling, and we have decided to place those funds in a different form of investment. The rub is that Grandma objects to any changes to these gifts and puts pressure on us. How do I thank her for her generosity and let her know we are handling our finances now? — CUTTING THE APRON STRINGS

DEAR CUTTING: Start by telling your grandmother again how grateful you are for everything she has provided these many years. Explain to her what your investment plans are for the money that has accumulated, and your reasons for wanting to change. If she has concerns, hear them out and suggest she discuss them with the financial adviser you plan to employ, which might put her worries to rest.

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Summer ease

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

A dear friend of mine recently told me that I was unflappable. It’s not a word you hear very often.

The definition of the word means composed, relaxed and unruffled. I’m glad I typically come across that way but I assure you that my kids would disagree. I think the person who told me this is the most unflappable of all.

Summer should be about long dinners with friends. Lots of laughter and honesty fills my soul with joy and fulfillment.

For me, food is always at the heart of it. Good, tasty and thoughtful food to savor will make you take your time with each bite to simply enjoy the occasion and company.

This week, I’m bringing on more bread. My husband knows that I probably read about 200 recipes a day to get inspiration to create and then adjust them to my own liking.

Ways to use roasted garlic is the hottest thing out there right now. So let’s bring on some garlic bread.

When you roast garlic, it turns sweet and succulent when done right. Lots of fresh parsley, butter and cheese make it absolutely irresistible.

The simplicity of ingredients is so cool when you get it right and then sit back and watch the smiles of friends who eat and enjoy your latest creation.

Food brings people together in such memorable ways. Be unflappable, be confident and invent new ideas with food. Roasting garlic is just a starting point.

Cheers, Mombeau

Roasted Garlic Bread

4 heads of garlic

6 tbsp salted butter, softened

4 tbsp freshly chopped parsley

¼ cup grated parmesan

1 tsp cracked pepper

Preheat your oven to 375. Cut the top third of each garlic head, to expose every clove.

Drizzle each head with olive oil, salt and pepper, to your liking.

Wrap in aluminum foil and place in the oven for 40 minutes. Let cool for at least 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Once the garlic is cooled, take it out of the foil wrapping and squeeze into the bowl.

Mash everything together and evenly layer onto a baguette that has been sliced lengthwise.

Cook at 400 for 10 minutes, keep an eye out for desired crispiness. Slice into individualized portions.



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Regional palates

If you’re a wine lover and you’ve lived all your life in New Jersey or Virginia, chances are you like Chianti. You know the good ones from the mediocre and don’t mind splurging every now and then for a Brunello di Montalcino.

If you’re a lifelong Californian wine lover, chances are you prefer richer, softer reds and don’t like Chianti very much — and you think Brunello di Montalcino is a Verdi opera tenor.

Where we were reared tells us much about what our wine preferences are, and that relates to U.S. transportation systems dating back generations — in some cases, all the way back to the end of Prohibition, whose 100th anniversary we’ll re-celebrate in just 11 more years!

It’s been only about 75 years since regular, affordable transconti-

ental rail service allowed bulk wine to be shipped east from California. And it’s been only 50 years since the country’s fledgling national highway system had refrigerated trucks carrying bottled California wine to the east.

Before then, the vast majority of wines available to major cities along the Eastern Seaboard and the Midwest were European, most styled in classical European traditions based on cooler continental climates that featured modest sunlight, rains during the growing season, low alcohol levels and high acid levels.

As such, most of the wines consumed in the East and Midwest were designed to be put on dinner tables. They were racy and tart.

By contrast, California wines have always been

made in areas renowned for warmth, higher temperatures, lots of sun and thus lower acids and higher alcohols. The wines were bigger, richer and softer. So, Californians grew up on that style of wine.

It wasn’t until the mid-1970s when East Coasters began to experience California wines. Until then, most of what they knew wine to be was lean and edgy.

As Easterners matured from teens into adults and began to experience wine in home settings, they consumed what their parents were familiar with. These usually were the wines coming direct from Europe to the East Coast.

Historically, most people appreciated the wines they grew up with — made in the styles their grandparents and parents knew. Some of the best European wines remain better appreciated on the East Coast than in the West.

A reader sent me an email recently that said he was not much of a fan of serving California wine with food. He said they were best served all by themselves, which was his main frame of

reference for most of the California wines he was consuming.

And he added, interestingly, that on the rare occasion when he drank a European wine, he noted that it was really best when paired with food.

By coincidence, another reader said in a different email that he had noted over the last few years that quite a few European wines he was trying had alcohol levels that were much higher than they had been about 20 years earlier, and he wondered how this trend developed.

After noting that I, too, had seen more alcohol in European wines, I suggested that most of those that are being imported here with alcohols about 15 percent, for instance, might have been created specifically for the U.S. market, and that these offerings likely wouldn’t sell as well on the continent.

Additionally, I have noted that when I have traveled to Europe, many of the local cafe red wines tend to be lighter in color than are our

West Coast red wine counterparts.

People who consume mostly California wine seem to love the darker colors and darker flavors in the wines they praise the most. East Coast wine buyers, who seem to appreciate Euro styles, care much less about color and prefer wines that enhance victuals.

To sum up this thesis, I quote the late winemaker

Louis M. Martini: “The wines we like best are those to which we have become accustomed.”

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Some days, I need an activity for the kids that is away from the pool and out of the sun. I have a few qualifications for a great indoor activity. The activity must be active or creative, within a relatively close driving distance and it can't be too costly. Surprisingly, there are very few things that fit this criteria. When a friend told me about Mini Picassos' drop-in art studio in St. Clair Shores, I decided I would give it a try. Last week, on a blisteringly hot day, the kids and I drove a short 15 minutes to the new and improved studio. The stu-

dio is spacious, organized and filled with creative and interesting activities for kids of all ages. When we walked in, we were greeted by the awesome owner, Katy, who described a few different drop-in activities the kids were able to participate in. They offer creative play stations, DIY art kits for all ages and a variety of arts and crafts supplies that allow kids to create anything their imagination is capable of. My kids painted and decorated their own clipboards for school next year and painted large pieces of canvas. With the large selection



The selection of projects to choose is ever-changing and evolving each week. Look for specialty pop-ups, themed days and weeklong camps as well.

of paint colors and creative extras kids can paste onto their creations, we spent a solid two hours in the studio while the kids worked on their artwork. We had an absolute blast at the studio. The kids were so proud of

their artwork and cannot wait to go back. The price varies depending on which project your child decides to create, but Mini Picassos is a very affordable and fun option that is super close to home. This summer, in addition to its drop-in

services, Mini Picassos has half- and full-day art camps, toddler art parties and more.

To learn more about



Happy customer Leah Peabody is all smiles while creating her masterpiece.

Mini Picassos, head to minipicassosstudio.com or email mini.picassos.gp@gmail.com.



“How Does a Tadpole Grow?” & “How Does a Seed Sprout?” Life Cycles with The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle



The World of Eric Carle books are educational and fun illustrating and telling stories of life cycles. This board book fits in a young child's hands and keeps them connected as they learn something new.



“Bet you didn't know!” By National Geographic Kids

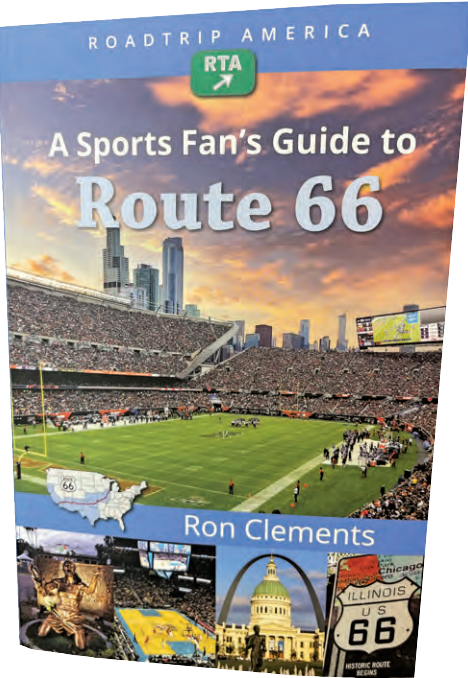
Check out this National Geographic book that stumps your parents and wows your friends! It's filled with fascinating, far-out, fun-tastic facts. Did you know that butterflies can see more colors than humans can? Learn crazy new facts with this awesome book!

“A Sports Fan's Guide to Route 66” By: Ron Clements

Through this educational read, you can plan a trip

across the U.S.A, traveling from Chicago to L.A. via Route 66, visiting sport sites and attractions. Author Ron Clements declared, “This book is for the people who have driven past a high-school, college, or professional stadium and thought, ‘I wonder what it's like to see a game there.’”

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From left, Timothée Chalamet as Gatsby and Elle Fanning as Ashleigh in the 2019 Film “A Rainy Day in New York,” directed by Woody Allen.

MOVIE REVIEW
“A Rainy Day in New York”
2019 - PG-13
1 hr 32min

I guess the best way to describe this film is that it’s just a good, old-fashioned Woody Allen movie. It has all the elements that make him one of my favorite directors — witty dialogue, great cast, an engaging soundtrack, and it’s set in New York City. What else do you need to make a rewarding movie experience?

This film harkens back to the days of “Annie Hall” and “Manhattan.” I read recently that over the past 50 years, Mr. Allen has released a movie a year, with just a few exceptions. And over that timespan, I can only think of a handful of his

movies that were less than great.

In “A Rainy Day In New York,” we meet a young couple that attends Yardley, a preppy college in Upstate New York.

Ashleigh (Elle Fanning) a journalism major gets a dream assignment — an interview with Rolland Pollard (Liev Schreiber), a world-famous film director.

Her boyfriend, the appropriately named Gatsby (Timothée Chalamet), a sophisticated young man, decides to join her for a weekend in New York City.

Ashleigh is a sweet, innocent girl who hails from Tucson, Ariz., and is the exact opposite

personality-wise of the worldly Gatsby, who comes from a moneyed New York family. He’s just itching to show her the sights in the Big Apple.

As soon as they get into the city, Ashleigh’s off to meet Rolland. But not before the two make arrangements to meet back up for a fantastic afternoon and evening on the town, visiting some of his favorite NYC hotspots.

When Ashleigh meets Rolland she’s absolutely star struck. The always-charming Fanning is perfectly cast in this role, and she just exudes small-town naiveté.

The famous director lets her in on a scoop — he hates his new film and



is about ready to pull the plug on its release. Ashleigh then goes on a series of misadventures.

She takes off with his assistant, Ted Davidoff (Jude Law) on a madcap expedition. Later on, things take an even more bizarre turn when she meets a famous heart-throb of an actor Francisco Vega (Diego Luna), who she comes close to having a hot affair with.

Meanwhile, Gatsby is having some crazy adventures of his own. While roaming the city, he runs into the sister of an old girlfriend, Chan (Selena Gomez). She’s on the set of a movie and invites him to play her boyfriend in a short scene. The two rekindle their friendship and their witty banter is classic Woody Allen.

While most of the action is taking place, the skies open up and the steady downpour visually enhances the backdrop of the city.

Needless to say, the couple fails to meet up at the various points they had planned. But they each experience the city in their own way. About what you’d expect from Mr. Allen. Almost every aspect of the film is delightful.

The cinematography is up to the usual high standards you’ve come to appreciate in his films,

thanks to Vittorio Storaro.

The dialogue is smart and pithy. And the soundtrack is just wonderful — jazz standards from the 1930s and 40s. From the Gershwins to Cole Porter, a collection of tunes familiar to any fan of musicals of that era.

The entire film has the nostalgic feel of a bygone era. If you’re looking for an hour and a half of cinematic escapism, you could do worse.

This is a film that’s destined to join the ranks of Woody Allen’s best. For those of you who’ve never seen any of his movies, this isn’t a bad place to start.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Plex, Peacock, and Prime Video.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

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

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



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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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Selena Gomez as Chan



Diego Luna as Francisco Vega.



Rolland Pollard played by Liev Schreiber.



Jude Law as Ted Davidoff

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Grosse Pointe Park After 6

Grosse Pointe Park hosted its first of three After 6 events for the summer. The event included live music, food trucks, a zip line and a carnival ride.



Kids dance to the music of Your Generation.

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Quincy Lovell hit the mark three out of four times to dunk Kelly Rossi in the dunk tank, which raised money for Defer Brownie Troop 77277.



Ella Bowersox tried out the 200-foot zip line.



Harlow Dritsan, Isabelle Kopp and Emily Quigley cool themselves with fans they purchased from a vendor.



Chase Podsiad with his daughters, Betsy and Sully, on the Dixie Twister ride.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 9 p.m. EDT today (from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. PDT). After 10:30 p.m. PDT, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 7, 2022: You are very sensitive. You have a strong, intellectual drive and constantly seek ways to improve yourself and become a better person.

You are independent, self-sufficient and loyal to family. This year you are focused on relationships because it's important to find relationships that benefit you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Thankfully, today is a lovely day for important discussions with partners and close friends. It's an excellent day to sign contracts or agree to something important because you are wearing your sensible hat. Nevertheless, be open to advice from someone older or more experienced than you. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a practical day at work, and you will be pleased because you will find it easy to accomplish a lot. Make a to-do list in the morning and get going! One of the reasons you will be productive is that you have a sober, realistic view of things today, plus you are patient. Tonight: Cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is an excellent day to teach children or young minds, because people are willing to put up with a bit of adversity to get what they want today. An older teacher, professor or someone more experienced might have good advice for you today. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Family discussions will go well today. It's easy to respect parents and older relatives and welcome their advice. After all, you don't have to reinvent the wheel, do you? Why not stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before you? Tonight: Socialize!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discussions with others will go well today, especially concerning important papers, contracts or negotiations. Because you're in a sensible frame of mind, you will realistically see what you're getting into because you will be aware of the parameters. It's a solid day. Tonight: Home and family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is an excellent day for business and commerce because whatever you do, you will do carefully and thoroughly. You also will have the discipline and strength to face some challenges if they occur. Someone older has advice for you -- listen. Tonight: Speak up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a winning day for you! Ask for what you want and, in fact, have the courage to ask for a little bit more than you expect, because you very likely will get it. Today you have great skills negotiating issues about children, the entertainment world, the arts, sports and social outings. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Quiet research done alone or behind the scenes will pay off today. This could benefit your home or some kind of domestic situation, or possibly a parent. In turn, a parent or an older family member might have practical

advice or assistance to offer you. Be open to this. Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A discussion with an older female will definitely benefit you today. In fact, whatever takes place might ultimately affect how you think about some future goals. You might change your mind about something. You might take a new approach that is more practical. Tonight: Seek solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People will respect you today. You are a bit high-viz; nevertheless, people see that you have a sober and realistic view of things, which is why they want to know your thoughts and opinions. You understand the principle of "no pain, no gain." Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is an excellent day for study. It's a good day for legal negotiations, signing contracts and making serious plans about future travel. Discussions with foreign interests and older people will go well. Listen to what others have to say before you jump in. Tonight: You are noticed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This is a fine day to deal with shared property, banking, taxes, debt, insurance issues and inheritances -- all that red-tape stuff. You have the patience, and you'll be realistic. Tonight: Explore!

BORN TODAY Musician, singer-songwriter Ringo Starr (1940), actress Eve Hewson (1991), standup comedian Jim Gaffigan (1966).

Contract Bridge

A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding: South 4♥ West Pass North Pass East Pass Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Declarer often finds himself faced with a choice of plays that seem to make no difference one way or the other. Nevertheless, he must examine such situations to see whether one play should be preferred over the other. Failure to follow this practice cost South his contract in today's deal. West led the queen of diamonds, and dummy's king was taken by East's

ace. East returned the diamond three to West's ten, and West continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed with dummy's seven of hearts and was overruffed by East's nine. East then cashed the ace of spades to put the contract down one. South would have made his game had he not covered the queen of diamonds with the king at trick one. In that case, no overruff would have taken place, and he would have lost only two diamonds and a spade. In considering his play to the opening trick, South should assume West does not have the ace of diamonds. After placing the ace with East, declarer should then conclude that nothing can be gained by covering the queen with the king. Conversely, ducking the queen can gain if East was dealt the singleton or doubleton ace. When East has the singleton ace, he is forced to play it on his partner's queen, establishing dummy's king. And when East has the A-x, the danger of a third-round overruff in diamonds is substantially reduced. So, although it does not seem to matter very much whether declarer covers the opening lead or not, which would certainly be true in most deals, the right play is to duck — just in case.

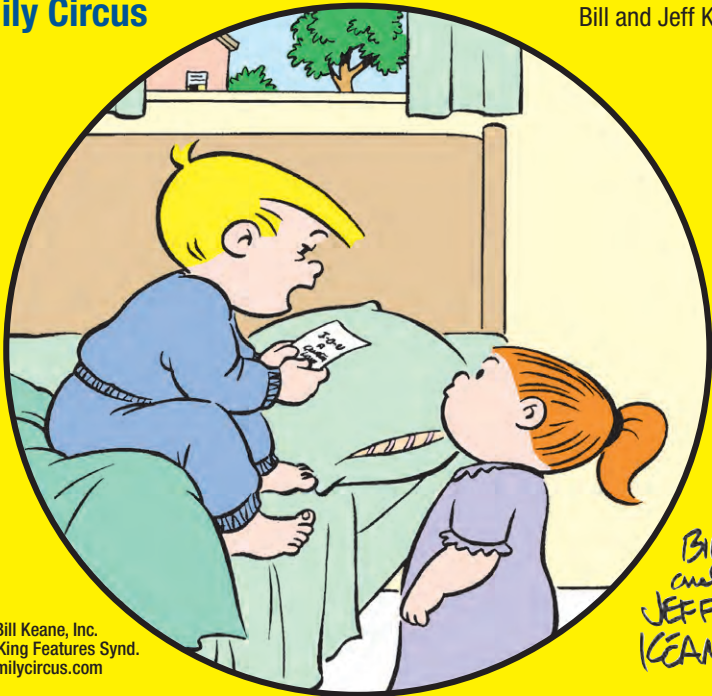
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"It says, 'I-O-U a dollar. Love, the Tooth Fairy.'"

Garfield

Jim Davis



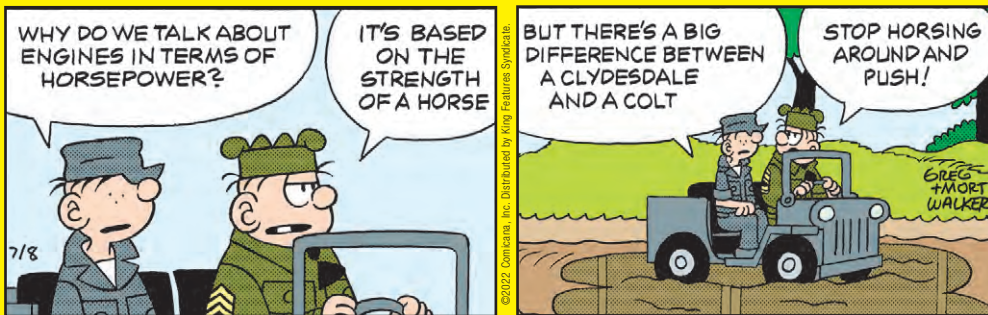
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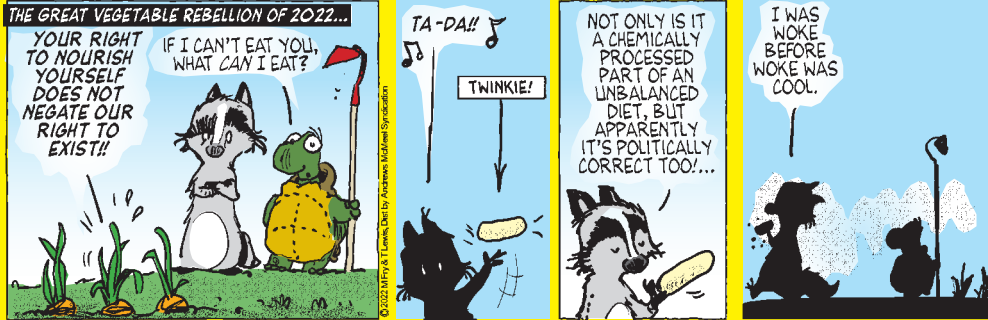
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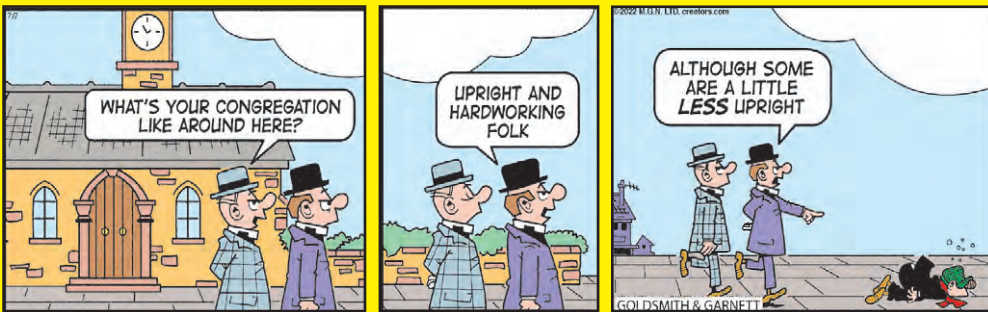
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Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



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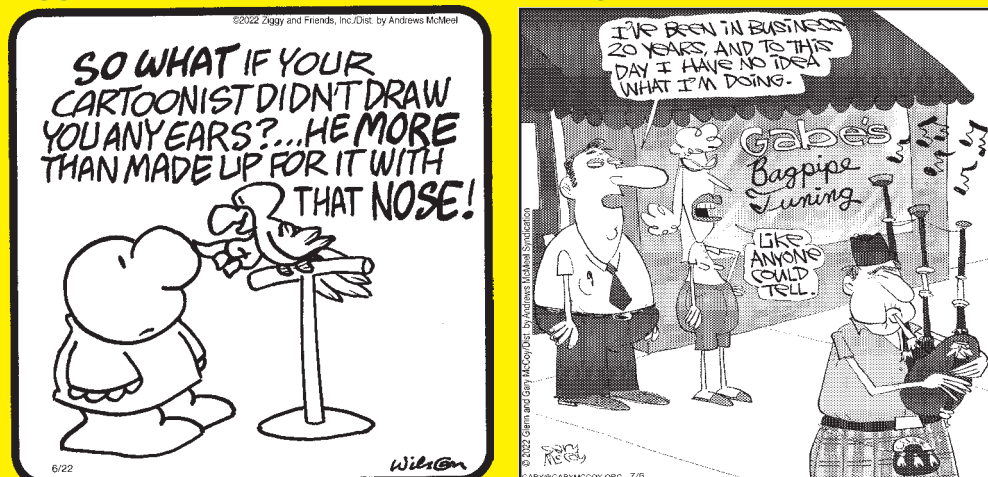


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



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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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 7, 2022

ACROSS

- Thorny flow-ers
- World capital for fjord ex-plorers
- Pub projec-tile
- "I give!"
- Fishing platform
- Notion
- "Decorative border of many bridal veils
- Melancholy
- Poe's "radi-ant maiden"
- Crop up
- "High" wa-ters
- "Garden section for a leafy green
- Small sala-manders
- Those, in Toledo
- Radio host Glass
- Big game settings
- BBQ rod
- Sty dweller
- "Marred with graffiti, e.g., to Dirt"
- (Sharon Olds poem)
- Casual meeting?
- Relative of yoga pants
- Cacophony
- Human rights lawyer Clooney
- Mexican street food items

- "Extra charge at an airline check-in counter
- Agatha Christie title?
- Straighten
- Rite sites
- Omani cur-rency
- Symbols on a score, or what all letters in the starred clues' an-swers could be
- Good name for a DNA researcher?
- Jazzed about
- Link with Tolkien's tree creatures
- Expense
- Insert
- DOWN
- Message
- "You're Still the _____" (Shania Twain hit)
- Ne'er-do-wells
- Like Kourtney, among the Kardashian sisters
- "I feel _____" ("You really get me")
- Word after "soap" or "space"
- "Ice Ice Baby," to "Play That Funky Mu-sic"
- Femur's limb

- Vein re-source
- Go off-topic
- Make up lines
- Find a new purpose for
- Brought under control
- Medic
- Long, long
- Scissors sounds
- Hair-raising
- Place to see umbrellas on a sunny day
- Helpful trait
- Feeling blue
- Mark with a sale price, say
- Green way to submit taxes
- Pester
- Audio show host
- "Head over heels," e.g.
- "Bear" has a different one than "bore"

- Annual rea-son for lost sleep: Abbr.
- Bickers at the bazaar
- bun (hairstyle)
- Skillful
- Flat-bot-tomed boat
- From another planet
- "Jack and the Bean-stalk" figure
- Refuses to put away any dishes?
- "Middle-march" writer George
- List-ending abbr.
- Industrious insects
- Karaoke prop
- Tres - dos
- In-flight guess, briefly
- Boar's pen pal

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Built to Scale by Chloe Revery

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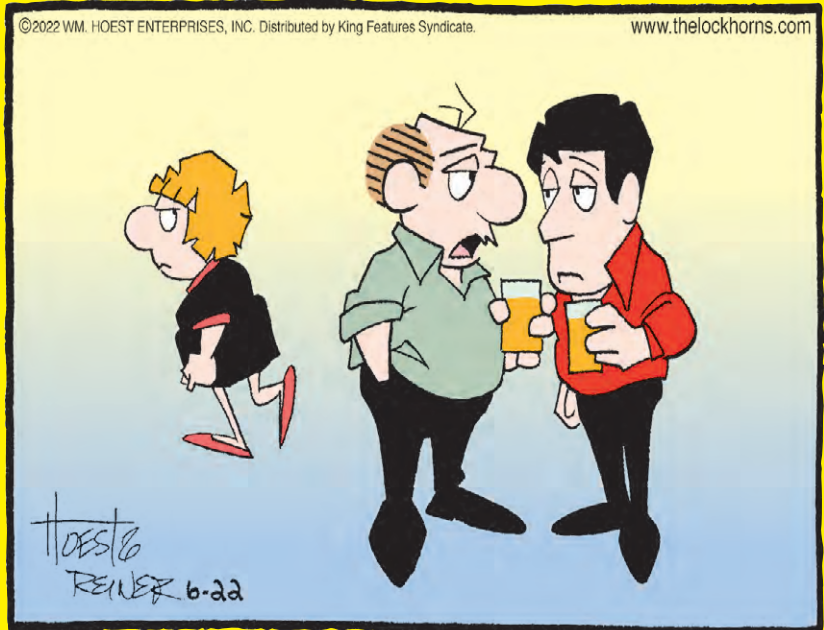
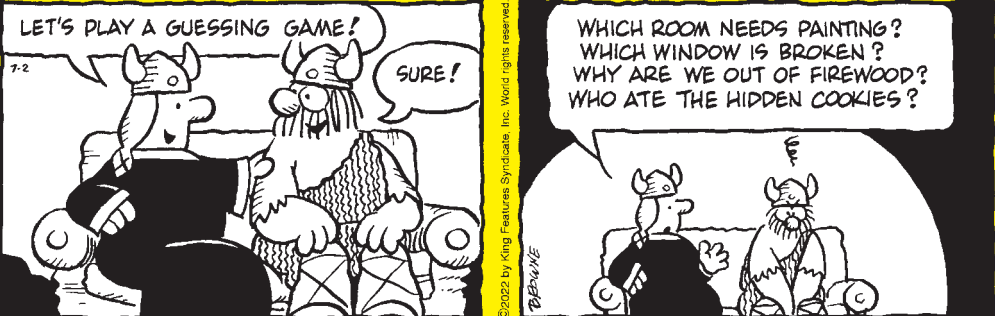


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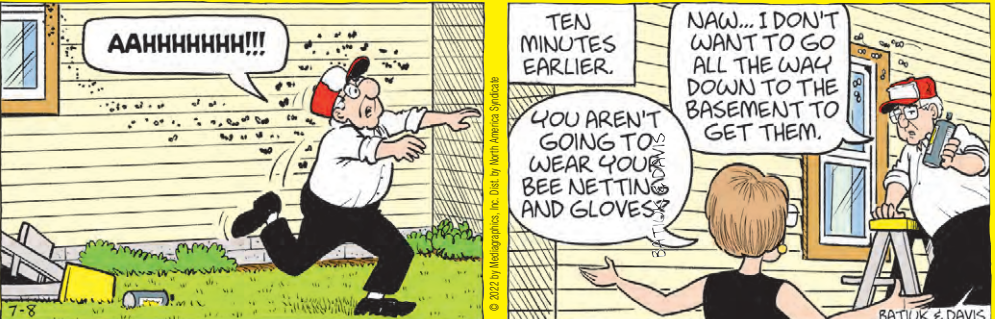
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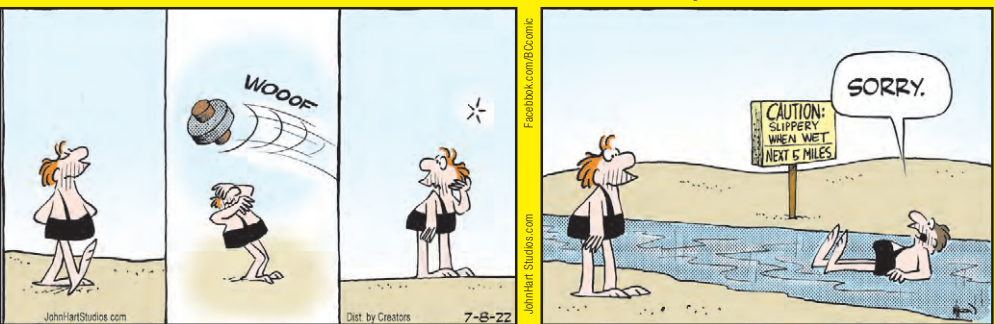
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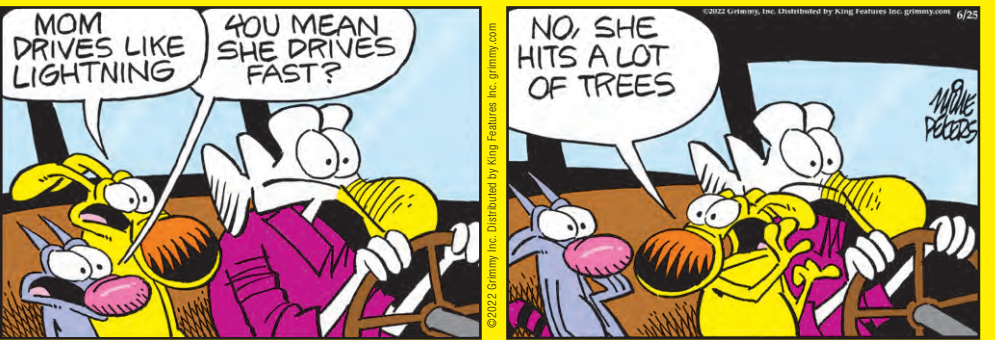
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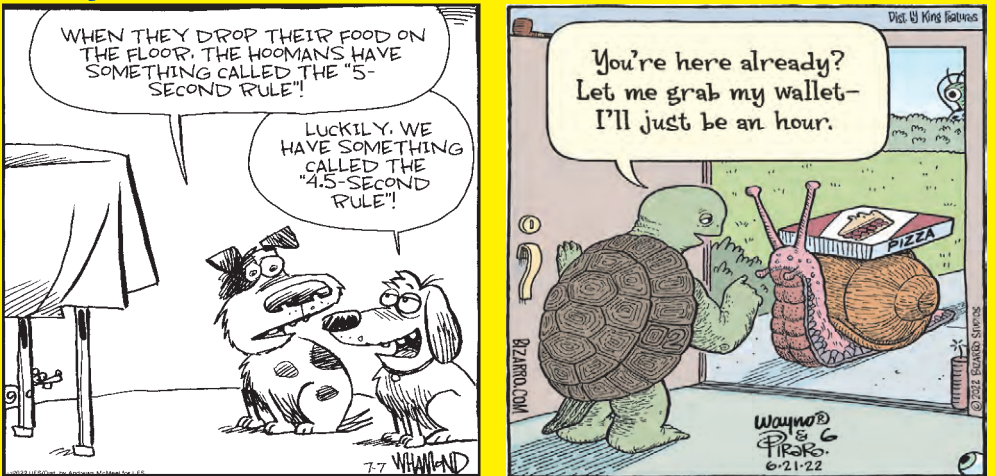


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Athlete of the Year kicks off to award \$500 scholarships

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Studies show how sports play a vital role in helping children develop physical skills, exercise, make friends, have fun, learn teamwork, sportsmanship and improve self-esteem.

But we don't need studies to know this. We witness it every day in real time, watching our local in-it-to-win-it athletes give it their all as they represent Grosse Pointe — and we could not be more proud of them.

To recognize these efforts, the Grosse Pointe News sports section launched a new concept last September — a weekly "Athlete of the Week" feature.

The idea allowed the paper to recognize noteworthy achievements and performances of 40

athletes throughout the year from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School. It also gave the community an inside look on an athlete's hard work and dedication to their sport.

Beginning today, the Grosse Pointe News is launching a contest to award \$500 scholarships to four athletes as the Pointes' "Athletes of the Year."

"With our inaugural year featuring these athletes coming to a close, we thought it would be great if we awarded four local athletes with scholarships," said Anne Gryzenia, vice president of the Grosse Pointe News. "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors of this feature, we are able to do just that."

According to Gryzenia, the scholarships will be determined by two

methods: The Grosse Pointe News staff will name one female winner and one male winner, determined by votes. Each will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The second set of winners will be decided by readers through the Grosse Pointe News website, Instagram and Facebook pages, in addition to "old school" voting by filling out a ballot in the newspaper and dropping it to our offices, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village.

Voting starts today, Thursday, July 7, and ends at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4.

The contest gives readers the opportunity to support our amazing local athletes, who — let's face it — are all winners.

It is important to acknowledge that none

of this would be possible without the support of the feature's dedicated sponsors, including Pointe Capital, Racing For Kids, Expert Heating & Cooling and Ricci Automotive.

"They enthusiastically took a chance on a new segment of the paper," Gryzenia said. "Spotlighting some of Grosse Pointe's top athletes in every sport has been an exciting endeavor for all of us at Grosse Pointe News. And judging by our readers' responses, we are not alone," she noted.

The positive impact of sports is a personal one for Jay Ricci, who along with his father, Joe Ricci, helped sponsor AOTW. Jay Ricci is a lifelong athlete, who now also coaches and sponsors youth sports as a parent and business owner. He played hockey and base-

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ball throughout his youth, eventually playing Division 1 baseball at University of Dayton.

"My brother, Andrew, and I grew up playing sports in the community and now we both coach and cheer on our kids in swimming, hockey, baseball and more," Ricci said. "Our dad was always a supporter and

sponsor and now we are thrilled to do the same."

If you are interested in becoming an Athlete of the Week sponsor for next season, we would love you to join our team. Contact us at media@grossepointe-news.com.

See our ballot on page 3D to cast your vote for Athlete of the Year.

Summer breezes mean it's time to set sail

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

If you live in Grosse Pointe and drive along Lakeshore throughout the summer, it's hard to miss the sailboats that take to the water, providing us with picturesque sights.

While experienced sail-

ors understand the ins and outs of sailing, summer is the perfect time to offer a primer on what sailing is all about.

Come aboard
Two clubs located along the water are the Pointe's main sailing source: the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Crescent Sail Yacht Club. These,

along with the Detroit Yacht Club, Pontiac Yacht Club and Bayview Yacht Club make up the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association, or DRYA. For most clubs the 2022 sailing program, which launched June 20, and the first regatta — a series of boat races — took place June 28, at Pontiac Yacht Club. Each club typically hosts one regatta during the summer months in which the racing fleets travel to the hosting club.

Junior programs

The junior sailing programs through the DRYA teach youth how to sail and race in smaller sail boats including: Optimis, Laser (with full, radial and 4.7 rigs), C420s and O'pen BICs. All of these boats other than the C420 are operated solely by one person. Optimis are typically the beginner boat, at 7 feet, 9 inches long, and are equipped with one sail, two airbags, a rudder and a centerboard. As the kids grow and improve their nautical skills, they usually move up to C420s or Lasers.

Recreation vs. racing

At most clubs, area youth have the option to

choose between racing and recreational sailing. If you are new to the sport and just want to get a feel for the water and how to operate a boat, recreational sailing is a great way to get started without the pressure of regattas. But if you have some experience under your belt and are eager to take your sailing skills to the next level, getting involved in racing is the logical next step. Regattas — full days of boat racing — can sound intimidating, but with your friends next to you on the course and no real consequences if you have an off day, the tension and pressure are low.

Sailing for kids

If you are interested in getting your kids involved in a summer sailing program, there's still time. Here's where:

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

To join sessions 2 and 3, the GPYC has made registration accessible to nonmembers and is running its program over the course of three sessions this summer:

Session 1 ran June 20 to July 1.

Session 2 runs July 4 to July 15.



Junior sailors steer their Lasers upwind. Lasers are long and narrow boats that have a uniform hull design and three interchangeable rigs with various sail areas (a full sail is the largest, with radial following and the smallest is a 4.7 sail). These sails can be swapped out depending on your weight and the wind strength. Generally, youth ages 12 to 18 are able to sail a Laser.

Session 3 finishes out the summer July 25 to Aug 12.

Interested families are eligible to join these sessions. Additionally, GPYC has established a "buddy program" that allows any GPYC member's child who has registered for a youth sailing program to bring a guest. This program was designed to expand interest in sailing and keep the kids having fun with their friends.

Crescent Sail Yacht Club

CSYC offers three sessions if you are interested in recreational sailing. These sessions are the same dates as the ones GPYC offers; however, if you want to be a part of the racing league, you will have to jump in as soon as possible as there is only one full summer session that runs June 21 to Aug. 13.

For a more personal insight on sailing, see page 5D.



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GPYC sailor Charlie Ramsdell, left, skippers a C420 with crew Billy Vogel. A C420 is manned by two people and features three sails: a mainsail (the larger one with the numbers), a jib (the smaller one up top) and a spinnaker (the colorful sails pictured in the background). The spinnaker is only put up when sailing downwind. Generally, youth ages 12 to 18 are able to race a C420.

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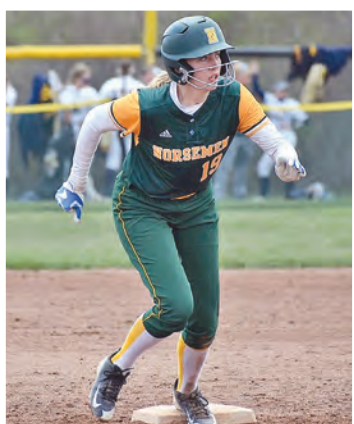
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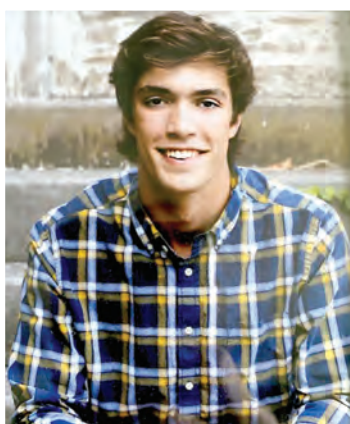
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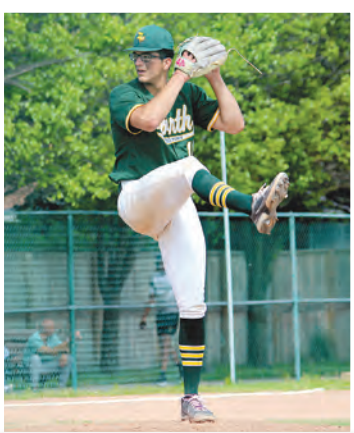
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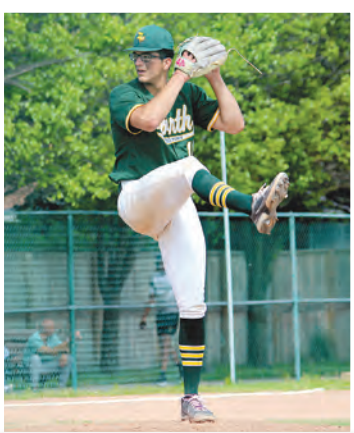
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Get set, go!

Grosse Pointe is home to three swim teams that compete in a summer league for MICSA — the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association. The Country Club of Detroit Stingrays, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailfish and Lochmoor Country Club Sea Dragons compete in an intense, 14-team league, representing golf and country clubs throughout metro Detroit. This week, the Grosse Pointe News is taking a closer look at the Sailfish and Stingrays.

Faster than fish

By Grace Cueter

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club swim team holds practice once a day for each age group, Monday through Friday, throughout summer at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. This summer, 85 swimmers from the ages of 4 to 17 are competing for the Sailfish. Their mission is to train skilled athletes in a fun and supportive learning environment.

We asked Sailfish head coach Jim Singelyn to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about his 2022 team:

- Name:

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailfish
- Team colors:

Blue, Red and White
- Coaching staff:

Head coach Jim Singelyn, assistant head coaches Elizabeth Bourke and Bill Thompson, and assistant coaches Brennan Rogowski, Tory Roth, Hannah Wheatly and Genevieve Boutrous
- Favorite tradition:

Annual parade
- Biggest rival:

Lochmoor Club or the Country Club of Detroit
- Claim to fame:

The team that has fun
- Goal(s) for the 2022 season:

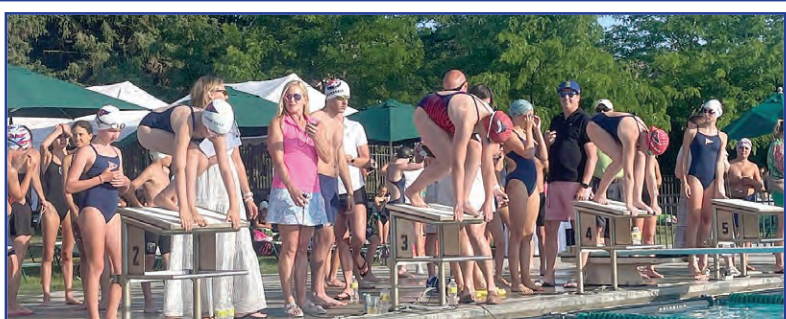
To finish in the top seven at finals and see personal best times from swimmers



Swimmers gather by the starting blocks to prepare for the last event of the meet, the medley relay.



A GPYC swimmer races for first place in a 50 meter free-style against CCD competitors.



Three members of the Yacht Club team take their marks as the announcer signals the beginning of their race.



Sailfish Allie Mattes decorates her car with balloons, streamers and drawings for the annual parade down Lakeshore from GPYC to CCD.



CCD boys swimmers ages 15 to 17 launch off of the starting blocks following the sound of the go signal.



A Stingrays coach discusses upcoming swimming events with his team during their meet against the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



A member of the CCD swim team races against GPYC swimmers in the 50 meter breaststroke.

Stingrays swim the distance

By Grace Cueter

The Country Club of Detroit Stingrays swim team practices once a day, Monday through Friday, throughout June and July at the Country Club of Detroit. This summer, 162 swimmers are competing for the Stingrays. Rather than solely focusing on the gold medal, the team makes it a priority to be a group that is both feared and respected.

We asked CCD head coach Liz Nelson to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about her 2022 team:

- Name:

Country Club of Detroit Stingrays
- Team colors:

Green and white
- Coaching staff:

Head coach Liz Nelson and assistant coaches Gabby DeLoof, Ali DeLoof, Julian Palace, Morgan Palace, Emma Burke, Hadley Gordon, Elizabeth McMahon and Raes Akkary
- Favorite tradition:

Pre-meet water cheer
- Biggest rival:

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- Claim to fame:

Building swimmers who are responsible, reliable and ready to race
- Goal(s) for the 2022 season:

Nurturing and shepherding kids to reach their highest potential



CCD swimmers jump in the water in preparation for the backstroke, with each competitor aiming for first place.

Sailing offers lifelong skills and friends

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

Clare Ramsdell is a 2022 graduate of Grosse Pointe North. Among her many duties as a summer intern at the Grosse Pointe News, including feature writing and creating social media content, Ramsdell also will provide summer sailing coverage and sports features. Ramsdell will be a first-year student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this September, majoring in philosophy, political science and economics.

I have been involved in sailing since I was practically fresh out of the womb. My parents owned a 36-foot monohull S2 sailboat called “Windchime” that we would sail around Lake St. Clair when I was just 6 months old. We also chartered sailboats in the North Channel, British Virgin Islands and Bahamas. I got my own start in the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club junior sailing program when I was 6 years old. My three older siblings already were enrolled, so it was natural for me to join them. I started off in learn-to-sail, where I sailed the full summer during the afternoon sessions. I first took a swim and capsized test, where you had to capsize your boat and then flip it back over and bail the water out (I wasn’t a fan of this



COURTESY PHOTO

Clare Ramsdell sails back to her coach with a smile on her face during a break at a regatta.

one), then we learned all the parts of a boat and how to rig it. Jumping into an Opti the first time was scary, no doubt. However, the only way to learn to sail was to be on the water and in the boat. I learned how to trim my sail, tack, and jib to move my boat left and right. I spent each afternoon in the sun, lathered in sunscreen of course, and most days at 4 p.m. my friends and I would run up to the pool and swim for hours before finishing the day off with pizza and milkshakes. The first year was all learning and getting a feel for the boat and by

my second summer, I joined the green fleet. Green fleet is essentially the beginner racing fleet. Sailors are coached on the course, the rules are simplified and the course is shortened. Eventually, I moved up to the red, white and blue fleets. White fleet is for sailors 10 and younger, blue fleet is for sailors 11 and 12 years old, and red fleet is for kids 13 to 15 years old. These sailors all race on the same course. Moving up to red, white, and blue was scary. I could no longer have a coach by my side during the race and the kids all seemed more

intense. At first, when we would travel to regattas I almost always crossed my fingers for a postponement so I could just sit around and eat peach rings with my friends. Unlike my brothers, I almost never received a flag at the end of a regatta. Flags were awarded to sailors who had placed first, second or third overall. In fact, I think I placed first in a single race once in my whole sailing career. But, I began to love being out on the water and in control of my boat, milling along and talking to the other kids at the back of the fleet. Every day I showed up

to sailing in a green “life is good” hat and a pink watch, excited to see my friends and get on the water — and even more excited when it was “Fun Friday” and we got to go on power boat joy rides and swim (or prank Crescent Sail Yacht Club). Sailing is a sport that challenges young athletes to use their minds as much as, if not more than, their physical abilities to succeed. On the water, you need to be constantly aware of wind position to orient yourself and sail your boat in a manner that will be most advantageous and fast. I have gained friendships and

lifelong memories from this sport. There was one girl I gravitated toward; we immediately became friends and continued sailing together for years. One memory she and I still laugh about to this day is when we were at a regatta on a super windy day. I capsized mid-race and then she capsized right after me in the same area, so we came together and started to help each other bail our boats out. However, this proved inefficient since we both just capsized again. Being together made the scary weather conditions less scary and we just laughed as our boats kept flipping over and getting filled up with water over and over. Once I started high school I didn’t have as much time for sailing. I started playing lacrosse during the spring, which is the same season as high school sailing, and during the summer I did multiple other sports camps and eventually had a job. While I took a break from the sport, my siblings all participated in high school sailing and my brothers both went on to be sailing coaches. I have not forgotten my way around a sailboat and I can tie almost any knot. Sailing is one of those special sports you can continue to practice at all ages and equips you with a lifelong skill.



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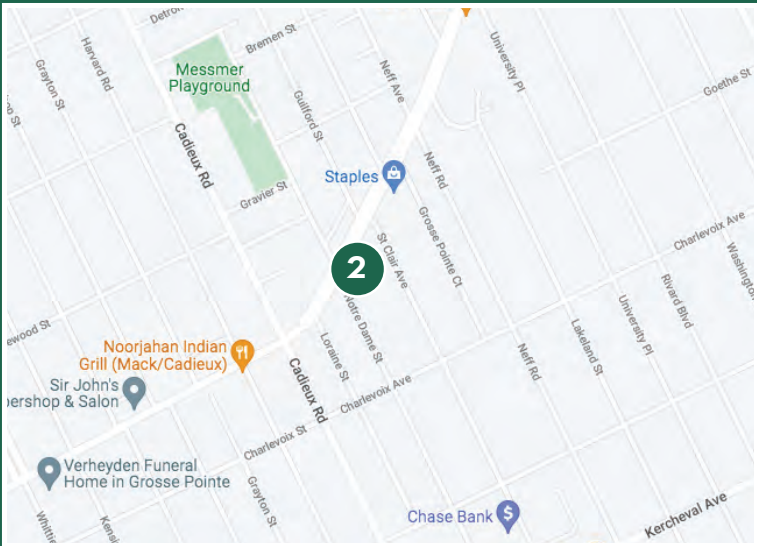
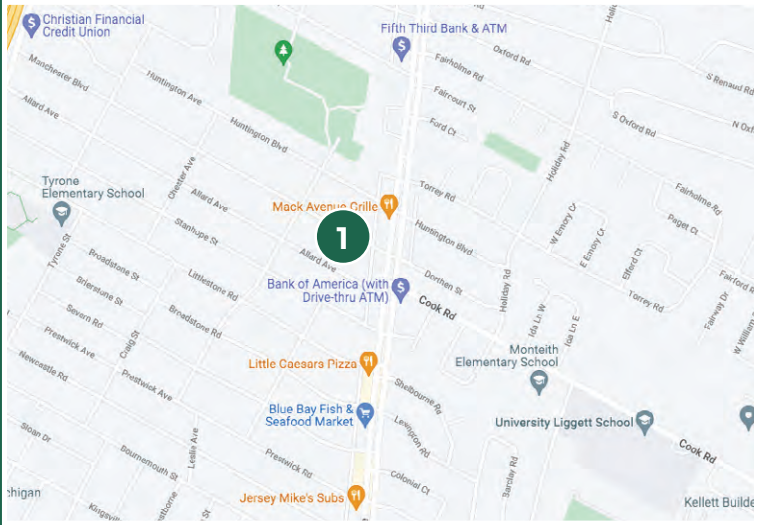
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