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TIFA increases trolley aid

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The K-Line Trolley, credited by representatives of the city's restaurant and shopping districts for boosting commerce, has become a recipient of increased patronage by the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Members of the TIFA board agreed to fund the trolley — two actually; a third was discontinued and auctioned off during the COVID shutdown — a total of \$25,000 for one year, an increase of \$5,000.

"Then, if both parties agree it's something they want to continue every year, both parties can meet and agree to continue or to change things," said Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant city manager.

TIFA sends the money to the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, which then supports the trolleys and free rides for the public to attend community events, such as the summertime Kercheval After 6 and Charlevoix street parties.

The authority retains property taxes that are otherwise sent to the county and state. Instead, local receipts are used to encourage economic activity within its namesake district bounded by Mack Avenue, Wayburn, almost to East Jefferson and to the Nottingham alley.

Last year, the trolley began receiving \$5,000 per year from each from the Park, City and Farms or their foundations.

"During the last two years, with the help of the Park Business Association," said Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant city manager.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This year's Sidewalk Sale-ebration in The Village takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

Sale-ebrate Village deals this weekend

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following Paint the Windows Thursday, July 27, and the final Music on the Plaza concert of the summer at 7 p.m. the same day, the annual Sidewalk Sale-ebration in The Village takes place this weekend and will offer attendees more than ever before.

Along with sales from Grosse Pointe businesses on the Kercheval strip between Cadieux and Neff from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 28, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 29, there will be more than a dozen local crafters and vendors with offers including dog massages, jewelry and handmade items.

"The promotions committee really focused on bringing in vendors and activities that enhanced

the event and complemented the businesses in The Village," Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said in a statement. "In addition to a great lineup of vendors, we're excited to have demonstrations by the Gearheads, the official First Robotics team representing Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools; visits with Honey the pony; face painting; a Friday evening concert with Detroit Made Band; and a foam party area that's sure to be a hit with kids of all ages."

Rather than food trucks, The Whiskey Six and SideStreet Diner will be cooking up streetside treats. TCBY, Beyond Juicery + Eatery and Village Nutrition also will offer samples and cold drinks.

Participating businesses, vendors and community groups include

Apple Blossom Baby, Beyond Juicery + Eatery, The Campus Shop, Dawood Boutique, Glitter & Scotch, J. McLaughlin, The League Shop, LOFT, Moosejaw, The Neighborhood Club, Newport, Pet Supplies Plus, Posterity Gallery, Ridge Crest Outfitters, Savvy Chic Boutique, SideStreet Diner, Sky Salon/Skytique, Small Favors, Susie at Home, TCBY, Village Nutrition, Village Palm, The Whiskey Six, Wildflower & Co., Artemis Dog Massage, Bella Bracelets, Brigid French Designs, Epanoui Apparel, Gearheads Robotics, Get Stoned Crystals & Jewelry, Jolibloom, LP Equestrian, Maria Lamia Boutique, Pink Rose Customs, Ria Rose Design, Say Grace LLC, Temrowski Eldercare, The Lon Next Door, Treasure Trove Jewels, Linda Kuhn and Michigan Folk Knits.

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Shores still mulling dog ordinance

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Unlike the June city council meeting, where several people asked that the city's dog ordinance be amended to ban pit bulls, all six public commenters at the July meeting spoke against a ban.

"Breed restrictions are a knee-jerk reaction that won't stop irresponsible dog owners from being irresponsible," said Fran Bachmann, who has been a dog behaviorist and trainer for 16 years. "Any breed or mix can be vicious and bans punish responsible owners."

The controversy stems from an incident on Lochmoor Sunday, June 4, when a couple walking their dog were attacked by a pit bull.

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Detectives close in on Lululemon theft crew

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — No further thefts have occurred at Lululemon in The Village since three within the location's first week open, which likely were perpetrated by the same group. Detectives, working in conjunction with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and additional law enforcement agencies, also report making progress toward charging the suspects responsible.

"We have identified most of the crew involved," Detective

Mike Narduzzi said. "It's the same crew doing it. They're hitting all over. They've been hitting the Detroit store."

The crew stole thousands of dollars of merchandise from the store at 17101 Kercheval between Thursday, July 6, and Friday, July 7.

"We have been working with other jurisdictions who have been hit and we are exchanging information and we are making great progress on who this crew is,"

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Weapons banned from Farms council chambers

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Weapons now officially are banned from Grosse Pointe Farms City Council chambers via an ordinance amendment, as of the council meeting June 12.

The measures are a proactive response to a singular incident in November 2022, when a resident — angry about unsubstantiated claims against a prior city official, stemming from a personal family dispute

— attended a council meeting wearing a visible bulletproof vest.

"People can show up and their presence can be intimidating by something they're saying or something they're wearing," said Sierra Donaven, who is a former Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent and the councilperson to initiate the amendment. "... There was a little boy in the public, sitting in the back row, and all I could

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Farms resident flips
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Woods joins Town hall on opioids Aug. 9

Hope Not Handcuffs

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — With city council's approval at its meeting Monday, July 17, the public safety department is now the fourth in the Pointes to partner with Hope Not Handcuffs.

It joins the Farms, City and Park, while the Shores is considering it. The program is run by Families Against Narcotics — or FAN — to help people dealing with substance use disorders.

It allows anyone struggling with addiction to walk into any participating police department and seek help without fear of being arrested.

"If someone says they need help, the department can call FAN and we'll send an 'angel' to help them navigate the process of getting that help," Dean Dauphinais, communications manager for FAN, told council. "It can be very hard to get placed in treatment on your own because there are so many hoops to jump through. There's a lot of red tape with insurance issues."

Participation is voluntary. If a potential participant decides not to continue, they'll be allowed to leave without threat of force in an effort to detain them. Departments also agree not to use the situation to collect drug intelligence or the source of any drugs relinquished.

Further, if the person is in possession of any drugs or paraphernalia, whether or not they relinquish them, they

will not be arrested, even if they decide to leave.

People not eligible, after a background check, will be turned away. Those circumstances include:

- ◆ being a registered sex offender;
- ◆ having a history of major assaultive crimes;
- ◆ presenting as a danger to the angel or others; or
- ◆ being a minor without parental consent

Under those circumstances, the person would be given the number for the Hope Line — (833) 202-4673 — and FAN will provide a list of treatment resources.

FAN also provides each department with an "angel kit" for the participant to access that includes water, snacks, a blanket and personal hygiene items.

"That makes it easier for the person to go straight to treatment rather than having to go home first," Dauphinais said.

Public Safety Director John Kosanke said officers will carry cards with information about FAN and the program.

"If they get called to a house and the parents are worried about their minor child, they can give them the information," he said. "This is a tremendous resource they can offer."

Dauphinais said Hope Not Handcuffs recently passed a milestone, having placed more than 10,000 people in treatment as of mid-July. The program began in 2017, and has signed on 135 police departments across Michigan.

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is hosting a town hall meeting titled "Hope in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis" 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. "Like the rest of the country, Michigan is in the midst of an opioid crisis that is claiming lives at an alarming rate — and no community is immune," said Linda Davis, FAN executive director. "Case in point is the suspected accidental overdoses of three young

people that happened recently in Grosse Pointe Woods."

Three people in their 20s, a man and two women, died the night of Saturday, June 10, at two different houses in the Woods. Public Safety Director John Kosanke confirmed the two women were sisters. He

is awaiting toxicology reports on the exact cause of death before revealing their names.

According to FAN, an average of 300 people fatally overdose each day across the country and opioids, including fentanyl, are involved in a

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Pictured, from left, are Grosse Pointe Woods Lt. Detective Keith Waszak, Administrative Assistant Claudette Darga, Detective Ryan Schroerlucke, John Ricci, Mark Thoma, Tim Berkesch, Director of Public Safety John Kosanke, Joseph Zehetmair, Andrew Young, Lt. James Quincy Lefurgy and Detective Miles Adams.

Officers thanked for service

The St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Assembly donated pizza and beverages to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, providing food for all four shifts Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21. Assembly members said they wanted to thank officers in a small, but

meaningful way for all they do for the community.

One Knights member, John Ricci, shared his story of how officers saved his house when it caught fire a few years ago. Ricci said how grateful he was and thanked the officers and dispatchers for their heroism.

"It's important to

show our thankfulness for having what we think might be ordinary guys in the police department, but are heroes among us," he said.

The Knights will drop off food on a quarterly basis to all the Grosse Pointe public safety departments. So far they also have donated to the Farms.

Grosse Pointe Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said, "I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the Proclamation of Appreciation and providing meals for the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety employees. We are grateful for their support and continued work in the Grosse Pointe community."

— Renee Landuyt

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Association, City of Grosse Pointe and Farms, much of the cost of operations were recovered," said Dale Krajniak, owner of the trolleys and retired Park manager.

The trolley's schedule of free rides generally is 5 to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May through October.

The route is mainly between Kercheval at

Stephens in the Farms, down Kercheval through the City of Grosse Pointe to the lower Park and back.

Trolley operations link shopping and restaurant districts in three cities: The Hill in the Farms, The Village in the City and, in the Park, on Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

"On an average summer weekend, there are 500-plus riders," Krajniak said. "During special events, like last weekend's Kercheval After 6, ridership is well over

700."

Joe Hebeka, founder and president of the Park Business Association, which operates the trolley, sought \$25,000 from TIFA for trolley funding.

"Our yearly budget is approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000," Hebeka told the TIFA board July 13. "The biggest cost is the trolley. It's so popular, we want to keep it going."

"It's brought a lot to the area," TIFA President John Hughes said.

Board member Trenton Chamberlain said patronage at one of his restaur-

rants in the Park doubles during trolley service.

"It helps with parking," Chamberlain said. "Especially now, if you come to Grosse Pointe Park on a Friday night, you're not getting a (parking) spot."

Trolley maintenance is expected to exceed \$10,000 this year, according to Krajniak.

"It's often a bit of a challenge and time consuming to keep them running," he said. "It would be far simpler to let the service stop, but when you see the families and children enjoying them, it makes it worthwhile."

Board member Arthur Mullen requested the business association provide a budget itemizing how the \$25,000 is spent.

"I agree completely," Hebeka said.

"I'll have it written in the contract that regular reports are shared between the parties," Director Rothe said.

"Just give me your main cost centers," TIFA Attorney Kevin Kilde Hebeka. "Expenditures are what I need to know."

"It's about \$7,700 for insurance," Hebeka said.

For more information about the K-Line Trolley, see

◆ the trolley's Facebook page or
◆ visittheparkgp.com, choose "Community Resources," then "K-Line Trolley App."

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No November races in Woods, Shores

Four will face off for City municipal court

By Laurel Kraus and Ted O'Neil
Staff Writers

With City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge aging out of his position, four candidates filed by the deadline of 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, to fill the seat. They are Sarah Colegrove, David Draper, Thomas Krall and Bryan Sunisloe.

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila

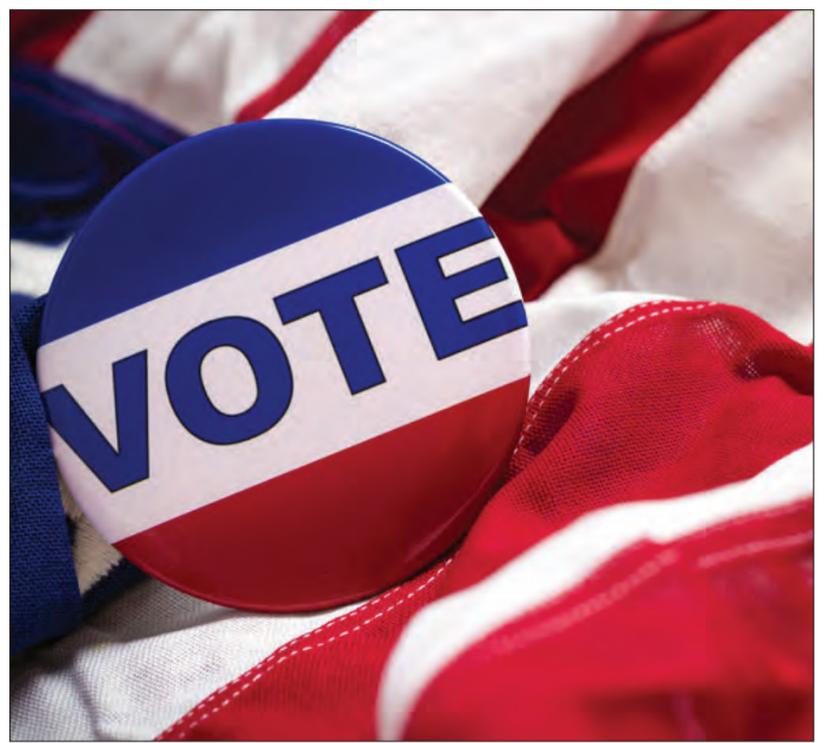
Tomkowiak is running unopposed and will serve a third term. Three current council members — Seth Krupp, Donald Parthum Jr. and Terence Thomas — have filed to keep their seats, with newcomer Christopher Moyer also running for election.

Barring any write-in candidates, incumbent candidates in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores will be returned to office

come November as no challengers filed to run by the deadline.

In the Woods, that includes councilmembers Kenn Gafa, Angela Coletti Brown and Michael Koester, plus Municipal Judge Theodore Metry.

In the Shores, Mayor Ted Kedzierski, along with councilmembers Danielle Gehlert, Donn Schroder and John Seago will retain their seats.



Farms court to pick up cases due to county backlog

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Instead of charges being sent downtown to seek a warrant, as has been the status quo, Grosse Pointe Farms now can process some charges — specifically second offenses of operating while intoxicated or driving with a suspended license — in house.

City council unanimously approved an amendment to the city's Appearance Tickets Ordinance Monday, June 12, allowing the

process to be expedited through the Farms court.

"This is intended to avoid the logjam that exists at the Wayne County Circuit Court criminal docket by permitting the municipal court to retain more of these DUI offenses," City Attorney William Burgess said, "correspondingly retaining some additional fees and court costs within the Grosse Pointe Farms court budget rather than conveying that down-

town." The amendment also will allow the public safety department to retain forfeiture items that historically would be returned due to delays in proceedings, Public Safety Director John Hutchins added.

"Everyone should know it does not apply to crimes involving alleged domestic assaults; to crimes involving serious misdemeanors under the Michigan code; to alleged violations of per-

sonal protection orders; other serious assaultive type crimes; or operating a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or substance causing serious injury or death to another person," Councilman John Gillooly noted. "So I believe our community will still be extremely well protected via this proposed amendment, allowing officers at their discretion to issue appearance tickets."

— Laurel Kraus

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large majority of cases.

The goal of the town hall, according to a press release from FAN, is to "create awareness, provide resources and explore practical solutions" to tackle the crisis.

The panel includes Kosanke; U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison; DEA Special Agent Orville Greene;

Ray Ollie, executive director of the DEA's HIDTA (high-intensity drug trafficking areas); Dean Dauphinais, communications manager for FAN; and John Alcorn, public safety director for the City of Grosse Pointe.

A sub-panel will include Frankee Walker, FAN's peer coach supervisor; Woods Municipal Judge Theodore Metry; and licensed social worker Frank

Wilberding.

"In 2020, we had multiple overdoses at a residence in Grosse Pointe Woods," Kosanke said. "Now, three years later, three young people have died from apparent overdoses in our city. The community needs to know that drugs are in the area and, more importantly, that there are resources available to people who may need help. We don't want this

to happen again."

Four people overdosed in the Woods in July 2020, including one fatality, the same night a man in the Park fatally overdosed.

"This town hall meeting is such an important event," Davis said. "Unfortunately, substance use and addiction are everywhere and the more we know about it, the more lives we can potentially save."

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think about was him and him having to see someone come into a council meeting, that also serves as our court, wearing a bulletproof vest."

The resident in question has not returned to a council meeting since and, last December, the city also began employing a metal detector entry requirement to council meetings as an additional precautionary measure.

"Our meetings are so peaceful," Donaven said.

"We respect the public, we allow them to get up and make public comments and everything goes well. But then we have someone show up like this and my concern is, what can we do on our end to ensure that our meetings maintain that respectability and that peacefulness?"

With the agreement of her fellow council members, the following language was added to Section 1 — Dangerous and Concealed Weapons — of Chapter 3 of the city's General Offenses Ordinance:

"Further, unless autho-

rized in advance by the municipal judge or by the director of public safety, it shall be unlawful for any person, who is not an officer or deputy officer of the law, at any time to possess a firearm or other weapon while on the premises of a court, courtroom or other space or facility used for official court business or used by judicial employees or appointees (including any shared space or shared facility that is used in part for official court business or by judicial employees or appointees and used in part for other functions or activi-

ties)."

The amendment also brings the city into alignment with a Michigan statute banning weapons in designated venues — MCL 28.425o — and Michigan Supreme Court Administration Order 2000-1, which prohibits weapons in any space used for official court business or by judicial employees.

"Our city council chambers also act as our municipal court as well," Donaven noted.

Farms city council unanimously approved the ordinance amendment Monday, June 12.

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One of the dog's front legs had to be amputated and the husband and wife sustained injuries to their hands and arms.

A police report of the incident indicates the pit bull's owners had just moved in that week and were not aware of the city's licensing requirements. They were ticketed for harboring a vicious dog and ordered by Municipal Judge Charles Bershback to have the dog euthanized.

"If a breed restriction had been in place before they moved in, could this

have been prevented?" Bachmann asked. "I don't think so."

Council discussed if a ban is put in place whether or not current owners of pit bulls would be grandfathered in.

"We're finding out a lot of dogs in the city are unlicensed," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "We need to do a better job of communicating with residents that licenses are required."

Dr. Janice Pemberton told council several animal organizations, including the American Kennel Club and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, oppose breed

bans.

"It's not the breed that needs to be addressed, it's the owners," she said. "I know a lot of pit bulls that are very sweet and affectionate. Ones that are aggressive have been trained that way, including for dog fighting."

Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert questioned how effective breed bans are.

"What's to say we won't have another issue with a different breed?" she asked. "Do we keep amending the ordinance? It goes back to responsible dog ownership."

City attorneys pro-

vided council model ordinances based on other municipalities. Some 37 cities in Michigan, including Grosse Pointe Woods, have specific bans on pit bull breeds.

"We've heard both sides and we need to consider if passing something will make a difference," Kedzierski said. "Heading down the road, we need to make sure there's no repeat of this incident."

City Manager Steve Poloni said he would schedule a work session for council ahead of its August meeting to discuss the matter in more depth.

Primary primer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Park voters in the city council primary election Tuesday, Aug. 8, are reminded of their opportunity to choose up to three of the seven candidates on the ballot.

The top six vote-getters proceed to the general election Tuesday, Nov. 7, during which the top

three are selected along with one of two candidates for mayor.

Prior to the November election, all council and mayoral candidates will be invited to be interviewed and profiled by the Grosse Pointe News in an edition published at least two weeks prior to the day polls open.

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Narduzzi said. "... Now it's just a matter of proving it, which takes a little time. We've still got some

work to do, but we're getting closer."

In the meantime, he added, "We are giving special attention to the area."

— Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 31

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, special meeting, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. at Lake Front Park.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Picnic, noon at Lake Front Park.



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Farms resident flips freighters into homes

By Clare Ramsdell
and Grace Cueter
GP News Interns

Tony Gatliff, a 42-year Grosse Pointe Farms resident, has taken on the unique project of creating cottages out of the pilot house of a freighter.

The former ship's officer and pilot aboard the Ford Motor Co. Fleet said a pilot house is the control room of a freighter.

"That's where all the navigation takes place," Gatliff said. "That's where the steering takes place. That's where the charting, plotting takes place. That's where the radar is. That's where the engine room controls are, where the steering is. It is the brain center, if you will."

After hearing about a freighter that was being taken out of use, Gatliff jumped on the opportunity to give the ship a new use, with plans to create two separate cottages on Beaver Island. Gatliff's parents were born and raised on Beaver Island and he spent summers working there during high school and college building his own cottage. The pilot house will be a component of that home.

He said the project began when he went to see the freighter in December at Marine Recycling in Ontario, Canada. He has since purchased another pilot house off a French-Canadian ferry that ran across the St. Lawrence,



Gatliff transports the pilot house from Port Colborne to Beaver Island on a barge.

which he will use as guest quarters.

"I had seen on a website that the ship was being pulled up to be cut up into scrap," Gatliff said. "I inquired, 'How would I get a hold of the recycling company to speak to somebody about possibly getting to own the pilot house?' I asked if I could come down there."

The ship was at Port Colborne, which is at the eastern end of Lake Erie. Gatliff wanted to transport the pilot house to Beaver Island, located about 32 miles northwest of Charlevoix, where he would flip it into cottages. The pilot house and the captain's quarters together are about



Gatliff enjoys the journey.

1,100 square feet, with the pilot house alone measuring 650 square feet.

"We have a property that I put it on, but it was too shallow out front to get the barge there,"

Gatliff said. "We had to cut the pilot house and strategically cut the captain's quarters off the pilot house so that we could get it down the road."

The project requires

much more than just building a house. It takes bigger equipment and extensive planning and transportation. Once the pieces were loaded onto a barge at Port Colborne, Gatliff began the four-and-a-half-day round-the-clock journey to Beaver Island.

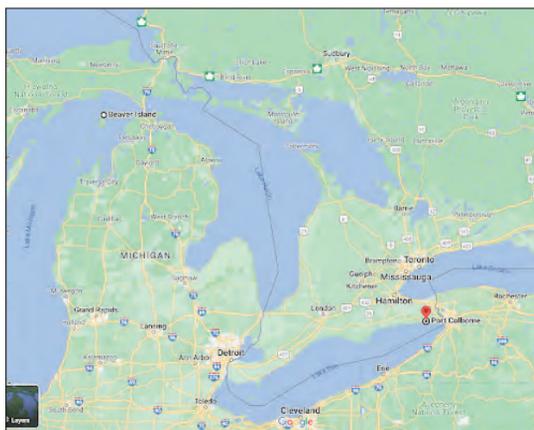
Still working a full-time job as a 34-year partner at Great Lakes Woodworking, Gatliff set a reasonable goal to have the cottages completed within two years.

"I've got about five phases completed," he said. "Purchasing it, getting it cut, getting it onto the barge, getting it across Lake Erie and Lake Huron to Lake Michigan, and then getting it off the barge and getting it to the property. There's already a lot of work that has gone into it."

Gatliff is no stranger to the freighter he is flipping, which is one of the many reasons the project is special to him.

"I spent approximately five years on this ship in various capacities," he said. "We'll keep it as our family cottage."

He is working with local architect Keith Owen on the transformation and plans to keep the pilot house cottages for himself and his family to enjoy in the years to come.



Gatliff traveled from Port Colborne in Ontario, Canada, through Lake Erie, up Lake St. Clair to Lake Huron, and over to Lake Michigan to reach Beaver Island, the trip taking more than four days.

Kercheval, Charlevoix ideas due November

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Streetscape improvements being contemplated for lower Kercheval Avenue and Charlevoix Street are second cousins four times removed from the City Beautiful movement of the late 1890s, which recognized the potential of population centers to both reflect and inspire community beauty and pride rather than function solely yet advantageously as clusters of commerce.

"While many surrounding communities struggle with ways to establish downtown areas, Grosse Pointe Park is working to enhance what are already iconic districts with unique character and tremendous growth poten-

tial," according to a letter of interest accompanying a winning bid on the project by Patrick Droze, principal in charge at OHM Advisors consulting engineers.

"We want to do streetscape enhancements, engagements and find what is our vision and budget for our business districts on Kercheval and Charlevoix," said Warren Rothe, assistant Park manager and director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

The authority's board members agreed unanimously July 13, to accept OHM's bid to produce conceptual engineering services for streetscape improvements in the two districts.

The project timeline extends into November and consists of a commu-

nity meeting to be scheduled in September, a presentation of options to stakeholders at a time to be scheduled in October and, finally, the presentation of design options.

"We'll get into concept development where we will look at traffic data and start to look at ideas to make improvements," Droze said. "There are some things from an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) perspective that are necessary upgrades for accessibility purposes and parking."

OHM's team is expected to build upon what already has been accomplished in the districts, both of which are located within the TIFA boundaries.

"I've lived in (the) TIFA (district) 40 years," TIFA board member and former Councilman Jim

Robson said. "I've seen a very challenged business district. Now, I see a vibrant one."

"The west side of Grosse Pointe Park is home to two of metro Detroit's most desirable neighborhood-scale business districts," Droze wrote. "Charlevoix and Kercheval form what are truly walkable communities with access to a mixture of shops, restaurants, bars, businesses and residences that is largely unseen in most other areas of the region."

OHM's manager of the project, Alex Blehem, lives in the TIFA district.

"The reasons I moved here about a year ago are downtown walkability and strong businesses," said Blehem, with OHM since 2014.

"He has a lot of impressive streetscapes on his resume," Droze said.

Blehem's experience includes elements of Campus Martius in downtown Detroit, the Riopelle streetscape on Detroit's east side and developing bike lanes, pedestrian improvements and better parking on West Warren in Detroit.

"Getting inspiration in the streetscape element is something I thoroughly enjoy — the vibrancy of the community; having a place that is comfortable

and safe is a wonderful thing," Blehem said.

OHM's bid of \$45,050 was \$23,950 less than the second-lowest bidder and \$228,950 less than the third of three bidders.

"OHM submitted the best cost," Rothe said. "OHM is also the city engineer. They know our infrastructure quite well. I hope the X-factor is (having) a resident managing the project."

OHM also graded best during interviews with Rothe, TIFA Chairman John Hughes and board member Randy Cousineau.

"There is a benefit to knowing the community," Droze said. "There's a built-in knowledge of streetscapes. We've done quite a few. This is more of a conceptual engineering side of it. From that end, it's what we do every day."

Droze's work in the Park the last two years has focused on improving sewer and water infrastructure.

"I can't underscore how very important those are, but there's so much more to infrastructure," he said. "Our mission is about advancing the community. Grosse Pointe Park has what so many communities want: a walkable community and vibrant business districts.

We wanted to work with the TIFA board and community about what we can do on a small scale, but also have the opportunity to vision out to what the future looks like on both Charlevoix and Kercheval."

The authority is funded by capturing future anticipated increases in tax revenue generated within the TIFA district that otherwise would go to the county and state.

Funds are to be spent for the benefit of the district, boarded by the city limits to the north and west, the northern boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and Nottingham.

TIFA's budget for this fiscal year includes \$150,000 for streetscape improvement.

"Streetscapes, depending on the scope, can be very expensive for construction," Rothe said during the authority's March budget hearing. "We need to get a plan in place first."

"Perhaps it can be a catalyst for businesses to reinvest as well," Chairman Hughes said at the time. "That's kind of what our role is, to take the lead to encourage others to follow."

Woods considering social districts

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council had plenty of questions at its meeting Monday, July 10, about the possibility of creating two social districts on Mack, but generally showed

support for the concept.

Social districts became legal under Public Act 124 of 2020, as a way to help businesses struggling through the pandemic while allowing people to socially distance themselves. The districts are allowed in

commercial areas with at least two qualified businesses that have a Class C liquor license and can serve open alcoholic beverages.

Drinks must be served in plastic cups no larger than 16 ounces and

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Counterfeit

Six counterfeit \$20 bills were passed while the suspect reloaded a prepaid debit card at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 9:15 a.m. Monday, July 17.

The suspect is described as a heavy-set black woman wearing a facemask.

Rummaging

Unlocked vehicles in the 600, 700 and 900 blocks of Rivard were among those rummaged through in the Pointes last week. Farms officers arrested two juvenile boys allegedly responsible.

Animal cruelty

A 59-year-old Florida woman left her small dog in a car with the windows slightly open for several hours in the 16000 block of Kercheval when the outside temperature was 85 degrees. She was located and issued a citation.

Online shopping

An unknown person ordered a \$126 chair through a Grosse Pointe resident's Wayfair account Thursday, July 20.

Break time

While on patrol, a sergeant observed a 52-year-old Oak Park woman behind the wheel of a running Mitsubishi Eclipse stopped at Jefferson and Lincoln at 2:50 a.m. Monday, July 24. Upon investigation, she was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Farms

Too loud

Because her vehicle was leaking fluids from an accident that appeared to have just occurred, a 49-year-old Farms woman was pulled over at Kerby and Beaupre at 4:58 p.m. Monday, July 17.

When informed of the leaking fluid, she told the officer she needed to turn off the motor, but turned off the radio instead.

A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be 0.11 percent, for which she was arrested.

Assault

A U.S. postal employee reported while she was hand-delivering mail to an 85-year-old Farms man in the 200 block of Stephens Wednesday, July 19, he grabbed her hand and pulled her partially into the front entrance while beginning to unzip his pants.

Upon telling the man to let her go, he did and she left the location without further incident.

Larceny arrests

Following a string of thefts from vehicles in recent weeks, two Detroit teens, 17 and 19 years old, were arrested for vehicle theft and larceny from auto at 4:27 a.m. Thursday, July 20. A 15-year-old Eastpointe boy also is suspected of being involved.

The male suspects were located in Eastpointe, via the FordPass app, inside a vehicle that had been stolen from the 100 block of Beaupre.

Thefts involving vehicles in the past week included:

◆ An unlocked Mercedes Benz in the 300 block of McMillan was discovered rummaged through without anything missing at 5:01 a.m. Thursday, July 20.

◆ While nothing was taken, the windshield was cracked — consistent with someone slamming a closed fist into it — on a vehicle in the 200 block of McKinley that was rummaged through between 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, and 9 a.m. Thursday, July 20.

◆ Nothing was taken from an unlocked Jeep Grand Cherokee in the 200 block of McKinley that was rummaged through overnight into Thursday, July 20. Left inside the vehicle was a Jeep key belonging to an address on Fisher.

◆ Only the key noted above was stolen from a Jeep Cherokee in the 200 block of Fisher.

Self aware

A 63-year-old Detroit man told officers, "I am drunk," multiple times after they witnessed his vehicle sit through two cycles of a light on Kercheval at 6:25 p.m. Thursday, July 20.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.29 percent, for which he was arrested.

Midnight dip

After appearing to park on the outside lane of eastbound Lakeshore at 2:11 a.m. Sunday, July 23, a 37-year-old Detroit man told officers he planned to go down to the water with his female passenger.

The smell of marijuana and intoxicants were immediately apparent to officers, but the man

refused a preliminary breath test.

He was arrested and issued a citation for operating while visibly impaired by liquor, possession of a firearm while visibly impaired, a second offense of driving while license suspended and refusing a preliminary breath test.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Jeep stolen

A locked, white 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen between 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, and 5:05 a.m. the next day while parked curbside in the 1300 block of Devonshire.

Wrecked

A drunken, 43-year-old Park woman was arrested for causing a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Essex and Pemberton shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, according to police.

The other driver was sober, they added.

"(The) intoxicated driver had a blood alcohol level over three times the legal limit," according to police.

Air backup

Park police called for air support in their nighttime search last month for a quartet of insurgents scouting parked cars in the 1300 block of Bedford.

"A public safety officer witnessed (them) trying door handles," said a detective regarding the

incident at 3:30 a.m. Monday, July 24. "All four fled on foot when approached. With the assistance of the Grosse Pointe Farms drone, one of the subjects was located hiding in bushes and arrested."

The suspect is a 19-year-old man from Harper Woods.

"(He) subsequently admitted attempting to steal items out of unlocked vehicles," the detective said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Good news, bad news

Three reports were filed last week involving stolen bikes, including one that was recovered.

A man entered a bicycle shop on Mack around 11:45 a.m. Monday, July 17, attempting to trade in an electric bike that had been purchased from the store, but employees became suspicious when he could not provide the bike's charger.

The man tried to leave with the bike, but employees were able to secure it and contact the owner. The woman had filed a report in Detroit the previous night after the \$700 Trek E-Bike was stolen. The owner was able to get the bike back after producing a bill of sale.

A Springdale Northwoods bike worth \$179 was stolen around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, after it was left unlocked outside a busi-

ness on Mack.

Finally, a men's bike worth \$200 made by Specialized was taken from a garage in the 800 block of Renaud between 10 p.m. and midnight Thursday, July 20. A girl's blue and white Huffy was left next to the garage.

Up in smoke

A white male around 30 years old stole two boxes of Millenium Robusto cigars worth \$800 from a business on Mack around noon Monday, July 17.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Keeping tabs

A 63-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was ticketed around 10:15 a.m. Friday, July 21, on Lakeshore near Deeplands after an officer noticed the tab on her license plate was expired. She also was cited for no proof of insurance.

Evel Knievel

Officers attempted to stop a motorcyclist clocked driving up to 100 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore around 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 21. The pursuit was called off for safety reasons at the Grosse Pointe Farms city limits.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Take these steps to avoid getting scammed

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — While people across the Pointes are enjoying summer vacations or plan to,

there's one group of people who never take time off. Scammers. Here's what you can do to avoid falling victim.

Almost every week in the Grosse Pointe News' public safety reports

there seems to be an instance of someone filing a complaint with their local police that they were scammed.

In one of the more egregious cases, a Woods resident last

month reported she was contacted in February and told she won \$5.5 million from Publisher's Clearing House but had to pay \$102,000 in taxes to receive the money. After sending that

amount to an address in Connecticut, she was then instructed to send a Rolex watch worth \$15,900 to an address in New York. She told police she finally realized what was going on

and signed up for an identity theft protection service.

Oddly, that same week, a Woods couple received a phone call

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SOCIAL:

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clearly marked with the business name and social district logo. Municipalities also must establish common areas where beverages can be consumed and put signage at the boundaries.

Visitors cannot enter a business that doesn't have a qualifying license while carrying alcohol. They could, however, enter a business that sells packaged beer, wine or liquor, but could not consume it in the districts.

"The only thing that bothers me a little bit is that not everyone with a license gets to be in a social district," Mayor Art Bryant said. "I want to be fair to everybody."

Brigitte Smith, a planner with McKenna Associates, told council it would be better to

have clearly marked areas rather than one large district the entire length of Mack.

"You wouldn't want a lot of people crossing Vernier for safety reasons or have people walking by Parcels Middle School with alcohol."

The northern district would extend from Vernier to Brys and include crosswalks at Anita, Brys and Ridgmont to Hampton. Qualifying businesses include Telly's Place, Ferlito's, Pendency's and Someday Brewing.

The other district would start at Broadstone and extend north to Oxford on the west side of Mack and run from Cook to Torrey on the east side and include crosswalks at Torrey and Cook. It also would include the front lawn at city hall.

Qualifying businesses include Mack Avenue Grille, Salvatore

Scallopini, Da Edoardo, Garrido's Bistro and Crispelli's.

Smith included Chene-Trombley Park and Ghesquiere Park as common areas, which drew some blowback from council.

"We just broke ground on Chene-Trombley with plans to make it a family-friendly place," Councilwoman Vicki Granger said.

Councilman Thomas Vaughn raised the same question about Ghesquiere Park.

"We're going to have

people drinking beer at Little League games?" he asked.

Council's general consensus was to exclude the parks, but keep the front lawn at city hall.

Smith's presentation included a suggestion to operate the districts from 4 to 10 p.m., seven days a week, May to October, although council discussed a Thursday through Saturday schedule.

Social districts in the City and Park operate seven days a week year-round with extended

weekend hours.

Councilman Todd McConaghy asked if it was possible to approve such a plan for one year and then re-evaluate.

"It looks like a good idea, but we don't know the ultimate impact on safety," he said.

City Attorney Debra Walling said many cities with social districts

did just that when the

law was passed.

The next step is a joint meeting between the planning commission and the Avenue in the Woods, a business association that promotes Woods businesses on Mack.

"The merchants I've talked to are very interested," Bryant said. "I'm all in favor of it, I just want to do it right."

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OUR VIEW

Be a lifesaver — carry Narcan

It's a growing problem that doesn't care what your ZIP code is. Fatal opioid overdoses claim an average of 300 lives per day nationally.

"This is something that affects every age group, regardless of socioeconomic status or race," Marissa Engardio, rescue program supervisor for Families Against Narcotics, told a group of nearly 100 people who attended a Narcan training session in Grosse Pointe Woods last month.

That was held two weeks after three people — including two sisters — fatally overdosed in the Woods at two different houses. While police wait for toxicology reports, it would not surprise us if fentanyl was involved, given recent headlines.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is at least 50 times stronger than morphine and affects the body much faster than other drugs.

Engardio said of the 300 daily fatal overdoses, 73 percent involve opioids. Of those, 63 percent involve fentanyl.

In July 2020, four people overdosed at a house in the Woods, including one death, the same night as a person fatally overdosed in the Park.

Again, it doesn't care what your ZIP code is. Some might view the issue as a "them" problem, but it's a "we" problem. And there is something everyone can do to help stem the tide. Buy a Narcan kit.

It's available over the counter at pretty much any pharmacy. It costs \$50 for two single-use doses, each containing 4 milligrams of naloxone. When administered to someone experiencing an overdose, it releases opioids from the body's receptors.

"An overdose starts with a lack of oxygen to the brain, which leads to unconsciousness and then the person stops breathing," Engardio said at the training. "A dose of Narcan releases the opioids from the body's receptors and then the brain remembers how to breathe again."

There are signs to look for if you suspect a person is overdosing, including shallow breathing, tiny pupils, pale sweaty skin and blue lips. If you're wrong, it doesn't matter. Giving someone Narcan who isn't overdosing has no ill side effects.

We're heartened to see our community taking this issue more seriously. FAN will host a town hall meeting on the opioid crisis 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. (See story, page 2A.)

Also of note, the Woods recently became the fourth of the Pointes to join FAN's Hope Not Handcuffs (see story, page 2A). The program allows anyone suffering from substance use disorder to walk into the police station without fear of being arrested and, if eligible, be placed by FAN in a recovery program.

While some might think the Narcan price tag is too steep for something they might never use, it pales in comparison to the mounting cost of the lives lost to the opioid epidemic.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

In what is a unique sign of the swim season in the Pointes, toilet paper graced the front yard of a home on the 400 block of Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe earlier this week. But this isn't your average teenage prank. It's actually to celebrate the start of swim finals week for the Lakefront Swim Association and is an annual tradition that has taken place since the league's inception in 1952. This particular abode was one of many houses throughout Grosse Pointe with swimmers inside, who woke up to find their coaches had TP'ed their houses and posted handmade signs of encouragement on their front doors. This house had a sign that read, "Great Season, Go NORBS," the swim team's nickname for the City. Swim finals took place at Windmill Pointe Park Wednesday, July 26, after press time.

GUEST VIEW By Murray Sales

A different take on Trombly

In last week's Guest View, Superintendent Jon Dean provided an "accurate update" regarding Trombly school's future. This letter was no doubt prompted by The Hill Pointe public charter school event where we gave the Grosse Pointe Park community a full overview of our school and proposed a purchase or lease of the vacant Trombly building.

Supt. Dean's letter is telling, as he attempts to "reduce the anxiety and worry" he sees with parents about Trombly. At our event of over 110 attendees, supporters far outnumbered detractors. Where is the concern for parents who cannot afford private or parochial? Those who want a classical model for their children? Why are their calls for school choice ignored?

Trombly closed in June 2020 and the building requires significant investment due to its neglect. State law may require major code upgrades to any school not used as such after four years. If we miss that deadline, the costs to convert could be prohibitive and would likely lead to its sale for pennies on the dollar, as with Poupard and the administrative building on St. Clair. Our school could bridge the gap while providing needed revenue.

Supt. Dean claims that a charter school is neither "needed nor appropriate." Is the GPPSS leadership aware of the recent Stanford CREDO III data that compared traditional public-school (TPS) performance with charters?

This study found: "the typical charter school student in our national sample had reading and math gains that outpaced their peers in the TPS. Across the broad range of charter schools, the evidence suggests that they are a robust education option." To assert that our community does not "need" this kind of educational innovation and progress is to ignore critical data that has been broadly syndicated since it was published one month ago.

Why would our public school leaders be so opposed to giving all parents, not just the ones who can afford private and parochial schools, a unique public-school option that works? It is becoming increasingly clear they believe their job is to protect the GPPSS K-12 public school monopoly, rather than provide the best public school options for the communities they serve. It is not about improving public education overall, but only the public education controlled by the GPPSS.

Livingston Classical Academy charter is only 40 miles west of Grosse Pointe. Started in 2016 by leasing an empty middle school building owned by the Whitmore Lake school district, both the Classical Academy and the school district share some services. The two superintendents meet on a regular basis to compare notes and improve public education for their students. This is real leadership, not protectionism. This is only one of many such examples

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Re: We Tried It!

To the Editor:

First of all, love your column. You find really interesting things to review and offer great commentary on them. Thank you!

Your July 13 column mentions you were driving to donate a large stack of books. I also have stacks and stacks of books which need donating, but my usual source of the St. Clare Catholic School book sale is no longer, unfortunately. Please do let me know where

you donate so I may do the same and thanks!
MARY CATHERINE RENTZ

Grosse Pointe Farms

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Kind gesture

To the Editor:

This is to report the very kind gesture of a stranger. We are senior citizens who have lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 57 years. While walking home from the hugely successful After 6 event July 22, the skies unexpectedly opened up with a torrential downfall. In our combined 157 years on earth, we have never experienced being so absolutely soaked to the skin! As we walked down the 1000 block of Lakepointe, a kind younger man ran out of his home, in the pouring rain, with two umbrellas for us! For total strangers! Since we were almost home

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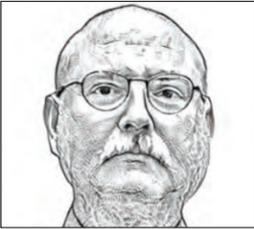
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil



She's all grown up

first house. Well, maybe "little" isn't the right word — she's nearly 6 feet tall.

Forgive me for bragging, but she's pretty awesome.

She got in trouble in school exactly one time, back in middle school. A boy was teasing a shorter boy by holding his book up in the air. Erin grabbed the bully's arm and used some salty language to describe his behavior. A teacher overheard, however, and she got dinged with detention, but I

couldn't be mad.

Had girls been able to join Boy Scouts when Erin was young, I'm positive she'd have made Eagle Scout just like myself and her younger brother. She grew bored with Girl Scouts quickly and never had qualms about baiting her own hook while fishing. She and I even had contests to see whether the "teepee" or "log cabin" approach to building campfires was better.

When she was being recruited to play college

volleyball, the coach told her if she finished high school with a 3.5 grade-point average, she could get more academic money on top of her scholarship. Rather than falling into the senioritis trap, she buckled down and got her GPA up those last few clicks to that 3.5.

When Erin first started at Lourdes University, a small Catholic college outside of Toledo, she intended to become a physical therapist. It impressed her that PT helped her recover nicely

from a knee injury during volleyball her sophomore year and she was ready for basketball season just four months later.

She eventually decided she wanted to be a lawyer. I told her that made perfect sense because she'd been arguing since she learned to talk.

After Lourdes it was crosstown to the University of Toledo for law school. Always a getter, Erin had a job offer before graduation and moved to Traverse

City in the summer of 2020.

And that's where she met him. Corwin is a great guy and I'll be proud to call him my son-in-law. He treats Erin well, has great taste in classic rock and is an awesome cook.

Actually chef. At the wedding and banquet venue his wonderful parents own. Talk about getting the family discount. Her mother and I are covering the rehearsal dinner and bar tab, but no dipping into the old 401k for the whole to-do.

So when I walk Erin down the aisle at 4 p.m. on the big day, I just hope no one is slicing onions.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

AUGUSTINIANS

TURNED DOWN:

Within the last few weeks the Augustinian Order approached the Board of Trustees of Grosse Pointe Shores with the query as to whether or not it would be permitted to use the Oscar Webber property at 619 Lakeshore as a site for a junior seminary if it purchased the same, as was then being contemplated. After careful consideration, the trustees informed the Order that under the zoning regulations applicable to the Lakeshore it would not be legally possible to give such permission. Rev. Fr. Charles Melchoir said it was not their desire to ask the municipal authorities to make any concessions to them that were not wholly within their legal regulations.

PARK RESIDENTS

IRKED BY EARLY

FISHERMEN:

Fisherman are causing a great deal of annoyance to the residents

along the lakefront at the foot of Park Lane, Trombley and Grand Marais. The police say they haunt this area in particular because they are aware the best local lake fishing is found in that neighborhood. The residents thereabouts are not opposed to the fishing by itself. It is the incidental noise they make during sleeping hours in the early morning and the trespassing on private property that are annoying.

1973

50 years ago this week

GLANCY AUCTION

CLEAR \$390,000:

A yellow-and-green-striped tent on the front lawn of the late Alfred R. Glancy Jr., estate heralded the public auction held there last weekend. It took two days, five hours each day, to auction off the contents of the Costwold-style English stone mansion right down to the paneling in the living room. The curious attended the preview exhibit, when the Glancy furnishings could be last

seen in the rooms. Over the weekend, the action was on the front lawn as each piece was brought from the house and held by an official of the H.O. McNierney, Stalker and Boos, Inc., as the bids were called out.

FARMS DPW ON JOB

AFTER BRIEF STRIKE:

Farms Department of Public Works employees, members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 552, are three days behind their rubbish pick-up schedule, following a work stoppage protest over the suspension of four union employees. The employees refused to work when two members of the DPW refused to work overtime July 18, and were suspended for two days. At 3:10 p.m., all members of the local punched out and refused to continue work for the balance of the day.

1998

25 years ago this week

FIRE DESTROYS

JEFFERSON

LANDMARK: Jefferson Beach Marina will be rebuilt, said its owner Alvin Wagner, the morning after fire destroyed a business that has been in his family since 1943. Smoke billowed into the air from the historical building on the Nautical Mile. Flames shot up more than 100 feet and soot and ash floated down blocks away from the three-alarm fire just before dawn Sunday, July 19.

ANDREWS WINS

BIG IN DAAA GAMES:

Hollis Andrews of Grosse Pointe Woods recently competed in the National Games of the Dwarf Athletic Association of America in Woodland Hills, Calif. As a result, Andrews won the Kyle

Bigler Memorial Sportsmanship award, given to the athlete who "most represented true sportsmanship during the national DAAA games," as voted on by her peers, ages 7 to 12. She is the first female athlete to win this award.

2013

10 years ago this week

RENTAL FLAP

CONTINUES:

Several Park residents Monday night brought their concerns to the city council over recurring problems with neighbors in rental units. The discussion prompted one resident to give the city a grade of C- in handling

the problems. While city administrators assured residents new ordinances were being written to address their concerns, several residents once again asked the Park to require landlords be licensed. That way, their license could be revoked due to continuing violations of city regulations.

CONSENSUS REACHED ON BOND PROPOSAL:

Members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education reached a consensus Monday on a proposal for a 10-year technology bond, sold in two series, at an amount not to exceed \$48 million, moving the district forward with its plans to place a bond on the November ballot.

SALES:

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of collaboration nationally.

Supt. Dean said, "leaders make difficult decisions." It is unfortunate that our leaders won't make the decision to improve public education as a whole by leasing their space to a public school that can provide an educational option that many families desire and has demonstrated success nationally and in our local communities.

The fact Supt. Dean calls a second public education option "competition" is misguided. We are not businesses, but government-funded entities that share

the same goal: providing high-quality public education. The "revenue" is not an entitlement for the district but belongs to the taxpayers and is meant to serve the taxpayer, not protect one government entity over another.

Trombley can be a vibrant school once again, while bringing lease revenue to GPPSS and enhancing our public education options to attract families who want choice. Will our school leadership have the foresight and courage to embrace this kind of innovative solution?

Murray Sales is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and president of The Hill Pointe school's founders board.

LETTERS:

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and already totally soaked, we declined the umbrellas, but his most generous gesture really touched us and we feel

the need to remind everyone that there are really good and kind people out there willing to help complete strangers. We hope he knows how he warmed our hearts.

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Poké Poké to bring sushi bowls, boba tea to Village

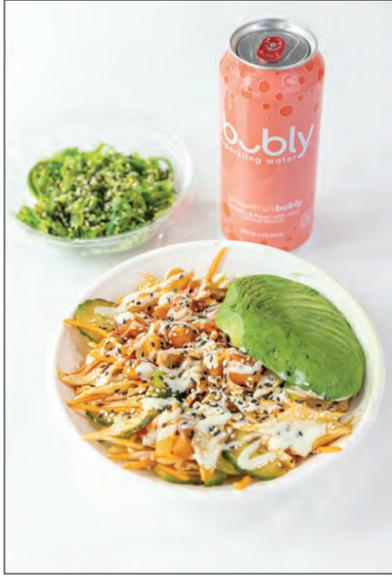
By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Sushi and boba lovers rejoice! Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled is aiming for a Sept. 1 open date at its ninth Michigan location in the old Which Wich space at 17045 Kercheval in The Village.

“That street is just so beautiful,” Marketing Director Remi Asmar said of the franchise’s interest in moving onto Kercheval. “The surrounding tenants really fit with what we want to strive for, like Trader Joe’s and Lululemon. It’s just all about a healthy lifestyle.”

The quick-service restaurant is family owned and operated. Its first location opened in July 2018, when the crew realized there was no niche poké restaurant in the metro Detroit area.

“Poké is actually a dish



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Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled offers nine signature bowls, as well as a “build your own bowl” option. The Grosse Pointe location also will have a boba tea bar.

that is derived from top.”

Hawaii,” Asmar explained, “which is rice with sliced salmon on

Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled offers nine signature bowls, as well as a

“build your own bowl” option with a choice of eight proteins, many mix-in vegetable options, a

plethora of sauces and additional ingredients to top it all off.

Side offerings include seaweed, ginger or spicy crab salad, as well as miso soup and mochi.

“We’re still power-packed with flavor, but we’re also heavily nutrition-dense,” Asmar said, noting the chain also is cognizant of dietary restrictions. “We have gluten-free options, we have vegan options, but then for people who are not ready to take that deep dive into raw tuna or spicy salmon, we have chicken (and) we have tofu. We have just a variety of options to really make everyone happy.”

Along with the variety of food, the location will incorporate a boba bar. Notably, it will make Poké Poké the only place where enthusiasts can get boba tea — also known as bubble tea, a Taiwanese

cold drink made with a tea base, mix of sweetened milk or flavored fruit and bursting pearls of additional flavor — in the Grosse Pointes, since the Bubble Tea Parlour on Mack in the Woods closed.

“Our boba is absolutely delicious,” Asmar noted. “We have fruit tea and milk tea and then about nine different bursting bobas that you can choose from.”

Aside from a rewards program via the Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled app, Asmar also plans to make “a huge event” out of the grand opening, including good deals and free bowls.

“I just want Grosse Pointe residents to know that you can still have a really, really good meal and have it be really, really nutritious,” she said. “We’re all about this healthy lifestyle.”

Cheese to Please

Originally a gourmet grazing board service delivered to your door, Cheese to Please has officially opened its brick-and-mortar location at 19583 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Gourmet boards are curated with cheeses, charcuterie meats, fruit, nuts and veggies. A dessert board also is available. The boards are seasonally sourced and subject to availability and substitutions. For more information, visit cheesetoplease.com or call (313) 926-6414.

Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Cheese to Please owner Missy Stines and her children, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant and Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.



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Heartwarming homage Percentage of necklace sales goes to fallen officers fund

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

ST. CLAIR SHORES — After 48 years in business, Michael Agnello can say many of his clients have become friends. But there’s one longtime client who holds a special place in his heart.

The proprietor of Michael Agnello Jewelers in St. Clair Shores was approached a few years ago by Judy Molitor, who had a very specific request for the jeweler.

“She lost her husband, who was a police officer in Grosse Pointe,” Agnello said. “She came and talked to me about it. She thought I could design a piece of jewelry that would show how part of her was missing. Her heart had been ripped out; she said she would like something that would represent that.”

Patrolman Steven J. Molitor of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department died in the line of duty Dec. 12, 1985.

Agnello, who is a three-time national award-winning jewelry designer, knew he would honor Molitor’s request.

“She’s a sweetheart of a woman, kind and giv-



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Michael Agnello displays the Tennyson Heart, designed for a client in memory of her late husband, a Grosse Pointe Park patrolman who was killed in the line of duty.

ing,” he said. “We talked and I said I understood what she desired for a piece of jewelry, but I thought it might be better to design something that represents fullness and love of that person you lost. In the design, there’s a hole there, but the hole is not the biggest part. The biggest part is the heart.”

Agnello designed the Tennyson Heart, named for poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson and his famed line, “’Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.”

The poem, Agnello explained, was not writ-

ten for a spouse or lover, but for Tennyson’s mentor, who was dear to him.

“This man influenced Tennyson’s life so much,” Agnello said. “In talking about what a loss it was, he was devastated when his mentor passed and he came up with that line. The Tennyson Heart is celebrating a person’s life, but also mourning the loss.”

The Tennyson Heart is a 14-karat gold pendant hanging from a delicate leather string. It showcases the fullness of the heart, symbolizing love, joy and connection. A visibly small piece is missing, signifying the space in one’s heart for those they’ve loved and carry in their memory.

Agnello said Molitor had two requests with the piece — first, she wanted it to be available to anyone.

“The idea is, with women in particular, there’s sort of a kindred spirit, a bonded thing, when they see someone else wearing the Tennyson Heart,” he said. “They become dear friends, especially being able to commiserate.”

Second, Molitor asked that a percentage of the sale price be donated to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The necklace is priced at \$499 and 20 percent of that will help support the families of officers who



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Celebrating history

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society officially opened the Grosse Pointe History Center in January, hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The center features staff offices, as well as history archives for Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities. Learn more by visiting 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The center is open by appointment. Call (313) 884-7010.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by mayors from each of the Grosse Pointes; members of the historical society, including President Leslie Wagner; Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher and Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 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:

An application to the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals requesting an exception to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-100(b) Fences, Location and Height by the owners of real property located at 895 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230. The following exceptions are being requested:

1. Approve/relax the limitations of a fence/gate located in a front yard.
2. Approve/relax the limitations of a fence/gate in excess of six (6') feet in height.

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.

Meaghan Bachman,
City Clerk

Two admins leaving GPPSS, a third possible

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Dan Hartley, director of secondary instruction for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, will become principal at Bloomfield Hills High School effective Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Meanwhile, Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent of educational services, is one of two finalists to become superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools. Stefanie Hayes, director of student services, is leaving GPPSS after 10 years to take a position with Ferndale Public Schools.

Hartley was introduced during a Bloomfield Hills school board meeting Thursday, July 20.

"There are things I like about both roles, but I've missed that daily interaction with students and staff," Hartley said. "As a curriculum director, you make big decisions that impact the entire district, but as a principal you make multiple decisions on a daily basis and you get to see the results every day."

Bishop at that same meeting was chosen as one of two finalists for the superintendent role,



Roy Bishop



Dan Hartley



Stefanie Hayes

along with Ernesto Matias of the Chicago Public Schools. Both were picked as finalists by four of the six board members in attendance, with two saying they wanted to continue searching.

Second interviews, which were to be done this week, have been delayed until after school resumes in September.

Hartley started his career as a high school social studies teacher in Goodrich, then was an assistant principal and principal in Dearborn before being named principal at Parcels Middle School in 2014.

He was director of secondary education for Fraser Public Schools in 2021-22 before returning to Grosse Pointe last year in the same role.

"I've never been a high

school principal, so I think this will help me grow in my career," Hartley said. "I have a lot of experience I can bring to the role."

Bishop was an assistant principal in Birmingham before being named principal at Mason Elementary School in 2016. He assumed his current role with GPPSS in 2021.

Superintendent Jon Dean said he is excited for Hartley to lead one of the "premier" high schools in Michigan.

"Dan is a great leader and will be a great fit there," he said.

Dean said Bishop is an "exceptional" administrator and he hopes he gets the job, calling it a natural career progression.

"It's kind of like when you're 5 years old and

you dream of being a police officer or firefighter," Dean said. "No one ever dreams of being an assistant something."

Bishop said he's "excited about the possibilities," but did not want to comment further.

Dean said Hayes also has done an exceptional job for the district overseeing special education.

"That is an absolutely critical position and there aren't many people who want to do it," Dean said. "There's typically a shortage of candidates."

Hayes was an elementary school principal and administrator for various districts in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Dean added Hayes' position will be filled, while Hartley's duties will be split among the remaining administrators.

PRIDE OF THE POINTE

The following students earned degrees from Miami University this spring: **Billy Kopicki** of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Emery Mathews**, **Katherine Gebeck** and **Tommy Hartzell** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Henry Ayrault**, **Kendall Volpe** and **Max Rionda** of the City of Grosse Pointe.



Henry Ayrault

Jennifer Crowley of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at John Carroll University for the spring 2023 semester.

Isabella Cubba of Grosse Pointe Park, a media arts production major, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Emerson College.

Kerrigan Dunham of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Millikin University.

Amanda J. Frantz of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a National Merit Scholarship through Oberlin College. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate plans to study environmental policy.

Sean Gates of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Zachary Heimbuch** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Margaret Wedge** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently earned Bachelor of Arts degrees from Kalamazoo College.

Zachary Heimbuch, **Lucas Sikora** and **Olivia Roncone** of Grosse Pointe Park; **Margaret Wedge**, **Elizabeth Ballinger** and **Eleanor Bernas** of Grosse Pointe Woods; and **Madelaine Hurley**, **Lilly Cleland** and **James Dailey** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Kalamazoo College.

Joelle Reich of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the spring 2023 President's List at the College of Charleston. Reich is majoring in biology.



Katherine Gebeck



Jennifer Crowley



Kerrigan Dunham



Joelle Reich

Camp Invention visits GPA

Camp Invention returned to The Grosse Pointe Academy this summer for a fast-paced and engaging week of STEAM innovation (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics). This year students worked in several unique rooms: Pop-Up Venture, Catching Air, MimicBot and Invention Celebration.

In Pop-Up Venture, campers learned about financial literacy while becoming their own mini pop-up business. They created a business plan, chose how to spend their startup funds, created ATMs and built an attractive business storefront to launch their business.

In Catching Air, students explored physics, design engineering and art by building their own mini skate park with ramps and rails. They also personalized a mini skateboard and designed skateboard riders to practice tricks on the skate parks.

MimicBot saw campers investigate the inner workings of their very own robot that mimics sounds. After learning about different animal survival and camouflage techniques, campers then designed their robot and learned about intellectual property to protect their robot from the idea-stealing "Copycat."

In the Invention Celebration room, campers were able to become event planners using bubble art and color theory to plan a big celebration. They also engineered light-up party hats, created instruments and invented a party assistant to help with the big day.



Left, **Quinn Bertelsen**, left, and **Grace Hennigan** work together to plan their party using color theory to make a more engaging theme and invitation.

Below, **Charlie Maloy**, left, and **Robert Bier** practice their skateboard tricks while exploring physics to get it to jump above the bowl.

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"Camp Invention is an amazing camp that really builds on students' creativity and expands their skills in unique ways," said Cat Scholtes, enrichment coordinator at GPA and director of Camp Invention. "Hearing kindergarteners talking about physics, second graders discussing financial planning and watching the high schoolers become strong role models for all the campers is truly amazing."

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Bid dwarfs small lot

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Into every reporter's life comes the good news-bad news lede.

Regarding a contractor's bid to build a mini parking lot in the Tax Increment Financing District off Maryland below Kercheval — a job no contractor sought last year due to its small size and profit — this year contractors sought the work, but at too high a price.

"The good news is we got bids," said Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant city manager. "The bad news is the low bid was about \$145,000 for six or seven parking spaces. That's beyond our means at the moment."

Some \$90,000 of this year's TIFA budget is allocated for parking system

improvements and development.

Park officials enticed bidders this year by including the TIFA project with municipal repaving of the city hall parking lot and alley paving.

"We can look at the next construction season," Rothe said.

"You can rebid and try to see if we get more reasonable bids, right?" TIFA Board President John Hughes asked Rothe at a July 13 meeting.

"Probably not until early next year," Rothe said. "This is the worst time of year to get bids."

TIFA captures taxes that would otherwise be sent to the county and state. Instead, local receipts are used to encourage economic activity within its namesake district bounded by Mack Avenue, Wayburn,

almost to East Jefferson and to the Nottingham alley.

Two other lots in the district are under construction.

One is behind Brine's restaurant, due to open next month, at the corner of Kercheval and Maryland.

"The contractor said they're about four or five weeks from being finished," Rothe said.

The same contractor recently began clearing the way for construction of a block-long lot south of Kercheval between Maryland and Lakepointe.

Rothe said he anticipates completion in September.

In the meantime, motorists may park free of charge in a municipal lot behind the Corewell Health (formerly Beaumont) building on Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.

Wayne County Women's Commission selects officers for its 2023-24 session

Wayne County Women's Commission members have elected Soummer Crawford as chair for the 2023-24 meeting sessions.

Crawford is a director of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association. She was elected to the post Thursday, July 13.

At the same meeting, commissioners elected Grosse Pointe resident Cynthia Douglas as vice chair. Douglas is past president of the NAACP Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods.

"These are outstanding women who will be outstanding leaders for the women's commission," Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell said.

Both have served since the women's commission was founded in 2021.

The commission addresses issues of concern for women living in Wayne County with special emphasis on health care, housing and employment opportunities.

Its 19 members are appointed by the Wayne County Commissioners. They include four mem-

bers appointed at large, including Crawford and Douglas, and one member from each of the 15 county commission districts.

The women's commission meets monthly via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public under the state's Open Meetings Act.

HEART:

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gave their lives in service.

Though Agnello designed the necklace a few years ago, the pandemic "put the breaks" on promoting it, but he's seen an uptick in sales as of late.

"I know what it takes to launch a new idea — a lot of work, a lot of time and

a lot of energy," he said, "but I never wanted to let Judy down. She's awesome."

Those interested in purchasing a Tennyson Heart may place an order online at michaelagnellojewelers.com, by phone at (586) 294-7730 or in person at Michael Agnello Jewelers, 31500 Harper, St. Clair Shores. "We always have it in stock."

SCAMS:

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from Connecticut and was told their grandson was involved in a traffic accident that injured a pregnant woman and needed \$12,000 for bail. The couple became suspicious and hung up, then verified their grandson was not in Connecticut, nor had he been in an accident.

"Years ago when I first started, you had to actually come to the city to commit a crime," Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "Because of the internet, they don't even

have to leave their house. And these can be difficult to prosecute because they can even be in a different country."

The Woods recently included in its weekly email to residents a list of four signs to help identify a scam:

- ◆ They pretend to be from a familiar organization, such as the IRS, a charity or law enforcement.

- ◆ They tell you there's either a problem or you've won prize money, such as the two cases above.

- ◆ They want you to act immediately, before you have a chance to

check out their story.

- ◆ They ask you to pay in a specific way, such as with gift cards.

The email included suggestions for avoiding a scam, including blocking unwanted texts or telephone calls, not giving out personal information in response to a request you did not initiate and talking to someone you trust before taking any action.

Beyond that, never deposit a check from an unknown source and send a portion of the money back, as it likely will bounce.

Kosanke put together a brochure about how to

avoid identity theft that includes a checklist of who to contact if it occurs.

"They can get into social media accounts, utilities, drain bank accounts," he said. "If someone does get scammed, by all means call us."

Other recent examples include a Farms resident who paid \$55,000 in crypto currency after being told they couldn't access their email without the payment.

Scammers also use robocall technology that can call every number in a certain area code and exchange, with the

last four digits being randomly generated because familiar numbers are more likely to get answered. There even have been reports of people getting scam calls from their own number.

Another trick is known as spoofing. The Farms public safety department recently issued a Nixle alert stating calls from its number demanding money for outstanding warrants were bogus.

Law enforcement, other government agencies and financial institutions constantly try to remind people they will never call demanding

money.

According to the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, seniors may be particularly vulnerable and targeted for scams for a variety of reasons. That's because they:

- ◆ have accumulated assets,
- ◆ tend to be trusting and polite,
- ◆ are lonely or socially isolated,
- ◆ receive care from someone with a gambling or drug problem or
- ◆ can be dependent on a family member who pressures them for control of their finances.

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Park pooch in training

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A teacher is using patience learned in the classroom to raise puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Or maybe it's the other way around.

Nevertheless, it works for Bailey Rothe. She's a social studies teacher at Regina High School.

She and her husband, Warren Rothe, hired last year as assistant city manager of the Park, volunteer to nurture prospective guide dogs through the animals' first year of life.

The job is rewarding but inevitably heart-wrenching when time comes for the cuddly little things to leave home, attend leader dog school and become as angels were to shepherds, illuminating the world to those who can't see.

Comparing puppies to teenagers may rile parents of the my-precious-child-isn't-a-dog variety, but the parallel is obvious to anyone willing to face reality.

"The amount of patience needed is very

similar," Bailey Rothe said. "My patience for high school students translates well to my patience raising puppies and vice versa."

The Rothes' current ward, Moxie, a female golden lab, is a would-be leader dog with an eye for treats and belly rubs.

Although the Rothes are charged with giving the puppy a dotting home life while instilling basic obedience skills, the dog's suitability for leadership isn't guaranteed. Their prior pup washed out. Too social and fun loving.

"She was kind of a drama queen," Bailey Rothe said.

"Squirrel distraction is a big one," said Rachelle Kniffen, Leader Dog's director of communication and marketing, explaining a common flaw. "We're very open upfront that the dogs belong to Leader Dogs at all times. That dog will be coming back to us at the end of the year they have the dog."

Drop-outs are considered "career changed"

in Leader Dogs-speak. They're adopted as pets — the organization requires a \$2,000 donation — or deployed in a service more aligned with their temperament.

Moxie, however, seems to get it.

"Our job's just to give them a good foundation," Warren Rothe said.

"The dog learns how to settle, like this," Bailey Rothe said, acknowledging Moxie lying beside her, watching her talk with her husband and his coworkers during a noontime visit last week to Park city hall. "Laying down while we're talking is one of the biggest skills we can teach them. When someone walks up, she looks back at me. When she sits, that's when I give her treats. They're supposed to be able to make that decision on their own."

Leader Dogs for the Blind matches around 200 dogs with the visually impaired each year. The organization is known nationally but headquartered almost locally in Rochester.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Future guide dog, Moxie, visits Park city hall to the pleasure of Public Safety Director Jim Bostock, center. Moxie is being raised in puppyhood by Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteers Bailey Rothe, left, and her husband, Park Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe.

"One thing people need to understand — dogs that make it all the way through and are leading a person who is

blind love the work they do," Kniffen said. "They love to put on a harness and work."

organization," Bailey Rothe said. "The stories we hear about how these dogs change people's lives ..."

"It's such an amazing

Volunteers dish out good food, good times at Crossroads

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When the Rev. James McLaren resigned as rector at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in 1979, he steadfastly knew to continue to be of service.

His next stop was serving as director of a young social service agency called Crossroads of Michigan, which today is a thriving ecumenical organization that provides emergency assistance, advocacy and counseling to anyone in need.

McLaren's ties to St. Michael's aren't forgotten. In fact, they're celebrated as parishioners, for the last 30-plus years, continue to volunteer their time and talents to serve at Crossroads.

"There is a great legacy connection this congregation has to Crossroads," said the Rev. Michael Bradley, current rector at the Grosse Pointe Woods church. "It's at the top of the list of efforts we support."

Recently, 25 volunteers participated in two programs at the nonprofit. During the Tuesday Mom's Support Group on June 27, they prepared and served lunches, as well as conducted interactive activities for 20 children and their mothers.



The Rev. Teresa Wakeen and volunteer Barbara Malley assist children with activities.

"We did two activities," volunteer Laurie Wood said. "One was making bracelets with pictures that made them think about, 'What talents do we have and how do we use them for God?' It could be art, dance, music. ... And they made prayer boxes with stickers, which also reflected their talents. A lot of children were writing their notes right there. They loved the idea of writing notes to God and putting

them in their boxes." Children who participated in the summer lunch program included boys and girls in preschool through fifth grade.

"They were all friendly and enjoyed doing it," Wood added, noting when their planned crafts were finished on that rainy afternoon, some children began working on positive affirmation posters, while others participated in Rock, Paper,



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Above, volunteer Ray Rhein prepares to serve lunch. Below, from left, volunteers Jan Rhein, Elly Garzel and John Flynn.



Scissors and Tic Tac Toe tournaments.

"The summer lunch program is a collaboration between Crossroads social service agency and The Church at Crossroads," said Kathie Groschner, who organized St. Michael's efforts with Crossroads.

"For the summer lunch program, there are 13 other Episcopal churches supporting it. ... Each of the churches brings food and activities. We make and serve the food and facilitate the activities. And we talk with the moms, which is one of the most heartwarming

parts of it. They can take a breath and sit down and talk while their children play."

"It's open and flowing, so they come and go," Wood added. "It's not a sit-down and structured lesson. ... And if they couldn't stay that day, they were able to pick up and take home with them the food and the crafts."

St. Michael's volunteers handed out bags of toothpaste, toothbrushes and other items to each child as they left for the day.

"It's obviously such a big commitment from this parish, but just a small example of the churches involved," Groschner said.

Overall, volunteers enjoyed their interactions with the children and their mothers.

"It's a wonderful experience for anyone who's ever done it," Barbara Malley said. "Interacting with the children is wonderful."

"We're trying to help children learn about trust," Groschner added. "We're a group of strangers coming into the building. We make it comfortable for the children, so they trust each other and trust others. It's new learning for them."

A few days later, volun-

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Elizabeth Sheeren accepts a check from Village Market co-owner and CEO Jacob Garmo. Village Market collected community donations and matched the funds raised.



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Village Market donates funds

During a recent fundraiser, Village Market sold reusable tote bags for \$1.99. After running out, the staff continued to ask customers if they'd like to donate the same amount to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital's palliative care program, which each year is supported by the Run Walk Roll 5K event. Through its fundraiser, Village Market not only donated every penny raised, but also matched that amount dollar for dollar. Village Market co-

owner and CEO Jacob Garmo recently presented a check with those donations and matching funds — totaling \$8,549.04 — to Elizabeth Sheeren, inspiration for the annual Run Walk Roll 5K and namesake of Elizabeth's Courage Fund. Grosse Pointe resident Claire Sheeren founded the 5K event in honor of her sister, Elizabeth, who has an incurable immune disease and has greatly benefitted from the work of the palliative care

team at Mott. The success of the event enabled the family to establish Elizabeth's Courage Fund at Mott, a fund 100 percent dedicated to supporting children and families facing complex or terminal conditions receiving palliative care. More information may be found at mottchildren.org/elizabeths-courage-fund. Since its inception in 2019, Elizabeth's Courage Fund has contributed more than \$580,000 to Mott's palliative care programs. Funds have provided the 15-week emotional support group MoodLifters, for parents of children receiving palliative care, as well as a music therapist, medical massage therapist and child life therapist. The Run Walk Roll 5K total for 2023 has exceeded \$210,000 and donations still are coming in. "This community is truly so special — and the support we have received strengthens us, encourages us and inspires hope — which is what we truly need to keep going," said Julie Sheeren, Elizabeth and Claire's mother. "For our family, the opportunity to help others is the greatest privilege and blessing — and we could not do this without our incredible sponsors, race committee and community."

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teers packed the Crossroads Soup Kitchen to provide free lunch to a crowd of around 450 people.

"Crossroads is the only scheduled soup kitchen on a Sunday in Detroit," said Bill Davenport, whose work with the organization spans decades. "... It's nice to see people, to be helping face to face, rather than sending items down or writing a check."

Volunteer Elaine Backhurst concurred.

"Our relationship with Crossroads has been wonderful for me," she said. "This church gives us the opportunity to really help. I really feel like I'm helping people at Crossroads, but it's helping me too. It's a great opportunity for us to know where we can go to help."

Several families who visited the soup kitchen were faces volunteers had seen during the lunch program, which is offered twice a week through August.

"When school is out, free lunch and free breakfast programs aren't available to children," Groschner noted.

Jeanne Flynn praised the help Crossroads supplied to assist the church's efforts.

"Their own volunteers were well-equipped to lead our volunteers and designate what we needed to do, quickly and simply," she said. "They were able to shift on a dime. They were very capable of shifting with volunteers and materials they have (and do it) in a kind and welcoming way."

The Crossroads relationship is longstanding.



St. Michael's volunteers work at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen.

So much so, its food pantry is named after St. Michael's. The church's relationship extends beyond its recent volunteer efforts.

"We would gather food on Sundays and take it to Crossroads," volunteer Jan Rhein said. "We also had guilds, which would collect different things for Crossroads, depending on what they needed — men's underwear, deodorant — we do that also."

"... We send clothing to Crossroads from the thrift shop," she added. "That's a big contribution we can make, so we feel we're helping the community in so many ways."

The Rev. Teresa Wakeen, who started The Church at Crossroads, coordinates the efforts of the Episcopal churches that assist the organization.

"Crossroads is especially lifting up the importance of the summer lunchtime activities to help students have an experience that can build a foundation of trusting experiences," Wakeen said via email. "I believe they are very much think-

ing about the experience of poverty (and generational poverty) and how much more vulnerable one can be with regard to trust as they grow because of that background.

"I think our churches who are serving this summer are deeply suited to be actively engaging with the children and families for this kind of goal. ... Crossroads sees this as the priority around the mission of the summer program. This is in sync

with The Church at Crossroads' vision of growing relationships with neighbors and building beloved community." "Teresa's really brought the Tuesday piece from the beginning of The Church at Crossroads," Bradley said. "And she does a service on Sundays, but the summer lunch program is all Theresa. She's really done a great job, especially pulling together other

Episcopalian churches for their support." "She's a very personable person," Malley added. "She gets around and talks to everyone. She's devoted to that community."

"(She) is focused on generational poverty and what can be done to break the cycle as opposed to taking care of only immediate needs," Groschner said. "She's taking care of individuals and families so they can help break that cycle. That's why we put in our efforts; we're hopeful."

Added Wood, "We're not just helping today. We're helping tomorrow."



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The Rev. Michael Bradley, left, with volunteers Kathie Groschner, Elly Garzel, Deborah Cooper and Ted Colborn behind the scenes at the summer lunch program.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

- ◆ Detroit Opera Touring Ensemble: Summer Serenade, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$40 VIP, \$15 for veterans and seniors, \$10 for ages 13 and younger.

- ◆ Fire & Fused: Fused Glass Workshop, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3. Cost is \$85.

- ◆ Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$75.

- ◆ The Great Crusade Lecture Series: "Operation Cobra, The Beachhead Breakout," presented by Steve Mrozek, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.

- ◆ Cork & Create: Watercolor Painting — Botanicals & Butterflies, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Cost is \$95.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 27, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, The Shores Church, 24905 Manhattan, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

- ◆ Walk With Ease, 10

to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, through Aug. 21, with instructors Suzy Berschback and Reyna Diamond Trevino.

- ◆ The movie "Poms" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 28. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, and includes a snack.

- ◆ Courtyard Cookout and Karaoke, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

- ◆ A Matter of Balance, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 8 to 31, with instructors Rosa Hunter and Shellene Moyer.

- ◆ Eastern Market brings fresh produce to The Helm 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 8 and 22.

- ◆ Cranbrook House Tour and Lunch, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for non-members.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

- ◆ "The Art of Pastels," a workshop with Fran Seikaly, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29.

- ◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays, Aug. 3 and 10, the class examines Joseph Mallord William Turner.

Ford House

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

- ◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, through September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for

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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.

Robert "Bob" F. Gregory

Robert "Bob" F. Gregory, Senior Consultant for Strategy and Public Spaces at Downtown Detroit Partnership and founding President of the Detroit 300 Conservancy, who was instrumental in the design of Campus Martius Park and other downtown urban squares, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the age of 72. He also served as Director of World Wide Real Estate (Argonaut) and New Center Development Partnership at General Motors.

Born to Francis C. and Rosemary Gregory, he graduated from Salesian High School in Detroit and from Michigan State University James Madison College with a degree in city/regional, community and regional planning. He also completed executive management training at Duke University Fuqua School of Business. He served on numerous nonprofit boards and held leadership roles in numerous professional organizations.

Bob, a member of Bayview Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Sail Club and former member of the Detroit Yacht Club and Detroit Boat Club, had a passion for sailing, including local and Mackinac racing.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Elisabeth; children, Stephanie Hoenig, Sarah and Robert M.; son-in-law,

Mark; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; grandchildren, Thomas and Elisabeth; sister, Kathleen; brothers, Thomas, John and Patrick; nieces and nephews.

A private funeral at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit and a Celebration of Life in Campus Martius Park were held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Detroit 300 Conservancy, 1 Campus Martius, Suite 380, Detroit, MI 48226; or to Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, 100 Clairpointe St., Detroit, MI 48215.

Downtown Detroit Partnership has established an email to share memories and sentiments at BobTribute@downtowndetroit.org.

Phyllis Barnwell Huxley

Phyllis Barnwell Huxley, 100, died Thursday, July 20, 2023. Born in Winthrop, Mass., she was a proud member of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

Phyllis began her career as a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She went on to earn master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She later spent many years as the head librarian of various branches of the Grosse Pointe Public Library system. Phyllis loved her position as a librarian.

She had many inter-

ests, but she most enjoyed reading, boating, golfing and spending time with her family.

Phyllis was the beloved wife of the late Francis; loving mother of Frank, Peter (Helen), Anne and Andrew Huxley; and cherished grandmother of Carmen, Francisco, Simone, Annamaria and the late James.

A memorial gathering takes place Thursday, July 27, from 10 a.m. until her service at 11 a.m. at Chas. Verheyden, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Kathleen Gallagher Kedzierski

Kathleen Gallagher Kedzierski, 73, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 20, 2023, surrounded by family after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

She was the beloved wife of Thaddeus "Ted" Kedzierski, cherished mother of Michael and Alla Kedzierski, and dear sister of John Gallagher (Karen) and Mary Ann Aubrey (Ronald). She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Mary "Mae" Gallagher; son, Thomas "Tommy" Kedzierski; and brothers, Thomas Gallagher Jr., and James Gallagher.

Kathleen was an adventurer at heart, with frequent trips to Harbor Springs, Naples, Key West, Weekapaug, R.I.,



Robert F. Gregory



Phyllis Barnwell Huxley



Kathleen G. Kedzierski

and Harsen's Island. She was always on her boat on Lake St. Clair, bass fishing or enjoying a peaceful afternoon on the water. Among many passions, her enthusiasm for traveling, the outdoors and bringing family and friends together shone the brightest. She frequently hosted parties and loved nothing more than being around people enjoying life, with good music, delicious food and, of course, a good game of euchre.

Community involvement also was very important to Kathleen. She was a former president of the Grosse Pointe Lawyers Auxiliary, as well as a pivotal campaign organizer for her husband Ted's mayoral campaign. She loved being the team photographer for her children's sports teams as well, capturing many fantastic athletic achievements.

Kathleen also was a lifetime learner with a deep appreciation for education. She was a proud alumna of Our Lady Star of the Sea High School and proud graduate of Eastern Michigan University, as well as a recipient of multiple master's degrees from Wayne State University. She spent the bulk of her career in education, working in Detroit Public Schools in various roles as a reading and special education teacher.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Mayo Clinic, to support clinical research trials for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC; or Star of the Sea Church, for its "raising the roof" campaign, olsos.org/give.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Fred W. Kreger

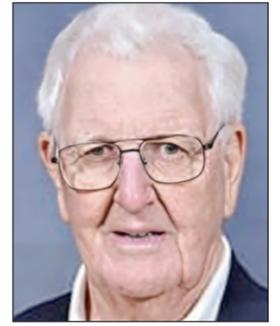
Fred Walter Kreger, 93, died Saturday, July 8, 2023, at his Grosse Pointe Farms home.

Mr. Kreger was born Nov. 8, 1929, to Adelbert and Agnes (Schwann) Kreger.

He attended Denby High School and Wayne State University in Detroit. He also served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

Throughout his life, he owned or was a partner in several manufacturing businesses focusing on sales and engineering.

However, his true passion was sailing. He was well known across the Great Lakes sailing community for his ability and enthusiasm for the sport. A Bayview Yacht Club member since 1964, Fred sailed his first Bayview



Fred W. Kreger

Mackinac Race in 1952. He went on to race in more than 100 races to Mackinac, achieving Old Goat, Double Goat and Grand Ram status. He was a recipient of the Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Hall of Fame trophy and a member of the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Kreger; brother, Robert Kreger; his sons and their spouses, Fred Jr. and Rhondi Kreger, and Kevin and Xochitl Kreger. He also is survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his nephew, Bryan Cach; and nieces, Susan Kreger and Lisa Gratch.

He was predeceased by his parents, Adelbert and Agnes; brother, Del Kreger; and grandson, Shane Kreger.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to Kaul Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores.

The auction includes a ride for one in an F-100F supersonic jet.



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Auction to benefit Selfridge museum

An auction for the Selfridge Military Air Museum will help raise money to complete the Aviation Education Center, where students can learn about the science and technology of the military's aerospace programs.

Items up for bid include a ride for two on the Goodyear blimp, a

ride in an F-100F Super Sabre — the U.S. Air Force's first supersonic single-engine jet — and an aerial fall color tour of northern Michigan with lunch on Mackinac Island.

The auction opens at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28, and closes at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. See selfridgeairmuseum.org/

aviation-adventure-auction for details.



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members.

◆ Concerts on the Lake: Devin Scillian & Arizona Son, 7 p.m. Friday, July 28. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50.

◆ Story Studio: Yippee! Yellow, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ All About Eleanor Tour, Fridays and Saturdays in August. Tickets range from \$9 to \$18.

◆ Lake Fest, noon Saturday, Aug. 5. Community partners DNR Adventure Center, Michigan Science Center and U.S. Coast Guard offer interactive activities and resources. Admission is \$5.

◆ Story Studio: Groovy

Green, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

◆ Sustainability Talk: Compost, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Drop-In Kids Craft, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 31, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Drumcommunity, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Bike Blender Smoothies and Slushies, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Bike Blender Smoothies and Slushies, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Summer Smash, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Members of the Mason Elementary School PTO will discuss the school's

playground project. Guests are welcome.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. Jake Nellis, operations manager at Zeppelin Cleaning Services, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Town hall

Families Against Narcotics will host a town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. "Hope in the Midst of the Opioid Crisis" is presented in conjunction with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. The community is invited to attend the meeting, which serves as a platform for open dialogue, shared insights and collaborative problem-solving with the aim of creating awareness,

providing resources and exploring practical solutions to effectively tackle the opioid crisis.

Posterity

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Paint & Sip with Wendy Fournier, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. The step-by-step class is suitable for all skill levels. Only 15 spots are available. Visit posterityartgallery.com to register.

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.

Healthy GP

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

Toastmasters

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.

BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

TOAST

TO THE BRIDE & GROOM



Signature cocktails add a personal touch

When it comes to a great wedding, the magic is in the details. As a couple gets engaged, they are flooded with decisions that will determine the overall feel and vibe of their big day. After the main details are ironed out, the bride and groom get to spend time making fun choices, one of those choices being well-designed signature cocktails.

Signature cocktails reflect the wedding party's tastes. It's a way for the couple to express themselves during the reception and provide a personalized addition to the bar. When it comes down to it, weddings are not only beautiful symbols of love and partnership, but a way for guests to celebrate the happy couple as they embark on the journey of life together.

As we finish out the summer wedding season, we've collected some of our favorite and most popular signature cocktails with sweet and simple names that all guests are sure to love.

Cheers to the groom!

A novel cocktail idea from recent bride, Elizabeth Carter:

My husband and I knew we wanted a fall wedding. After getting engaged in late February, we knew we either had to get married a few months later or wait until the following fall.

Luckily, we were able to find the perfect venue with an available October date, just eight short months away.

Even though we had so many details to plan, we booked the venue and went for it.

There were many decisions to make, big and small, along the way. From the dress to the decor to the guest list, you name it, we had to sit down and make a decision about it.

Despite the overwhelming moments, we found a lot of joy in adding personal touches to the wedding during those eight months of planning.

We were able to involve our parents, siblings and friends in the process which was incredible, and there were some aspects of the day that we handled completely on our own. One of those things was the list of signature cocktails.

My husband and I absolutely love going out to enjoy a great meal paired with an even better drink. We knew we wanted to create delicious signature drinks for all of our guests to enjoy.

So, a few weeks before the wedding, we started to research drinks online and figure out how to put our own spin on it.

My husband has always loved cocktails that contain gin. Because of this, we decided to have a gimlet on the wedding menu. A gimlet is a classic drink that is typically made with gin, lime and sugar. We knew that would be our base, but we weren't sure what we could do to make the drink more interesting.

We bought gin and sage leaves and tried to mix the drink with a sage leaf in the cocktail shaker. We enjoyed the taste of sage in the gin, but it was super faint.

We figured it would be easier if we just infused the liquor ourselves.

After some trial and error, we ended up placing a small bundle of sage leaves into each bottle of gin a week before the wedding. Once poured, the drink had a lovely sage flavor that was absolutely delicious!

Infusing your liquor always adds something special to a cocktail. It also made it easier for our wedding bartenders because they didn't have to deal with sage leaves during the mixing process.

We decided to add a chamomile flower and a salt rim to the top of each drink for a garnish. This signature cocktail became a favorite drink among the guests and everyone enjoyed them throughout the reception. My husband and I loved being involved in the process and it's a fun story that we can share with our families and future children one day.

Groom's Gimlet

2 oz. sage-infused gin
1 oz. elderflower liqueur
1/2 oz. lime juice
Chamomile flower garnish
Salt rim

Run a wedge of fresh lime around the rim of a cocktail glass to moisten it. Add salt to a shallow plate. Dip the wet edge of the cocktail glass into the plate of salt. Rotate the glass evenly. Gently shake the excess salt off. Add gin, elderflower liqueur, and lime juice to your cocktail shaker. Mix and pour into your glass. Add chamomile flower garnish and enjoy!



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Elizabeth and Phil Carter created a lively gimlet recipe to honor Phil's fondness for gin cocktails. The Groom's Gimlet, above, was an homage to Phil and a delight for guests at their fall wedding.

OTHER COCKTAILS TO CONSIDER

Mint-To-Be Mojito

Mint takes center stage in this classic cocktail. This sweet-tart signature drink is always fun and festive, perfect for parties or entertaining friends and family.

Ingredients:
1 oz. lime juice
1 oz. simple syrup
2 oz. white rum
2 oz. soda water
Mint leaves
Lime slices for garnish

In a cocktail shaker, muddle the mint leaves. Add the lime juice, simple syrup and rum. Fill the cocktail shaker with ice and shake until cold. Place ice into the glass and strain in the liquid. Top with soda water and garnish with mint leaves and lime slices.



SHAKEN, KNOT STIRRED

Mixologists agree — a proper martini is best made with the modernist Mary Jurek Helyx cocktail shaker, right. It's all in the mixing, and with the signature knot on the cap, you get a better grip to shake things up. Made of durable yet beautiful stainless steel, it's dishwasher-safe and from The League Shop.

Top of page: Chez Gagne Hubby/ Wifey rocks glasses, from Small Favors.



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ALL THE PRETTY DETAILS

Creatively display your signature cocktails for guests at an engagement party and coordinate the look with your theme, coasters, table cards or other printed materials at your wedding or engagement party. Also consider offering a non-alcoholic option, sparkling drinks in cans and beer and wine — so everyone has something to enjoy and cheer the occasion.



Chai Love You

This heady drink, left, is a sure way to get the party started! Mix chai syrup, espresso and vodka together for a creamy cocktail with a subtle coffee flavor. Drop a few coffee beans on top for an optional garnish. It's an elegant addition to any celebration!

- Ingredients:
- 5 oz. chai spice tea syrup
- 2 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. espresso
- 1/2 oz coffee liqueur

Add all ingredients to a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake vigorously for 10 seconds. Strain into chilled glass, garnish with coffee beans.

“Marry Me” Margarita

The fan-favorite margarita, right, is a classic drink for a reason. The tanginess of lime mixed with orange liqueur’s sweetness creates a crisp, refreshing flavor that balances tequila well. You might say its a marriage made in heaven!

- Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 oz. silver tequila
- 1 oz. orange liqueur
- 3/4 oz. lime juice
- Simple syrup to taste
- Lime wedge
- Coarse salt for rim

Run a lime wedge around the rim of the glass. Dip the rim into a plate of salt until it is covered. Add tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice and simple syrup to a cocktail shaker with a few ice cubes. Shake for about 10 seconds. Fill the glass with ice and strain in the margarita mix. Muy bueno!



Happily Ever Aperol

Tastes like eternal summer. The light, refreshing liqueur Aperol was originally designed as an aperitif, to be sipped before meals. When mixed into this deliciously popular Aperol spritz, above right, it is a refreshing cocktail that can be enjoyed anytime.

- Ingredients:
- 3 oz. Aperol
- 3 oz. dry Prosecco
- 1 oz. club soda
- Orange slice for garnish

Add ice to a wine glass and pour in equal amounts of Aperol and Prosecco. Top it off with a splash of club soda and garnish with a slice of orange. Pretty and refreshing.

A BARTENDER'S BEST FRIEND

The Cosmo 4-piece set with wood base by Mary Jurek, left, is from The League Shop. This handsome best-selling tool set is made from 18/8 stainless steel (never needs polishing) and hand-carved acacia wood, mixing durability with style, just like a fine martini. With a popular mid-century vibe, it makes a great gift. Includes a jigger, bottle opener, stirring spoon and cocktail strainer. Say yes!



“Something Old” Fashioned

Incorporate your “something old” in the form of a signature cocktail! This Old Fashioned, right, is a beloved cocktail that’s been widely known and appreciated over many generations. With whiskey as a base, this drink is great for those who enjoy dark liquor.

- Ingredients:
- 2 oz. bourbon or rye whiskey
- 1/4 oz. simple syrup
- Dash of Angostura bitters
- Orange peel for garnish
- Maraschino cherry for garnish

Add simple syrup and bitters to your favorite glass. Fill the glass with ice and stir. Add bourbon and stir to chill. Garnish with orange peel and maraschino cherry, as desired.



Wedding March Mule

The mule’s ginger profile mutes the bite of vodka with perfect accuracy. Guests will be ordering this adorably named cocktail, above, all reception long.

- Ingredients:
- 2 oz. vodka
- 1/2 oz. lime juice
- 6 oz/ ginger beer

Squeeze lime juice into a copper mug. Add ice cubes, vodka and top with cold ginger beer. Stir and enjoy.

JUST CHILL

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Pictures worth a thousand words

Exhibition raises funds for Ukrainian refugees

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A series of poster boards line the perimeter of the library at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, providing a snapshot of the current Ukrainian refugee experience.

Personal stories — their lives before the war, during evacuation and as refugees — are emphasized by cell phone photographs ranging from smiling children to heart-broken families.

The individuals featured are part of a larger refugee community supported by the German government and the efforts of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde Karben, a Protestant community comprised of churches in Burg-Karben (including Kloppenheim), Klein-Karben, Okarben and Rendel.

The Outreach Council at Memorial Church is hosting the exhibition through Sunday, Sept. 10, to raise awareness of the plight of refugees, as well as raise funds.

“There are (more than) 300 refugees in Karben, Germany, and more than 80 percent of them are women and children,” said Sue Acton, outreach coordinator at Memorial. “While the children are receiving an education, the materials they have on hand are in German. ... It’s hard to get Ukrainian language books here, so we are going to send them money to purchase books.”

“They have access to a Ukrainian publisher,” said Denise Asker, a member of the Outreach

Council whose friendship with Ukrainian Natalia Bandalina helped bring the local project to fruition. “I’ve known Natalia more than a decade. She did community-building work in Ukraine and has a degree in Germanic language. With the Ukraine war, she found herself in Germany helping at a refugee camp. All of Natalia’s skills were needed as a community organizer. ... When we asked her how we can get involved, this was something we could get our arms around.”

Hoping to get refugees to find healing through their common experiences, Bandalina asked them to share their stories, but most were hesitant to speak. However, she found it was easier for them to open up about the photos on their cell phones. Those experiences were assembled as photo stories and put on exhibit in Karben.

The exhibit has been replicated on a smaller scale at Memorial Church.

“The photo exhibit in Karben was a lot bigger than this, but they saw the impact of their storytelling, so we wanted to do here,” Asker said. “We took those images and translated the text. We used the ones more representative of their narrative. Each person represented here, there’s more of their narrative in the booklet. Just an excerpt of their experiences is what’s on the boards.”

Booklets are available in the church library.

“Many of them talk about what they were doing, what they are doing and how they were

impacted,” Asker continued. “... These are just citizens living their life. Natalia had just hours to make a decision while the tanks were rolling in. She had a very short time to decide where to go and what to bring.”

While refugees in Karben are being cared for and receiving an education, the hope for the book drive is to provide them with a sense of home in an uncertain time and maintain a connection to their native language.

“We thought if we could give them money for books, we could provide what they don’t have now,” Asker said. “Not just books for the children, but also for the adult community.”

The books the church hopes to fund cost between \$10 and \$20, “so it won’t cost a ton of money to give them a little library,” Asker said. “It’s a small way for us to help. One hundred percent of the funds go to purchase books. ... Imagine 10,000 books. Wouldn’t that be fabulous? But my hope is for 1,000 books.”

Those who wish to contribute to the book drive may leave a cash donation in the secure lockbox in the church’s library,

mail a check to the church or use the QR code at the exhibit to donate online.

“If others want to join our efforts, we welcome that,” Asker said.

The library exhibit will be open concurrently with the church, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, as well as Sunday mornings. Between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services Sundays, docents from the Outreach Council will be on hand to share information and answer questions.

Visits also may be made by appointment by emailing sacton@gpmchurch.org.

“We really want a lot of people to see it,” Acton said. “The pictures are powerful, but the booklet is more detailed.”

The Ukrainian refugee book drive is just the latest project of the Outreach Council at Memorial. Upcoming projects include supporting the Second Mile Center with a food drive Sept. 9, as well as participating in Life Remodeled’s Six Day Project, which involves cleaning up the neighborhood around Cooley High School, on Oct. 4.

Additionally, the church is collecting



A sample of the poster boards on display at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

school supplies for students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Supplies may be dropped off at the church between Aug. 13 and 27. “Our community out-

reach continues with things happening every month,” Acton said. “There’s always room for more. Anyone who wants to participate can email me.”

Student supply list

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| No. 2 pencils | Hand-held pencil sharpener | Mead Composition Notebooks, wide ruled, 100 sheets | 3-by-5-inch index cards |
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| Colored pencils | Rulers marked in inches and centimeters | College-ruled spiral notebooks | Backpacks |
| 4-pack of dry-erase markers | 2-pocket folder, with prongs, multiple colors | | |
| Highlighters | Sticky note pads | | |
| Erasers | | | |

174th annual Highland Games are Aug. 5

The 174th annual Highland Games, presented by the St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit, takes place 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Historic Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Advanced tickets are \$20; children 12 and younger are admitted free.

A Cèilidh — a Scottish party, pronounced “kay-

lee” — for adults and featuring rousing Scottish music bands, will be held Friday, Aug. 4, also at Greenmead. The festivities includes bands such as Stone Clover, Mud Men, Pictus and Iron Wood. Tickets are available for \$30 in advance; a limited number of tickets will be available for \$35 at the gate. To get advanced sale Cèilidh tickets go to highlandgames.com

Saturday, a variety of activities are planned, including more than 15 pipe bands, whose members will be involved in individual competition, band competition and playing in the Mass Band Parade during welcoming and closing ceremonies. Additionally,

◆ heavy athletic competitions, including a caber toss, hammer’s

throw, stone put, weight for distance and weight for height;

◆ Highland dancing featuring more than 150 dancers, ranging from age 4 to adults;

◆ a Wee Bairns area, or children’s area, where children can design a targe, make a headdress, toss a caber, use a catapult or participate in reenactments.

◆ Scottish animals,

including Highland cows, West Highland terriers, Gordon setters, deerhounds and the bearded collies.

◆ living history presentations;

◆ a tug o’ war competition, including women’s and men’s teams;

◆ all-day musical entertainment; and

◆ Scotch whisky tastings for \$35 per ticket. Funds raised at the St.

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Rodriguez tribute rocks Cadieux Cafe

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

On July 10, Detroit singer-songwriter and subject of the Academy Award-winning documentary, "Searching for Sugarman," Sixto Rodriguez turned 81. Later that week, a collection of Detroit's top rock 'n' roll musicians gathered at Cadieux Cafe to celebrate and honor the local minstrel who often was spotted walking the streets of Detroit with a guitar case on his back.

Rodriguez, in spite of health issues, was on hand for the first few performances, including a cover of his hit song "I Wonder," played by Maruga Cosmic Boogie, featuring Dennis Coffey, who played lead guitar on Rodriguez's Cold Fact album. His daughters, Sandra, Eva and Regan, sang "Happy Birthday," accompanied by the sold-out crowd.

Some fans in attendance were able to get photos with Rodriguez and say hello. One young lady even sang him a verse of Sugarman and made him smile. The heat and humidity became a bit much for the ailing rock 'n' roll legend, who soon was whisked away in a limousine. His daughter, Sandra, said being surrounded by so much love was good for his health and he was in good spirits.

The show, hosted by



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Sixto Rodriguez

Doug Podell from WLLZ and produced by JJM Management, continued without its guest of honor and the musical performances kept coming. Mike Skill and Brad Elvis of The Romantics played a few of their hits, including, "What I Like About You," "Rock You Up" and "Talking in Your Sleep."

Skill, who grew up in

Jefferson-Chalmers, remembered bumping into Rodriguez on the street one day.

"I was with my friends and this guy was walking by with his guitar on his back," he said. "We asked him to see the guitar and he took it out and played for us."

Years later Skill saw the documentary and realized who the tal-

ented stranger was that day.

The Orbitsuns, featuring Vinny Dombroski on vocals, took the stage next, playing a few high-powered country covers and, of course, some originals.

Dombroski said, "I love Rodriguez's songs," when asked why he wanted to do the show.

Paul Pellerito, a Rodriguez fan from Grosse Pointe Park, agreed and said, "As much as I love Rodriguez's music, I love him as a man even more. He is selfless, kind and a great mentor to all men. We need more people like him in our world."

Poet, writer and activist John Sinclair kicked off the night with a spoken-word tribute and locally renowned rock 'n' roll photographer Frank Pettis was front and center until the end of the show doing what he does best. Pettis has photographed everyone from Rod Stewart to Diana Ross since he was a teenager and took his first photograph of Elvis in 1957. Sinclair is best known as the manager of the Detroit rock band, MC5.

Cadieux Cafe's co-owner, John Rutherford, who also is a musician, grew up in Grosse Pointe. Rutherford, who plays trombone and has toured with Bob Seger and Oasis, said the Rodriguez 81st birthday celebration show was sold out and the Cadieux Cafe served more than 300 pounds of their famous mussels that night. He also said they have invested in the music side of the venue and still are focused on the restaurant. It was evident that night as food was racing out of the kitchen to patrons sitting at the colorful

and neatly arranged picnic tables surrounding the stage.

"The Cadieux Cafe is a place that bridges Detroiters and Grosse Pointers together," Rutherford said.

Toward the end of the night, after a few more Rodriguez covers, including "Crucify Your Mind," "Cold Fact" and, of course, "Sugarman," Harmonie Ponder of Clinton Township won an electric guitar signed by the guest of honor himself.

Marz Radio closed out the show with the vocals of Detroit blues singer Tosha Owens and guitar greats Jim McCarty (The Rockets) and Derek St. Holmes (Ted Nugent band). The majority of the musicians who performed were there at the end and some stayed after to take photos and sign autographs.

The event was orchestrated by John Marantic, another musician who grew up in Grosse Pointe. Marantic attended some of Rodriguez's previous birthday celebrations and thought someone should do something special for Rodriguez. His company, JJM Management, took the previous backyard format, brought it to Cadieux Cafe, opened it to the public and made it a tribute that Rodriguez, his family and anyone who attended won't soon forget.

Rock on!

ASK THE EXPERTS By Nicole Runyon, LMSW

Explaining the 9-year change

Q: What is the 9-year change?

A: A period in development referred to as "middle childhood" occurs from the ages of 9 to 12. Many parents notice their children who were mild-mannered before middle childhood suddenly become emotional, start resisting rules and challenging boundaries right around the age of 9. This time can be confusing for both parents and children. While children are changing, parents do not understand what is happening and may not know how to react.

This time called the "9-year change" was coined by educator Rudolph Steiner. Children go through an exceptionally large emotional growth spurt at age 9. Before 9, the family was the center of the child's world.

After 9, children become conscious of the world around them and see themselves as individuals outside of their families. You may notice that friends become more important at this age and with that comes the need to make and keep friends, as well as fit in. This emotional process comes with some anxiety because, while it is exciting to see yourself as an independent being, it can be jarring and children can begin to have fears and worries that previously were not in their consciousness.

Children at this age have one foot in early childhood and one foot in adolescence. Being somewhere in the middle can mean they do not know how to ground themselves. Therefore, they become emotional. Parents may see emotional out-

bursts over what seems like nothing and regression in independence (maybe they were doing something independently and suddenly ask for help). This is all very normal and part of the process of transitioning into middle childhood.

Q: Do screens distract from this process?

A: Many children get a smart device around this age. They are gaining independence and hanging out with friends more, so naturally parents feel the need to give them a device to stay in touch. However, a smart device is not a good idea at this age because it's a way for a child to disconnect from themselves and their families during a time when they need connection the most. During this time, children must be encouraged to

express and communicate their feelings without a device to numb them. If they don't, they risk entering middle school with the same angst as they had at 9. I suggest using a watch or phone that does not have internet or apps to stay in touch during these formative years.

Q: What can parents do to help their children through this time?

A: First, parents can simply understand that this change is normal and necessary and there is nothing "wrong" with their child. Newfound independence can be a relief for both the parent and child.

During a recent session, a mother expressed how upset and confused she was about the sudden change in her daughter's behavior. After explaining the 9-year change, the daughter very sweetly said, "So when I'm 10, this will all go away?" And my answer was ... "Sort of."

With every developmental change comes a tumultuous transition and then a settling in. If children are allowed to go through the developmental stage appropriately without distraction, they can thrive. It's important to remember these stages are not the same for every child, so when the transition happens and when the settling in happens, it can feel unpredictable.

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The Pulse Of The Pointes

Too much phone use can negatively impact your life

Dear Gabby: I am totally addicted to my phone. It has become my escape — I leave my kids or wife and just take it into my room or even the bathroom and veg out. I keep saying I will stop, but it just keeps getting worse. What can I do to stop this?

— Too techy in the City

Dear Techy,

You are not alone. Chronic phone use can be a serious problem.

Although the American Psychiatric Association does not officially recognize the condition, it is acknowledged as a behavioral addiction by many professionals and researchers worldwide.

According to addictioncenter.com, over time, the devoted use of smartphones can alter and negatively impact an individual much like gambling. It has been linked to depression

(and even correlated with suicide rates — particularly in teenage girls), separation from family and social life, neglect of job or school and more.

To combat this, experts suggest trying a very short phone detox. Choose a length of time and go cold turkey. Perhaps it's a timeframe each day where you commit to engaging with humans, a book, or enjoying a task

or quiet moment.

Or maybe it's a trip with a friend where you ditch the devices the entire time. Either way, much like getting on a scale, take a look at your usage statistics. By quantifying your screen time, it will shock and shame you into cutting down.

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Does forgiveness fix all?

DEAR ANNIE: Most often a cheating husband or wife causes the divorce. Most would want to end their marriage after finding their partner cheated. And most people would advise the offended partner to leave.

This is most of what I read in people's letters and people's responses to you.

But it doesn't have to be like that. Actually, it can be one of the most beautiful things in the world. Love. Love and forgiveness. Love, forgiveness and thankfulness.

I remember a serious girlfriend telling me once she would divorce me immediately if she found I cheated, no questions asked. And I would have expected myself to understand that clearly and feel reciprocally. But I didn't.

I was offended that she felt that. I saw my feelings toward her were so deep that if the opposite happened and she cheated, I would want to forgive her rather than lose her.

I knew my feelings would be crushed, trust would be broken and a long road lay ahead. I knew a cheater would

need to be truly seeking to reconcile, but I would want that to be true for us, over the other outcome — divorce.

A year or two later, our relationship ended for other reasons, but I'll always remember those strong, pure feelings of "till death do us part" and "for better or worse."

I know it would take a person who was truly sorry. And I know the adage, "once a cheater always a cheater" is probably more often the truth. But imagine, 60 years later, an old man waking up and seeing his old wife next to him in bed every morning, and thinking, "Here, here is the woman who loved me enough to forgive me even though I never deserved it." — THINGS CAN END GOOD

DEAR THINGS CAN END GOOD: Thank you for your unusual and interesting perspective. Yes, things can end good with love and forgiveness, but cheating in a marriage creates hurt feelings — always.

DEAR ANNIE: My sister, who is a school counselor and thus very

aware of the damage she is doing, constantly belittles, mocks and makes sarcastic "jokes" about me. Then, when I am obviously hurt by her verbal abuse, she "defends" her terrible comments by wickedly laughing and saying, "No one can hurt you without your permission."

She conveniently "revised" the Eleanor Roosevelt saying, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," in order to give her free rein to verbally attack and ridicule me, and to defend her own hateful comments.

Once I realized that my sister is a mentally ill grand narcissist who lives to control and hurt people, especially with her abusive words, I made a special effort to stay away from her as much as possible. When "Belittled Daughter" is able to leave her abusive mother, she will no longer have to tolerate her mother's verbal abuse, and she can live in peace. — TWISTED SISTER'S SISTER.

DEAR TWISTED SISTER'S SISTER: Your sister sounds more than

twisted. She sounds incredibly cruel and unhappy. Recognizing that your sister is mentally ill, and a grand narcissist, and distancing is one of the best things you can do for yourself.

Next time she tries to tear you down in that manner, just simply walk away and leave the room.

DEAR ANNIE: In recent columns, you have addressed the issue of helping a disabled child. I agree that we need to take care of ourselves before we can help others.



In my own case, at age 66, I ended up having knee surgery after assist-



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

ing my physically disabled son during an emergency. Because of that surgery, I am not as much help to my son as I used to be.

Every disabled person's condition is unique, and some disabilities are progressive, so things can get worse over time.

But what a parent does now can provide security for what comes later, especially after the child is an adult and the parent

unable to help. One suggestion is to do research to find alternative caregiving resources, such as durable medical equipment (DME), transportation options, proper medical care and a permanent living place.

Do these things while you can afford them rather than waiting until they are absolutely necessary — because the

child's illness has progressed so much. In a recent letter from the 63-year-old mother of a disabled daughter, I would suggest that, if possible, Mom pays off her car loan or home mortgage payment. Remodel her home for upcoming physical changes unique to her disease. Provide whatever DME she needs.

Load up her bank accounts. Look to patient groups for specific disabilities as they have information, as well as medical staff, doctors and social workers.

Another mom, hopefully doing the best for her beautiful disabled son. — ANOTHER MOM

DEAR ANOTHER MOM: Thank you for your very helpful suggestions, and best wishes with your son. He is lucky to have such a wise and caring mother.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



A loyal reader suggested we test out a wall-washing tool, so I reluctantly agreed to purchase one. Frankly, it's not the most exciting product. Or so I thought.

When I started to look around, the walls in my own house were looking not-so-good with handprints and dirt here and there. After searching and comparing reviews, I decided on the Healthier Home 5 Minute Clean Walls Bundle for \$49.99.

The package came with a large spray cleaner for the walls, cleaning tool and baseboard mitt, in addition to the wall-washing mitt. To be able to clean my baseboards without being on my hands and knees was an appealing offer.

When the package arrived, I was actually pretty excited to test it out.

Ever since I placed the order, it seemed all I could see were the dirty walls going up the staircases, in the playroom, near the light switches, etc. I immediately threw on the yellow mitt and extended the tool to get going.

Several sprays of the wall cleaner and some back-and-forth with decent pressure and wow! This stuff really works!

It's so simple. It's not like it's a miracle, but it's SO much more effective than using a rag. Why didn't I think of this simple invention!?

The cleaner and mitt left the walls smooth and without streaks. The scent of the spray was slightly unusual — I chose Meadow Breeze, though that is not how I'd describe it — but it smelled natural and now I sort of love it. To make it better, their products are

all — according to their website — five times less toxic than baby shampoo and are pet safe.

The area you can clean in a really short amount of time is both impressive and satisfying. I was

really proud of my productive morning before work. In about 15 minutes, I managed to completely clean three sets of stairway walls, all of the light switch walls, the high beam in the

kitchen where the boys insist on doing "high-five jumps" and the door to the garage. They were all spotless.

Regarding the blue baseboard mitt, it was more of the same. I was able to cover a lot of area in a relatively short amount of time and with significantly less back strain.

A few of the baseboards I actually used the yellow wall mitt and the spray bottle to clean, rather than just the dusting action of the blue mitt.

Some areas are just dirtier than others and needed a deeper clean. The good news is it worked well.

This product is \$50, which is a barrier to entry in my book, in most cases. However, given that the spray cleaner is huge and will

last, I imagine, about a year and that you can wash the mitts in the washing machine and reuse them until they fall apart, I think it's 100 percent worth it. I give this 5 alligators.

Try it. You will not regret a cleaner house with very little effort.

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5 Out Of 5

Lunch for a hot day

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The essence of summer, for me, comes with the smell of fresh herbs. And nothing is better than a green sauce that is simply thrown together, can be used with hot or cold dishes and freezes well.

Our basil is currently growing in an abundance so my solution was to whip up a batch of pesto. I prefer a lemony pesto. The acidity from the lemon makes it bright and the bonus is that your hands smell great after juicing and zesting.

It's been hot and humid so I chose to use the pesto for a light lunch.

We grilled chicken breasts the night before and had leftovers. It makes for a perfect summertime meal.

I marinated the chicken in lots of lemon, garlic and olive oil. It's a flawless combination to pair with the flavors of the basil and

garlic in the pesto.

I added chives as well because they are exploding this time of year. Harvest your herbs, make and freeze.

Cheers, Mombeau

Pesto

2 cups, fresh basil leaves

½ cup chopped chives

½ cup walnuts

½ cup finely grated parmesan

1 lemon, juiced and zested

½ cup olive oil

Add the first five ingredients to a blender. On low, slowly drizzle in the olive oil until the mixture is emulsified. You may have to use a spoon to incorporate. Blend until smooth.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



The greatness of sauvignon blanc

Chardonnay continues to be the most popular white wine in the United States, representing roughly one out of every five bottles of white wine sold in this country, and it's been this popular for decades.

At its best, from some of the top purveyors in California, it can be expensive, cost a lot of money to produce and take aging in a cool cellar for a decade and be better for it — and it also has become the target of wine collectors who adore the richness and complexity the variety produces.

Yet think about it and include in the contemplation the question of

price and functionality (food compatibility). I reached a slightly different conclusion — that probably the greatest white wine grape being produced in the United States today is sauvignon blanc.

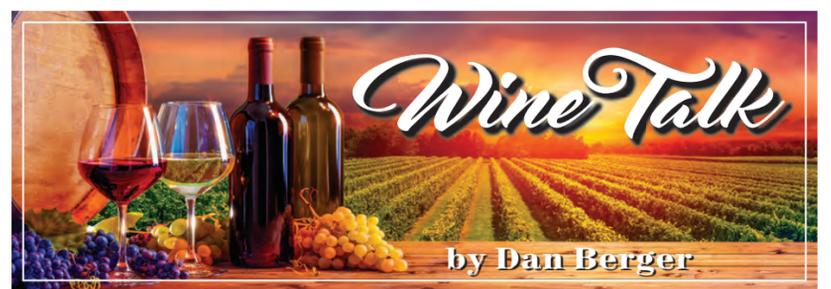
One reason is that far too many chardonnays have been so manipulated that they don't represent the grape variety as much as they do the barrels in which they were aged.

In fact, considering the worldwide view, sauvignon blanc is in the top three or four grape varieties extant and in the last two decades has made significant improvements in its

various personalities, some of which are actually directly related to the soils from which they come.

Wine sophisticates might suggest that the world's greatest white wine grape variety really is riesling, a view I have long held, but I'm not attempting to convince anyone. Most people drink what they like, and chardonnay continues to be that grape across the United States.

The amazing resurgence of quality sauvignon blanc, though, has moved it into an exalted position for me among white wine grapes. Significant credit for this



is the contribution made by sauvignon blancs coming out of New Zealand in the last 20 years.

Part of this relates to last week's column here linking how sweet some wines have become recently. NZ SB frequently is sweet because a completely dry version would be difficult to consume for some Americans given the extremely high acidity found in New Zealand sauvignons.

But sweetness isn't as widely observed as is low acid levels in non-NZ SB. Low acid is a malady I see often these days as many wine companies are making "broad market" wines that appeal to people who view wine as a sip-alone beverage, like an aperitif. Food is not necessary.

What most sauvignon blanc lovers truly adore about it is how distinctive it can be, especially when it is grown in cooler vineyards and harvested appropriately so that its natural aromatics are captured.

Purists say that SB at its best has aromas that are akin to fresh and dried green herbs, lime, hay, wildflowers and even a bit of chamomile

tea, fresh olive oil and several other savory scents. Because it is so complex, I often find that top-rate sauvignon blanc becomes that much more interesting if it's held in the bottle for a year or two.

This obviously runs counter to how the wine is typically served in this country. The average SB bottle is opened approximately 30 minutes after purchase. Young, fresh SBs can be delightful, of course.

More serious efforts tend to be a little more subdued aromatically, but usually have greater food compatibility due to less use of sugar, appropriately balancing acidity and the fact that its aromatics actually improve after the bottle has been opened and allowed to aerate for an hour or two.

Some of the most expensive sauvignon blancs I've tasted in the last few years mystify me because they were aged in French oak barrels. The aim was to produce

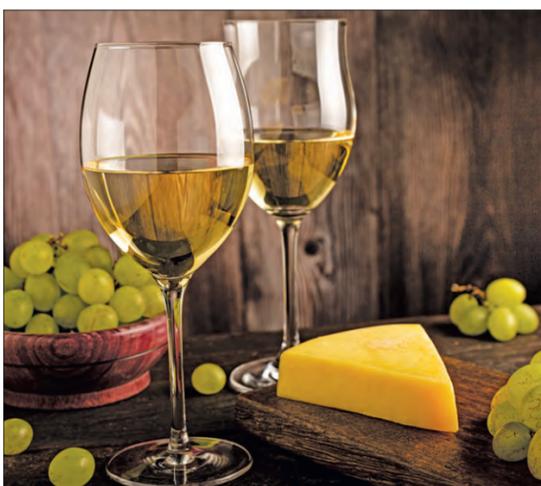
a more complex set of aromatics. But in the quest, many winemakers have gone astray, turning their SBs into chardonnay wannabe wines.

Wine of the week:

2022 Alma de Cattleya Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County (\$25) — Bibiana Gonzalez Rave is a superb strategist who makes some exceptionally fine wines in a small facility in Rohnert Park, California, and this is a truly exceptional effort to maximize the real character of cooler-climate fruit. There is lime, wild berries and guava along with other tropical fruits in the aroma, and the taste profile is based on perfect balance. Slightly more expensive than many, but worth every penny.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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Left, Kara Hayward as Iris Deerborne and Liana Liberato as Maggie Richmond, in the 2019 movie "To The Stars," directed by Martha Stephans.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "To The Stars"
 2019 - Not Rated
 1 hr 49 min
 ★★★★★☆

I'm a city boy through and through. I can't imagine growing up in a small town. I especially can't fathom what that would be like in the early 1960s. That's the setting for the gentle and evocative "To The Stars." The film takes place in Wakita, Okla., and I thought it was a bit reminiscent of Peter Bogdanovich's classic "The Last Picture Show."

Like that film, it was premiered in black and white. However, Director Martha Stephans opted to revert back to the original color version for its theatrical release. The washed out and subtle hues give it a nostalgic and dreamy quality that are quite effective in depicting a bygone era.

ties help each other work out their problems and keep looking onward and upward. The future holds such promise if they remain strong and tackle their inner demons.

We first meet Iris (Kara Hayward), a shy, nervous girl who's constantly picked on at school. She wears nerdy, thick glasses and suffers from bladder-control issues, which her classmates torture her by dubbing her "Stinky Drawers." The merciless taunting is almost painful to witness. Iris has an uncomfortable home life as well.

Her father Hank (Shea Wigham) is a mild-mannered farmer who enjoys quiet evenings reading the newspaper and sipping a beer. Her mother Francie (Jordana Spiro) on the other hand, is a feisty, yet lonely woman who's never far from a

try road on her way to school. A pickup truck full of teenage boys pulls up and they begin hassling her. A situation that could easily spiral out of control is broken up by one of the troublemakers getting beamed in the head by a rock.



herself. She becomes the big sister Iris never had.

One of the settings I found so charming was the watering hole Iris used as a safe haven late most nights. She sneaks out of her house and goes for a dip. When she runs into Maggie there, the two use it as their secret spot, where they can open up and share their most intimate secrets.

As the movie progresses, we learn about Maggie's parents. Her

on the relationship between Iris and Maggie. We follow them as they strive to be accepted at school, and deal with their challenging family situations. And the special bond they forge with each other.

What's more, there's a twist at the end of the movie I certainly didn't see coming.

The talented young screenwriter Shannon Bradkey-Collearly has crafted a beautiful story that takes its time in peeling back the layers of its central characters.

Director Martha Stephans has done an excellent job bringing that story to life. "To The Stars" is a haunting film that stuck with me for days after I watched it.

You have several viewing options. Watch for free on Kanopy and Hoopla (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Peacock, Plex, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, and on Prime Video.

waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix,



Kara Hayward as Iris Deerborne.

I occasionally hear people say those were simpler times, as if that's a good thing. This film does a good job of dispelling that myth.

It centers around two high school girls, who because of their different and opposing personali-

ties constantly looking for attention and is shameless in her attempts to seduce Jeff (Lucas Jade Zumann), the young lad who helps out around the farm.

Early one morning, Iris is walking down a coun-



Liana Liberato as Maggie Richmond.

Meet Maggie (Liana Liberato), a spirited girl with a great arm and an even better aim. After the boys flee, she offers Iris a ride and she introduces herself.

Maggie reveals that her family recently moved from the city because of her father's job. He's supposedly a photojournalist for Life magazine and is on assignment documenting small towns in the heartland of America. The two girls become instant friends.

Maggie is very worldly and takes it upon herself to help Iris become more confident and stick up for

father Gerald (Tony Hale) is an angry, abusive father. It's hinted that Maggie is the reason they've had to relocate to a small town, and he beats her when she comes home late one night. (It's a heavier role for the actor, known for projects like "Arrested Development.")

Maggie's mother is a nervous, submissive sort, who's easily accepted by the good "Christian" women in town. You get a claustrophobic vibe from a locale where everybody knows everyone else's business.

The focus, however, is



Left, Lucas Jade Zumann as Jeff Owings with Kara Hayward as Iris Deerborne.

Note to parents: The film is not rated but I'd probable rate it PG-13 for mild sexual content.

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

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.

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

After 6 on Kercheval in the Park

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Park hosted its second of three After 6 on Kercheval events last weekend. The night included a bungee jump, food trucks, skateboard demonstrations and local band, Moodswitch.



Moodswitch fans stayed well after dark, holding up their phones and swaying to the music. Moodswitch includes guitarist and singer Charlie Bomgaars, a freshman at Michigan State University; guitarist and singer Nolan Eszes, a freshman at Wayne State University; drummer Sebastian Moncivais, a freshman at Loyola University; and bassist Peter Smith, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Taylor Pettiford enjoyed the bungee jump, which she said felt like flying.



To the delight of her friends and the crowd, Lainey Luyk catches a red ball the 1189 robot tosses out and retrieves. The robot was created by the Grosse Pointe Robotics team.



Mason Philbrick decided to dance in the rain during a 45-minute rain delay during After 6.



Jack Rothmeier prepares himself to enter the cold water of the dunk tank, which raised money for the Grosse Pointe Southsiders 11U travel baseball team.



Waterlover's Creed

I can't keep the waves from coming
But I can learn to surf,
Stay out in front just far enough
To make it to the turf;

I can't change the wind's direction
But I can trim my sail
And strive to turn adversity
To balance out the scale;

I can't call the timing of the tide
But only that it turns
And recognize its highs and lows,
Its stillness and its churns;

I can only try to do my best,
To sink or swim to win,
To stay above the rising crest
Until my ship comes in.

Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.



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Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. EDT today (3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 27, 2023:

You are a keen observer of the human condition and insightful about others around you. However, you can appear detached because you're careful. Exciting changes will take place this year that might bring you more personal freedom. Stay flexible so you can pursue new opportunities. You might travel.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

You might be surprised by something related to shared property, banking, taxes, debt or an inheritance. Quite likely, things will go your way today. Romance might hold unexpected delights. Accept invitations to party. Enjoy fun activities with kids. Tonight: Escape!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Be accommodating and cooperative with others today, because very likely, someone will throw you a curveball. Go carefully and think before you react. Just because you're surprised doesn't mean you have to immediately respond. (Be cool.) This is an excellent day to entertain at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

It's a solid day to schmooze; you're charming and entertaining today. You will enjoy hanging out with others, especially siblings, relatives and neighbors. This same influence can benefit writers and salespeople. You're happy to be you today! Tonight: Listen.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

This is a good day for business and commerce, especially if you are wrapping up an old deal or something from the past. You might collect money that is owed to you. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. Parents should be vigilant with their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Work.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

You're in a happy mood today, because both Mercury and Venus are lined up in your sign, which sweetens your words and makes you appealing to everyone. By all means, get out and schmooze! Nevertheless, your home routine will change. Expect a few surprises. Tonight: Play!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a mildly accident-prone day, so be careful about what you say and do. Think before you speak or act. Nevertheless, quiet research behind the scenes can yield valuable information, which might turn out to be profitable for you. A hidden love affair or flirtation also might begin today. Tonight: Family.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is an excellent day to schmooze with friends and members of groups, especially younger people. However, be careful when it comes to shopping or financial negotiations. Something unexpected might trip you up. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Tonight: Conversations.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you feel a bit rebellious. You certainly want to do your own thing and not be dictated to. However, in your quest for freedom, make sure you don't impulsively do something that you regret later.

Meanwhile, discussions with parents and bosses will likely benefit you. Tonight: Count your money.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Fresh ideas about travel appeal to you today. You might see new ways to slip away and do something different. This is also an excellent day to study something, because it will be rewarding. Ignore uneasy feelings that might be an undercurrent today. They'll be gone by tomorrow. Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a good day to discuss inheritances and how to divide or share something. You will likely come out laughing all the way to the bank. However, relations with friends or members of groups are subject to surprises and detours. Go carefully. Tonight: Solitude.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Conversations with bosses and authority figures are dicey today. It's hard to know what someone expects from you. In fact, they might throw you a curveball. Be cautious and keep your eyes open. Fortunately, conversations with partners and close friends are warm and delightful. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is an accident-prone day for you, so keep your eyes open. Unexpected arguments about controversial subjects are likely. Meanwhile, a work-related romance might begin. Certainly, discussions with co-workers are positive. Tonight: You're noticed.

BORN TODAY

Baseball player Alex Rodriguez (1975), actress, comedian Maya Rudolph (1972), actress Taylor Schilling (1984).

Contract Bridge

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Even the most sharp-eyed declarer sometimes falls victim to a blind spot, missing a simple play that would ordinarily not escape his field of vision.

Consider this deal where South won the diamond lead, drew three rounds of trump and finessed the queen of hearts, losing to the king. South ruffed the diamond return and finessed the nine of hearts, which also lost. He then

ruffed East's diamond return with his last trump.

After playing a heart to the ace, declarer finessed the ten of clubs, losing to the queen. West led another diamond, forcing dummy to ruff, and then scored the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and a diamond. So the outcome was that South went down two!

However, declarer should have made the contract. All he had to do after winning the diamond lead and drawing trump was to tackle clubs instead of hearts by leading the king of clubs at trick five. In the actual deal, West wins with the ace and can do no better than return a heart. Declarer finesses the queen, losing to the king, and East returns a diamond.

South ruffs and leads a low club, forcing West to win either this club or the next one. It then does not matter what West returns. If he leads another heart, declarer takes dummy's ace, ruffs a diamond, discards dummy's nine of hearts on his fourth club and so makes 10 tricks.

Declarer should not have allowed the temptation of the heart and club finesses to cloud his vision. He should have proceeded directly toward the goal of making ten tricks just as though he had never heard of a finesse.

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by Steve Becker

Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



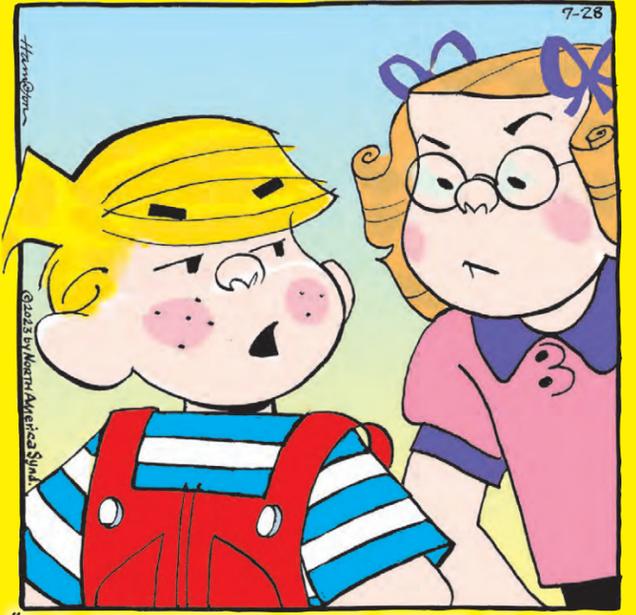
Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



Dennis the Menace

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Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



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Mother Goose and Grim

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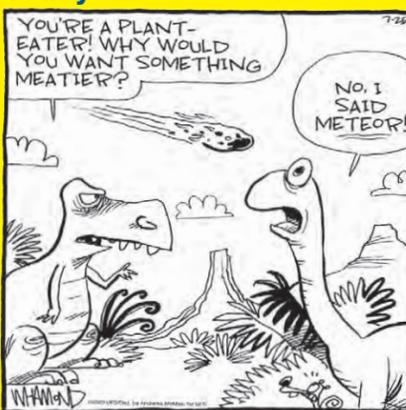
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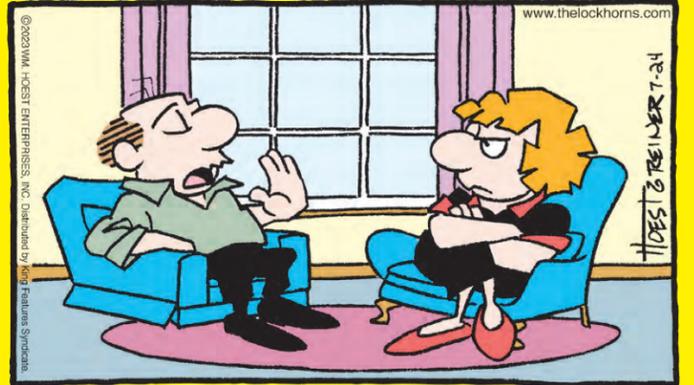
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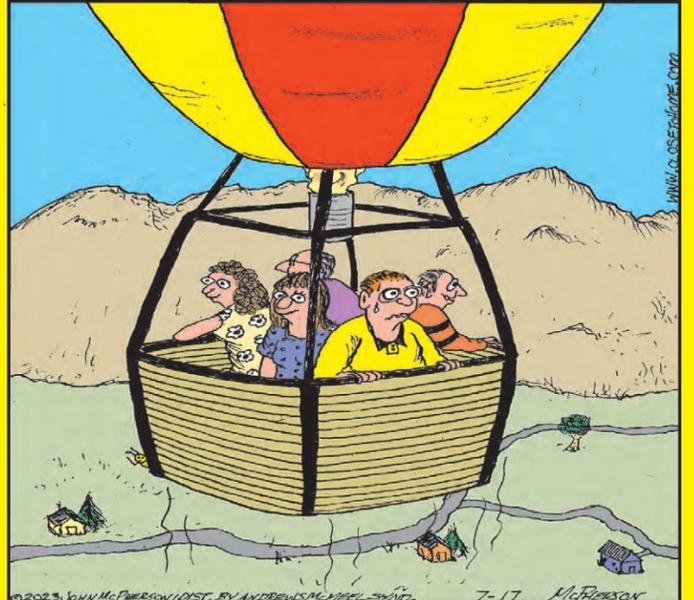
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

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Kid Scoop Together

Sports Reporter

Interview a family member about a sport they played. Write their answers on the lines under each question.

What was your favorite sport(s) to play as a kid or teenager?

What was your favorite thing about that sport?

How did you react to winning a game?

How did you react when you lost a game?

What advice would you give young people playing that sport?

FIFA Women's World Cup

Women's World Cup Teams

By Zoe

The FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship began in 1991. It is held every four years. Soccer teams from countries around the world compete for a chance to be one of the 32 teams that make it to the Women's World Cup.

I drew flags of the countries that have hosted the Women's World Cup tournament over the years. Do the math to label each flag correctly.

Hi! I'm Lily. I love soccer!
I'm Mason. I love to play and watch soccer!
I'm Zoe. And I love to READ about soccer!



These three friends put together soccer puzzles and fun facts for this special Kid Scoop page about the FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP!

14 + 7 = SWEDEN 18 + 9 = CHINA 19 + 6 = FRANCE
11 + 11 = CANADA 13 + 6 = UNITED STATES 9 + 9 = GERMANY

Australia and New Zealand

By Lily

The 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup tournament will take place from July 20 through August 20. The teams will play in Australia and New Zealand.

It takes a month to play all the matches that will lead to one country taking home the trophy!

I drew a map to show the host cities where Women's World Cup matches will take place.



It takes a lot of practice to build the skills needed to compete for a World Cup. Which soccer ball belongs to each player?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Awesome Trophy

By Mason

The Women's World Cup trophy is really cool. I tried drawing a picture of it, but it took several tries to get it right. Find the two that are exactly the same.

Use the code to learn some facts about the trophy.

Trophy height: inches
Weight: pounds

■ = 0	▲ = 5	■ = 1	▲ = 6	■ = 2	▲ = 7
■ = 3	▲ = 8	■ = 4	▲ = 9		



Extra! Extra!

Soccer Search

Look through the newspaper for 10 words that can be used to describe soccer.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's in a name?

By Lily

Soccer is called something else in most countries around the world. Circle every fifth letter to reveal the answer.

A M C P **F** R Z Y L O P N
U V O T I L W T C A E U
B Q I G K A J L M
D L R U F I L
F

Double Double Word Search

- NEW ZEALAND
- AUSTRALIA
- COMPETE
- MATCHES
- FLAGS
- BALL
- CITIES
- YEARS
- TEAMS
- MAP
- MONTH
- READ
- SKILLS
- SOCCER
- TROPHY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Winning Headlines

Choose three newspaper ads. Can you change the headlines in the ads to be about soccer or your favorite sport?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How can you tell that soccer referees are happy?

ANSWER: They whistle while they work!

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Farms-City 12U knocked out in state tournament semifinal

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter
Staff Interns

Finding themselves facing a program they seem to annually see in the state tournament, Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League's 12U team went head-to-head with Midland Northeast Little League in the semifinal game in Petoskey, Tuesday, July 25, but the day ended in heartbreaking fashion with a 2-1 loss for the hometown heroes. The loss prevents Farms-City from repeating as state champions. It also eliminates them for a chance to continue on the road to Williamsport, Pa., home of the Little League World Series. Despite the 12U loss, GPFCLL saw great success in the post-regular season, sending three teams — 10U, 11U and

12U — to compete in 2023 state tournament play, thanks to each age group winning their respective district crowns. For the 12U team, its quest to defend the league's 2022 state title began last weekend, and the team started off hot. On Friday, July 21, the team went up against Commerce, coming out with a 2-0 victory. Saturday, July 22, they played Western, winning 3-2. Finally, Sunday, July 23, they took on Redford-Livonia, beating them 4-1. At the end of pool play, Farms-City secured three wins, with only three total runs allowed. They advanced to the championship, single-elimination round, where they beat Greater Bay 5-1 Monday, July 24 before losing in Tuesday's semifinal. The Farms-City's

11-year-old team began pool play in the state tournament on Friday, July 21, in Richmond. The team finished the qualifying round at 2-1, with 8 total runs allowed. The team's first game was against Southern, which ended in a 4-2 Farms-City loss. On Saturday, July 22, they played D3 Jackson NW and came out with a 20-0 victory. On Sunday, July 23, they took on Taylor North, winning 16-4. With wins in the quarterfinal and semifinal games, the team advanced to the championship final, which will take place against Southern Little League Wednesday, July 26, after press time. GPFCLL has a third team competing in a state tournament, with its 10-year-old team starting pool play on Friday, July 28, in Birmingham against Petoskey Little League.

No place like home (runs) Pointer prepares to compete in KC

The Grosse Pointe Little League Softball all-star teams have successfully concluded their seasons. However, the journey doesn't end there for 12-year-old Addie Moses, who will proudly continue to represent GPLLS in the upcoming East Regional T-Mobile Little League

Home Run Derby. The event will take place in Kansas City on Sunday, July 30. Out of the talented participants in the region, Moses is among 10 girls vying for one of the four coveted spots at the national event in Williamsport, Pa. in August.

Fans eager to witness the action and support Addie on her journey can tune in to the live-stream of the regional event on the T-Mobile Fam Cam. The streaming link is available at littleleague-homerunderby.com/regionals. The event begins at 6:50 p.m.



ADDIE MOSES WILL REPRESENT GROSSE POINTE IN LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL'S HOME RUN DERBY REGIONAL COMPETITION ON JULY 30 IN KANSAS CITY. COURTESY PHOTO

Voting hits the ground running in Athlete of the Year contest

By GPN Staff

Just one week into the second annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest, readers have cast 3,058 votes thus far, setting this year's contest up to outpace last year's vote total of 3,512 to determine Grosse Pointe's top athletes. There are still 10 days left to support your favorite athlete, so be sure to cast your vote online, on social media or by paper ballot. Paper ballots can be submitted to our office, located at 16980 Kercheval, in The Village. Voting will be open until Aug. 6 at 11:59 p.m. Participants can submit one vote each 24-hour period. This year's ballot includes 44 local athletes, the collection of athletes from our 2022-2023 weekly Athlete of

the Week feature. Athletes from Grosse Pointe's three high schools were nominated by readers and subscribers, coaches, teammates, parents or grandparents to recognize their outstanding performances and dedication to their respective sports. Several of these outstanding athletes also will continue their athletic careers as college athletes this fall.

Arship to their respective college or university. The scholarships will be determined by two methods:

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

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Softball player says farewell to Little League after a decade

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For as long as there has been Little League softball in Grosse Pointe, there has been Ella Taylor. Starting as a true little leaguer when she was just 6 years old to now playing in the program's senior division at age 17, Taylor has been a part of Grosse Pointe Little League softball pretty much since the beginning.

Last week, Taylor's final games in the senior division marked her final time taking the field as part of the program.

"It's strange thinking that I'm not going to be playing with these people anymore," Taylor said. "There's people I've been playing with each year since I was 7 or 8, and these are the last games of mine that my dad is coaching...It feels weird it all coming to an end that way."

Taylor has been with the softball program since her days in elementary school until now as a student at Grosse Pointe South. While she does not play any travel softball, she has served as captain of the junior varsity softball team at South and has tried her hand at several other sports over the years including martial arts, basketball and volleyball.

Ever since she began playing softball for the Little League program a decade ago, Taylor has found herself primarily playing catcher. She maintained that position into her last few years as part of the senior division, which has provided some of her fondest softball memories yet.

"Senior league just started a few years ago and it's the same kids coming back each year," Taylor said. "It brings kids together. There's kids from North



COURTESY PHOTOS

Now playing in the senior division, Ella Taylor has been playing in the Grosse Pointe Little League softball program since she was 6 years old.



Taylor behind the plate for a Little League softball game in 2014.

who I wouldn't have met otherwise. The kids want to be there and it becomes more fun and everyone has a better time together."

Even though Taylor has been playing softball for a long time, she sees the appeal of joining Little League softball or the senior division for many players is the fact that it is open to everyone. Being able to play in a softball league that is more focused on fun and fundamentals rather than being strictly competitive has given Taylor the opportunity to recruit friends over the years to join teams with her.

Getting to share a love of softball with friends like that and being able to strengthen friendships through the

game is what Taylor believes makes a program like this special, and why girls around the community should be encouraged to join.

"The best part is the friendships you make through it," she said. "I've had friends who have never played softball before and started to join when they were 14 or 15 and then there's people who've been playing travel ball their whole lives...The wide range of abilities really grows the program and you can meet different people through it. It really helped my friend group find something we can all do together."

There through it all has also been Taylor's dad, Andrew. He has long been involved with

Grosse Pointe Little League softball, holding titles like information officer and serving as coach or manager for teams that his daughter has played on over the years.

Getting to share a connection through softball with her dad has made her years of playing softball even more special. Her dad coached in her final games last week, making it a fitting end to a softball career that has always been about fun with friends and family.

"Not many families get to do stuff like that together," Taylor said. "It's really brought us closer together and gives us something we enjoy doing together and that we want to go do together."



COURTESY PHOTO

South field hockey celebrates alumni

More than 20 South field hockey alumni from nine graduating classes came ready to play in South's alumni game on Monday, July 17. The atmosphere was friendly and nostalgic as alumni recounted their time attending practices and games in South's stadium. The game began with announcements of both rosters as alum parents, current parents and fans packed the stands. Current and past coaches of South field hockey took the field as alumni, including Millie Tompkins Gervais, Elle D'Angelo and Margi Whittingham. The game was officiated by current varsity coach, Jessie Rouleau. At the end of the game, the alumni came up with a 3-1 victory over South's current team.

South field hockey is looking for coaches to join the program for the 2023 season and beyond. Contact gpsfieldhockey@gmail.com for more information.

10U Little League softball all-star team represents GP at state tournament

The Grosse Pointe Little League Softball 10U tournament team traveled to Mattawan, Mich., last weekend to compete in the state Little League Tournament, ending the week with a 1-2 record in pool play. The team also participated in the Skills & Thrills Competition, which included events like "around the horn," "speed

challenge" and "bunting target practice." In pool play, GPLLS started off with a 20-4 win in its first game on Thursday, July 20, against Tri-City North. Game 2 ended in a 5-2 loss against Algonac Friday, July 21. The team wrapped up tournament play with a 10-0 loss to Hudsonville on Saturday, July 22.



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The 10U Grosse Pointe Little League softball team competed in the state tournament last weekend in Mattawan.

Norsemen team up with coach for all-star game

Two Grosse Pointe North seniors experienced a special sendoff last week as they hit the diamond one last time in the 41st annual Dick Foster Memorial All-Star Softball game Wednesday, July 19, at Davenport University. Selected to the team by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association, Sophia Borowski and Lizzy Rheume joined the state's most elite players from the 2023 season along with their head coach at North, Ron Smith, who helped coach in the game. The Norsemen tacked on one more victory in their 2023 season, winning 9-3. Rheume recorded an RBI, while she and Borowski each contributed defensively, said Smith, who added that the game was a special way to end his players' softball careers. This fall, Borowski will head to the University of Michigan, while Rheume will attend Michigan State University.

— Meg Leonard



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON SMITH

From left, Sophia Borowski, Ron Smith and Lizzy Rheume.

South football welcomes new Hall of Fame members

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Four Blue Devils legends officially became hall of famers last weekend during the annual Grosse Pointe South Gridiron Club golf outing and hall of fame dinner. Ric Gonzalez, Dr. Larry Ulmer, Steve Carrier and Lance Harding made up the 2023 class of honorees who were inducted into the Grosse Pointe South Football Hall of Fame.

Gonzalez graduated from South in 1967, after leading the 1966 Blue Devils football team with nine touchdowns while averaging six yards per carry. In December 1967, he was involved in an accident that left him confined to a wheelchair.

Despite his injury, he found great success, graduating with a degree in architecture from Princeton University and co-founding Gonzalez Design Engineering Co., in 1975. Gonzalez passed away in 2004. His family

accepted his induction last weekend.

From the class of 1969, Ulmer was a massive presence on the offensive and defensive lines for the Blue Devils. In the final game of his senior season, he made a game-saving tackle against Lincoln Park that helped South to a victory and to becoming co-champions of the league.

Ulmer went on to play football at Western Michigan University and earned all-MAC honors in three seasons, as well as was an AP All-American in 1972. In 2020, he retired from medicine after 40 years working with his family's private practice and also spent more than two decades as the team doctor for Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo.

Carrier, a member of the class of 1984, was part of two of the most successful football teams in South history, in 1981 and 1982, with a combined record of 18-1. In his three seasons on the

varsity team, Carrier was a standout linebacker who finished his career with 103 tackles, four interceptions and three forced fumbles.

"We had a lot of very good players that loved being around each other and were dedicated to the game," Carrier said of those seasons. "It was that accumulation of talent and will to win that set us apart and best describes the personality of the team."

Former defensive end Harding graduated from South in 1989, with more than 170 tackles to his name over the course of his football career. Harding is credited by his former coach, Bob Schroeder, as being an anchor of the team's defense all three seasons he was on varsity.

After his time with the Blue Devils, Harding played football at Michigan State University under George Perles. Now living in Lewiston, he works as an independent contractor in the electric power industry.



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From left, Lance Harding, Dr. Larry Ulmer and Gary Gonzalez, brother of the late Ric Gonzalez, at the Grosse Pointe South Gridiron Club hall of fame dinner. Fourth inductee, Steve Carrier, is not pictured.



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday July 10, 2023	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absence: Beth Konrad-Wilberding

- Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on June 12, 2023.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals approved request for a dimensional variance for 36 Elm Court.
- Council approved a request for a sign variance at 131 Kercheval Avenue.
- Council approved a request for a sign variance at 165 Muir Road.
- Council approved an amendment to the General Offenses Ordinance (Dangerous Weapons).
- Council approved an amendment to the Appearance Tickets Ordinance (DUI).
- Council approved the Consent Agenda.
 - Consideration of a request from Administration to approve a two-year contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Insurance.
 - Consideration of a three-year contract with Medstar Ambulance for emergency medical services.
 - Consideration of a request from Racing for Kids to the Hill event organizers to the close Kercheval Avenue on August 29, 2023 and August 30, 2023.
 - Consideration of the appointment of Suzy Berschback to the Beautification Advisory Commission for a three-year term ending in 2026 ending.
 - Consideration of a request to approve June 2023 invoices.
- Council received the June 2023 Public Safety Report
- Council held public comment.

Council adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Derrick Kozicki**, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00PM**, in the City Council Chambers at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following **Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text:**

- Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance text involving the elimination of the **Marijuana Establishments Buffer.**

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office on or before August 14, 2023.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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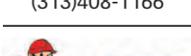
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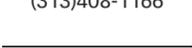
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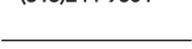
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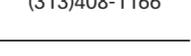


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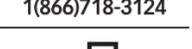
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6D | SPORTS



Left, the crew of Diablo proudly holds up their award for earning second place in their class.

Right, Alex Young, 14, and his sister Evelyln Young, 16, enjoying a hearty instant oatmeal breakfast during the Bayview to Mackinac race. The siblings sailed on the Diablo with their father, Steve Young.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sailor's delight: Diablo newbies nab second place in the 99th Bayview Mackinac race

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Sixteen-year-old Pointer Evelyn Young is no stranger to sailing. She has been competitive in the sport for about eight years, but had yet to conquer the four-and-a-half day, 298-mile race from Port Huron to Mackinac Island. After years of waiting, she and her 14-year-old brother Alex, along with their friend, 16-year-old Addie Kimmel, got the bid from their seasoned sailor dads to help crew the boat their families share, "Diablo."

Led by their fathers, Steve Young and Brad Kimmel, the team achieved great results and sailed its way to second place in the 99th Bayview to Mackinac race last week.

While the crew's result is noteworthy, when reading about this mighty race, it seems we mostly hear about sailing "stuff," but not so

much about the nitty gritty details. So to give us a different perspective, Evelyn Young, of the City of Grosse Pointe, agreed to give us a little inside scoop for non-sailors, or for anyone who has wondered what it's like to tackle such a revered race.

How many sails are there on a boat?

We brought seven total sails with us on the boat. There are two to three sails up at a time, usually the main sail and the jib (at the front of the boat, the jib increases speed). Sometimes we use the spinnaker (a downwind sail) and the jib at the same time.

What do you eat on the boat?

We usually ate freeze-dried, dehydrated meals such as chicken & rice, fettuccine alfredo, scrambled eggs, etc. We also brought many snacks with us on the boat like candy, granola

bars and my favorite — animal crackers. Some crew members also brought beef jerky and sandwiches before the race for a quick meal, if we weren't able to cook the freeze-dried food.

When and how do you sleep?

We had a modified 'Swedish watch' for sleeping, which means each crew member is off watch (sleeping) for four hours and then on watch for four hours. However, most of the crew is on deck during the day. On our boat specifically, there are four cushioned bunks for people to sleep, but when it was windy or there was no room to sleep down below, some crew would sleep sitting up on the rail to help flatten the boat.

What is it like in the middle of the night in the middle of the lake?

It's actually very scary because you cannot see



Alex Young, Evelyn Young and Addie Kimmel flex for the camera post-race.

the water. Not being able to see the waves in front of us until they were crashing into the boat made it difficult to focus on what I was doing. On the other hand, I was able to see the brightest stars I have ever seen.

What was your race music?

We actually didn't listen to music during the race!

What does a race outfit consist of?

We start out the race in shorts and our crew shirt, and then the first night we put pants and layers on under our weather gear. From then on it's just adding and subtracting layers as needed. Space is tight on the boat so we weren't able to bring multiple outfits. It got so rough during the race sometimes we weren't even able to brush our teeth for a day. Getting the knots out of my hair after the race was a difficult process.

What was the best moment of the race?

In the middle of the night about midway through the race, it got incredibly windy. Because we sleep in shifts at night, hardly anyone was awake. We had to change a sail by ourselves and kept having trouble, but we finally got it and it felt really, really good to be able to handle it without help.

What was the worst moment of the race?

There was no worst moment.

What are you most proud of?

I am most proud that us kids were able to stay positive and calm throughout the scary and stressful parts of the race, and that we got second despite some challenging wind conditions. I think my dad is most proud that we had fun and enjoyed it as much as he does.

When asked if she'd sail Mackinac again, Young responded immediately "yeah, definitely," adding that she is excited to continue the family tradition. Look out for these young guns in next year's race — they'll be going for the

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023
GROSSE POINTE PARK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE AFOREMENTIONED MUNICIPALITY ON AUGUST 8, 2023. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS

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Meaghan Bachman,
City Clerk - City of Grosse Pointe Park
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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR A
FRONT YARD FENCE/GATE AT 677 MIDDLESEX

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 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:

An application to the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals requesting an exception to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-100(b) Fences, Location and Height by the owners of real property located at 677 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230. The following exception is being requested:

Approve/relax the limitations of a fence/gate located in a front yard.

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.

Meaghan Bachman,
City Clerk

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