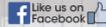




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## Fourth of July schedule changes

The Grosse Pointe News is changing the deadline for its July 6 issue due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Letters to the Editor must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, to be considered for the July 6 newspaper.

Information for obituaries is required by 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, to be included in the July 6 edition.

The deadline for all display advertising is 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 28.

Classified ads are required by noon Friday, June 30.

The Grosse Pointe News office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. It will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 5.



## State champs!

Grosse Pointe North girls soccer earned its first state championship trophy in program history Friday, June 16, defeating East Grand Rapids 3-2 in a penalty shootout to win the Division 2 final. Read more about the game on page 1D.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

## Roadwork season starting soon

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The construction season begins soon with roadwork on Kercheval.

A four-block section from west of Balfour to beyond Bedford is slated for resurfacing now that the school year is over and students are on break from

Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools.

Kercheval is closed to traffic in the construction zone to speed work during the anticipated five-week project.

Most of the nearly \$675,247 construction cost is funded by a \$415,000 federal grant administered through the state transportation department. The

balance is paid from the city's major and local street fund. Engineering fees add another \$99,500.

The lowest of four bidders, Florence Cement Co. of Shelby Township, won a low-bid contract for the job in February. Failed bids ranged up to more than \$738,000.

"Work consists of cold milling

the existing surface, repairs to the existing concrete base and two courses of overlay," according to a summary by Patrick Droze, an associate with the Park's engineering consultants, OHM Advisors. "Work also includes replacement of significantly deteriorated structures, including sidewalks, curbs, driveways and permanent traffic control signs. Sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to Americans

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SUMMER FASHION PREVIEW

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This repair of the Lakeshore seawall near Warner was among 13 sites fixed last summer.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



## 22 more seawall sites set for repair

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES** — Following a months-prior announcement that an additional \$1.2 million in state funding through the Michigan Economic Development Corp. would be allocated toward the Lakeshore seawall in the current

fiscal year, Grosse Pointe Farms City Council last week approved the repair of another 22 locations where the city's engineers — Hubbell, Roth and Clark — found emergency work to be warranted.

"Last year, we were allocated \$750,000 in emergency funding for repairs of the seawall through the Michigan

Economic Development Corp., and we awarded that contract last year to Artie's Concrete, who really has done a very good job," City Manager Shane Reeside said, before council unanimously awarded the upcoming work to the same company. "The repairs are substantial.

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## Rookie makes good

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — More than 20 years before George Perles led the Michigan State Spartans to a 1988 Rose Bowl victory, he coached the football team at now-closed St. Ambrose High School, one block from the Park police station.

Perles' philosophy of "work hard, keep your mouth shut and good things will happen" must linger in the neighborhood.

Or else it comes naturally to Jim Bostock, the city's new public safety director.

"He's the kind of guy that if I wanted something done and told him to do it, it was done," said Dave Hiller, chief when Bostock was hired in 2003. "No fanfare, no nothing. All I know is when he came back, it was well done."

Hiller attended Bostock's swearing-in ceremony Friday, June 16, in the department fire truck garage.

"Twenty years ago, Chief Hiller hired me,"

Bostock said. "He said, 'We're expecting big things out of you. In 25 years, you could be chief.' And here we are. Thanks for those kind words. I'll hopefully live up to them."

The ceremony had to be rescheduled from city council chambers when organizers learned how many scores of Bostock's supporters planned to attend.

Bostock said, "I wouldn't be in this position if it weren't for the many people who are here that helped me along my path — my parents, coaches, family, teammates, former bosses and, most importantly, the men and women of the department here in Grosse Pointe Park."

Bostock and Farms Deputy Chief Andrew Rogers began their careers in the Pointes around the same time.

"We moved up through the ranks and he's the best man for the job," Rogers said. "We both have an enthusiasm to

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## Questions remain in overdose deaths

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Police are asking the public for help in the ongoing investigation into the drug overdose deaths of three people the evening of

Saturday, June 10.

"If anyone out there knows anything, I wish they'd come forward," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "I think someone has a guilty conscience."

Kosanke said the three deceased — one male

and two females — were in their late 20s, but would not give their actual ages. Kosanke did confirm the two females were sisters and that two of the people were found at a house on Canterbury.

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Retired Detroit policeman Bill Bostock pins the chief's badge on the dress uniform of his son, Jim Bostock, during the latter's swearing-in ceremony as Grosse Pointe Park public safety director June 16.

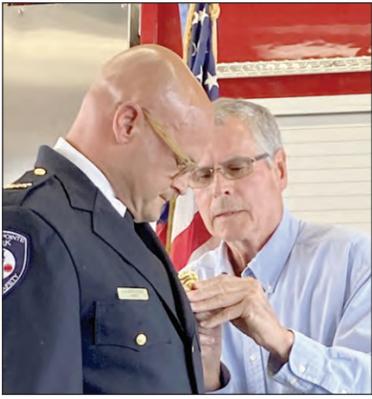


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fight fires."

"Jim is class act, an all-around good guy who is dedicated to the city," said Steve Poloni, manager of the Shores, retired Shores officer and former director of Shores, City and Park public safety.

"Public safety is the lifeblood of our community," said Park Manager Nick Sizeland, kicking off the ceremony. "Seeing how many people are here today is tremendous."

"This is the day you stand tall with all of us leading the way," Mayor Michele Hodges told Bostock. "You are smart, respected. I've seen you in action and I've heard it from your team. You're the cream of our crop."

"Public safety is extremely important to Grosse Pointe Park and that means selecting the right leader is our No. 1 priority," said Park Councilman Martin Councilman Martin McMillan, chairman of the public safety committee. "Jim Bostock is the right person for the job. He leads by example, which is exemplified by his numerous commen-

datations, but also his calm and professional approach and the way he interacts and respects each and every one of our citizens."

"The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety's mission is simply this: to keep the residents, businesses and visitors to Grosse Pointe Park safe," Bostock said. "We continue to recognize the badge of our office as a symbol of public faith. We accept it as a public trust. Our mission is going to be accomplished through excellent service, community outreach, integrity, professionalism, transparency and accountability, where we all are accountable to each other."

His father, Bill, a retired Detroit police officer, pinned the chief's badge to his uniform.

"From the time my son was a little kid, you knew he was destined for good stuff," Bill Bostock said. "We are so proud of him, no doubt about it."

One of Chief Bostock's two sons, Reggie, 22, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran shortly to become a journeyman electrician, attended.

"My dad set the standard for everybody," Reggie Bostock said.

Third Pointe adopts Hope Not Handcuffs

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Unintentionally coming off a weekend when three overdose deaths were reported out of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms City Council unanimously approved a public safety partnership with Hope Not Handcuffs Monday, June 12.

With the policy having gone into effect the next day, the Farms joins the City and Park as the third Pointe to adopt the program offered through Families Against Narcotics, or FAN — a nonprofit helping those affected by substance use disorder.

"This program gives people who are strug-

gling with addiction to things like drugs or alcohol the opportunity to come in (and) ask for help without the fear of things like outstanding warrants, being under

lobby. Or history of violence against law enforcement."

Through Hope Not Handcuffs, anyone struggling with addiction can walk into any participat-

day. The program also supplies departments with comfort kit bins, which contain hygiene products, clothing and food, so the participant can go straight to treatment without stopping home.

"There's no question about it," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said. "The need is urgent."

St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods for a number of years already have been among the 135 participating departments across the state. Grosse Pointe Woods, even prior to the recent overdose deaths, reported intent to take part upon the completion of an accreditation pro-

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the influence at the time (or) being in possession of drugs at the time," Public Safety Director John Hutchins said. "... The only screening would be (for) something like a violent felony, just to protect our officers and our dispatchers when they walk into the

ing police department and ask for help without fear of arrest. The officer or dispatcher then will contact FAN, which will send a volunteer "angel" likely within the hour to personally support the person and help him or her get placed into treatment, often the same

Party on Kercheval Saturday

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Lisa Brancato and the Sprout House crew are cooking up something special for Kercheval After 6.

"We'll be serving samples of our spicy noodles," said Brancato, co-owner of the natural food market located in the middle of what becomes Saturday, June 24, the first of three street parties this summer.

Kercheval After 6 runs 6 to 10 p.m. between Maryland and Nottingham and springs from a partnership between area shopkeepers and Park officials.

Live music, carnival

rides, special vendors, food trucks and attractions draw big crowds to the family-oriented celebrations of summer.

Attendees are willing to park blocks away, but also can commute on the K-Line Trolley along Kercheval from Stephens in the Farms, with stops along the way.

This weekend's musical headliner is Nick Kuhl and the Gang, a rock-soul-pop-Motown band with uniformly 5-out-of-5 ratings on weddingwire.com.

"Best band to hire in metro Detroit," wrote a reviewer.

"Everyone raved about you nonstop, still four weeks after the wedding," wrote another.

"After 6 are our biggest events," said Joe Hebeke, founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association. "They attract the largest crowds to the Park and give us exposure that we wouldn't get without them."

"It's a great opportunity to showcase who we are," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "The city wants our residents to have fun and to attract people from outside Grosse Pointe Park to be aware of the businesses. We're glad to be working with our partners in the business community and donors."

Participating in After 6 helps Brancato spread the word about Sprout House.

"Last year, we had tons of people coming in saying they'd walked by but never had a chance to stop in," she said. "It was wonderful. It underscores our mission to be part of the Grosse Pointe community."

Attractions this time are a Dixie Twister carnival ride, Jurassic Park motor pool of vehicles modeled after those in the blockbuster movies, LBC Rangers dunk tank and a return of ax throwing.

Special food vendors are Pure Mitten BBQ, People's Pierogi Collective, Eight Claws Crab & Seafood Boil, Sno Biz Detroit, The Little Donut Factory and The French Cow Crepe Shop.

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They're repairs that would last many years if we don't do any additional work in those areas."

Last summer's work saw the repair of 13

sites along the three-mile stretch between the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Warner Road, although the majority rested in the Farms where the worst deterioration existed. This season, Reeside reported, repair sites will be more evenly split between the Farms and Shores.

The whole of repair work in the Shores will take place between Clairview and Woodland Shores. Planned sites in the Farms are spread out along its section of sea-

wall, although more so toward the southern end of the city.

With the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers currently in the process of making a federal interest determination — this would determine whether the project warrants additional federal funds — a long-term costal solution also may be on the way.

Reeside explained a more permanent solution would try to incorporate the work that's already been done.

"We're on dual tracks," Mayor Louis

Theros noted, "so while we repair some of these items, there's also progress going forward on an 80-year solution."

"The Army Corps (is) in the middle of its analysis," he continued. "Unfortunately they work at a glacial pace, no pun intended, so while we've got the money, we obviously want to protect Lakeshore as much as possible. And for our citizens' protection more than anything, because so many people walk on that side and we've really got to fix those bad areas."

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Kosanke would not reveal where the third person was located.

"The unfortunate thing

is people get on social media and pass on bad information," Kosanke said. "We're working every single day to solve this."

He added it could be the end of summer before autopsy and/or toxicology results are known.

"I know departments that have been waiting for results since April," he added. "People watch too many crime shows and think it should be solved in an hour. The reality is it doesn't work

that way."

Public safety departments in all five Pointes sent out an advisory message Thursday, June 15, indicating drug overdose deaths are on the rise and people can seek help by calling the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline at (800) 662-HELP (4357).

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.

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# Shores fire ready to attack

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Residents were able to check out the newest addition to the public safety department ahead of city council's meeting Tuesday, June 20.

"It's a pumper truck but in the industry it's called an attack because it's meant to get in close and suppress fires," Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said. "It's for getting water on the fire as quickly as possible."

Attack 4 is a 2023 Ford F-550 extended cab with a V-8.

Werenski said Lt. Ron Coste, who also serves as deputy fire chief, oversaw the project.

"He's our expert on this type of thing," Werenski said. "He outfitted it to be more than just a pumper."

Surrounding the 300-gallon tank are several compartments that contain everything officers might need on the scene of a fire.

Pull-out compartments contain air tanks that are situated so officers can back up to them and eas-



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**Attack 4 is the newest addition to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.**

ily slip the harness over their shoulders. The rear contains battery-operated tools including a Jaws of Life, circular saw and chainsaw.

Above that is 600 feet of hose.

"We have a lot of long driveways, especially along Lakeshore," Werenski noted. "We can drop the hose at the street, connect it to a hydrant and then drive right up to the house."

Other compartments contain axes, fire extinguishers, fans and a gen-

erator.

"It's not just one-dimensional," Werenski said of the \$245,000 vehicle.

Attack 4 also carries a lithium-ion battery fire blanket, made especially for extinguishing electric car fires.

"My guys estimated there are probably one to two dozen electric vehicles in the Shores, so we thought it would be a good idea to carry one of these," Werenski said. "You drag it over the vehicle and it smothers

the fire. It's more effective because an electric car fire can take copious amounts of water to put out."

The blankets, which cost between \$900 and \$1,500, are single-use.

"It has to stay with the vehicle because they can easily reignite," Werenski added.

As for the actual pumping, the truck can put out 1,500 gallons a minute.

"We haven't had to use it yet, knock on wood," Werenski said, "but we're ready."

# GPP Foundation gives \$30K to police

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The Detroit Tigers could make a pennant run by signing the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Because, unlike the Tiger's second-lowest batting average in the majors, the foundation has struck again.

And whenever the foundation strikes, it gets a hit.

The latest comes in the form of two donations to the public safety department.

Donations total \$30,165:

◆ \$23,765 pays for renovation of the women's shower and locker room and

◆ another \$6,400 funds two command officers attending a four-day law enforcement conference in San Diego during October.

"To be in partnership with one heck of a foundation is good news for our taxpayers," said Mayor Michele Hodges during the June 12 council meeting. "These are the budget-relieving measures that we're looking for."

The public safety department women's locker room and shower date nearly unchanged to 1985.

"(They) are in need of updating," Chief Jim Bostock said.

Renovations are contracted to GPH Services.

The company is owned by former Australian Drug Enforcement Agency detective Aaron Whittaker and based in

a 1923-vintage building on Charlevoix at Wayburn, used variously as a legitimate theater, movie theater, ice skating rink and art gallery.

Construction already has started.

"It's not a big job, just replacing some tile and refreshing the shower area," Whittaker said. "We should be wrapping it up in the next couple days."

"The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is (paying the donation) directly to GPH Services," Bostock said.

The conference in San Diego is the International Association of Chiefs of Police's largest event of the year, according to the organization's website, theiacpconference.org.

The program includes but is not limited to critical incident management, community engagement, recruitment, hiring, retention and training.

"The conference will bring together police leaders from around the world to discuss current issues challenging our profession and identify meaningful solutions that will help our public safety department best serve the community," Bostock said.

"Please bring back those management solutions we're looking for," Hodges told Bostock, referring to budget and manpower matters. "And thank you, again, to our foundation."

Bostock will attend the conference with Lt. Terry Hayes.

# Farms regatta to return for 70th year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Farms families have a long lineup of options to keep occupied this Fourth of July weekend with the 2023 Regatta presented by the city and Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Friday, June 30, through Sunday, July 2.

"I'm just most excited for the camaraderie, for families to have a fun and safe place to come to on the holiday weekend," Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Vice Commodore Vicky Ross said. "It's a riot. Just to see the kids smiling and laughing and families together and friends, it's really something and it really epitomizes the community activity that we have."

Joining a variety of returning events, new this year will be a 3-on-3

basketball tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 1.

"We decided to add the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which is co-ed, for the older kids," Ross said, "because the bike parade is geared toward the little kids, so we decided to do something at 9 a.m. for the bigger kids."

Find a schedule of the weekend's events below:

## Friday, June 30

◆ 6 to 7 p.m. Children's Art in the Park — Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest (check in at the info tent)

◆ 7 p.m. Farms Cup Sail Race in the gazebo area

◆ 6 to 10 p.m. Regatta Island Party — Live music by Jarrod Champion, food and cash bar in the pavilion and stage area

## Saturday, July 1

◆ 9 a.m. 3 on 3 basket-

ball tournament — eight and ninth grade, as well as 10th through 12th grade on the basketball courts

◆ 10 a.m. Bicycle Parade — Decorating contest led by a superhero character at the info tent

◆ 10 a.m. Yoga in the Park between volleyball

and tennis courts (bring your own mat)

◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Picnic Table Decoration Contest

◆ 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Beer and wine tent, as well as cash bar

◆ 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lobster food truck near

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weekend, the After 6 on Kercheval summer series is July 22 and Aug. 26.

Presenters are Red Crown restaurant, The Bricks Pizzeria, Coreander's Children's

Bookshope, LeRouge Boulangerie, Brine Oyster House and Active & Leisure.

Gold-level sponsors are Atwater in the Park, Brosnan Builders, Donald K. Pierce & Company, Harvey Animal Hospital and Pointe Alarm.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JUNE 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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cess the department currently is undergoing.

"The only Grosse Pointe we haven't heard from is the Shores," said Dean Dauphinais, communications manager and operations assistant for FAN.

Hope Not Handcuffs was created in February 2017 — 9,777 people have been placed into treatment through the program to date — but Dauphinais noted past struggles getting the program implemented in the Pointes.

Some of the resistance, he said, could be traced to an unwillingness for any single department to adopt it unless all five would, but some seemed also to relate to a belief that such a program is unneeded in the Grosse Pointes.

"I live in Grosse Pointe," Dauphinais told the Farms council. "I've lived in Grosse Pointe for

55 of my 61 years. I grew up in the Woods, moved to the City (and) I've lived in the City for the last 33 years. I also have a son who's 33 years old and has struggled with addiction since he was 15.

"It can happen to anybody," he later added. "Addiction doesn't discriminate. You don't think it can happen to you until it does. And when it does, it's kind of hell on earth and you want somewhere to go for resources."

Aside from going through the public safety stations, anyone battling addiction also is invited to call Hope Not Handcuffs directly at (833) 202-4673 or complete an online assessment form at hopenothandcuffs.com to be contacted.

"Everything that we do is free of charge to anybody that needs it," Dauphinais said. "Nobody pays for any of our services and it's a great resource for anybody who's struggling."

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# Grosse Pointe North grad earns spot in selective exchange program

By Grace Cueter  
Staff Intern

After four years of German classes and a lengthy application process, recent Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Jake Sachs is heading to Germany in August for a year abroad.

German has been a predominant part of Sachs' life for the entirety of his high school career and even prior when his brother, Grant Sachs, would speak the language in their home. Sachs has learned from his family and found a second family within the German program at North.

"The program at North, I can't talk it up enough," Sachs said. "The German teacher, Susan Sipos, is the greatest woman on earth. She is so kind and when you stay with the same group of kids every year, it just feels like a little family. It's fun."

Outside the classroom, Sachs has worked to master the language.

He does this through German media. For him, this includes German music, German television sources, German news sources and German settings on Netflix.

"The best way I can practice German outside of class is media," Sachs said. "Not only does that expose me to some of the culture and some of the aspects of German life that are different to prepare me even further, but it can also vastly develop my linguistic skills."

The exchange program Sachs is a part of is CBYX, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. To apply for a spot in the program, there are two rounds of assessments. First, they use three components to assess applicants: five essays, a letter to a potential host family and an interview. The first round narrows down applicants from around 300 to close to 75. Then, those 75 become 50 after questionnaires and paperwork.

During the interview

portion of the application, personality is taken into account. This process ensures students will be able to smoothly transition into life with a host family.

"They assess us on 10 different factors, such as open mindedness, adaptability — and one of them is even a sense of humor — and all of these different qualities that they look for in a really fitting exchange student," Sachs said.

Sachs earned a spot as one of 50 students who will spend the upcoming year in Germany.

"I was blessed enough to make it to the end," Sachs said. "I am incredibly grateful for everybody who has helped me get to the place and the scholarship that I did."

The selected students will leave in August. They first spend a week in Washington, D.C., followed by a month in a learning-intensive language program, before being sent to a host family in Germany who they live with until June 2024.

During the experience, Sachs will attend school in Germany and live as if he is a German citizen. One of the aspects that is most exciting to him is the program's focus on foreign diplomacy and foreign relations. CBYX is funded by the U.S. Congress and Germany's Bundestag, the country's equivalent of a congress.

"There are moments where we meet German Congress members and interact and learn about the German political system," Sachs said. "I'm very, very interested in foreign politics and international relations. It is a brilliant opportunity."

Sachs is not the first Norsemen to be accepted into the program. Recent graduate Marc Mueller spent the 2022-23 school year in Germany and assisted Sachs throughout the application process.

"He has really helped me," Sachs said. "If I ever had a question, I had somebody to go to. He has pushed me to keep my drive and my



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**Jake Sachs and classmate Zoey Crossley celebrate during North's recent commencement ceremony. Sachs received a red graduation cord for his upcoming exchange experience.**

passion in regards to this program. I'd be very, very lucky to come back and say my experience was like Marc's."

Planning to immerse himself in German culture, he is looking to come back with a fresh world view and fluency in the language.

"I'm hoping to come back with a second language in my back pocket," Sachs said.

As he prepares for his

year abroad, Sachs is focusing on the mental aspect, balancing his excitement and nervousness.

"It's all about mindset at this point, understanding that this is going to be incredibly difficult, but also incredibly rewarding and worth every moment," Sachs said. "I'm incredibly excited and I'm a little bit nervous. That's part of the fun."

## ROADWORK:

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with Disabilities Act standards. Permanent pavement markings will be applied to create safe and highly visible pedestrian crossing areas."

It is routine for cities to retain consulting engineers.

"In particular with Kercheval paving, because we are receiving federal dollars, all of those contracts, payrolls and wage rates have to be reviewed and submitted as part of receiving those grants," said Warren Rothe, assistant Park manager.

### Alleys and lot

Also upcoming but not set in stone is repaving portions of four alleys in the Cabbage Patch district between Jefferson and Mack avenues.

"We tried to pave alleys last year but were unsuccessful," Rothe said.

The job was too small to attract serious bidders. In response, city officials this year are trying to sweeten the deal by adding city hall parking lot resurfacing.

"We're hoping that by lumping alley work into the municipal lot paving it will attract much more interest and we'll get better bids and a contract in place," Rothe

said.

Alley work consists of:

- ◆ between Wayburn and Maryland from Hampton to St. Paul,
- ◆ between Wayburn and Maryland from Vernor to Charlevoix,
- ◆ between Maryland and Lakepointe between the city hall parking lot and St. Paul and
- ◆ north of Vernor from Maryland to Beaconsfield in the Kercheval business district.

Prospective contractors are being asked to do more than resurface the roadway and repair underlying concrete.

"Work also includes replacement of sanitary sewer manhole covers to

reduce stormwater inflow," Droze said.

Park officials budgeted up to \$447,000 for the parking lot, \$125,000 for alleys and an additional \$42,000 for engineering fees.

### St. Clare

Although not in a public right of way, construction is expected to begin soon on St. Clare of Montefalco's underground infrastructure and parking lot resurfacing between Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

The city is paying \$179,000 to install a new water main while St. Clare pays to disconnect the lot's storm drains from the municipal sewer system. Doing so reduces runoff into the storm water system, reducing the odds of flooding during heavy rains.

"We had a pre-construction meeting with St. Clare of Montefalco," Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said earlier this month. "It should start in the next two to three weeks."

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# Woods woman charged in I-94 fatal crash

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**HARPER WOODS** — A 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman is facing charges after a fatal accident on I-94 Tuesday, June 13, that left a 23-year-old Roseville man dead, according to a press release from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Brooke Lynn-Denise Charles was arraigned in 36th District Court Saturday, June 17, on one count each of operating while intoxicated causing death, leaving the scene of an accident and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Michigan State Police reports say Connor McMahon, a first-year teacher at Fraser High School, was on the shoul-

der of I-94 near Beaufait sometime after 10 p.m. the night of the accident changing a flat tire on his vehicle. Police said Charles drove off the road and hit McMahon before leaving the scene on foot. She was arrested by Harper Woods Public Safety soon after.

McMahon was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

"A series of horrible — and allegedly criminal decisions by now Defendant Charles — led her to being charged with numerous offenses," Worthy said in the press release. "The messaging about drinking and driving has been around for decades. It cannot be repeated enough."

Charles is scheduled for a probable cause hearing at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28.

## REGATTA:

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community building

◆ noon Pie-eating contest in pavilion

◆ noon to 3 p.m. Face painting near pool entrance; bounce houses near gazebo; magician; children princesses performing on stage; superhero characters strolling the park

◆ 2:30 p.m. Yellow ducky races on beach

◆ 3 p.m. Inflatable boat races on beach

◆ 3 to 6 p.m. Cornhole toss tournament near pavilion

◆ 4 to 5 p.m. Sandcastle contest on beach

◆ 4 to 5 p.m. Closest-to-the-pin contest near gazebo

◆ 6 to 10 p.m. Live music by "Not 2 Nite"

**Sunday, July 2**

◆ 1 p.m. Pet parade (meet in front of community building)

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Open for business

A backpack containing \$100 in cash and prescription medication was stolen from an unlocked Jeep parked in the 800 block of Neff between 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, and 10:30 a.m. the next morning.

### Threats

A 77-year-old Farms man was reported by hospital staff after making veiled threats about a gun at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, June 15.

### 2-wheel getaway

Two juveniles were arrested while fleeing after stealing two bikes from in front of a business in The Village at 9 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

### Keyed car

A 6-foot white man is being sought for scratching the hood of a 2022 Cadillac with a key as he walked by it in The Village parking structure at 4:45 p.m. Friday, June 16.

### Quick nap

After being found sleeping behind the wheel of a running vehicle at Mack and Guilford at 4:06 a.m. Sunday, June 18, a 34-year-old Harper Woods woman was cited for driving while license suspended. Her vehicle was impounded.

### Stolen Ram

An \$80,000 2022 Dodge Ram was stolen from a driveway in the 400 block of Lakeland at 4:29 a.m. Sunday, June 18.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Defrauding a city

Early last month, three suspicious attempted transactions via online gambling platform Bet MGM were flagged on the city's credit card account.

The results of a search warrant showed the Bet MGM account belonged to a 38-year-old Lansing woman, who subsequently was arrested for fraud.

In March, a city

employee stayed at the Lansing hotel where the woman worked.

### Unlocked part 1

A wallet containing cash and credit cards was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Merriweather between 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

### Unlocked part 2

A blue 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 300 block of McKinley between 11 p.m. Monday, June 12, and 5:51 a.m. the next morning. The investigation discovered the vehicle was stolen using its key fob, which was left in an unlocked vehicle next to it.

### Bike accident

A 17-year-old Clinton Township boy was hit by a truck as he rode his bike across the crosswalk at Mack and Moross at 3:51 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

The 43-year-old Farms driver was turning right onto Mack and said he did not see the bicyclist, who was knocked to the ground and complained of leg pain.

The teen was transported to a local hospital, while the driver did not show any signs of impairment.

### Stranger danger

Officers received a report that a white male pulled a gun on the caller and threatened to shoot him in the chest in the parking lot of a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

Upon arrival and detainment of the suspect — a 41-year-old Farms man — the 24-year-old Shelby Township man showed officers cell phone video footage of the man approaching his car, saying, "I got something for you" and tapping his waistband. The younger man also can be heard telling him to get away.

A firearm was not located in the suspect's vehicle or on the man, who told officers he was telling the young man he could get pulled over in Grosse Pointe for his window tint. A large folding knife was found in his pocket.

### Drunken driver

After being pulled over for speeding 60 mph on Moross at 11:12 p.m. Friday, June 16, a 33-year-old Warren man admitted to drinking one cup of alcohol.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol level to be 0.119 percent, for which he was arrested.

### Pier Park gate crash

Yet again, a drunken driver crashed into the Pier Park gate at Moross and Lakeshore at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. The 30-year-old Ohio man admitted to drinking, but told officers an unknown vehicle struck him, causing him to strike the gate.

The man three times attempted to hand officers an imaginary driver's license.

A preliminary breath test found him to have a blood alcohol content of 0.14 percent, for which he was arrested.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Stolen cars

Victims reported three stolen cars and four failed attempts last weekend in the western side of town.

All vehicles were Kia and Hyundai products.

Incidents were reported Saturday, June 17, through Monday, June 19, in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield, 1400 block of Beaconsfield, 900 block of Lakepointe, 1300 block of Maryland and

800 block of Barrington.

"Windows (were) broken out of the vehicles and ignitions damaged," a detective said.

### Takes truck

Between 10 p.m. Sunday, June 18, and 6:30 a.m. the next day, someone stole a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 parked in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Bishop.

### Armed suspect

An unknown man wearing a ski mask, hoodie and dark clothing pulled a gun on a bar patron in the 15000 block of Charlevoix before fleeing the area in a waiting, dark-colored Hyundai.

The encounter happened at 4:20 a.m. Sunday, June 18.

A Park officer spotted the suspect vehicle and tried to stop it.

"The vehicle fled and escaped," a detective said. "(The) vehicle was a stolen Hyundai out of Detroit."

### Edged out

At 9:42 p.m. Monday, June 19, someone stole a \$150 edger from the back seat of a truck parked in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Maryland.

### Cashes out

An unknown black male with short hair and wearing a red sweatshirt reportedly stole approximately \$200 cash from the register of a sandwich shop in the 15300 block of Jefferson at 4:03 p.m. Monday, June 19.

Police said a cashier was distracted by the man trying to pass a counterfeit \$50 bill.

"(The) suspect then reached into the open

cash register and took approximately \$200 in \$20 bills (and) fled on foot," reported police.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Petty cash

Doorbell camera footage showed someone entering a vehicle parked in a driveway on Webber Place around 3 a.m. Tuesday, June 13. The owner told officers a few dollars in loose change was taken.

A report indicated the suspect got into one of two vehicles that appeared to be driving slowly down the street.

### Recovery

A 2019 F-150 that was stolen around 3 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, from a house on Fairford was recovered later that day in Detroit when the owner gave officers location information using the Ford app and a tracking device attached to the truck's key fob.

### Chancy chase

An attempted vehicle theft on Webber Place around 12:45 a.m. Friday, June 16, resulted in a car chase that was terminated in St. Clair Shores for safety reasons.

— *Ted O'Neil*  
Report information

about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Email scam

A resident in the 1800 block of Hunt Club filed a report around noon Monday, June 12, that she was the victim of an email scam saying her anti-virus software had been renewed.

She called a number provided to say she did not want the service, but was told she'd need to share her computer screen in order to receive a \$50 refund. The suspect accidentally sent \$5,000 to the victim's bank account, then took it back along with an additional \$5,000.

The suspect then told the woman to buy five Apple cards for \$1,000 each and send the code numbers.

She told police the following day the cards had been used and that was when she realized she'd been scammed.

### Scratched trunk

A resident in the 1900 block of Anita filed a report around 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, that the trunk of her vehicle was scratched and gouged the previous night while it sat in her driveway.

— *Ted O'Neil*  
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### FROM THE PUBLISHER

## GP News on national radar

Summer is officially upon us and now that we have gotten a hail storm and some bad weather out of the way, we can finally all settle in for our favorite warm-weather activities in Grosse Pointe — living our best lives at our picture-perfect parks and soaking up our outstanding boating scene. It's hard to beat the gift of summertime in the Pointes.

School also is officially out for the summer. But if you have been following our sports pages, you know our high schools just finished an exciting spring playoff season. Some teams have come up with some unbelievably exciting and unexpected wins, such as last Friday's state championship for Grosse Pointe North girls soccer in East Lansing. It also has included some excruciating losses (let's ignore those — the wounds are fresh).

Whether it's an upset soccer victory, an inspiring championship in an adaptive wheelchair race or a deep run into the playoffs, there's just nothing like the teamwork, hard work, dedication and pure adrenaline rush to get us all rooting for ALL of our Grosse Pointe schools.

I won't name names, but I recently saw a South mom jump for joy about the North girls' regional softball win (hint: I might work with her). We saw a lot of cross-town support on our social media pages with words of encouragement for the various teams competing in the playoffs. That's what it's all about.

Couple the sports excitement with the invigorating atmosphere of graduation season and it's hard not to almost burst with joy and be filled with hope for the future for our latest set of exceptional students from Grosse Pointe.

The icing on the cake for me is the Grosse Pointe News' recent recognition by top organizations this spring, such as our back-to-back Newspaper of the Year wins from the Michigan Press Association. Last week, we added another feather in our cap. GP News staff writer Ted O'Neil's March 16 article "Enrollment falls again" was linked and recognized by the New York Times in a June 14 opinion piece, "The negative effects of declining enrollment could layer over pandemic-era harms." You can find it at [static.nytimes.com/email-content/PTG\\_sample.html](http://static.nytimes.com/email-content/PTG_sample.html)

We are so pleased when our extremely talented, experienced journalists are recognized for their work, particularly on a national scale such as this.

Thank you, loyal Grosse Pointe News subscribers — and future subscribers — for your continued and constant support. I'm happy to report that our subscriptions are still on the rise, which is extremely rare and exciting in today's world of dwindling local newspapers. You have our gratitude for always providing us with exciting news, exceptional people and a community that is second to none.



PHOTO BY MICKIE VERDERBAR

## In a pickle

Flooded pickleball courts at Patterson Park resembled a small lake when Grosse Pointe Park resident Mickie Verderbar arrived to play a match in the early morning hours June 14. An unusual hail storm and subsequent rain the night before left pickleball enthusiasts in a pinch when they arrived at 8 a.m., but Park employees got the courts cleared that morning so play could resume.

### GUEST VIEW By Don Veryser

## A father's day in a family business

More than 2 million baby boomers will retire while owning a small business, representing billions of dollars of assets and flooding the mergers and acquisitions market. While many of these companies are "family businesses," passing on an asset as complicated as a company isn't easy and can burden the next generation.

A recent survey by Securian Financial showed that 72 percent of baby boomer entrepreneurs don't have an "exit plan," which puts everything at a disadvantage for the family, especially the next generation.

I've invested the last dozen years into building a business to provide unique products for Window Insulation and Porch Enclosure Systems, or EZStormPanels.com. My youngest son, Daniel, works with me and manages most of the daily operations. I was on the fence about selling the business and didn't want to force it on him out of obligation. In the end, it was his choice to take on the opportunity. While 37 percent of retiring entrepreneurs hope to keep their family business in the family, it's still a complicated reality.

There are plenty of good reasons to avoid working in the family business. The most commonly cited issue is that the company simply doesn't align with the interest of the second generation. I count myself lucky, but I helped my odds by having five children.

My career as an entrepreneur wasn't planned. When I was just 25, my father passed away unexpectedly. After graduating from Hillsdale College in 1975, I had hoped to become a real estate agent. However, I was thrust into the role of leading my father's metal stamping company. The first few years were a rough adjustment for me and the team as I tried to fill my dad's leadership and knowledge base. "Large

shoes," as they say, was an understatement, but someone was needed to keep the company running. After a few years, my brothers joined me and we succeeded through determination, creativity and sweat equity.

I spent the majority of my professional career building and growing Stampings Inc. At its peak, we employed 50 employees across three plants, two in the Detroit area and one in south Texas. Unintentionally, my dad gave his three sons a medium for growing together, spending every day together, facing life's challenges together and carrying on his legacy. He gave us an opportunity to make a difference with our lives, both in the growth of the business and to keep a close-knit family.

After the successful sale (2005) of the metal stamping business, I started a small business (2009) in my second career, building innovative products for Window Insulation and Screen Porch Enclosures. My dad was quite the inventor and the original inspiration for our patented

design came from a system of panels he built for our sunroom in the house where we grew up in the Detroit area. Five years ago, my youngest son, Daniel, started working with me because I needed help during the busy winter. Daniel took to the work naturally and improved his skills and knowledge in all aspects of the products and business. Now he continues taking on more responsibility and manages the production team, purchasing and quality control of the finished product. We've blended our experiences to develop a unique, low-cost, high-quality product that can be ordered online. By combining my experience in automotive supply with Dan's experience using technology like 3D printing, we build a product customers love and now ship across the country to about 40 states.

Everyone knows that working with family

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## LETTERS

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### Concerned about placement

#### To the Editor:

I want to thank Sue Scheiwe's Letter to the Editor printed in the June 15 Grosse Pointe News. I too was concerned about the placement of the "Les Braves II" monument on the front lawn of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and how badly it will obstruct the view of beautiful Lake St. Clair. After reading Ms. Scheiwe's letter, I was disheartened and started to think about changes made at the Alger's property: the beautiful tree line land-

scaping along the driveway onto the property — gone. The comfort of the landscaping along the building as one enters the front door — gone. How did caretakers of this "historically important" 1910 Alger House even think an ultra modern enclosure between Alger house and the Fries Auditorium would be appropriate? The host location for the Grosse Pointe Theatre group — gone. These are a few changes I was able to think of. At this time I cannot agree with Ms. Scheiwe's view requesting politicians' interference. I do agree management of the GPWM has displayed "disregard for historic community treasures."

MARGARET POTTER  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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### Look beyond the label

#### To the Editor:

"Equity Grading" seems to be the latest place we're getting caught up in labels. I was at the GPPSS Curriculum Committee meeting when Dr. Dan Hartley led the presentation on the approach recommended for our public schools. He noted the better label was "consistency in grading" and gave examples of why the district wants more consistency. One example: Some teachers use a 0 to 100 grading scale. A 100 on one assignment but a zero on a missed assignment would average to 50

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



## Teams step up to the plate

were always kind to each other and the other teams no matter the outcome of the game.

I've covered a lot of sports in the past — and will do so in the future — and I enjoy myself every time. Among other sports, I covered South baseball a few times this season (we rotate coverage while trying to cover everything) as well as Liggett and North baseball, but there was something about the South baseball team I became a little attached to. I've known a lot of their parents ever since their boys were in elementary school and a lot of these boys were seniors this year. It was fun to capture their last year of high school baseball in photos. The teams had fun, they were fun to watch play and they

But there was something different about the South team this year that made me laugh every time I covered them. They had a lot of great sayings they shouted while they were playing baseball. If the other team hit a pop fly, somebody in South's dugout would inevitably yell, "We got a guy!" meaning, "No worries, we have someone good in the outfield." When one of their teammates was up to bat they would say, "Why not you?" I found these sayings funny and they made me smile. They also said things like, "Light the candle," which was a tee box shoutout someone had originally said to Tiger Woods.

"Roll the dice" was a

gesture someone made when they stole a base. They called their home dugout, and hung a sign, naming it "the dojo." The team had a few other sayings they shouted whether the team was fielding or at bat and they cracked me up. It might not sound as funny on paper, but it was entertaining to not only me, but to the team and the crowd. Trust me, they would have made you smile. Just like the parents, I've known the coaches for a while, so the South team this year was a little bit like coming home.

There is a set of twins on the Liggett baseball team I met when they were in elementary school. I have occasionally taken photos of them through the years and, now, they are seniors. I know their family because of this and last

weekend it was exciting to go to Lansing with my colleague for the state championship baseball games Liggett played to photograph their games Friday and Saturday.

It will be different next year when the seasons begin and these boys will be in college, not on the field at their schools. But hey, in the meantime, there's always football in the fall and the chance to photograph more teams living their sports dreams.

I was at a North game this year (not baseball) and they were playing a team who had a coach out of control. This coach spent most of his time screaming at the boys on his team. The name of the team doesn't matter, but the coach's attitude was toxic. When he got the boys in a huddle, he yelled at them and dropped

f-bombs. That was a horrible example of leadership. You could see it affected the team and they got mad on the field when something happened instead of taking things in stride. At one point they had three players in the penalty box at the same time. How do you expect to win games like that? Why would you stress out your team by treating them this way? During the game, the boys on the North team saw and heard what was happening, but not once did they get angry or swear or act in such a manner. Neither did their coach, who only had positive things to say to his team. After being hit during the game, one of the North team members came running off the field holding his hand saying, "I think my finger's broke, but it's cool!" Even though

he was in pain, he still chose to have a good attitude and smile.

I've seen a lot of things in my couple of decades at the paper. A lot of things. I've seen bad behavior in kids and also in parents. I've seen helicopter parents and I've also seen parents who have spoken such positive words that it spread to everyone else. I've seen kids do amazing things and support each other. I don't want to say this bad behavior is the way of the world, but I don't want it to be the way of my world. I try to share smiles and laughter and this year I got a lot of smiles covering sports. It was great to see the support the teams received from teammates, family and friends.

It's devastating when they lose, but the hard lesson is taking the bad with the good.

Anyway, thanks for the smiles. See you next season!

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**MEMORIAL FUND GIFTS ANNOUNCED:** With the concentrated canvass for funds for Grosse Pointe's War Memorial scheduled to close June 15, very limited returns which were available at the time the NEWS went to press created an air of optimism at campaign headquarters. The very few scattered reports from only three or four of the special solicitors indicated that \$105,532 had already been turned in.

**INTEREST IN THEATER BRINGS FLOW OF UNSOLICITED GIFTS:** Grosse Pointe's new community theater, which has grown so rapidly since its inception two months ago, has begun to receive a mounting volume of freewill, unsolicited gifts and loans of costumes, band properties and other paraphernalia from people anxious to see the project succeed.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**WOODS CONSIDERS CURFEW LAW TO CURB VANDALISM:** At this point in time, there are still

some "ifs" regarding specific action toward preventing the destructiveness of "Devil's Night," the evening before Halloween, this year. But concerned law enforcement officials and citizens are currently discussing ideas on what might be done to prevent a reoccurrence. Last year, some 200 teenagers created what Woods police called a "near riot" situation in the area of Barnes and Our Lady Star of the Sea schools. Streets were blocked, fires started, eggs fired at civilian vehicles and scout cars and traffic signs were pulled up.

**PARKING RULES TIGHTENED AROUND HOSPITAL:** The Farms Police Department has ordered 65 two-hour parking limit signs, some of which have been erected in Radnor Circle, Hall Place and McMillan Road, according to information released by Lt. Ignatious Backman. The signs have been placed in the named streets at the request of residents in that area because of claimed all-day parking by Cottage Hospital and Kercheval business personnel.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**CITY LOSES LEADER, FRIEND:** Jerald Valente,

owner of Valente Jewlers and president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, collapsed of an apparent heart attack Monday night after attending a meeting of the Grosse Pointe City Council. Valente, 55, was attended almost immediately by medics from the police station adjacent to the council chambers. He was resuscitated at least three times before being transported to nearby Bon Secours Hospital, where an hour later he was pronounced dead.

**GP SCHOOLS VOTE TO ACCEPT 1998-99, \$83 MILLION BUDGET:** Projecting a modest total enrollment increase districtwide for the 1998-99 school year, Grosse Pointe public schools annual budget will increase by \$526,000 to nearly \$83 mil-

lion. However, overall per-pupil funding will be held at the same level as in the 1997-98 school year, with \$8,872 being spent per student per year.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**CHRIST CHURCH WELCOMES NEW RECTOR:** There were a number of things that attracted the Rev. Thomas Andrew "Drew" Van Culin to Christ Church Grosse Pointe. "Christ Church has a rich history with the Episcopal Church," he began. "Its music program is second to none. Its legacy is a significant legacy for music and worship and it has a strong ministry program. The history and

ministry were a draw for me." He and his wife,

Jessica, were also drawn to the community.

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adds layers of complexity and this is no exception to the rule. In the middle of running a business, we've also had the dynamics between father and son and the dynamics of our relationship changing as he progresses into adulthood. There certainly are moments when we get on each other's nerves, but working together has allowed us to grow close and appreciate each other's opinions and contributions.

I turned 70 this year, which can only be described as a surreal experience. I was lucky to be surrounded by my wife, children, family and friends to mark the occasion this past February. Fittingly, it was an occasion for a good old-fashioned roast of yours truly.

I was needed, jokingly, about how I ran everything as a manufacturing process, even at home. I brought home "six sigma" principles to our laundry process and kitchen work. In reverse, I brought good parenting techniques back to work, enhancing the environment and encouraging leadership with employees. Looking back at my career, I owe a debt to my father for the legacy and opportunity he gave me. I'm proud to have the same opportunity with my son. What more could a father ask for out of life?

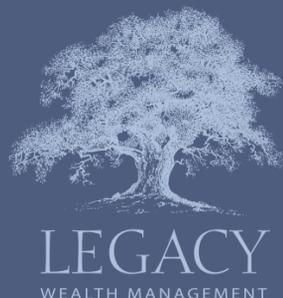
Don Veryser is the founder and president of EZStormPanels.com. He and his wife, Debbie, are 38-year residents of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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# Woods renews ambulance contract

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — City council approved renewing its contract with MedStar to provide ambulance service for the next six years during its meeting Monday, June 5.

The new rate will start at \$63,501 and increase 4 percent per year for three years, followed by an option to renew the contract another three years with the same annual escalator.

Assistant City Administrator Sue Como said the current contract, signed in 2018, expired in 2021 with no increase in costs from the original annual cost of \$56,250. The City and Farms also contract with MedStar and the Park recently approved a

contract with the company to free up more of its public safety officers to focus on road patrol. The Shores continues to operate its own ambulance service.

MedStar CEO Kolby Miller told council it costs \$200,000 annually to run an ambulance and the company typically has 1.5 ambulances dedicated to the Pointes at any given time. In the event of a structure fire, one ambulance is assigned to the scene for its duration and a second is brought in as backup.

“The revenue doesn’t meet the cost of operations, so we work out a subsidy with each city,” Miller said. “We do that by forecasting revenue and comparing it against operating costs.”

Under the current agreement, the Farms and Park will

have a starting cost of \$48,956, with the City at \$23,973. Those figures are based on population, transport volume and revenue per transport.

Although he ultimately voted in favor of the contract, Councilman Michael Koester questioned why the Woods has a higher cost.

“We all have the same service, but we end up paying more,” he said. “I think some of the other cities are taking advantage of our largesse.”

Como said that’s because the Woods has the most population among the four Pointes involved and the most number of transports, in addition to three nursing homes.

Miller said MedStar continues to look for a permanent location in the Pointes to house

its services, noting that could reduce costs.

“We’d like to institute a knock and check program where people could sign up and we could pay them a visit every month to check their vitals, check medications,” he said. “We see a lot of runs that could be prevented by doing that and it cuts down on our traffic risks.”

Council also questioned Miller about how MedStar chooses what hospital it takes patients to since it is jointly owned by McClaren, Henry Ford Health and Ascension.

“It mostly comes down to patient preference, but we would go to the closest hospital in a critical situation, regardless of which one it is,” Miller said.

# T-Mobile service to improve in Farms

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — T-Mobile customers in Grosse Pointe Farms and the surrounding area soon should notice better service, as the cellular company reached a lease agreement with the city earlier this year and its permit recently was approved to place equipment on the telecommunication tower outside of city hall, 90 Kerby.

The base radio equipment will be stored in a small area of the public safety garage, which previously was used for bike storage.

“We’ve been in discussion for some time,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “We feel logistically we can accommodate T-Mobile and there will be an enhancement of cellular service.”

The T-Mobile equipment will not add to the height of the existing 160-foot tower, which already houses equipment for two other cell carriers.

Reeside noted the possibility of overlapping frequencies “is a concern and as part of their application, they’re required to do analysis to make sure that it does not interfere with the other providers or our public safety communications.”

Bringing in \$1,600 per month to the city, the lease agreement is set for five years, with an option to renew for three successive terms. Each year the rent will increase by 3.5 percent.

— Laurel Kraus

# Lavins Center getting repairs

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Members of the city council last month contracted repairs to Ram Construction Services, a multi-state waterproofing and restoration contractor headquartered in Livonia, for \$24,279.

“On the deck, there are cracks that run the length of the area that we will rout out and install a urethane sealant,” according to one of many action items in a bid submitted by Chris Revis, company representative. “At the water ponding area on top, we propose to install a nine-inch round drain.”

“There’s some rebar showing from concrete,” Sizeland said. “There are old railing post bases that were abandoned and left in the concrete at the surface,” Revis wrote. “These post stubs are rusting and causing issues with the coating on the concrete. We proposed to chip around them and bend them down so we can patch over top of them and keep it from rusting through the coating.”

“We want to make that watertight,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Sealing the deck is necessary to keep water from dripping into the swimming pool pump room below. “A new pool boiler was purchased for the start of the 2023 season and there is a risk of damage to that and other equipment due to the current condition,” Craig said. “Areas of the sundeck are crumbling. Water also is penetrating exterior seals and compromising electricity throughout the interior of the pump room, making it impossible to replace or repair them currently.”

— Brad Lindberg

# Kercheval lot work this summer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — In the latest action to support construction of off-street parking in the Kercheval commercial district, city council recently agreed to vacate part of an alley adjacent to a block-long lot slated for construction behind businesses on the south side of Kercheval between Maryland and Lakepointe.

The lot is a project of the Grosse Pointe Park Business District Improvement Foundation and city’s Tax Increment Finance Authority.

“The site plan and development agreement adopted by TIFA and the foundation contemplates the vacation of a portion of the north-south alleyway that runs parallel with Maryland and Lakepointe,” Warren Rothe, assistant city manager, wrote in a report to the city council Monday, May 8. “Access to the alleyway will be preserved via an easement that will be granted by TIFA and be coterminous with vehicle travel lanes of the parking lot.”

An easement is being preserved to allow access to

existing and future utilities, Rothe added.

The foundation and TIFA, through a combination of public and private funding, will create a 56-space lot.

“We’ll see construction during summer,” Rothe said.

A completion date isn’t set, but Rothe is targeting late summer or early fall.

“There’s extensive ground leveling and grading that will occur,” he said. “We’re going to slope it away from residences.”

Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, is involved with the foundation and project.

Upon construction, TIFA leases the lot to the foundation for three years. Parking meter revenue goes to TIFA, not the foundation. After three years, the foundation has the option of taking over the property.

A deed restriction requires the property to remain a parking lot, with meter revenue continuing to go to TIFA, not the foundation.

“Everybody will have their property access preserved,” Rothe said.

# LETTERS:

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(an “F”). Other teachers

use an “A” to “F” scale. Averaging the “A” on the first assignment and the “F” on the missed assignment would result in a

“C.” Same student performance, very different grades. More complicated examples were also discussed (e.g., for make-up work), but this gives the flavor: The goal is to make sure grading policies are consistent and make sense.

Traditionally, each teacher (even ones teaching different sections of the same course) uses his or her preferred approach. While not intended, the result isn’t fair (equitable) to students and their transcripts can suffer because of a teacher’s personal policies.

My Ph.D. is in an area that is heavy on measurement and statistics. I was incredibly impressed

with the thoughtful and thorough approach the district took to this issue. I think those of you who go beyond the “equity grading” label to examine what is really being done will also be impressed.

JOHN ARNOLD  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Many thanks

To the Editor:

I served as the chairperson for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education’s 2023 Spring Benefit on June 1. On behalf of the GPFPE, I’d like to thank everyone who helped make this year’s benefit a terrific success.

It was a wonderful night. The best part was raising more than \$200,000 for our Grosse Pointe Public School System. This money will go directly back into classrooms throughout the district, at every school and in every grade, through our grant system.

We want to thank everyone who made this night so successful. First, our honorary chairs, Mary Ann and Bob Bury, who have been longtime supporters of the GPFPE, as well as many other great Detroit and Grosse Pointe organizations. We are grateful to the Burys and their entire honorary host committee. A complete list of host committee members can be found at [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org).

We also need to thank our sponsors. Our full roster of sponsors can be found at [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org).

We’d also like to thank our hardworking 2022 benefit committee and the GPFPE board and staff, without whom this would not have been possible.

Finally, we are grateful to everyone who attended the event, bid on an auction item, raised their paddle or sent in a donation.

The impact of the GPFPE continues to grow year after year due to the wonderful support we receive from the Grosse Pointe community and beyond. We know that when we keep students at the forefront of everything we do, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

MARIA QUINT  
Grosse Pointe Foundation  
for Public Education  
Board Member  
2023 GPFPE Spring  
Benefit chair

## Full speed ahead

To the Editor:

You may remember last fall that Plante Moran tried to convince us that 590 housing units had mysteriously disappeared in our district between 2018-21. This theory was quickly debunked by the Grosse Pointe News, whose investigation demonstrated there was instead a small growth in housing units in that time

period.

The latest theory advanced by the administration, with the backing of Plante Moran, tells us we should be satisfied that GPPSS captures 85 percent of the students who live within our district. Unfortunately, the National Center for Educational Statistics indicates that nationwide, public schools attract an average of 91 percent of school-age children. That makes GPPSS six percentage points below the national average of local student retention. What does this mean for Grosse Pointe? Based on Plante Moran’s GPPSS enrollment projection for the 2023-24 school year, GPPSS should have 6,344 students in attendance. If GPPSS attracted 91 percent of the students in our community vs. 85 percent, we would see 6,792 students in our schools next year — a difference of nearly 450 students. These additional students would provide approximately \$4.5 million in revenue for GPPSS.

I am urging our Board of Education members to continue on the path they started forging in January. This is no time for our board leadership to take their foot off the gas. We need to figure out a way to capture the students and families who choose not to attend GPPSS. There’s not a second to waste.

TERRY COLLINS  
Grosse Pointe Park

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# ULS grad finds her sweet spot

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Recent University Liggett School graduate Dahlia Medvinsky has two passions, singing and dancing. Once she found a way to combine them, there was no looking back.

"I've been taking classical voice lessons for years, but musical theater drew me in because of the spectacle of it," she said. "Getting to dance some of the time and sing some of the time — it's magical to transport an audience to a different world."

She's been in the twice-yearly stage productions at Liggett since starting there in sixth grade and, said Phillip



COURTESY PHOTO

Dahlia Medvinsky performs a senior solo at the University Liggett School choral music concert.

Moss, chair of creative and performing arts, was a big part of that.

"Dr. Moss has really inspired me and believed in me," she said. "He gave me a chance to be

involved early on and it's not usual for a middle school student to be part of upper school activities."

Moss, for his part, is a fan of Medvinsky, saying

she possesses the critical elements for success in the performing arts and is one of the top performers in his 38 years at the school.

"Talent and training are foundations for success," he said. "So, too, are grit, determination and a deep sense of work ethic. That said, it is important to understand that along with these critical disciplines she also possesses a fun-loving personality and a joy for participating in the activities she's engaged in."

That combination certainly has paid off. Medvinsky has performed with the Michigan School Vocal Music Association All-State Musical Theater Ensemble, received a National School Choir

Award and is a three-star International Honor Thespian.

She's also received scholarships from Grosse Pointe Theatre, St. Clair Shores Community Chorus and The Madrigal Chorus, in addition to competing in the Sutton Foster Ovation Awards at the Fox Theater last month.

Medvinsky said her mother, Elizabeth, a private voice coach, encouraged her early on to explore classical singing. She started school in Bloomfield Hills, then moved to Liggett when her father, Michael, began there as dean of pedagogy and innovation.

"The great thing about Liggett is the students pick the shows," she said. "It really instills a

sense of leadership."

Since Liggett seniors finished with classes in early May and didn't graduate until Sunday, June 11, Medvinsky said she's been spending time hanging out with friends, playing with her two dogs and getting ready for college.

She'll be pursuing a Bachelor of Musical Arts degree in lyric theatre at the University of Illinois. The interdisciplinary major combines music and dance.

"I'll be studying opera with a minor in dance," Medvinsky said. "I picked Illinois because it's the only school in the country that offers that major."

Medvinsky said her goal after college is to be a professional performer.

"I know that if I continue to study my craft and learn from the people around me, I will be able to achieve that goal," she said.

# Visiting artist shares her journey

Students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools enjoyed a visit May 11, from Shaina McCoy, a Minneapolis-based artist known for her richly textured oil paintings featuring playful, joyous everyday moments in family life.

McCoy has had solo exhibitions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Brussels, Portugal and, most recently, New York. Her show, "The Gaze," was on exhibit at A Hug from the Art World through June 10.

In her first public speaking engagement, McCoy spoke with students about an artistic journey that began with the encouragement of her family and was further nurtured by her teachers while she attended the Perpich Center for Arts Education in Minneapolis, a tuition-free, public residential high school for students in 11th and 12th grades.

"I really don't know what life path I would have taken if I had not been to that school and received encouragement and praise from my studio art teachers," McCoy said.

She also expressed gratitude to her father, who "let me know that I could have anything in this world as long as I worked for it."

During McCoy's senior year of high school, Megan Rye, a guest studio artist, changed her life. The assignment was to paint 30 5-by-6-inch paintings in three weeks for an annual benefit Rye and her mother, Karen Rye, co-founded called Art 4 Shelter. For her subjects, McCoy chose family photographs her grandfather had taken, turning generations of photos into an artistic collaboration she has continued to this day.

Each week, students taped 10 of their miniature creations to the wall for a class critique.

"This was a heart- and mind-opening experience," McCoy recalled. "We all gave each other kind words; we never tore each other apart for our creations."

When Rye began McCoy's critique, she said her "heart was beating so fast. I spoke about my art that had only eyes



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Minneapolis-based artist Shaina McCoy, known for richly textured oil paintings featuring playful, joyous everyday moments in family life, visited students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

and nothing else. I attempted to paint features; I tried and I

couldn't do it." Rye let her know she didn't have to paint facial

features for it to be artwork.

"She told me it was

beautiful and nothing she had ever seen before."

While at the time McCoy said she didn't believe her and cried, her mentor had given her the words she needed to carry on.

"Someone I looked up to was giving me confidence in something I thought was faulty and imperfect," she said.

Later, during the Art 4 Shelter event, Rye surprised McCoy with the news that all of her pieces had sold, each tiny painting giving one houseless guest one night of shelter, food and necessities.

"I was really shocked," McCoy admitted. "All of these tiny pieces of art-

work sold? I didn't think it was art at all. Again, I cried, but tears of happiness this time, because it meant that I was doing something right."

Up until that moment, McCoy had denied herself the title of artist.

After the presentation, North Principal Kate Murray asked students what resonated most with them from McCoy's message. Several of them said it was her perseverance that allowed her to turn what she perceived as her weakness — her inability to paint features — into her greatest strength.

McCoy's visit was made possible by the support of Sean and Nancy Cotton. Sean Cotton is the treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

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## Froyo cakes, good times focus of new TCBY owner

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE CITY AND WOODS** — The past six months, every employee apart from one has been retained at The Village's The Country's Best Yogurt, or TCBY — owned by Farms resident Heather Ritts since January of this year.

Having also acquired the Grosse Pointe Woods Mack location in March, Ritts was an owner/operator of independent concept restaurants the last 18 years.

The results of her work can be seen at Terry's Terrace in Harrison Township and Tom's Oyster Bar, Ale Mary's Beer Hall and Mesa Tacos and Tequila in Royal Oak, among others.

"I'm a foodie and I love to be creative, so I want to do things, I want to make things," Ritts said. "If I go somewhere and I have something, I want to recreate it and I want to make it better."



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

**Farms resident Heather Ritts acquired the two Grosse Pointe TCBY locations earlier this year.**

Bringing that spirit to her hometown in the Grosse Pointes, one of Ritts' current main focuses at TCBY is to revamp the offerings of ice cream — or rather, frozen yogurt — cakes. Instead of the simple Reeses or Oreo options offered under prior ownership, TCBY now offers cakes incorporating any flavor of froyo in stock at the time.

One such summertime

example is a strawberry shortcake option featuring strawberry froyo and vanilla cake, topped with strawberries and strawberry syrup.

Ritts also has brought back sundaes, one of which is her own creation: a s'mores sundae including graham cracker crumbs, marshmallow fluff, hot fudge and Hershey syrup, as well as, when they are available, the rotational

flavors of graham cracker and marshmallow froyo.

"You can come in and get any kind of sundae you want," she said. "If you dream it, we can make it."

The interior of the shops have been updated with new ice cream-themed seats, a fresh coat of vibrant paint and new graphics, while coming updates also include fresh paint on the exterior and a new back door at The Village location, as well as the incorporation of digital menu boards.

"I'm really excited to be here doing this," Ritts said, "just because for me it's a really happy environment and I love that."

Prior to her arrival on the scene, both Grosse Pointe TCBY locations were owned 30 years by the same person — the Woods location was briefly owned by an additional person before Ritts — who decided to step away from the frozen yogurt industry once another of his businesses

began taking off.

Ritts' desire to become a franchisee partly was driven by the nostalgia of having grown up in Grosse Pointe Woods and going to the Mack location, as well as by the concern the concept would leave the area if no one picked it up.

"I also believe, as a parent, it's a fun treat, but it's a healthier treat option," she said, as a mom to three girls. "As part of my background, I'm also really into health and fitness, so it also integrates into my life and the way I raise my kids with a more healthy variety, to show you can have a very sustainable 80 to 20 life: 80 percent of the time you make really good choices and 20 percent of the time you can treat yourself, but even in treating, you can make a healthier choice."

Aside from frozen yogurt being healthier than ice cream due to its lower caloric and fat content, TCBY also offers options for higher protein

content, non-dairy through the use of oat milk or almond milk and no-sugar-added varieties.

"This week a mom was in here with her daughter and she was like, 'Well, my daughter can't have dairy,' and we had just literally run out," Ritts said. "We were changing the machine over and it had to be cleaned in between and it broke my heart for her, because I want to cater to these different people."

"Some people don't realize (for) people who choose to live vegan or non-dairy, it's not always a choice," she added. "There's a lot of people that have dairy allergies and they couldn't have real ice cream if they wanted to and we can cater to all of this clientele."

Grosse Pointe lovers of TCBY should keep an eye on their mailboxes for a mailing, staggered out over the coming weeks, which will include an offer of cakes for half off Tuesdays, as well as a coupon for 20 percent off orders of \$15 or more.

## Baruah joins NKFM board

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan recently announced that Sandy K. Baruah of Grosse Pointe Park, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber, will join the NKFM volunteer board of directors. He will attend his first board meeting in June. The NKFM is headquartered in Ann Arbor and has offices in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Since 2010, Baruah has

led the Detroit Regional Chamber, which represents the business interests of a region comprised of 4.5 million residents and 11 Fortune 500 companies. Under his leadership, the chamber also runs the statewide automotive mobility cluster association known as MICHauto and hosts the nationally recognized annual Mackinac Policy Conference.

Before 2010, Baruah

had a distinguished career in Washington, D.C. He served President George W. Bush as administrator of the U.S. Small Business Association. He was one of the senior officials who shaped the federal response to the 2008 credit crisis and assisted the U.S. auto industry. He also has served as U.S. assistant secretary of commerce, where he was responsible for the U.S.



Sandy Baruah

Economic Development Administration; served as senior advisor to the sec-

retary for commerce for the 2010 Census; and represented the U.S. government before the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in France.

Baruah earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon and MBA from Willamette University in Salem, Ore. He serves on the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; U.S. Council on Competitiveness;

Automotive Hall of Fame; and Detroit Economic Club, among others.

"We're thrilled to welcome Sandy to our board," said NKFM President and CEO Linda Smith-Wheelock. "His experience in serving the people and businesses of metro Detroit, as well as his leadership skills, will be extremely valuable to our board and staff as we look to the future."

Baruah and his wife, Lisa, live with one son and their family pets in Grosse Pointe Park.

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## Sights, sounds & scents 31st annual Garden Tour is June 23-24

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor

A new crop of gardens awaits guests of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 31st annual Garden Tour, which takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24.

Seven private gardens will be featured in this year's tour, which follows the theme, "Gardening We Grow." Each garden also has its own unique theme, reflecting the personal direction of each caretaker.

Marie and Charles Thomas' lush yards at 1461 Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods follow the theme, "A Garden Full of Surprises at Every Turn."

"One of the reasons we chose this one is all the tchotchkes in the garden," said Kathy Brown, who co-chairs the event with Virginia Brown. "Every place you look, there's a surprise."

While Charles Thomas handles mowing and "hard labor," the day-to-day gardening is a passion of Marie Thomas.

"We started with a blank slate," she said. "The previous homeowners or the homeowners before them had the yard professionally landscaped, but it had been neglected for years. So we started from scratch. We took a lot of it out and over time have been planting and planting."

"We paused when we had children and then went back at it when COVID hit," she continued. "I wanted to create a space that felt cozy and tranquil during such a stressful time. It's my peace. I love the sanctuary it provides."

Thomas said she especially enjoys the garden during summer. Working from home, it provides a space to decompress from the pressures of her job.

Walking among plentiful flowers, flitting birds and flut-



The homeowner added a row of towering trees for privacy around her yard on Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms. A variety of roses climb a structure at the gated entrance to her yard.



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Above, the Thomas garden on Oxford features charming details at every turn, including a potted fairy garden. Right, the Pacinis' garden on Ida Lane includes several fountains of varying pitches and volumes to aid the blind couple's navigation of the yard.

tering butterflies, she said, "some days it literally feels fairytale-ish."

A Master Gardener information table will be stationed in Thomas's yard during the tour.

Thomas said she's excited to be a part of the event, but also plans to visit the other gardens to get more ideas for her own.

While visitors will find surprises throughout the Thomas's garden, they'll be treated to a more structured scene in Harriet Lodholz's garden at 175 Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"A Garden With Many Rooms" was designed by Lodholz and Deborah Silver of Detroit Garden Works. The

centerpiece of the yard — which is lined with firs, spruce and arborvitae — is a galvanized steel cloister supporting hundreds of climbing roses.

"For some reason these roses, I take no credit for it," Lodholz said. "You know when you plant something and it's just the perfect spot to make them happy?"

"It feels like a storybook," she noted, walking beneath the structure, which opens to a pool at its center. On either side of the pool sit turtle fountains.

"A local artist made the turtles patterned after the Scott Fountain turtles," Lodholz said of the famed Belle Isle fountain she loved to visit as a child.

Another callback to the past nestled in her garden is the bed frame her father used as a child. It's a sentimental spot in a garden Lodholz calls her sanctuary.

"I'm not a traveler; I'm a homebody," she said. "During summer, I feel like I'm on vacation. During winter, I just wait for summer."

Another feature of the yard is a set of four planter boxes, each planted for someone special in her life: Gertrude is named for her grandmother, whose favorite color was purple; Elsa is named for her mother, who loved bright col-



ors; Beatrice is named for her daughter, who started Bea's Squeeze lemonade company; and Cosette is named for her granddaughter, who "looks so beautiful in blue."

Guests to Lodholz's garden between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday will be treated to the sounds of the Sweet Mountain Strings Dulcimer Group. Also, cookies and water will be available.

Another refreshment stand will be available at Elizabeth and Leonard Azzaro's garden — "A Garden With a Variety of Favorite Plants" — at 82 Greenbriar in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Other gardens on the tour include:

♦ Marcy Chanteaux's shade garden at 1072 Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park, which also plays host to the Garden Shoppe and native plant sale.

♦ Jeffrey and Kristen Smith's Zen-like garden at 96 Handy Lane in Grosse Pointe Farms.

♦ Nino and Marie Pacini's

garden — "A Garden That Teases Our Senses" — at 19846 Ida Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Pacinis — who are blind — rely on sounds, smells and textures to navigate and cultivate their garden.

"This has evolved over many years," said Marie Picini, who noted they try to repurpose and recycle throughout their garden. "The sounds help us orient around here. We use raised beds and paths. It's all tactile; we feel our way around."

It's a far cry from when the couple first bought the house 15 years ago and the yard was nothing but grass. They both were disoriented without the features it has today.

Multiple water fountains with varying pitches and volumes, as well as wind chimes with differing tones are placed throughout the yard. Stone pathways lead to a vegetable

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A set of planter boxes were planted in honor of important women in Harriet Lodholz's life, including her mother, Elsa.

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# GPAA hosts exhibit, lectures on needlepoint, embroidery

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents its latest exhibition, "Needlepoint/Embroidery Art."

Artwork includes needleworks created by members of the National Academy of Needlearts, Monguagon Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America and the Magnificent Obsession Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild.

Needlepoint and embroidery will be rendered in silk and wool threads, as well as gold-work materials. The exhibition includes everything from abstract designs to the more traditional, all stitched by local participants.

As part of the exhibit, two lectures are planned. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Dawn Donnelly will discuss the sources used by a needle artist in their designs with her lecture, "What Inspires Us." Donnelly is an author, designer and a national needlearts

teacher focusing on mixed media. She has received teacher certification from the National Academy of Needlearts.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Gail Sirna will explore "Sunflowers in the Needlearts." Sirna will offer a comprehensive talk on the ubiquitous sunflower from many points of view, including as embroidery. Sirna is a long-time embroiderer, judge and author. She has exhibited and taught throughout North America more than 40 years and is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Needlearts.

Both lectures take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The exhibition runs through Wednesday, July 19, at The War Memorial. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Admission is free.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

- ◆ The movie, "Top Gun: Maverick," will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 23. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Lawn Games and Pingpong, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Free for members, \$6 per hour for nonmembers.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 23, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 23, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 26, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Register at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org).

### Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo,

City of Grosse Pointe, offers a variety of classes and programs. To register for the following, call (313) 885-4600 or visit [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org).

- ◆ American Red Cross Lifeguard Course, 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 23; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 25. Cost is \$250 per person, for ages 15 and older. A second session takes place July 14 to 16.

- ◆ Self-Defense Training for Women, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, for ages 16 and older. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Friday, June 23.

- ◆ Nutrition for Optimal Brain Health, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Tuesday, June 27.

### Concert

The "Rise Up Detroit" summer concert series, featuring Tosha Owens, takes place from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mac, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

- ◆ Saturday Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Craft-to-Go: Suncatcher, all day Monday, June 26, at three branches.

- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Volunteer Monday: Mats & Pillow Project, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Bad Art Afternoon, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at Howlers and Growlers, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Investigation Station, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Mud Day, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Park Visit: Neff Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Neff Park, 17350 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe.

### Ford House

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

- ◆ 10 Out of 10 Tour, 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through July

29. Explore the Ford family's home while learning about 10 artifacts. Admission fees vary.

- ◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, from May to September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members.

- ◆ Making it Work tour, a look at the employees who helped operate the Ford estate, 3 p.m. daily through June 29. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for ages 6 to 12; members pay \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12.

- ◆ Storytime: "Nothing Special," by Desiree Cooper, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.

- ◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Story Studio: Bonkers Black and Wacky White, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, for children. Cost is \$4 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. President Mark Cory will pass the gavel to incoming President Phil MacKethan. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents Narcan Rescue Training: Learning to Save a Life, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. Training

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garden around its perimeter.

"Having the vegetable garden long and narrow is easier for me," Marie Pacini said, noting they both spend time in the garden every day.

Trees are edged with cement pavers so Nino Pacini can mow the lawn without hitting them.

"Sometimes I get all the grass, sometimes it has to wait until next week," he laughed.

In addition to tomatoes, beans and strawberries, the Pacinis have a variety of scented plants near the windows of their home, so they can enjoy the smells of roses, lilac, mock orange, viburnum, lilies and lavender.

Elsewhere, raised beds feature a variety of plants, including pachysandra.

"It all evolved because we like being outside," Marie Pacini said. "It's our little oasis back here."

Added Nino Pacini,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, a strawberry patch was planted long and narrow for easy access to the Pacinis; it is surrounded by fencing to prevent easy access from critters. Right, the Thomas garden features touches of charm throughout.

"It's a great spot for a cup of coffee."

The Pacini garden will host the Ewald Branch Library Seed Exchange during the tour.

"We want everybody to know that certain things don't have to limit you," Marie Pacini said. "If we can do this ... just do it for you."

The tour's seventh featured garden is located at Coreander's Children's

Bookshop, 15118 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. It's the first business to be featured on the tour.

"I was at Coreander's for a chamber of commerce event and I saw their patio," Virginia Brown said. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh! This is gorgeous!' I dragged Kathy over in July. I'd been to Coreander's before, but I hadn't been outside. They have a fabulous, New Orleans-style patio with lots of greenery and fairy gardens for the kids.

"It's small and it's something people can

see and say, 'I can do this; I have a small space,'" she added.

The eighth stop on the tour is an annual feature: the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's Trial Gardens and Veterans Garden at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Also an annual feature of the tour is the raffle, which this year will be hosted at the Chanteaux garden on Balfour. Five prizes are up for grabs:

- ◆ "Trois Rouges," a tour-exclusive watercolor painting by Robert Fionda, valued at \$400.
- ◆ "Stony Creek," a



watercolor painting by Carol LaChiusa, valued at \$450.

- ◆ A 9-inch Waterford Crystal Enis Collection bowl, valued at \$150.

- ◆ A Wild Birds Unlimited hummingbird gift basket, including a feeder, valued at \$130.

- ◆ A Garden Shoppe gift basket, including a trowel, apron and assorted items, valued at \$100.

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or three for \$10. Only 500 tickets are available.

The drawing takes place at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at 1072 Balfour, though ticket holders need not be present to win.

Garden Tour tickets

cost \$15 in advance, \$20 on tour days. Tickets ordered online may be picked up at The War Memorial the days of the tour.

Tickets also are available at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, Allemon's Landscape Center, Charvat the Florist, Conner Park Florist, English Gardens, Moehring Woods Florist, Otherworld Grosse Pointe, Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center, Viviano Flower Shop, Wild Birds Unlimited and The War Memorial.

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# Raise a glass to Toastmasters

## Club celebrating 75 years in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Northeastern Toastmasters Club has been changing the lives of people in and around Grosse Pointe for 75 years. It certainly did for Wendy Bradley, who's been a member since 1985.

"I used to be nervous whenever I had to do a presentation at work," she recalled.

Through membership in the club — a nonprofit educational organization that promotes communication, public speaking and leadership — Bradley learned to embrace public speaking, often using the mantra, "I'm a Toastmaster; I can do this," before taking the stage.

"It's helped me personally and professionally," she added. "I did a eulogy

for my brother-in-law. I did a speech when my boss retired. ... I really believe in it. I've seen it help people."

Now, its members — past and present — are invited to celebrate the club's longevity during a 75th anniversary gala at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. City of Grosse Pointe resident Leslie Wagner will give the keynote address.

Wagner is a clinical psychologist, global real estate advisor with Sotheby's International Realty of Grosse Pointe, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and on the board of directors of the World Mental Health Coalition. Additionally, she's an actress and playwright who has had six short plays produced and she

had a one-woman show in New York, Los Angeles and parts of Europe.

"Our speaker will be phenomenal," Bradley said. "She just sounds incredible."

Club members also will share the Northeastern Toastmasters' club history and social impact. Additionally, members in attendance will be asked to give a toast.

"It's very cool that they're all going to do that," Bradley said, adding she'll likely "wing it" when she's handed the microphone. "I'll probably say something about being in the club for so long — for half my life. I've enjoyed it so much. It's like a family."

Bradley has high hopes that lots of former members will attend the anniversary, which also includes a meal and awards. She hopes any-

one interested in learning more about Toastmasters checks it out, too.

"Anybody could come if they wanted to hear the speaker, have a meal and get to know us," she said. "This is a non-threatening way to meet the group. ... If people are shy or need confidence building, this helps."

The club, she said, has been getting a lot of interest. As its publicity chair, Bradley receives weekly emails from people asking about Toastmasters.

But rarely does a caller attend a meeting.

"There's a lot of interest right now, people who want to do it, but maybe they're scared," she said. "We're a very friendly group."

"We have a great setup at Wayne County Community College," she added, of the group's

twice-monthly meetings. "And we're still doing Zoom, which is good to have if people want to join, but might be nervous about being in person. It's a really good environment."

During the anniversary event, all current Toastmasters members will have their names added to a time capsule.

"If you want to become a member and you join before the end of June, your name will be put in the capsule," Bradley said. "Our membership year-end is the day of the gala. We're trying to get more members to join up before the end of the membership year."

Potential members need not live in Grosse Pointe to join. The club serves all surrounding areas.

Bradley believes Toastmasters is more important now than ever before.

"There's so much tex-

ting now," she said. "Communication skills have retreated and people are not as comfortable with open communication anymore. It's important that we get back to that, to speaking in front of others or just speaking with others. It's a really important thing to be working on our communication and listening skills."

"... The more people we get, the more everybody gets out of it."

Cost of the anniversary gala, including dinner, is \$40. To register or for more information, call Bradley at (313) 720-8444 or email wenbra787@outlook.com.

*Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.*

## Page to introduce new film tax credit proposal at Men's Club

Economic growth, diversification and jobs can take many forms. Alexander Page, with SHOWRUNNER, a member of the board of the Michigan Film Industry Association and its legislative action chair, will present a new proposal for the resumption of the Michigan Film Tax Credit



Alexander Page

to the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe at its June 27 luncheon at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The meeting begins at 11 a.m., includes a hearty buffet lunch and concludes at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Reservations are \$20 per person. Reservations

may be made by calling Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or emailing gpmcattendance@gmail.com.

Page says the new proposal, which is expected to be introduced soon in the Michigan legislature, has been crafted to override the shortcomings of the initial tax credit and

take advantage of the abundant knowledge of many other states that now sponsor tax credits for film production, which is a form of manufacturing in the eyes of the U.S. business classification system. He will share some of the experiences of other states that are now sponsoring film

production tax credits and discuss the legislative outlook for the proposal.

This session replaces the original June 27 meeting plan, which featured Henry Payne, automotive columnist with the Detroit News. That session has been rescheduled to Sept. 12.

## AAUW Grosse Pointe awards scholarships

The Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW, which began in 1944, is a local branch of the national organization of The American Association of University Women.

Over the years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe branch has provided fellowship, programs and opportunities to advance equity for women and girls in society.

Fundraising provided the means to fund national endowments and scholarships, as well as local scholar-

ships to women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College. The last few years, the branch has provided the financial stability to continue and expand its STEM program at Pierce Middle School and in January 2023, extended to an all-girls high school BOTMASTERZ team.

The AAUW Grosse Pointe branch elected to make more of an impact in the community three

years ago by investing in its youth. Scholarships of \$1,500 each were awarded to two graduating senior girls at Grosse Pointe North High School and two at Grosse Pointe South High School, each of whom plan to pursue a career in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math).

The scholarship committee developed an equitable and fair application with clear objective metrics for

evaluation in the selection process. They focused on academic excellence, participation and leadership in school and community, as well as STEM career goals. The applicants' essays weighed heavily in the selection. They were asked, "If you could use your STEM discipline to create any innovation that would change the future, what would it be and why?"

The applicants were all outstanding, which

made the selection difficult.

This year's scholarship awardees are:

Grosse Pointe North's Kaitlyn Barr and Grace Korkmaz; and Grosse

Pointe South's Ava Carr and Meredith Tiderington.

◆ Kaitlyn Barr will attend Worcester

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will teach participants the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, about the overdose reversal drug Naloxone and how to administer it. All attendees receive free Narcan spray. Register online at [tinyurl.com/2va5dj6f](https://tinyurl.com/2va5dj6f).

The Family Center, WeGP and The War Memorial sponsor the free yoga class, Exercise the Freedom of Love, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org) or by calling (313) 447-1374.

### GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers "Painting Fresh Flowers on Yupo Watercolor Paper," with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost before June 23 is \$75 for members, \$95 for nonmembers.

Cost after June 23 is \$95 for members, \$115 for nonmembers.

### Marchiori Catering

Marchiori Catering offers summer garden dining at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The buffet is open 5 to 8 p.m. with drinks until 10 p.m. Thursdays, July 13 and July 27. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. Call (586) 771-8600 or email [marichioricatering@gmail.com](mailto:marichioricatering@gmail.com).

### Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit [fulllotusyoga.net](http://fulllotusyoga.net).

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# OBITUARIES

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

**Patricia Anne Nurse**

Patricia Anne Nurse, 97, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Pat was a longtime Grosse Pointe resident.

Pat was born Oct. 14, 1925, in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, to Albert Leo and Sarah Louise Corrigan, both now deceased.

Pat attended Loretto Academy High School and graduated in 1943. She worked as a paralegal and legal secretary for Dunbar, Goetz and Dunbar in Guelph. Pat and her husband, Howard, moved to Michigan in 1953, and became United States citizens in 1961. She attended Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and was a member of the Altar Society. She also was a member of the Grosse Pointe



Patricia Anne Nurse

Woman's Club, Rosary Altar Society, Bon Secours Nursing Care Center and volunteered in the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Pat enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, boating and bowling.

Pat was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dr. W. Howard Nurse; loving daughter, Susan; loving sister, Helen Corrigan; loving brother, John Corrigan (Marie);

and loving sisters-in-law, Janet Corrigan and S.J. Corrigan.

Pat is survived by her beloved children, Leslie Ritter (Steve), Dr. Richard Nurse (Nancy) and son-in-law, Bill; loving grandchildren, Matthew Nurse (Tori), Michelle Nurse and Meghan Rajnauth (Rodney); loving great-granddaughter, River Sophia Nurse; and caring brothers, Douglas Corrigan and Father James Corrigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Pat's honor to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 13067, Alexandria, VA 22312, diabetes.org/?form=Donate; or The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/ways\_to\_give/donations.



A guest enjoys a ride on the merry-go-round during a past Sunset event.

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## Leap into conservation during Sunset at the Zoo

The Detroit Zoological Society invites the community to leap into an event like no other.

Sunset at the Zoo, presented by Strategic Staffing Solutions, returns from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, June 23. During this 21-and-older fundraising gala, guests will enjoy a strolling dinner featuring some of metro Detroit's best restaurants and more than a dozen food trucks, an open bar, exclusive access to the Detroit Zoo's habitats until twilight, a silent auction, live entertainment and much more.

Following the theme "Leap into Conservation," this year's Sunset at the Zoo spotlights the DZS's wildlife conservation efforts locally and across the globe — along with the daily work that propels this purpose. Whether partnering with communities worldwide to preserve important habitats, speaking up for legislation that protects threatened species, supporting biodiversity through species-specific programs or protecting endangered species from extinction, it all bolsters the DZS's vision to be a force for positive change in a world where animals and nature are valued, understood and protected by all people.

"Conservation is a core part of what we do and we have a responsibility to do the right things today, so we can pave the way for a brighter future," said Jane Alessandrini, DZS vice president of development. "But we can't make that future a reality without our valued supporters. Every dollar raised at Sunset supports our mission to create meaningful connections between people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive."

The DZS also will feature five of its flagship conservation programs throughout the evening through interac-

tive and educational conservation stations, showing guests how they can help protect Great Lakes piping plovers, Panamanian golden frogs, red pandas, the Peruvian rainforest and natural landscapes around metro Detroit.

Advance tickets for Sunset at the Zoo may be purchased online at sunsetatthezoo.org. Tickets start at \$250 for a general admission Piping Plover ticket. VIP Panamanian Golden Frog tickets, which include exclusive amenities and a VIP reception, are \$600 each. Discounted group packages also are available.

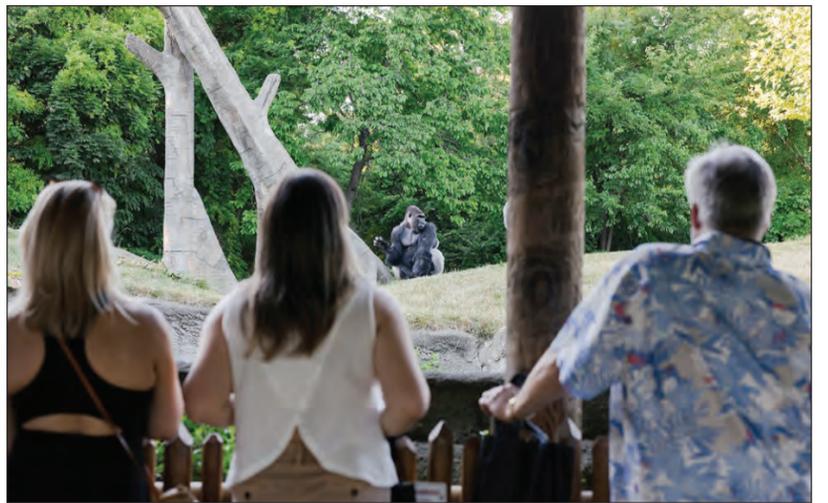
For the first time, the DZS is hosting a rousing raffle, the Great Zoo Giveaway, in conjunction with Sunset at the Zoo.

A prize package containing behind-the-scenes zoo experiences, animal encounters, a one-night hotel stay, a travel voucher and a certificate to a top-rated restaurant in metro Detroit will be awarded to one lucky winner. This experience is available for up to four guests, ages 8 or older. All participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunset ticket holders and the general public may visit sunsetatthezoo.org and purchase an unlimited number of tickets until Friday, June 30, for a chance to win this prize package. Tickets for the Great Zoo Giveaway are \$5 each or five for \$20.

The Detroit Zoo will be closed Friday, June 23, to prepare for the event.

Sunset at the Zoo is also supported by VIP sponsor DTE Foundation, along with Kelly Houseman Counseling, Suburban Subaru of Troy, Grays Outdoor Services, IBEW Local 58, The Cotton Family, Mario Morrow and Associates LLC, Taft and Doetsch Environmental Services.



Ticket holders during Sunset at the Zoo will enjoy exclusive access to the zoo's habitats until twilight.

### AAUW:

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Polytechnic Institute to pursue a career as an aerospace engineer. She wants to create a "space robotic rover" that would have the ability to track space debris in Earth's orbit, then retrieve it with robotic arms and return it to Earth. The debris would then be repaired and reused or safely disposed.

◆ Grace Korkmaz will attend Michigan State University to become a civil engineer. She hopes to find a solution to the crumbling infrastructure of cities. Concrete is deteriorating from sun, weather exposure and global warming. She hopes to use recycled plastic waste as a key ingredient in re-formulating or replacing concrete.

◆ Ava Carr will attend Dartmouth College to pursue a career as a biomedical engineer and subsequently a medical doctor. Her innovation involves genetic research related to cancer. In 2018, there were 17 million patients with cancer. Since gene mutations are related to cancer risk, Carr wants to create a process, like



Kaitlyn Barr



Grace Korkmaz



Ava Carr



Meredith Tiderington

CRISPR-Cas 9, that would eliminate cancer genes. Currently 10 percent of cancer patients are genetically predisposed. For these identified patients, Carr's innovative process could prevent cancer in possibly 1.7 million people annually.

◆ Meredith Tiderington will attend Purdue University to become an engineer.

She is interested in developing new and improved prosthetic devices. Besides making them more comfortable, functional and affordable, she wants to include brain-computer interfaces or other sensing technologies to enable amputees to control their prosthetics through thought or other non-invasive means.

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## Pollinator Week, BioBlitz at Oudolf Garden

The public is invited to explore birds, butterflies and other local wildlife, insects and plants at a free, family-friendly Pollinator Week Celebration and free BioBlitz from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 24, at Oudolf Garden Detroit.

Participants will enjoy informative displays and children's activities in the garden and learn more during guided BioBlitz walks, during which

ral setting in the heart of Belle Isle in Detroit.

Participants will be able to see and record pollinators in the newest feature of the garden, the Bird Border, which was planted in May 2023. The Bird Border is another home for garden pollinators and wildlife, especially the feathered varieties. With nine species of shrubs, Oudolf created an aesthetic backdrop to his rain gar-

den that anchors the west end of the garden.

The community also is welcome to visit Oudolf Garden Detroit every day of the week from dawn to dusk if unable to attend this event. The free public garden sits in front of the Nancy Brown Peace Carillon and is located at the intersection of Picnic Way and Loiter Way on Belle Isle. On-street parking is available around the garden site, in the adjacent parking lot and at the nearby Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle Aquarium and Flynn Pavilion parking lots. Picnic areas are available nearby. City bus service also is available to Belle Isle.

This event is presented by Oudolf Garden Detroit and MI Birds, a public outreach and education program from Audubon Great Lakes and Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as well as partners, including Belle Isle Nature Center, Detroit Audubon, Detroit Butterfly Nursery, MSU - Extension, National Wildlife Federation, Oakland University, MI DNR Outdoor Adventure Center, University of Michigan Environmental Interpretive Center, Wild Indigo Nature Explorations and the



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This is the first public garden to incorporate all three of Oudolf's iconic planting styles: block, matrix and group planting.

Herces Society. Oudolf Garden Detroit is an all-volunteer group dedicated to placing and maintaining a Piet Oudolf-designed garden on Belle Isle. Oudolf is an internationally renowned Dutch garden designer and horticulturist who created the planting designs for the High Line in New York City and Lurie Garden in Chicago. OGD and its 501(c)3 entity, Friends of Oudolf Garden, are committed to overseeing the garden and managing and funding its operations.

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three of Oudolf's iconic planting styles: block, matrix and group planting. The garden includes 32,000 hearty perennials and grasses, including many native species that were planted in late summer 2020, with 90 percent of these plants coming from Michigan growers. An additional 48,000 bulbs were layered on top in

2020. Visit [oudolfgarden-detroit.org](http://oudolfgarden-detroit.org) to view interactive maps and plant lists, drone video coverage, photos, a sponsor a plant donation effort and more.



Oudolf Garden Detroit is open every day from dawn to dusk.



The garden includes 32,000 hearty perennials and grasses.

community members will find and identify as many species as possible over a short period of time. Attendees can be part of citizen science in this public garden — a natu-

den that anchors the west end of the garden.

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### ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

## Acceptance in AA

**Q:** It's been six weeks since I've had a drink. I went to treatment for a month and I've learned a lot at meetings, but I still have a hard time with "surrender" and "powerless" and "acceptance." I'm a highly functional person and these ideas are hard to swallow.

**A:** "Easy does it," is a favorite slogan in AA, so let's take the easiest term first: acceptance. For those of us in recovery, this refers to accepting reality: 1) I have a disease and 2) I need to keep it in remission.

Many of us hoped we could learn how to drink safely or use other substances like THC, but experience shows that people suffering from the disease of addiction can't do that. It may be hard, but we need to accept the facts as they are.

To keep our disease in remission, we need to stop fighting the facts. We don't have a will-power problem or a character problem; we have a medical problem. We need to quit struggling and acknowledge our situation. In other words, we need to surrender. Humans have struggled with alcoholism and other addictions for centuries. We're lucky to live in a time when effective treatment is available.

Dr. Robert DuPont, one of the foremost addiction researchers in the country, once made a powerful statement to us. He said he was proud to be an American for many reasons, but he was most proud because America had given the world Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Steps. He went on to point out that

nothing has proven more effective in the fight against addiction.

Acceptance is not resignation. Instead, it serves as a starting point for personal transformation and healing. It involves embracing the truth and recognizing the need for help, support and a different way of living.

The first step in AA states: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable."

No one wants to admit they are powerless over anything. But let's look at it from another angle. Sometimes busy people get a very bad flu. They may try to work through it, but if the flu is bad enough, they may have to surrender, admit their powerlessness over the flu and just go to bed. It's the smart thing to do.

When it comes to addiction, at some point we have to admit that we can't control it. In fact, it's controlling us. We need to acknowledge that we can't win this battle alone. Without help, we are simply powerless to overcome it. We may quit for a day or a week or a month, but we always get pulled back into our addiction.

The great benefit of admitting our powerlessness is that it clears the way to treatment and recovery. Only when we stop rationalizing, surrender to the facts and admit our powerlessness to beat it alone, can we really start to recover. Otherwise, we're secretly holding out hope that we somehow can control our drinking and this leads to relapse.

You'll notice the language of the first step says "we," instead of "I." Recovery is a team sport, like football, not an individual sport, like tennis. You can be the greatest football player of all time, but if you don't have a team, you will never win.

The winners in recovery are those who have stopped fighting the problem and started embracing the solution. Winners have an AA home group, an AA sponsor and they're attending meetings on a regular basis. Winners aren't spectators. They're actively engaged in their program and working through the Twelve Steps with their sponsor.

Since its founding June 10, 1935, AA has been helping people beat their addictions and live a life that is "happy, joyous and free." It sounds like an unrealistic promise, given the damage done by the disease, but the program works for almost everyone. It's true there are other paths to recovery, but we've never seen results like we've seen in AA.

Congratulations on your decision to get treatment and begin your journey of recovery. We think you'll find new doors opening to a life far beyond your expectations.

Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families face addiction more than 30 years. They are the authors of "Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at (313) 882-6921 or [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net).

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Hand-written thank-you notes go a long way in being polite

**Dear Gabby:** Do I have to write thank you notes for every single graduation gift my son receives? It seems like sometimes a text might be ok. What are your thoughts on this?  
— Graduated in GP

**Dear Graduated,**  
Congratulations on your son's graduation! For starters, your son — not you — should be

writing his own thank-you notes. I'm sure things seem very busy and hectic, and thank you cards may seem trivial — but I assure you they are not. Please, remember that everyone took the time to attend your party or mail a card or gift. Everyone's schedule is tight at this time of year, as well as many of their budgets. Please show the

respect that you would expect from anyone you care about. Further, your son is now getting ready to go off into adulthood. The least he can do is learn the way of the (polite) world and get this task accomplished with a heartfelt thank you and personal note. Finally, because hand-written notes are less common these days, they

stand out. You never know what role your thank you note recipients will play in the future. Could one of them be a future boss? In-law? A proper note is always the right thing to do.  
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## Six-year estrangement is hurting whole family

**DEAR ANNIE:** I don't know where to start. It has been six years since our youngest daughter, "Emily," has been close to us. The problem started when our oldest daughter and her cousin were in the kitchen talking about Emily when Emily walked by. She obviously was concerned that they were talking about her. We were just getting ready to eat our holiday meal, and I asked where Emily was, and they said she had left. I called her to ask why, and she said her sister and cousin were staring at her and talking. Mind you, they were all in their 40s. After I talked to Emily, my husband and son-in-law asked why she left. I told them, and my son-in-law said repeatedly that she needed help. My husband couldn't take any more, so he said I'm not going to sit here and

listen to you talk about my daughter, and he got up and left. I called Emily and said that I wanted to talk to her later, and she said OK. But that was the last time I have talked to her. I would love to talk to her every night. I have a grandson who I haven't seen either. We did everything for them, including helping to pay for his college. He now works in engineering. I miss him so much. I cry every day. My youngest daughter was diagnosed with PTSD and schizophrenia. She doesn't

believe it and won't take the medications. My husband and I are going nuts. We don't know what to do. We all own the house and want to sell it, and she won't sign the papers. I'm afraid I will never talk to my daughter or grandson again. We were so close. — **CONFUSED PARENTS**  
**DEAR CONFUSED PARENTS:** The best thing to do is be patient — and gently encourage her to take her meds. You might need a doctor's help with this. Schizophrenics who refuse to believe their doctor or take their medication become almost impossible to have a close relationship with. Your daughter's feelings were hurt because her sister and cousin were talking about her, probably not in a flattering way. That hurts at any age. But you are cor-

rect that, as adults, she should have talked with her sister and cousin about why they felt the need to have a conversation about her. Instead, she reverted to acting like a little girl and ran away from the situation. It is all understandable. She also is using her grandson in this as well. These are all very immature actions, but hopefully if you continue to acknowledge her hurt feelings and try and speak to your other daughter about apologizing, maybe they will all come around. The most important issue, however, is her denial of the doctor's diagnosis and refusal to take any medications. Ask that doctor for help.  
**DEAR ANNIE:** I was hanging out with my closest friend, "Alice," and her friend, "Jane,"



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

and they started talking about Alice's ex-boyfriend. They asked me to leave for a minute so they could talk privately, but then they avoided me for the rest of the day. Once Alice and I both got home, she sent a message saying our friendship wasn't working and how we shouldn't be friends anymore. I agreed with her, considering the fact that she couldn't trust me. But then, without explanation, for the next few days, Alice was friendly and nice. At that point, I was broken. I've been crying over this. What should I do? — **CONFUSED GIRL**  
**DEAR CONFUSED**

**GIRL:** Her behavior is certainly confusing; it makes no sense. One day she is nice, and the next day she is mean, and then she is nice again. If you want this friendship to continue, you have to find out why she doesn't trust you. If she makes up a reason, or if you don't agree with her, then I might pull away and find a new friend, one who is consistently kind. She might also be suffering from a mental illness. If her behavior continues to be erratic, encourage her to seek help.  
*Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).*  
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## THE KID LIST

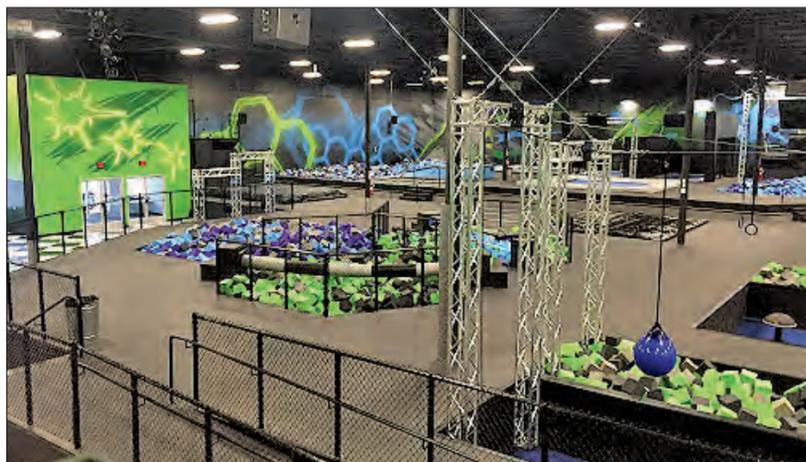
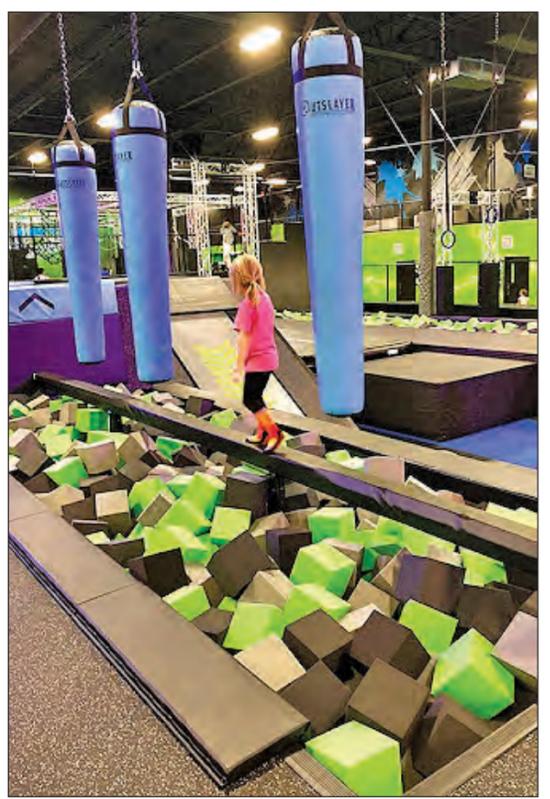
by Nora Nanny

### DEFY Detroit

I think we can all agree, keeping kids entertained on rainy days is a difficult task. Despite my best efforts, everyone ends up on their iPad after explaining how "bored" they are for a few hours. While screens are great in some situations, I like to give the kids opportunities to participate in other fun activities. If that means driving to a trampoline park 30 minutes away and making an adventure out of it, I'm willing to do it. Invite friends, grab some

snacks and let's go. I've been to every trampoline park on the planet and to be honest, they are all the same. Every park is full of foam pits, giant trampolines and a concession stand serving Slurpees the size of your head. Even though I say no every time, we somehow always walk out with a few of them. I heard about DEFY Detroit on social media and decided to take the kids there on a rainy Sunday. We went to the

Commerce Township location, which is about an hour away. Right when I walked into the facility, I immediately liked this place better than all of the other trampoline parks I'd been to in the past. To start, all of the activities are in one giant room with no walls or barriers separating one area from another. This makes keeping your eye on all the kids at once simple and easy. There are chairs and benches scattered throughout the middle of the trampoline area, so adult seating is not a problem. The kids immediately ran onto the trampolines and didn't want to leave. There are so many different activities here that are so much more fun than just jumping on a trampoline. Aerial silks, extreme dodgeball, basketball, obstacle courses, trapeze, zip line, battle beams and



# Summer feels

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

When you leave for summer break and forget your computer charger, community and friends are everything. Crazy end of school activities leaves you brainless.

However, someone always has something to help you out and I'm thankful for that.

This week's recipe features peaches that are now being picked, fresh and daily.

I'm not the biggest fan of dessert so I prefer to do a sweet and savory combination. Today I made a bruschetta with grilled peaches, ricotta and prosciutto.

Add some basil that you have started in May and it's the per-

fect hors d'oeuvre.

If you want, you can crisp the prosciutto. It's almost like crispy bacon on top with ten times more flavor. But layered on top in its natural state is best.

All of the flavors are mellowed out by the ricotta. It's a wonderful summer dish that hits all the notes.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Peach Bruschetta

1 baguette, sliced

1 pint ricotta cheese

6 peaches, halved

4 tbsp honey

4 oz prosciutto

4 tbsp fresh chopped basil

Olive oil, salt and pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 400 and toast the bread for about five minutes per side.

Meanwhile, either grill the peach halves on one side for five minutes or get a hot skillet going and cook flesh side down for five minutes.

To assemble, smear the slices of bread with ricotta, sliced peaches, a drizzle of honey and top with fresh cut basil.

An extra drizzle of olive oil never hurts to round out your sweet and savory perfection.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



# Classic Reds

A century ago, many of the finest French red wines were known to improve after they had been aged for a decade or more in a cool cellar. The main reason was that the wines were basically undrinkable when they were young.

Winemaking back then was fairly rudimentary and the astringency that developed in such reds was due to the combination of acidity and tannin that then was basically unavoidable after the fruit was picked at optimum flavor development.

Over time, things changed and the style of red wine we began to make after about 1970 needed less time in the cellar. And in the last 30 years, that style moved far away from mandatory aging of red wines to a drink-soon beverage.

Cabernet sauvignon in particular was a wine that consumers began to drink widely, even though before the 1970s many red wines were still a bit heavy and astringent to drink young.

By 2000 in California, the earlier style of cabernet had been all but abandoned. In today's world, some of these earlier wines began to be seen as ancient history. Some people derisively called these wines "old reds" and disparaged them.

However, there are people among us who cherish these mature survivalists of the former era in winemaking. Although older bottlings of the earlier period of elegance and wine/food compatibility are becoming hard to obtain and expensive, tastings of these well-developed examples always bring together some of the most dedicated wine collectors.

Early in June this year, two dozen such people gathered at two outrageous private events in the Napa Valley staged by a Hawaiian wine collector by the name of Chris Clever, who began collecting older California wines decades ago.

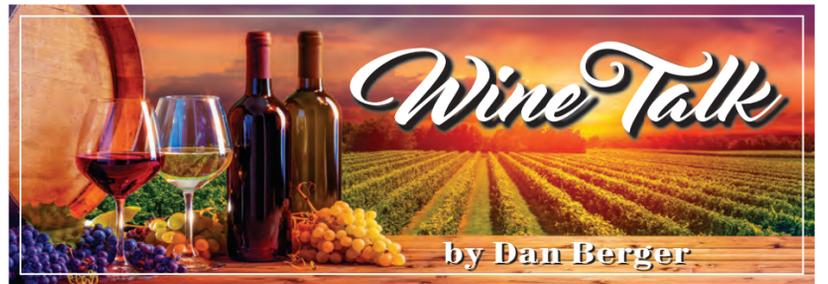
His collection includes

wines that were designed to be aged and then were perfectly stored. Both criteria are necessary if a red wine is to survive long aging in a cellar. Clever invited several friends who absolutely would appreciate maturity.

Among those who attended this series of tastings and dinners were winemakers Dr. Richard Peterson, Bernard Portet and Rob Davis; winery executive Michael Mondavi, and chef/vineyard owner Narsai David.

The significant aspect of this series of events, which included a remarkable collection of older wines from Clever's cellar, was not only that every bottle displayed remarkable characteristics of mature fruit and complexity. Also amazing was that the wines all validated the concept that for a red wine to take on classic proportions in a wine cellar, the grapes must be harvested earlier than they are being picked today.

Almost every wine we



tried displayed a label that showed it had less than 13.5 percent alcohol! And the rare bottle that showed nearly 14 percent usually was described by the experts as being from a warm vintage.

I attended each of the events and can attest to the fact that the wines were all in perfect condition, and several of the wines tasted perfectly fine the next day!

At one of the tastings, several of the bottles of very old wines from the 1960s and 1970s were contributed by host Beaulieu Vineyard, the preeminent cabernet producer during that period.

BV's winemaker at the time they were made was the great Andre Tchelistcheff. His name and legacy were invoked often during the events. Andre's protege, Rob Davis, spoke of the maestro's tactics in making wins of utter balance and structure.

Many of those in attendance pointed out that today's red wines simply do not have the precision, either from the vineyard or in their winemaking, to last

beyond a few years in the bottle. Most of the experts pointed out that the alcohol levels in today's cabernets are simply too high for the wines to age the way the cabs from the 1960s and '70s developed.

It really is not possible to find very many cabernets today that are made the way they were 30 and 40 years ago, and as a result most of the caber-

nets on the shelf today are ideal for consuming extremely soon. Aging of such wines usually leads to disappointment.

No Wine of the Week.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# SUMMER



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Corner Active & Leisure's Faherty Cala linen skirt and top, left, in flowy organic cotton for a laid back look. Sturdy and rinsable hot pink Bogg Bag, from Village Palm, above top. BTB Los Angeles Tahiti clutch from IRIS, above. Assorted Lilly Pulitzer and Palm Beach women's sandals, below, from Village Palm.



# FASHION

## PREVIEW WARM-WEATHER LOOKS FOR 2023

Summer, at last you are here. That means breezy dresses, flip flops, halters and cool white slacks and shorts. Loose and lightweight rules the day and a resounding, "ahhhhh" can be heard all around the Pointes — as people kick off their heels, toss their flannels aside and dream of wiggling their toes in the water. It isn't summer wear if it isn't cool and comfortable.

To get you ready for this season of sunshiny bliss, our fashion team has scoured the local shops for the most inspiring summer pieces to add to your relaxation wardrobe, whether you'll be on the boat, at a family get-together or sipping a cold cocktail al fresco with friends.

The 2023 season's colors are bold and bright, with

eye-catching floral patterns, muted candy-colored solids and fresh whites for contrast.

Textures run the gamut from terry playsuits to crocheted-detail dresses, gauzy cotton blends to shirred separates. Bags are lightweight straw, raffia, crochet and twill. Leather sandals are beaded and glitzed. Everything has a playful and colorful appeal.

We've rounded up some of the top looks from Capricious, Corner Active & Leisure, Dawood, Glitter & Scotch, IRIS, Newport, Savvy Chic and Village Palm for your fashion pleasure, and hope you see something that will make your summer frolicking more fun.

Here's to happy shopping and a wonderful summer of family, friends and fun!



Above: "By the Shore" bracelet set from Village Palm accents your summer outfits with a touch of beachy elegance.

Teal green tailored blazer and matching shorts, right, from Savvy Chic, are cool and sophisticated when the occasion calls for a summery upscale look. Pair with a cami or halter.





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## SASSY STYLES AND COLORS THAT PUNCH

Crisp and cool mint-and-turquoise printed cotton voile Lilly Pulitzer, above, is a fit-and-flare summer won-der. As you breeze by, all eyes will be on you in this sweet sleeveless sundress, accented by side seam pockets, a smocked back panel, and charming rickrack trim. So fresh and romantic, from Village Palm.

Dawood's LoveShackFancy Kindler Dress, above, is the little white dress — plus! Every one needs at least one pretty white dress for summer events. We love this one because it combines a tiered skirt, ruffled hem and flutter sleeves with unique, intricate crocheted lace trim on the bodice and skirt. You'll feel like a breath of fresh air, personified.

The Camilla Halter Dress has style, oomph and feminine appeal while being so lightweight and comfortable. This could be that one trusty piece in your closet that always makes you feel great and confident in it. Soft white fabric with a classy chain pattern and flattering empire waistline, it's available at Dawood.

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AND SHIRRED,  
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EXPRESS PIZAZZ,  
STYLE AND BOLD,  
FEMININE  
CONFIDENCE!**



Trina Turk Rancho halter top in floral crinkle and Trina Turk North Beach cropped pants with front slits, left, in white, from Iris.

Above: Savvy Chic Amerie top has a halter-tie neckline in a flirty lightweight, silky print fabric. It features a cute keyhole front and smocking in the back that molds to your curves. Perfect for day or night, this sexy halter top pairs perfectly with crisp white pants or jeans for weekend brunch or an afternoon soirée.



Cotton Candy Citron tote, far left, is handwoven with 100% PVC recycled plastic. So cute with everything! From Capricious.

Indie metallic gold sandal by Solei Sea, left, elevate jeans and a t-shirt or your favorite sundress to chic. Available at Capricious. With this look, you're golden all summer.

# TAKE A WALK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE



The citrus-orange Pierre dress, far left, from Glitter & Scotch, is the perfect summer wedding guest dress! In this season's hottest color with a flattering midi length and ruched satin fabric, you'll be reaching for this dress often to look cool and chic all summer.

At least one white blouse in your closet is an absolute must for dressing up or down, depending on the occasion. This airy Mila raw-edge top is breezy — and easy to pair with anything! From Glitter & Scotch.

Bright, geometric Pucci print capris, center left, with cute iridescent pearl buttons at the ankle, bring high-energy fun to your summer wardrobe. From Dawood.

Mellow yellow cluster bracelet from Village Palm adds pop to your ensemble and lots of wear. Go for it!



The cutest on-trend blossom pink terry romper, right, is from Glitter & Scotch. Great piece to have on hand for pool cover up or hanging out on hot summer days. Lightweight terry dries quickly and offers loose-fitting seasonal comfort.

Pink raffia dangle earrings, above, are from Amazon.



Summer blooms! Daisy drop yellow petal earrings, top, and flower dangle Boho earrings in poppy red, above, coordinate and provide a dash of color to your summer dressing. Both are from Amazon.

Marie Oliver Betti maxi dress, right, is classically feminine. July 4th barbecue already on the books? This showstopping dress, in cherry red Spark color, features a sophisticated take on classic Americana that's perfect for peak-summer holiday festivities. Cut from lightweight seersucker with flowy bag sleeves, it cinches at the waist for a flattering fit. From Capricious.



## ACCESSORIES MAKE THE WOMAN...



BTB Los Angeles Tahiti clutch, above, has punchy pops of striped coloring in pink or green. This clutch will be your next summer conversation piece. Available at IRIS.

Lilly Pulitzer necklace, right, conjures thoughts of the beach. From Village Palm.



Below, Varley mink faux suede Ronley quilted slides wrap your feet in comfort with their cushioned footbed. These contemporary slides take you from city sidewalks to poolside. From Corner Active & Leisure.



## MENSWEAR STYLE HAS GROSSE POINTE VIBES

The men in your life will look sharp this summer in great sportswear from Newport and Ridge Crest Outfitters. These local favorites for menswear consistently provide new selections of the latest trends and classics.

For a fresh look for him on the links or at the neighborhood barbeque, try the Tommy Bahama IslandZone® polo shirt. Upgrade to the latest in polo shirt technology with the Palm Coast Polo, offering seamless knitting for lightweight comfort and engineered body-mapping which creates great ventilation. The IslandZone® properties of the shirt help wick away moisture to help him feel cool, while the nature of the fabric creates a cling-free drape. A slight stripe pattern ties the polo together for an advanced, put-together look. Handsome, cool style from Newport.

Castaway Clothing's navy American flag-embroidered stretch twill Cisco shorts are also available from Newport. Started in 2005 by brothers Andrew and Matt, who were raised on Nantucket, Castaway is a line of well-made, colorful clothing for today's coastal lifestyle. The brand crafts traditional clothing that has passed the test of time, like embroidered Bermuda shorts, seersucker shirts, corduroy pants, and more — all designed with a love of the sea, sport, friends and family in mind.



Tommy Bahama IslandZone® polo in coral, top left, from Newport. Castaway Clothing American flag Cisco shorts, left, also from Newport.

Newport's Grosse Pointe baseball hat, top. Smaathers & Branson University of Michigan and Michigan State University needlepoint belts, sold at Newport.

## THE ANSWER TO LOOKING GREAT WHILE STAYING COOL AND COMFORTABLE

Ridge Crest Outfitters has your man covered for all of his summer sportswear needs. Patagonia men's A/C button-up plaid shirt, far left, is made from lightweight 100% organic cotton. For his well-deserved relaxation time, the shirt offers an airy, open weave that proves especially comfortable for hot and humid climates.

Match it with Ridge Crest Outfitters' Patagonia men's Quandary shorts, left bottom. These high-comfort, multifunctional, movement-oriented shorts are cut from soft yet tough fabric for longtime wear. They make a totally put-together look that is casual, yet classy.

Top it all off with the Patagonia trucker hat with that classic logo. This breathable hat keeps the sun out of his eyes as he does summer his way. From Ridge Crest Outfitters.



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# FISHING N!

**THE PARKS AND PIERS WERE FULL OF ACTION THIS WEEK AND GROSSE POINTE ANGLERS WERE HOOKIN' 'EM!**



**Grosse Pointe girl power**

Showing their fishing skills, clockwise from top; Brooke McMillan, 11, from Grosse Pointe Farms, poses with her incredible catch, a 16” smallmouth bass caught at Farms Park. Patricia Kolojeski, right, of Grosse Pointe Farms, represents the ladies with her nice 8” smallmouth bass, reeled in at Farms Pier. Clara Milne, 5, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms caught her 12” smallmouth bass at Pier Park.

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

As week three winners of the Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic are announced today, next week’s potential winners are already hitting the docks in order to take advantage of the remaining time left to compete for great cash and other prizes. Anglers have until June 29 to reel in their winning catches and take home top honors.

The kids’ division saw big winners in the bass and pike categories, with Parker Crandall taking the lead in the former with his hefty 18” bass and Malcom Richards winning the latter with his huge 32” pike.

For the B Division, Daniel Shanle was the sole winner with a great catch — a 16” bass.

Division C adults saw a standoff this week

a tie between two 16” bass, caught by Steven Kujawski and Joseph O’Laughlin. Matthew Fabry got the walleye win with his impressive 24” walleye. It was a great week overall with lots of activity and a ton of enjoyment.

Fishers should be reminded that all participants are eligible for the raffle drawing, with great prizes donated by Fishbones, Lakeside Fishing, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy and electronics prizes from an anonymous donor. Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe is the generous cash prize sponsor for division winners. With such great prizes on the hook, it’s more than worth your while to enter if you love fishing!

The Classic is just one more way to take advantage of the natural wonder that is Lake St. Clair and to spend some quality time relaxing at your favorite local park.

Bait up — and happy fishing!

**2023 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic**

**Who:** You! Age categories:  
**DIVISION A** - Age 12 and under  
**DIVISION B** - Ages 13-18  
**DIVISION C** - Adults, age 19+

**What:** 3rd Annual Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

**Where:** Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land only (no boats)

**When:** May 25 - June 29, 2023

**Why:** Great prizes, fresh air and good times in the Pointes.

**Prizes:** \$50 per fish category for the 12 and under and ages 13-18 divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.

\$25 per fish category for the adult, age 19+ division, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week for adult, age 19+ division.

**Details:** Visit [grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic) for full contest rules and details.



This impressive 16” smallmouth, above, was caught by Steven Kujawski, of Grosse Pointe Farms. He snagged the fish at Grosse Pointe Farms Park.



# Congratulations

## WINNER'S CIRCLE

### WEEK 3

**DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)**

**BASS** Parker Crandall, caught a winning 18" bass at GPYC  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** Malcom Richards landed a winning 32" pike in GPF  
**WALLEYE** N/A

**DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)**

**BASS** Daniel Shanle, 13, caught the winning 16" bass  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** N/A  
**WALLEYE** N/A

**DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)**

**BASS (TIE)** Steven Kujawski tied with a 16" bass  
**BASS (TIE)** Joseph O'Laughlin tied with a 16" bass  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** N/A  
**WALLEYE** Matthew Fabry got his winning 24" walleye in GPP

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Patricia Kolojeski  
 \$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Clara Milne  
 Electronics prize - Brooke McMillan



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Parker Crandall, 7, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught this amazing 18" largemouth bass at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

## A SAMPLING OF THIS WEEK'S INCREDIBLE CATCHES:



Matthew Fabry, of Grosse Pointe Park, got the walleye this week — a huge 24-incher at that! Fabry brought in this big boy at Windmill Pointe Park.



Daniel Shanle, age 13, of Grosse Pointe Shores reeled in this beautiful 14" largemouth, above, caught in Grosse Pointe Shores.



Davis Gryzenia, 13, of Grosse Pointe Farms, captured this beefy 14" largemouth, above, on a day at Farms Park.



The 14.5" smallmouth bass, above, was no match for Will Gryzenia, 14, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Caught at Farms Park.

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# A Great Northern Adventure: Part 1

By Brian Owen

I recently returned from a fishing adventure in Northern Manitoba, Canada. It was an incredible experience, although some of it was incredibly absurd and disappointing. We were after the great northern pike. The trip had been rescheduled three years in a row and it appeared that this would be the year we would get back to this seemingly magical fishery that produced multiple trophies for our group and dozens and dozens of pike north of 35". We got to know the bite so well and became so spoiled on that trip that we would try to shake off any fish shy of 33" to not have to deal with their razor-sharp teeth, the fish cradle (nets are not allowed) and the weaker fight. Something seemed to happen in that fishery where 37" became a game changer in the strength and the fight in the fish. Anything south of 33" could be easily dragged to the boat.



**Rains washed out the gravel runway, so a lighter plane was needed.**

In the days leading up to the trip the outfitter contacted us by email to let us know our outpost was not ready and asked us if we could reschedule. It was hard enough getting four schedules to coordinate to begin with, we told him that was not an option for us and to figure out another solution. We didn't care. We just wanted to fish. How bad could it be?

The outfitter, let's call him Sham Frett, confirmed our arrivals and warned us that we would be roughing it, but he would get us to the outpost. We were packed and ready to go off the grid for 4 days of non-stop fishing. The group was me, Jerry and two of his sons, Craig and Brad. Brad invited me on the first trip because he knew how much I love to fish and thought I would be a good fourth. They invited me back because he was right, and we had a great time. We all worked together well, and our strengths and weaknesses all balanced out well. I did a lot of the cooking, Brad did a lot of the organizing and planning, Craig built amazing fires and Jerry was the storyteller. I was fishing with Jerry when I caught my trophy, and he took a photo with a beautiful rainbow behind me and 43" northern pike in front of me. The outfitter used that photo for their brochure and website the following season or two. It was a great photo and a great fish that I caught on our third day!

Our previous outpost was stocked with lures, tackle, spinning rods and reels so I figured I didn't have to pack any of that. I couldn't wait to throw those Dardevle copper mice with the red eyes (made in Dearborn, Michigan) and the Johnson Silver Minnows. I did pack a fly rod, as Brad and Craig are avid fly fishermen always willing to teach the skills to beginners like me. They insist there is no better way to catch a trophy northern. I also packed a few books to read including *The Old Man and the Sea* and *A Farewell to Arms*, both sent to me by my good friend Dan who is also a fisherman and a writer. What better place to read Hemingway than on a fishing adventure in a foreign land?

Our flights to Winnipeg all had a layover in Minneapolis, so we met up there and arrived in Winnipeg together with enough time to go shopping for anything we forgot, have a bite to eat and rest up for the journey ahead. Our flight to the lodge was at 6:30 am and an amphibious vehicle would take us a few miles through the brush to our boats along the lake shore. There we would load up the boats with our gear and supplies for a 30-minute boat ride to the outpost. The forecast was rainstorms throughout the day, but the weather up there is very unpredictable. Everyone was on time and the flight was an easy 90 minutes. The temps were in the 70s and it was cloudy and rainy as predicted.

We got up in the air and I cracked open the pages of that dusty 1952 publication of *The Old Man and the Sea* and devoured the first 90 pages by the time we were about to land. I absolutely loved it and couldn't wait to finish it at the cabin. As the plane descended, I packed it away, got out my phone and started to record the landing. It was

still cloudy, but I could see some trees below here and there for a bit then just clouds again. We started to ascend and circle. There is no control tower, and the pilot was looking for the landing strip and setting his course to land. We began to descend again, and I swear I could see the tips of the trees when the plane once again began to gain altitude and our hopes of fishing that morning were dashed.

We were waved off as the runway was too wet and wouldn't be able to handle the weight of our plane. There were about 30 of us total plus luggage and supplies. We landed in the city of Thompson at the 55th parallel. The population according to Wikipedia is 13,678 and it is the largest city in the Northern Region of Manitoba. I was the first off the plane, the first to use the restroom and thankfully the first in line at the luncheonette. I ordered breakfast sandwiches for the four of us and as the young lady began to make our food, the line began to grow and grow.

Planes were landing and not leaving because of the storms and within an hour or so, the tiny airport terminal was full of people. I had made up my mind that if we went back to Winnipeg, I would be heading home. We ended up being there for 5 hours before we were sent all the way back to Winnipeg to make a second attempt to land the next morning. But somehow, sitting in that airport in Thompson, I had a change of heart. I told Brad I was with them no matter what. We were all in this you-know-what show together and only one day of fishing was gone.



**The outpost had no refrigeration or running water for the duration of their trip, so the crew had to rely on good old-fashioned methods of survival.**

By the time we got back to Winnipeg, everyone who was staying at the lodge had cancelled or rescheduled their trips. With only 12 of us left to fly in, the outfitter planned to book a smaller, lighter plane that could land even if the runway was wet. The only problem was he had to find two that were available on short notice. Upon landing, I turned on my phone immediately and my wife had sent me a hotel that had 3 rooms left. Everything else at the airport was booked and we didn't feel like having to drive 45 minutes to get downtown. I was able to get the last two rooms at the Best Western at the airport.



**A Northern Manitoba sunrise.**

Jerry, Brad, Craig and I checked in, dumped off all of our luggage and gear in the rooms and made our way down to the bar for some food and a couple of beers. Our stress, anxiety and frustration were taking over. Would we make it the next day? What if this is a Groundhog Day situation and we get waved off again and end up in Thompson or even worse, back to Winnipeg again? It didn't matter. Our minds were made up. We would try again in the morning.

Another sleepless night behind us, we met up in the restaurant at the Best Western and claimed our complimentary breakfast buffets and waited for an update from Sham. I'll spare you the next 6 hours of stress and anxiety, phone calls and emails and eventually confirmation. He got a plane, but only one and it had to make two trips to get all 12 of us there. Luckily, Jerry, Brad, Craig and I were on the first flight. We would be fishing soon



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Out on the lake, Brian poses with a consolation catch shortly after losing a possible trophy northern pike.**

enough. We landed on the makeshift airstrip and Sham greeted us as we got off the plane. He took the other 4 over to their boats and they made their way to their outpost. He came back and loaded up the Argo and we headed through the wet brush. We were floating and mud bogging our way through the tundra. The Argo was bouncing then floating

where they were fishing. I quickly reeled it back to catch up with the current and wham! It was something big. I reeled it closer to the boat and before I could get a glimpse it pulled out line and made a short run, digging deeper and against the current. At first I thought it was a huge walleye, but then I soon realized it was a monster northern.

I reeled it to the boat several times but it pulled away each time. I knew I would need the cradle to land it so I put the rod in my left hand and reached for the cradle with my right. I kept the line as taught as I could so as to not give it any slack to shake the hook. Its head shakes were strong and one bit of slack would let it loose. The pike was not easily losing strength. I eventually got the great northern close enough to the boat.

Brad shouted "Put the cradle in the water, it floats." So I did and the fish took another short run. I reeled it back to the boat again and saw its giant head and the girth of its long body. I attempted to pull it into the half open cradle floating sideways on the surface. It was nearly impossible to manage the rod with the fish pulling against the current and the wind. Jerry, Brad and Craig could only watch from their boat. Any attempt to get to my boat and assist with the landing would risk cutting the line.

I finally got it into the cradle and set my rod on the seat and bent down to reach for it. The line went slack and as I pinched the sides of the cradle closed it thrashed it's

and throwing mud everywhere at all times. Eventually, we came to a clearing at the shore and there were two boats full of water waiting for us. Sham started bailing the water out of one while Brad, Craig and I worked on the other. I am quite sure Jerry caught the first fish right then and there. About a 22" northern pike.

We loaded the gear and fired up the motors and headed out. The boats were small and heavy with gear. Jerry and I had a generator on ours as well. It was a wet ride to the outpost but not too bad. It was warm and sunny, so the spray of the lake felt good. About 30 minutes later, we arrived at the outpost with less than 40 hours left to fish, and I'm not sure if that included sleep.

For the next 40 hours we caught hundreds and hundreds of 22" northern pike between the four of us with the exception of a handful of northers over 35", three of which were only spotted chasing a lure or blowing up on a topwater, two were hooked and only one landed and photographed. Everywhere we went on the lake was full of fish. We'd drive up to a spot, kill the motor and start to cast. 9 out of 10 times I had a fish on the first cast at every new spot. We tried all kinds of different methods, different areas and different depths (although we had no depth finder).

It was the second day of fishing and I woke from a much needed nap. Brad, Craig and Jerry left me a note and a boat. They had hit the river in search of a trophy. They figured the multitudes of walleye and the cooler, flowing water would attract larger northern pike. I made my way to the river and found them drifting along the rapids. The wind was blowing up stream and pushing the water up on the rocks revealing their exact location and holding the boats on a spot for much longer as the wind balanced out the current.

They told me they were catching nothing but walleye and there were no pike at all! Determined, I cast my copper Dardevle



**Jerry landed the first pike before the boats were even loaded.**

head, spit the copper mouse, slipped out the back of the cradle and disappeared forever. I lost the fish. No measurement. No photo. Only the adrenaline remained.

The rush lasted for a long time. Even as I write this I can feel my heart pounding a little harder. It's the best feeling to hook up with a fish like that and the worst feeling to lose it the way I did, ripping defeat from the jaws of victory.



**Brian, Craig, Jerry and Brad on the back of the Argo.**

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**Divisions:**

- Division A: Ages 12 and under
- Division B: Ages 13-18
- Division C: ADULT, ages 19 and up

**CONTEST RULES:**

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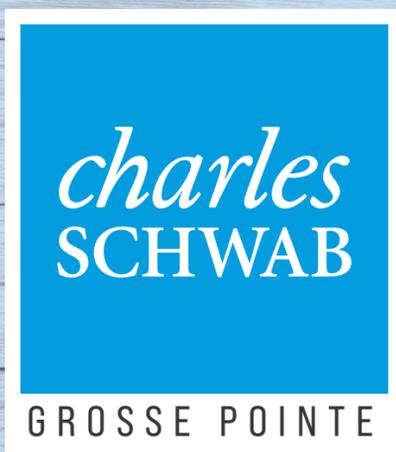
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Left, Kevin Spacey as Whit Burnett and Nicholas Hoult as Jerry Salinger in the 2017 movie "Rebel in the Rye," directed by Danny Strong.

MOVIE REVIEW  
 "Rebel in the Rye"  
 2017 - Rated PG-13  
 1 hr 46 min  
 ★★★★★

I was a voracious reader as a kid. I used to burn through the books. (As opposed to, burning books). There were a few that really had a big impact on me. The three that immediately come to mind are "Dune," "Catch-22," and "The Catcher in the Rye."

was. When I was finished, I had to scratch my head and ask, "That's it"? I was quite disappointed that he didn't publish more. Over the years I heard the brilliant author lived in a remote area of New Hampshire and was a virtual hermit. So I was eager to see this film adaptation of the book "J.D. Salinger: A Life," by Kenneth Slawenski. The Emmy-winning director Danny Strong

It's unclear why he's there, but we discover the reason later in the film. We jump back in time several years to a period of unrest for Salinger. He's been expelled from every college he's attended and his stern father Sol



Sol Salinger played by Victor Garber talking to his son, Jerry Salinger.

It was the latter that really resonated with me. As a typical cynical, rebellious teen, I could totally relate to Holden Caulfield. Although, truth be told, I don't think I was quite as cynical as he was.

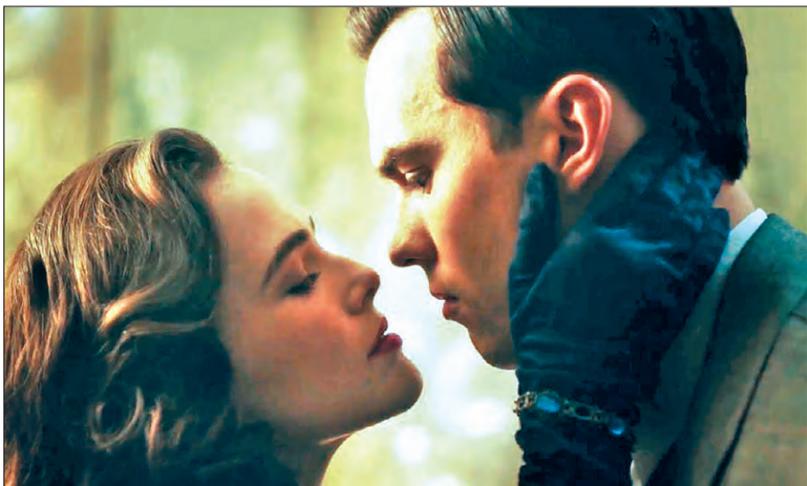
After reading "The Catcher in the Rye," I devoured all of J.D. Salinger's books, as in meager an oeuvre as it

brought it to the big screen. While it doesn't totally explain the author's reasons for not producing more work, it does answer some of the questions about just what made him tick.

The film begins with the author Jerry (Nicholas Hoult), as J.D. was known as in his youth, in a hospital.

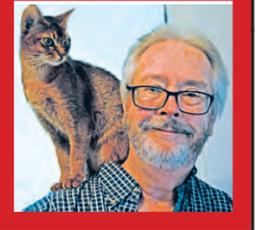


Above and below, Oona O'Neill played by Zoey Deutch has a moment with Jerry.



# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



enlisted in the Army and as luck (or unluck, as it were) would have it, he was part of the fateful D-Day invasion of France. The horrors of war were devastating to him. Salinger not only witnessed his buddies getting killed, he encountered the shocking scenes of Nazi concentration camps being liberated. It becomes clear that these images had a profound effect on him, and explains why he was in the hospital. Another major trauma to him was hearing that Oona had married 54-year old Charlie

that's a good thing — perhaps if we knew more about the real J.D. Salinger, we might lose some respect for him.

One of the constants throughout the film is Dorothy Olding (Sarah Paulson), his literary agent. Through all the trials and tribulations Salinger faced, she

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



Jerry (Hoult) meets with his agent Dorothy Olding played by Sarah Paulson.

stuck with him.

And Ms. Paulson is part of a superb cast of actors who truly bring the story of J.D. Salinger to life. If you're a "Rye" buff like me, you owe it to yourself to catch this biopic.

★★★★ 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.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [dominmark@yahoo.com](mailto:dominmark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com).

My rating system:

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

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



Jerry with his mother Miriam, played by Hope Davis.

(Victor Garber) won't let him forget it. They have a rocky relationship and his dad constantly admonishes him for wanting to be a writer and not going into the family business. Luckily, his mother Miriam, played by Hope Davis, is very supportive of him and encourages him to pursue his dreams.

After enrolling at Columbia University, he starts on the path of becoming an author. His creative writing teacher, Whit Burnett (Kevin Spacey), takes the young man under his wing. He's the perfect mentor for Salinger, and he helps him discover his true voice. It doesn't hurt that Burnett happens to be the editor of a well-respected literary journal. It's during this period that he meets and becomes infatuated with a girl Oona O'Neill (Zoey Deutch), the daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill. There are some great scenes where he tries to woo her in a lively jazz club. These spirited outings have a real Roaring 20s feel to them.

A major event that had a huge impact on Salinger's life was World War II. He

Chaplin while he was overseas. It made headline news and was an emotional blow to him.

"Rebel in the Rye" spends a good deal of time describing everything the author went through to create his best-selling novel, including all the hoops he had to go through to get it published in the first place.

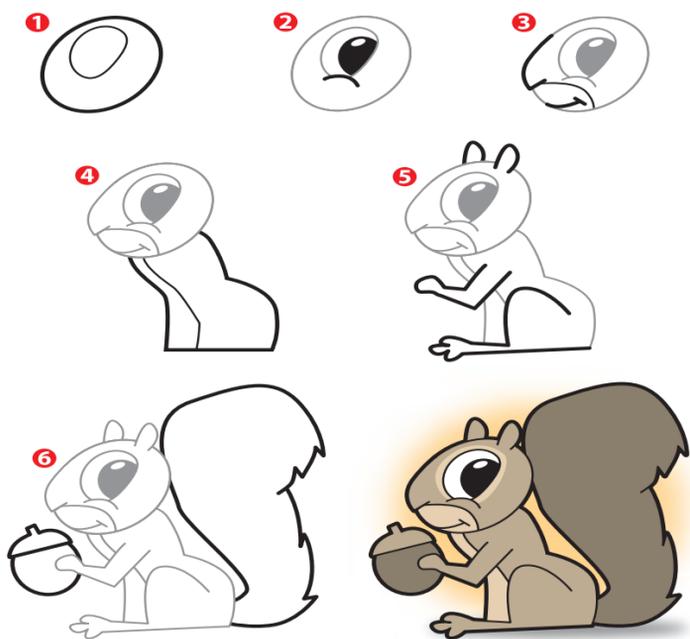
My only complaint is that the film glosses over his life after he became one of the most revered authors of the 20th century. Maybe



Salinger working.



# HOW TO DRAW A SQUIRREL



# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions after 12:45 p.m. EDT today (9:45 a.m. PDT) and for the rest of the day. The Moon is in Leo.

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 22, 2023:** You are romantic, affectionate and sensitive. You have a great appreciation for beauty. You also have high expectations in your relationships. This year you will get recognition for your past efforts. Expect a promotion, an award, kudos — some kind of acknowledgement. Bravo!

**CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

Keep an eye on your money and your assets today. Something unexpected might impact them. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Tonight: Money disputes.

**LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with unpredictable Uranus, which can make you feel hasty and eager to jump to conclusions. You will feel independent. Be careful that your impatience, especially with restraints, duties and obligations, does not land you in hot water! Tonight: High energy.

**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

Parents must be vigilant today, because this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. They might be canceled or delayed. Perhaps a different meeting place. Or you might receive an unexpected invitation. Avoid sports accidents. Tonight: Socialize.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

Your home routine will change today. A small appliance might break down or a little breakage could occur. Surprise company might knock at your door. Perhaps a family member has surprising news. It could be anything. Have a second cup of coffee. Tonight: Keep the peace.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. On the upside, you might have brilliant ideas out of the blue. Meanwhile, new contacts, strange faces and unusual conversations might occur. Tonight: You're convincing.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a restless day for you. You might feel vaguely confused or lacking in focus. You might begin things and then get distracted and start something else, and then get distracted again. You also might feel powerless to make changes. Don't worry; this is a fleeting influence. Tonight: Secret help.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A friend might surprise you today by saying or doing something you did not expect. Or possibly you will meet someone new who is unusual or avant-garde. Someone in a group might suggest something daring and unusual, especially something that rebels against the status quo. Tonight: Competition.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Relations with parents, teachers and the police are dicey today. You will not want to be told what to do. You will chafe at anyone giving orders or directions. Today you value your independence and might

feel a streak of rebellion! Don't do anything you will regret later. Tonight: You're ambitious.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Travel plans might suddenly change today. Or perhaps you have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. You might meet a real character who has something unusual to say, especially regarding politics or religion. News in the media might surprise you as well. Tonight: Explore!

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Double-check details that affect your banking, assets and anything to do with inheritances or shared property. Something out of the blue might impact these areas. Assume nothing. Check everything out so you're on top of your game. Tonight: Check your finances.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A conversation with a partner, close friend or spouse might go off the rails today. This person might be demanding, or you might want more freedom. They will certainly challenge you if you try to tell them what to do. It's best to step back and give this situation a wide berth. Tonight: Patience.

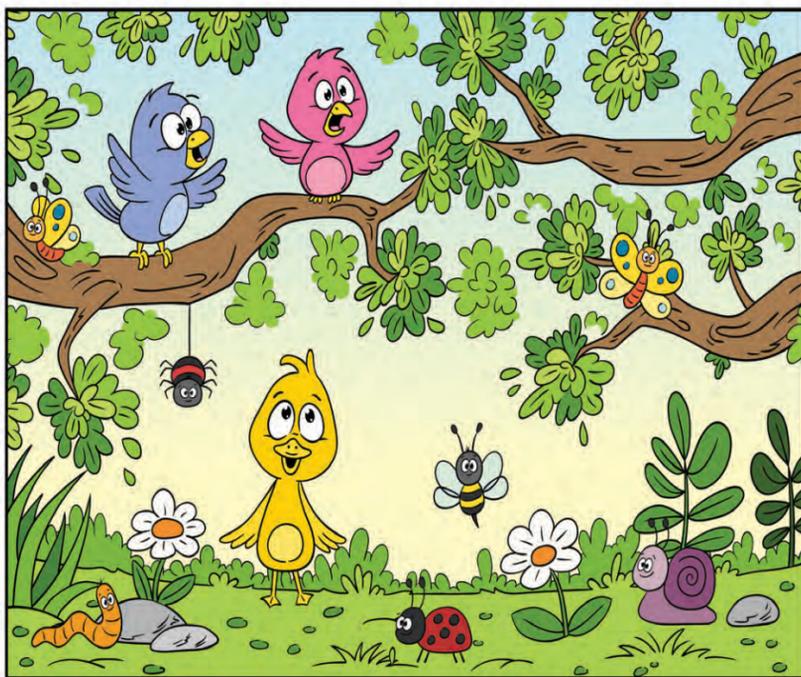
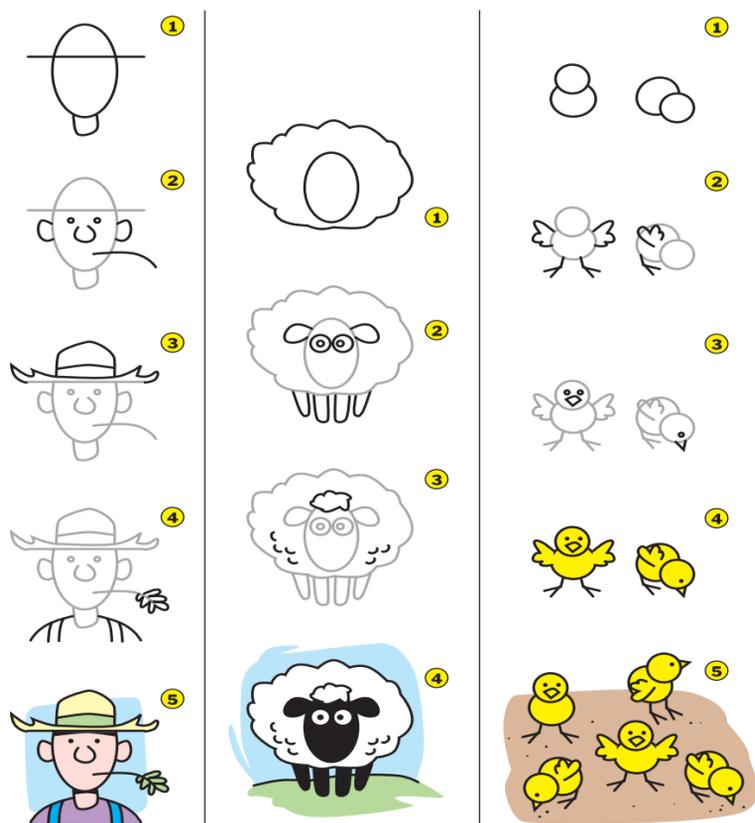
**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Your work routine will be interrupted today. Power outages, staff shortages, late deliveries, unexpected news and equipment breakdowns are some reasons your day might go south in a New York minute! This could be an accident-prone day for your pet as well. Tonight: Work.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Meryl Streep (1949), singer-songwriter Cyndi Lauper (1953), novelist Dan Brown (1964).

LET'S DRAW IT!



## Find 10 Differences



## Contract Bridge

**GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ K 10 9  
♥ Q 5 2  
♦ Q 7  
♣ J 9 7 5 3

**WEST**

♠ 7 5 4  
♥ A J 10 9 8 6  
♦ K J 6  
♣ 10

**EAST**

♠ 8 6  
♥ 7 4  
♦ 10 9 8 4 3 2  
♣ K Q 8

**SOUTH**

♠ A Q J 3 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ A 5  
♣ A 6 4 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match. Both North-South pairs reached four spades, and both Wests led the ten of clubs.

At the first table, declarer made the natural play of covering the ten with the jack. East played the queen, and South won with the ace and drew the opposing trumps. He then led a small club, hoping to quickly establish a discard for his diamond loser.

But East took the club nine with the king and returned the ten of diamonds. Whatever South did from this point on, he had to lose a diamond, a heart and

another club to East's eight for down one.

At the second table, declarer did not cover the ten of clubs with dummy's jack at trick one, following low instead. East had to play the eight (an honor would have cost a trick), whereupon South contributed the deuce!

West could do no better than to exit with a trump, whereupon South won, drew trump and played the ace and another club to establish the suit. When East now returned the diamond ten, declarer rose with the ace, led a club to the nine and discarded his remaining diamond on dummy's last club to make his game.

In finding the winning play, declarer reasoned that West's lead was either a singleton or from the doubleton 10-8, marking East with both club honors. West was therefore virtually certain to have the king of diamonds for his two-heart overcall.

Next, whether West had one or two clubs, no harm could come from refusing to play the jack on the first trick. If East produced an honor card, declarer could win the trick, while if East produced the eight — proving that the ten was a singleton and that South would have to lose two clubs no matter what he did — the trick could be conceded in order to keep West on lead. This gave declarer the time he needed to set up the clubs before the opponents could establish a diamond trick.

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by Steve Becker



# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



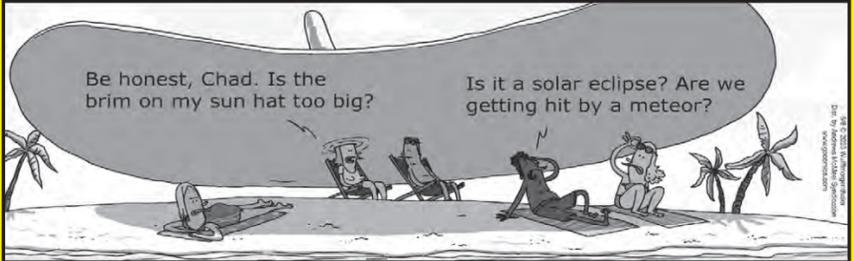
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



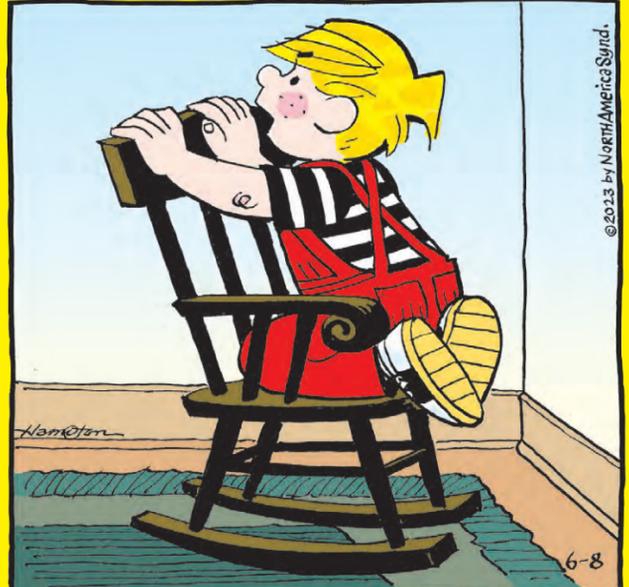
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## Dennis the Menace

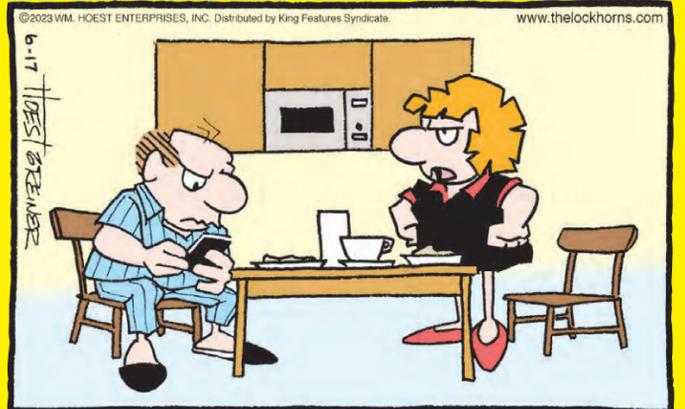
Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



"WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO BE GOOD... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU MEANT THAT GOOD!"

## The Lockhorns

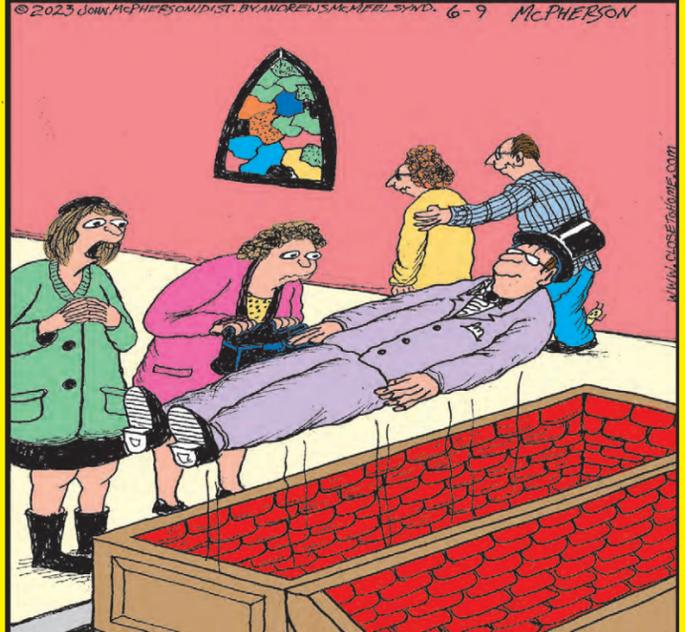
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"WE'RE NOT CALLING POISON CONTROL BECAUSE I SERVED YOU VEGAN BACON."

## Close To Home

John McPherson



"He was such an amazing magician."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke has been waiting there ever since he heard me call you to bring home a pizza."

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## Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

# Summer Activities FOR FITNESS AND FUN

Summer is the time to get outside and get moving!



### Animal Charades

This is a great game for two or more. One person says the name of the animal and the other person starts moving around and making sounds like that animal. When the laughter starts to slow down, the person acting as an animal gets to yell out an animal name for the other person to imitate.

Draw a line from each child to the animal they are imitating.



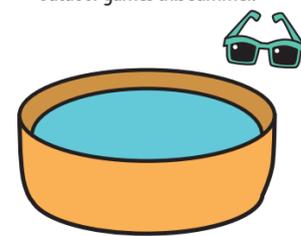
### Water Balloon Piñata

Skip the unhealthy sweets and try a piñata that can cool you down on a hot day!



1. String a bunch of water balloons in the yard between two trees. The water balloons are your piñata!
2. Take turns with a friend or brother or sister or cousin—someone you like to be with and swing a plastic bat or a large stick at the piñata. A wrapping paper tube would work as well.
3. **EXTRA CHALLENGE:** Blindfold the hitter!

Summertime is a great time to get some exercise while also having fun with family and friends. Try these outdoor games this summer.



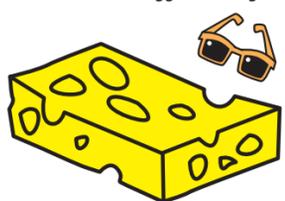
### Water Balance Dance

Crank up your favorite music and dance while holding a plastic bowl filled with water over your head. Can you dance through the whole song without getting soaked?



### Flashlight Tag

Start an egg timer at 5 minutes. The person who is "it" has a flashlight but must close their eyes and count to 30 while everyone hides. While standing in place (base), the person who is "it" must try to spotlight those hiding. And those hiding must make it back to base before the egg timer dings.



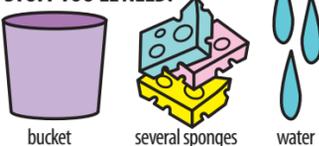
### Sponge Volleyball

Make a clothesline between two trees with a rope. Hang a plastic tarp over the rope so that each team of 3 or more players can't see the team on the other side of the tarp. Each player has a bucket of water and some sponges. Three, two, one... GO! Every player starts tossing sponges over the net towards the other team, while the other team does the same. First side to have no sponges left on their side of the "net" wins one point. Repeat. Which team can earn 10 points first? Still dry? How about 20?

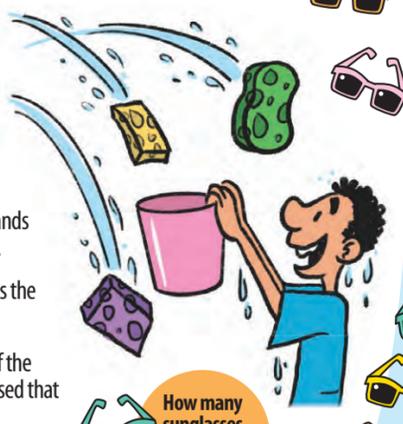
### Super Sponge Splash Zone

Win or lose, everyone winds up soaked in this game for three or more players.

#### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



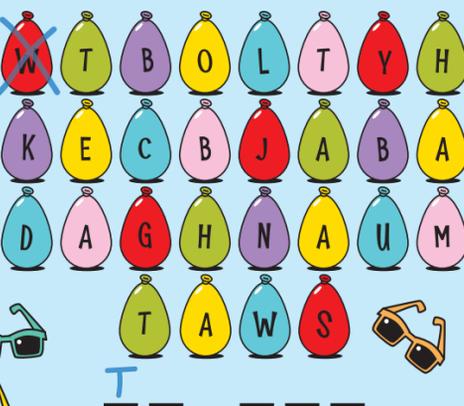
1. One person holds an empty bucket and stands about 10 feet apart from the other players.
2. Players toss water-soaked sponges towards the player holding the bucket.
3. If the player with the bucket catches one of the sponges in the bucket, the person who tossed that sponge becomes the bucket holder.



How many sunglasses can you find on this page?

### Where do Sheep go for Summer Vacation?

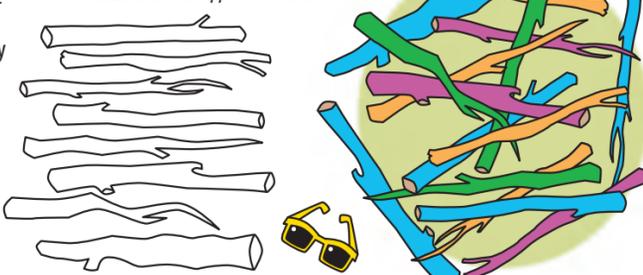
Just pop (cross out) every other water balloon below to reveal the answer.



### Make and Play Giant Pick-Up Sticks

Look outside for some sticks about two feet (60 cm) or longer. Paint the sticks different colors. Toss the sticks into a pile and then try to pick them up one at a time. If you play with another person, you each have to pick up sticks without moving any stick except the one you are picking up. A player loses their turn if they cause another stick to move. Give each color stick a different number of points. See who can pick up sticks that add up to the most points.

Draw a line from each stick on the left to its exact twin in the pile on the right. NOTE: Each stick can appear more than once.



### Extra! Extra! Newspaper Baseball

Wad up a newspaper page and wrap it with tape to make a ball. Roll up several pages into a long roll and wrap with tape. Use the newspaper "bat" to hit the newspaper "baseball."

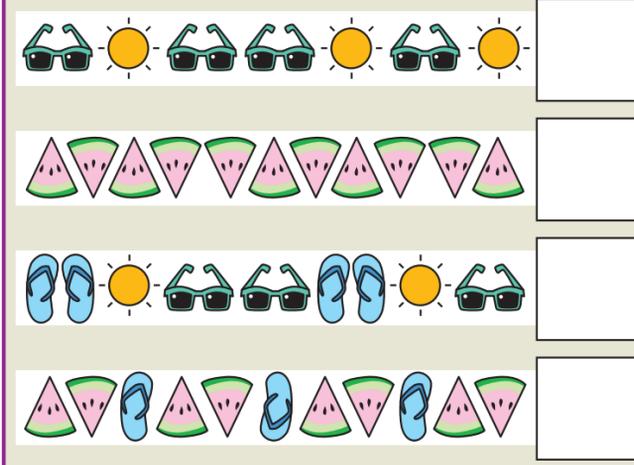
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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the thing that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

- ACTIVITIES
- BLINDFOLD
- CHARADES
- FITNESS
- SPLASH
- STICKS
- PINATA
- ACTING
- GIANT
- WATER
- COLOR
- ZONE
- PICK
- YARD
- FUN



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **IMITATE**

The verb **imitate** means to copy exactly or mimic.

Sebastian could **imitate** his father's voice.

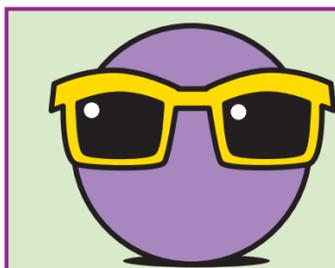
Try to use the word **imitate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Exercise Your Brain

Look through the newspaper for five numbers that add up to exactly 100. Then look for five numbers that add up to exactly 1,000. Have a friend or family member try, too.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums up to 1,000.



What is round, purple, and wears sunglasses?

ANSWER: A grape on vacation!

### Write On! Cutest Animal in the World

Which animal do you think is the cutest animal in the world? Why? Write a paragraph to convince other children of your opinion.

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# Champions at last!

## North girls soccer finishes storybook ending with first state title

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

For the first time in program history, Grosse Pointe North girls soccer has won a state championship. The Norsemen defeated East Grand Rapids 3-2 in a penalty shootout on Friday, June 16, in East Lansing to win the Division 2 state title.

“We’ve been the underdog all season,” North girls soccer coach Olivia Dallaire said after the win. “We’ve been underdogs in every game we’ve stepped on the field, but we changed our formation at half-time and I think it really made the difference.”

The Norsemen’s run to a state title was a Cinderella story after

finishing fifth out of six teams in the MAC Red to end the regular season. In true underdog fashion, the team’s state championship win was a come-from-behind victory.

East Grand Rapids took an early 1-0 lead in the game’s 11th minute and then made it 2-0 just three minutes later. The Norsemen managed to get one back before half-time, with Meredith Dodenhoff finding the back of the net to cut the deficit to one goal heading into the break.

The 2-1 score stood until there were just 14 minutes to go in regulation. That was when a North corner kick was mishandled by the Pioneers’ goalkeeper, resulting in an own goal that tied the game for the Norsemen at 2-2, and eventually sent things to extra time.

After two ten-minute extra time periods, the score remained tied and the game was sent to a penalty shootout. Mia Stephanoff scored in the

fourth round of the shootout to give North a key 3-2 advantage in PKs. To start the fifth and final round, Norsemen keeper Grace McCormick came up with the game-winning save, crowning North as state champions.

North’s final record for the season ends up at 9-7-7. Despite the fifth-place finish in the MAC Red, the Norsemen’s legacy from this season will show their victories in district, regional and state championships.

The district championship came in a 1-0 win over Lamphere. That sent the Norsemen on to the regional round, where they faced nine-time state champions Marian in the regional semifinal. North was viewed as a heavy underdog in the match, but ended up winning the game in a penalty shootout, a victory that gave the team confidence that anything really was possible during these playoffs.

“I thought we had a



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Amelia Streberger, right, hugs Meredith Dodenhoff after Dodenhoff’s goal in the first half of the Division 2 state championship game.

good chance of competing for the district, but it amazes me the growth we made from week to week,” Dallaire said.

“Marian was a turning point, taking down a powerhouse like them was the confidence booster we needed to get

to where we are.” For Dallaire, the championship is truly a full-pioneer like them was the confidence booster we needed to get

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# Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

When the final save was made at the end of the penalty shootout in last Friday’s Division 2 state championship game, midfielder Amelia Streberger and 18 of her Grosse Pointe North girls soccer teammates crowded around goalie Grace McCormick to celebrate their title. For Streberger, it was the conclusion to her junior season that nobody saw coming, but one she always knew her team was capable of achieving.

“As penalties came around, I was very confident in my team because we practiced them every day and had been in that situation before,” Streberger said about the moment her team clinched a state championship. “I’m so proud of my girls and all the hard work we have put in to get here.”

The win was the Norsemen’s first-ever state championship in program history, and Streberger’s name will be one of the first mentioned whenever anyone brings up this year’s team. She finished the season with 16 goals and five assists and scored the game-winning goals in both the

regional final and state semifinal games to help give North the chance to play for a title. To finish it all off, Streberger received First-Team All-State honors in Division 2 by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association and was

other coaches be like ‘put three on (number) seven’ but honestly it gives me even more confidence,” Streberger said. “It’s another challenge that makes me want to work even harder.”

Streberger has no problem stepping up to any

women’s track and field team. Streberger’s other brother, James, earned second-team All-State honors with the boys soccer team at North in 2021 before graduating and attending the University of Michigan.

As soon as Streberger began taking up soccer playing for the Neighborhood Club, EastSide FC and Michigan Hawks (for whom she still plays club soccer when she is not sporting the Norsemen green), the influence of her siblings was evident. All she wanted to do was compete just like they do.

“They’re the reason why I am where I am today and who I look up to...and why I’m as competitive as I am,” Streberger said.

Gaining that competitive edge by growing up with her athletic siblings really has turned Streberger into the kind of player that she is. Anyone who has seen her play might say that Streberger has an almost gritty approach to the game of soccer, hustling and fighting for every loose ball and doing whatever it takes to create opportunities for both herself and her team-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Streberger, pictured in a game against Grosse Pointe South earlier this season, has been on North girls soccer’s varsity roster for three seasons.

### Streberger Strikes

- Tallied 16 goals and 5 assists this season, helping lead North girls soccer to first-ever state title
- Scored game-winning goals in regional final and state semifinal games
- Named to MIHSSCA Dream Team and First-Team All-State in Division 2

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**Amelia Streberger**

School: Grosse Pointe North

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named to their Dream Team.

Those goals in key playoff moments and throughout the season seem even more impressive when one considers that Streberger was often challenged with everything opponents could throw at her defensively. “Normally I can hear

challenge, as it is something that she had to get used to while growing up with three older siblings who also boast plenty of athletic prowess. Older brother, Jack, started 18 games with the Butler University men’s soccer team as a senior in 2022. Sister Alaina was a member of the Hope College



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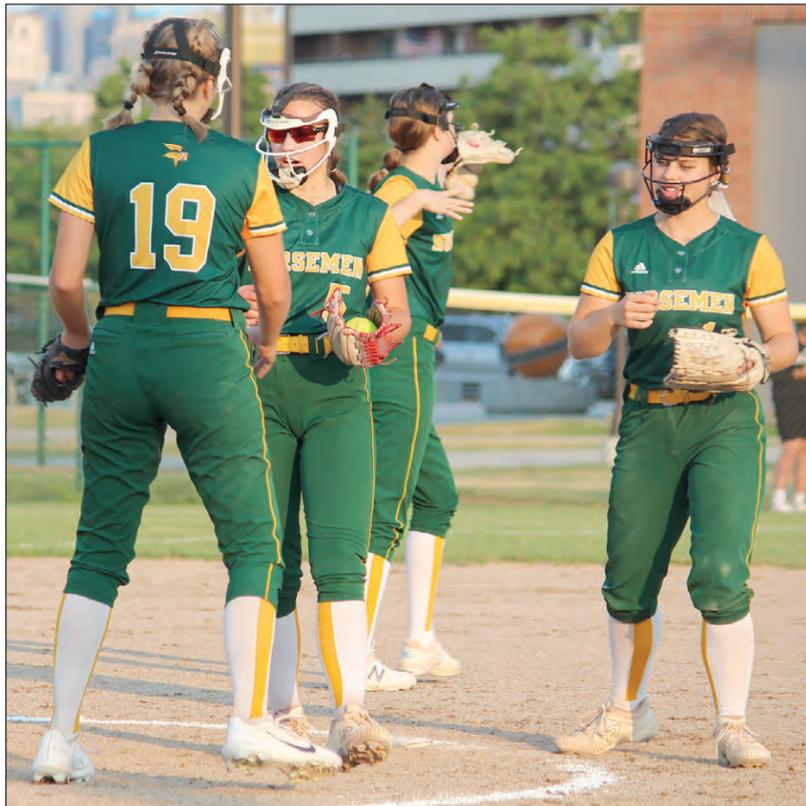


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The North infield gathers around pitcher Kaitlin Barr celebrating an out against Hartland in the Division 1 state quarterfinals.

## North softball's playoff push ends in elite eight

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After winning its first regional title in more than three decades, the Grosse Pointe North varsity softball team earned its way into the Division 1 state quarterfinals, or "elite eight" last week.

Weather pushed the game from last Tuesday to Wednesday, June 14, with the Norsemen taking on Hartland at Wayne State. With a trip to East Lansing and the semifinals on the line, North was unable to overcome a tough test against the Eagles, with Hartland taking the win 3-0.

This quarterfinal game largely came down to pitching and defense. There were only seven

hits combined between the teams and two of Hartlands three runs came in a single inning when the Eagles' bats heated up for a moment.

That inning was the fifth, when Hartland added two more runs onto its 1-0 lead in what was an extremely tight game to that point. Besides a few instances, North senior ace Kaitlyn Barr kept Hartland's bats mostly silent and finished the game with just one earned run on her record along with eight strikeouts in six innings.

The only issue for North is that the team's bats ran into an equally dominant ace on the other side. Hartland's Kylie Swierkos, a finalist for the Turnin2 Michigan Softball Player of the

Year Award, racked up 12 strikeouts in the game and held the Norsemen hitless until the sixth inning. While North did manage to get two runners into scoring position in the sixth, Swierkos was still able to get out of the jam and ultimately finish the shutout.

The loss ended the Norsemen's most successful season in 31 years. That was the length of the regional title drought that the team broke last weekend, along with a district championship win over rival Grosse Pointe South and a final record of 20-11 for the spring.

"This group of girls was very special, we all know that," North softball head coach Ron Smith said. "From the seniors and their leadership and ability to play the game... Their leadership was tremendous and the underclassmen are coming along and following suit, so we're going to have some great leaders in the future."

Hartland went on to win the Division 1 state championship, defeating Woodhaven 9-1 on June 17.

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circle moment. She was part of the only other North girls soccer team to ever play for a state championship in 2008, which was a 4-0 loss to Ann Arbor Huron in the Division 1 final.

Now leading her former team from the sidelines, Dallaire knew that the incredible moments that led to North's first championship would not

have been possible without the leadership and confidence displayed by her roster at every turn.

"Different girls stepped up at different points," Dallaire said. "Within the run of a half, we have girls stepping up for five minutes here and five minutes there, whether it's our keeper all the way up to our forwards. The underclassmen played like seniors and the seniors played like seniors."

In the days following

the state championship victory, a few Norsemen players were honored by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association for their performance this season. Amelia Streberger and McCormick were both named First-Team All-State in Division 2 while senior midfielder Megan Robert earned Second-Team All-State honors. Streberger was also one of eleven players named to the MIHSSCA Dream Team.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North goalkeeper Grace McCormick awaits the coming shot during an East Grand Rapids penalty kick attempt in the state championship game. McCormick would go on to be named Division 2 First-Team All-State.

## Knights fall in state semifinals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The district and regional championship wins that the University Liggett girls soccer team earned in recent weeks helped the Knights punch their ticket to the Division 4 final four. It was there

that Liggett saw its run through the playoffs come to an end, just shy of a trip to East Lansing and the state championship. The Knights took on Everest Collegiate in the state semifinal and lost a narrow 1-0 game.

The game's only goal came in the 22nd minute

of the first half. Everest cleared the ball out of its own end of the field while a forward made a run to meet the long pass just outside the Liggett box. The ball bounced past the Liggett defense allowing Everest a clear shot on goal.

Liggett was left with nearly 60 minutes to try and even the game again. Various chances appeared for the Knights, but the team was ultimately just unable to break through. The loss was only Liggett's third of the entire season, proving a testament to just how strong this team was throughout the spring.

"To do what we did in the postseason and come together the way we did was really gratifying," Liggett girls soccer coach David Dwaihy said. "I think everyone was able to see it that way even in the moment of sadness when it hits you that we lost, I think a lot of the girls were able to keep things in perspective and realize it was a pretty special run."

Everest would go on to lose the Division 4 state championship 5-0 to Kalamazoo Christian.

### PUBLIC NOTICE WELLSPRING DENTAL OFFICE RELOCATION

Wellspring Dental located at 20136 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, telephone number 313-886-9355, will relocate on July 1, 2023. After this date, the patient records will be transferred to the new office located at 26210 Harper Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081, telephone number 586-779-0150.

GPN: 6/8/23, 6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPEAL OF ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT FOR 906 THREE MILE DR.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Fourth Floor, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230 on the following matter:

Appeal to the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the issuance of a building permit to the owners of real property located at 906 Three Mile Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230. The Appellant alleges that the building permit was issued in violation of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Ordinance Section 27-94. Accessory Residential Buildings and Uses. Specifically, the appeal states that the building permit should have been submitted to the Board of Appeals for approval pursuant to Ordinance 27-94 because "the structure which the City has permitted is an accessory building" and is not intended for the storage of private motor vehicles, has a floor area greater than 120 square feet, will be taller than 12 feet in height, and is not intended for use as a storage building, gazebo, or children's playhouse. Information concerning this request may be obtained from the Public Service Department during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling (313)-822-4365. Written comments concerning this request will be received by the Public Service Department prior to the public hearing or by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the public hearing. Comments can be submitted via email at [clerk@grossepointepark.org](mailto:clerk@grossepointepark.org).

Meaghan Bachman,  
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# Liggett baseball strikes out in state final, falls to No. 1 Grand Rapids Christian 2-1

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Blue skies, a light breeze and temps in the low 80s seemed to set the perfect championship scene last Saturday afternoon for University Liggett varsity baseball, but the beautiful weather belied the game's results for the Knights, who lost to No. 1 ranked Grand Rapids Christian 2-1 in the Division 2 state championship final at Michigan State University.

"Everyone on our team busted their butt and tried hard and the other team did too. We just didn't get a big hit," Liggett head coach Dan Cimini said. "... We made really good plays in the outfield, turned a couple really nice double plays and kept our team in it. That's all I cared about is how hard we played."

The lack of big hits and few uncharacteristic errors were contributing factors that prevented Liggett from winning the program's sixth state championship since 2011, including the Division 3 title in 2021.

"They were making great pitches," Cimini said of what slowed the Knights' offense in the title game. "... Their second pitcher had so much movement on his fastball and we hadn't seen a lot of that."

"Not that (we) hadn't seen pitchers that good, but just that day, both their pitchers were throwing good stuff."

In the title game, the Knights faced a team on a similar championship quest in 35-5 Grand Rapids Christian, a squad that hoped to take care of unfinished business after losing to Ada Forest Hills Eastern in last year's state championship game.

In the top of the first, Liggett earned a walk, but otherwise saw little action at the plate against the Eagles' lanky left-



Liggett head coach Dan Cimini consoles starting pitcher Preston Barr, after the Knights' 2-1 loss in the state championship final last Saturday against Grand Rapids Christian.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

hander Ty Uchman.

In the bottom of the inning, Uchman hit a grounder to shortstop, advancing to second on an error on the same play. A walk to No. 3 hitter Jackson Isaacs gave the Eagles runners at first and third. Then senior Cam Seth, who later pitched in the game, got a hold of a fastball for a two-run, two-out triple off the right-field fence to put his team up 2-0.

It turned out to be all the Eagles would need.

Liggett threatened throughout the game, but failed to push across runs with runners in scoring position. In the top of the second, Liggett loaded the bases with two outs with lead-off hitter Jarren Purify at the plate. Purify hit a hard grounder to short, but a force out ended the Knights' threat.

In the fourth, a Jake Martin single and walk to Nick Greene put runners on first and third with one out for Liggett, but two consecutive groundouts ended the inning.

Finally in the fifth inning, Liggett got on the scoreboard. A double

from Purify and a Reggie Sharpe single set up a fielder's choice by senior catcher Oliver Service that knocked in Purify and cut Grand Rapids Christian's lead to 2-1.

The Knights got out 1-2-3 in the sixth, but entered their last at-bats in the seventh at the top of their order with Purify, Sharpe and Service.

Purify led off by lacing a hard, shallow liner to left, but the ball beelined straight into left fielder Zeke Hereema's glove. Sharpe then grounded out, nearly beating out the throw at first, leaving Liggett with one last shot to stay alive.

Service worked the count, earning a walk. He advanced to second after a wild pitch, giving the Knights new life.

On a 2-2 count, starting pitcher Preston Barr grounded out, sending the Eagles into an on-field frenzy as they celebrated their first title since 2013.

"It's not like we were striking out a ton, we just didn't barrel anything up really good," Cimini said.

The 2023 season ends with a state runner-up

trophy for Liggett, a team that got people talking in early May when it earned a double-header sweep of the 2022 Division 1 state champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's. In Game 1, the Knights ended the Eagles' 84-game win streak, a state record.

The team also beat both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South in the regular season and rolled through the district and regional brackets, outscoring opponents 68-4 before reaching the state semifinal last Friday. The Knights beat the defending D2 state champs Forest Hills Eastern in that game, 2-0.

Pitcher Joey Randazzo struck out five in the shutout, using outstanding control of his curve-

ball throughout the game. It was scoreless heading into the bottom of the sixth when Service faced a 3-1 count, with runners on second and third, and laid down a short infield single. The Hawks committed an error on the throw, allowing two runs to cross the plate for a 2-0 lead.

The Knights shut down the Hawks in the top of the seventh to seal the win and earn a trip to the championship game.

Cimini said while he is disappointed his 2023 team didn't win it all, he sees a season-long resiliency and success as its legacy.

"We had a lot of naysayers entering this season," he said. "I told our team, this is when good

teams, or great teams, show people and prove them wrong and that's what we did."

Cimini points to how his team stepped up to replace two pitchers the team lost in the pre-season. Randazzo registered eight wins on the mound, while Sharpe and Barr each contributed five wins, with additional support coming from Jackson Fetter and Tommy Schoeck. Liggett pitchers also only walked a single hitter all postseason.

Since 2011, the program has not had a graduating class that hasn't gone to at least one state championship game. It also has played in more state championship games than any team in the state, in any division.

"We're a D3 school, playing a D1 league schedule and playing in the D2 playoffs," Cimini said. "This year was one of our best successes."

Liggett finished the 2023 campaign at 26-12, reaching the final four for the ninth time in 12 seasons.

The Knights are losing 11 seniors, but Cimini said he views that as the next great opportunity.

"We got kids champing at the bit to play," he said. "I got 12 kids sitting on the bench watching it all unfold and our attitude is, 'next one up.' They're gonna carry the torch. They have seen what it takes to be a champion."

"I'm excited to turn the page and these kids will be ready," he added. "Give me the challenge and I will leap at it."

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 12, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

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

### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To amend the agenda amending New Business Item 2 to "Schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to hear public comment on amending the Zoning Ordinance."
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 15, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Cannabis subcommittee held on May 11, and June 1, 2023.
- 3) To Schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2023 to hear public comment on amending the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

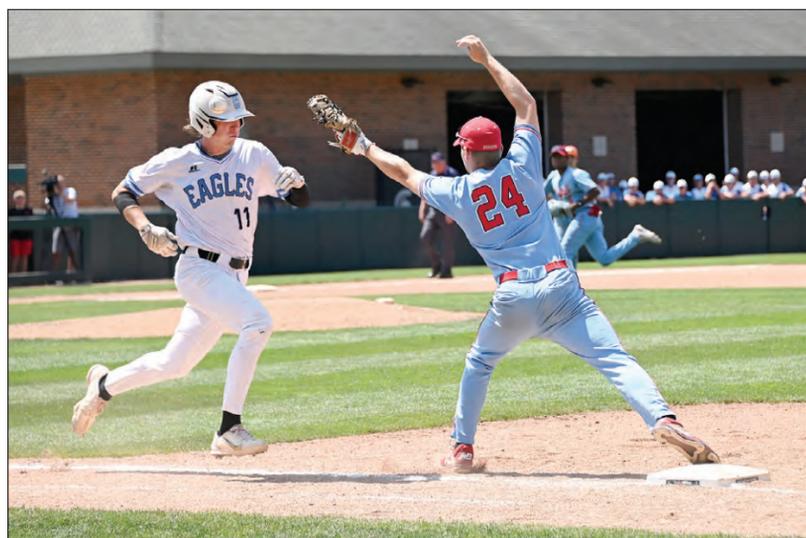
### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127349 through 127602 in the amount of \$1,073,587.86 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.(2) . approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$17,172.45 for the purchase of new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters. (3) . to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$12,700.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (4) . to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$95,244.85 for professional services during the month of May 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Eastland Redevelopment, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-285 and #180-317; San. Sewer FCIPP proj., #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; Van Antwerp Development, #180-313; SRF Loan Projects, #180-301; City Hall Generator, #180-291; Gas Station Redevelopment, #180-292 and HWHS Fiber Install, #180-320. (5) . approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$16,681.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (6) to approve payment in the amount of \$ 14,900.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and repair/replacement of service lines and stop boxes at various residential locations. (7) . approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$34,367.14 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of May 2023. (8) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,343.56 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of May and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of computer accessories. (9)approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$7,503.19 for the repair of one of our scout cars. (10) . approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$9,800.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and preparation of the 2022 financial statements. (11) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of June 2023.(12) approve payment to Target Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,355.00 for the department's online training platform. (13) to appoint Ms. Melissa Henry to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired five year term ending January 2026.
- 2) to Introduce and Place for First Reading an Ordinance entitled "Amended Recreational Marijuana Establishments Ordinance" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) to place the attached amended ballot proposal on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot requesting voter approval for an additional .9630 mill for seven years for library operations.
- 4) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$22,643.05 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.
- 5) to accept the low bid submitted by Blue Star, Inc. for the demolition of City-Owned property at 20665 Old Homestead in the amount of \$18,800.00 with the grant money provided by the Wayne County Land Bank.
- 6) to approve a lump sum draw in the amount of \$100,000 to be furnished to BMS CAT/Jarvis for the continued renovations in the lower level of the library.
- 7) to approve the sixty (60) month contract renewal between the City of Harper Woods and City Insight, LLC for the Water Bill Technology App in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



Liggett first baseman Ryan Jones stretches to snag the ball to get Grand Rapids Christian starting pitcher Ty Uchman out in the state championship game.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on the proposed updates to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, 48225.

A copy of this proposed Zoning Ordinance is available for inspection in the City Clerk's office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk, Leslie M. Frank before July 10, 2023.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
Leslie M. Frank,  
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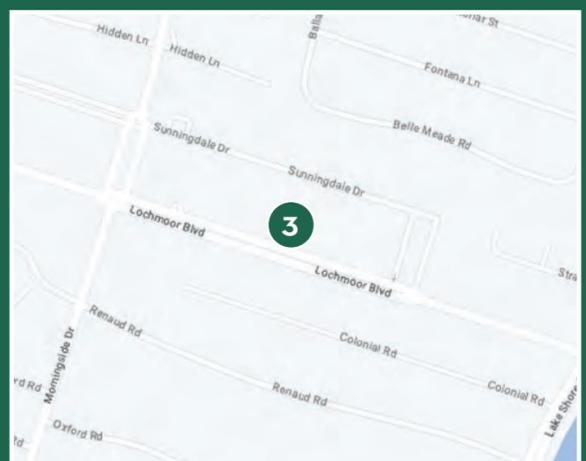
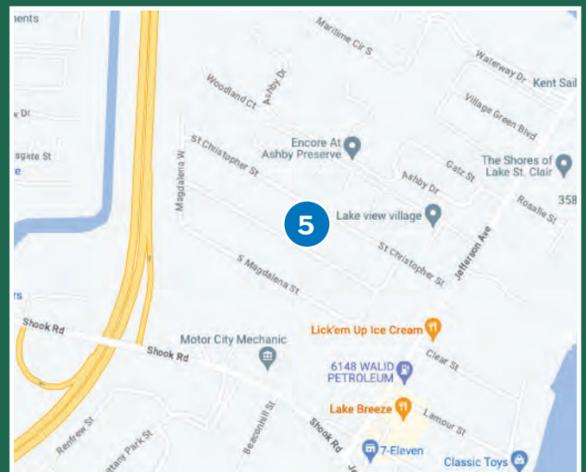
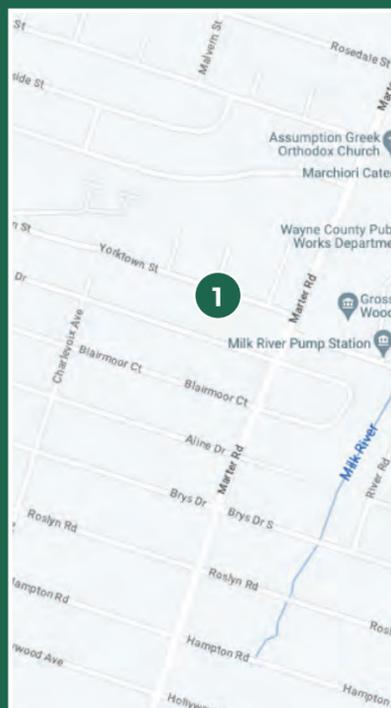
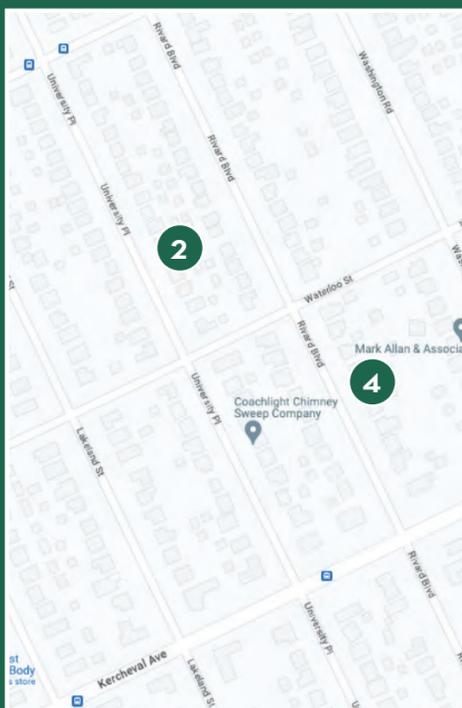
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- 1. 1349 Yorktown, GP
- 2. 662 University, GP
- 3. 76 Lochmoor Blvd, GPS
- 4. 606 Rivard, GP
- 5. 25151 Anchorage St, Harrison Twp

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Streberger patiently waits to begin her penalty kick attempt in the Division 2 state championship game. She would go on to score, helping North win the penalty shootout and clinch the title.

ATHLETE:

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mates.

“Skilled but aggressive,” Streberger described her playing style. “...One of my old teachers watched a game of mine and called me feisty. So I guess feisty is maybe the best word to describe it.”

Feisty seems to not only be the best way to describe Streberger’s game, but this year’s entire North team. The Norsemen ended the regular season with just one league win in the MAC Red and finished fifth out of six teams in the division standings.

However, Streberger

and her teammates will not be remembered for that. They will be remembered for bringing home the program’s first-ever state championship and for the underdog mentality they brought to every game, something that seems to drive players like Streberger in the biggest moments.

“I want to say it’s been magical,” Streberger said. “We’ve worked so hard together...We could have been any one of those teams that got sent home, but you can tell all our hard work has been paying off.”

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

# Little League teams hoist championship trophies

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

Little Leagues from Grosse Pointe Farms-City (GPFCLL), Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores (GPWSLL) and Grosse

Pointe Park (GPPLL) culminated their seasons with championship tournaments last weekend, as the hot sun and vibrant green grass set the stage for exhilarating games at Ghesquiere Park, Kerby

Field, and Getz Field. Filled with enthusiasm, players eagerly displayed their skills and determination for bragging rights about who’s best.

Ultimately, it was the Oakland A’s who

emerged victorious, triumphantly clinching the championship in GPFCLL’s major league division. In the AAA division, the Space Cowboys took home the hard-earned win. The River Cats won

the AA division, and the Emeralds secured the A ball championship.

Meanwhile, in the minor league division of GPWSLL, the Trash Pandas earned themselves the title. Similarly, in the

major league division, the Braves showcased their talent and proudly hoisted the championship trophy.

Come back here next week for playoff coverage from Little League Softball.



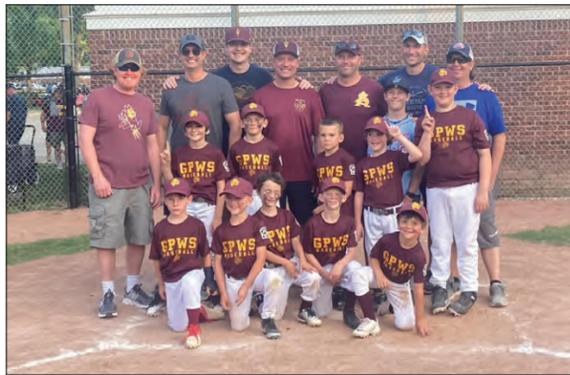
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The sun shines down as the Oakland A’s and the Angels line up, respectfully removing their hats for the national anthem before taking part in the GPFCLL major league championship game.



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GPFCLL’s Space Cowboys hold up their AAA championship trophies after securing the title win.



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The Sun Devils are all smiles after clinching the college division in GPWSLL.



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The AAA Twins are World Series champs in the Park.



PHOTO BY CAITLIN HERMAN

Trash Panda coaches, back row, left to right, Anthony Rubio, Kyle Rademaker and Roy Pride flash the No. 1 sign, alongside their victorious players, after winning the GPWSLL minor league championship at Ghesquiere Park.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN PERLIN

With their prized trophies in hand, the Emeralds proudly stretch across home plate, celebrating their victory in the GPFCLL’s A ball division championship.



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After an exciting game, the Farms-City River Cats strike the victory pose as undisputed champions of the AA division and show off their new bling.



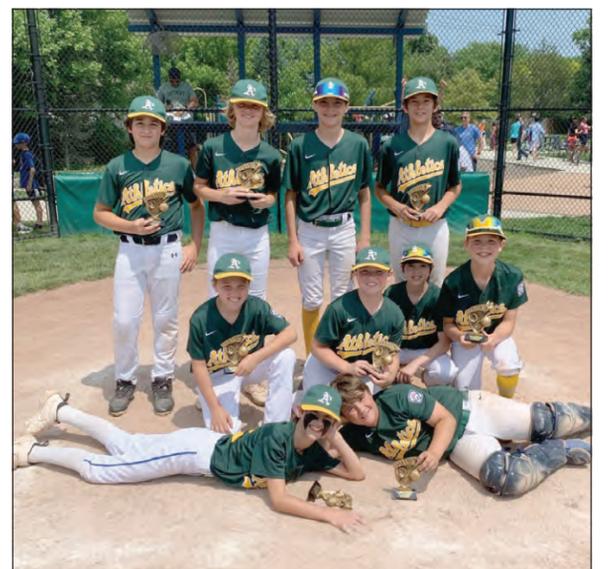
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With much excitement, the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Braves gather around, proudly displaying their well-deserved major league championship trophy.



PHOTO BY CLARE CONWAY

Father-son duo Joe Conway (left) and Bob Conway create a memorable sight as they take on umpiring duties together in the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League’s championship weekend. As they stand side by side, their presence serves as a reminder of the enduring connections that baseball can forge across generations in the Pointes.



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The Oakland A’s grin ear to ear, proudly clutching their well-earned trophies, after defeating the Angels in the GPFCLL major league championship.