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## Farms begins master plan comment period

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The Farms master plan update process, which was delayed in January by council's desire to glean additional community input through a second public workshop, this week made a reappearance as it moves on to the final stages.

A 6-0 vote by city council — Councilman Neil Sroka was absent — approved the beginning of a 63-day required public comment period, during which the draft will be sent to neighboring communities for review before it can move on to a final public hearing and implementation.

"I would encourage all residents during the 63-day period to review

the proposed master plan, offer comments (and) remain engaged," Councilman John Gillooly said.

The master plan draft will be linked on the homepage of the city's website, [grossepointefarms.org](http://grossepointefarms.org).

Much of the community feedback thus far throughout the drafting process focused on Mack and Moross, as well as the controversial desire for bike lanes — both of which are addressed in the draft's implementation plan.

Labeled as medium priority goals to be implemented within the next five years, the plan calls for the provision of dedicated turn lanes along Mack, as well as the pro-

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## Concern about potential pot shops

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Homeowners in the neighborhood west of Mack and north of Vernier are expressing worry over the possibility of Harper Woods approving four marijuana dispensaries on Harper. "No one wants that around here," said Ben Netzky, who lives on

Anita. "My biggest concern is people driving impaired and creating a hazard."

The Harper Woods Planning Commission will take up the issue during a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The locations are:  
♦ 20330 Harper between Lochmoor and Country Club;  
♦ 20490 Harper between Fleetwood and

Beaufait;  
♦ 20760 Harper between Anita and Hawthorne; and  
♦ 20860 Harper between Hollywood and Ridgemont.

"Not a good idea," said Mike Puscas, who lives on Country Club. "There are lots of other places available. We don't need one right around the corner."

Several residents made reference to the

number of dispensaries on Eight Mile.

"There must be a dozen," said one Country Club resident who did not want her name used. "It's just not my cup of tea."

Two Lochmoor residents who also wished to remain anonymous mentioned concerns about property values and crime.

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## More than 300 trees planted in 12 months

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY AND FARMS

Trees are nature's statues and by their annual expression of renewal can represent those we never will see again, but remembrance will their form retain.

Species of trees that are planted as memorials are nearly as varied as the individuals being memorialized.

"A lot of people ask for oak," said Brian Colter, city forester for Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms. "They're long-lived, over 500 years."

Everyone requesting a memorial tree has a different rationale for doing so.

"There have been so many," said Colter, tallying nearly 30 years of work in the Pointes.

"There are those who want more of a flowering tree, like a redbud, which is graceful, to represent a family member. Sometimes, there's a very personal reason."

Residents of the three cities for which Colter works may have noticed while tree contractors crowded the area to haul away debris from last month's two windstorms, another crew was on an opposite mission.

Employees of Marine City Nursery elbowed through town on a flat-bed truck piled with saplings, planting the first of 111 specimens donated in memory of late Park resident Brian Fraser, 20, one of three Michigan State University students a gunman shot and killed at random on campus

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A Marine City Nursery crew plants a red maple in the 900 block of Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe. The tree is among 111 of various species being planted in the City, Farms and Park in memory of Brian Fraser, 20, among three Michigan State University students killed on campus in February.

## Woods OKs dog park, splash pad

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The city's parks and recreation offerings are expanding as council at its meeting Monday, Aug. 7, approved a splash pad at Lake Front Park and a dog park at city hall.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said work on the splash pad will start in September when the pool at Lake Front closes for the season and will be ready for use next spring.

Cost will be \$240,000, which includes a \$15,000 contingency.

"We're fortunate to have two baby pools, so we're converting the mushroom pool to the splash pad," Schulte said. "The liner on the larger, rectangular one was just repaired for \$10,000, so we're not touching it."

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## Voters set field for Nov. 7 Park council election

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE PARK

Polls for the Aug. 8 city council primary election opened with the hush of dew evaporating in the morning sun and closed with the subtlety of heat dissipating at the end of a summer day.

Almost half the action took place beforehand through absentee ballots. Just over 52 percent of voting occurred in person at Windmill Pointe

Park. When Election Day ended, the public reduced by one the field of seven candidates for city council.

Further whittling comes Tuesday, Nov. 7, when the electorate is charged with halving the field to the final three.

All candidates were invited by email during the afternoon of Election Day to submit comments when the results became known.

In the primary, second-

time candidate Tim Kolar came in first with the most votes, 1,274.

"(I) was inspired by all our neighbors who voted today to have their voices heard," Kolar said in an email minutes after the city clerk released results around 9:30 p.m., "and further energized by so many voters who proudly proclaimed they read past buzzwords and truly looked into the experience and abilities candidates are bringing to the table."

Incumbent Councilman Marty McMillan came in next with 1,209.

"It was an honor to run alongside so many great candidates," McMillan said. "I'm extremely appreciative of the support during the primary and thankful to have the opportunity to move forward into the election process. I'm eager to continue to get to meet more residents and discuss the issues that matter to

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# Don't love a tree to death

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Volcano mulching drives Brian Colter crazy.

"They're killing the tree with love," he said of people piling mulch up the trunk of trees, forming a cone around the trunk. "If the mulch is pressing against the trunk of the tree, it leads to decay. It's going to be moist all the time and rot and curdle the tree."

Matt Senger, part owner of Marine City Nursery, said it's proper to ring a tree with mulch, like a doughnut.

"Keep mulch off the trunk," he said.

One of the nursery's crews is planting 111 donated trees in the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and Park.

Each tree has a root ball wrapped in burlap.

Crew members dig a hole about twice as wide as the root ball and to a depth that lets the root collar sit a few inches above ground to promote drainage.

"We cut the rope off and peel back the basket about one-third of the way," Senger said.

— Brad Lindberg

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Feb. 13.

The number of trees being planted is more than four times the goal Rick Whitney set when organizing the gesture.

"We exceeded expectations," said Whitney, also chairman of the City Urban Forestry Commission. "We had two magnolia trees planted directly in Brian Fraser's honor. One is just past the guard shack at Windmill Pointe Park. The other was planted at Patterson Park not too far from the gazebo."

The Marine City truck contained 2-inch-caliper horse chestnut, swamp white oak, red sunset maple, tulip, Ginkgo, kousa dogwood, river birch, frontier elm and more.

"There's over two dozen different types of trees being planted," Colter said. "I tried to diversify as much as I could. They're being planted, for the most part, where people requested a tree because they lost one. I looked at each site to determine what species would be best at each location."

A sunset maple planted between the sidewalk and curb in the 960 block of Fisher in the City promises showy leaves in fall. In 20 years, it is likely to reach 30 feet tall and

cast shade from a 20-foot crown, according to Matt Senger, part owner of the 100-acre nursery.

"It depends on conditions, on winters," he said.

A four-man Marine City crew may need a week to plant all the trees donated in Fraser's name.

"We normally plant 20 to 30 per day, but we've been running into problems with all the trees being down and roads closed," Senger said.

"Trees are such an asset to our community," Whitney said. "It's kind of funny in a way. Trees can be a bit of a double-edged sword in the sense that they're the ones taking out the power lines. But, without trees, the amount of heat that would be hitting the Pointes would be tremendous."

"Mature trees in the Pointes is a characteristic that makes our neighborhoods more desirable, which translates to stronger property values," said Jimmy Saros, president and CEO of Jim Saros Real Estate Services in the City. "But it would be difficult to quantify a dollar amount."

"They're so integral that we need to plant more," Whitney said. "The week before the storms, I was driving home on Jefferson. At Chalmers, my car thermometer said 86 degrees

outside. About four blocks into Grosse Pointe, it was 83 degrees. I know that's just one, tiny little data point, but it's obvious — it's cool in the shade; it's hot in the sun."

Whitney also organized last year's "90 Trees for 90 Years" campaign to plant 90 trees in recognition of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club's 90th anniversary.

The motto of the City Urban Forestry Commission is, "When's the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago."

"When's the second-best time? Today," Colter said.

This fall, he'll plant 116 trees in the Tax Increment Financing District of lower Grosse Pointe Park.

Between plantings for the 90th anniversary, Fraser memorial and TIFA project, the City, Farms and Park are or will be home to 317 new trees within a 12-month period.

"It's a big year for tree planting," Colter said.

Another 100 trees, all sycamore, being grown in Clinton Township are pledged to the Park as a donation. They would have already been planted, but costs to do so were higher than expected.

"We ran into budget problems last fiscal year," Colter said. "I'm seeking other sources of funding."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

With little warning to the cities, Wayne County this week commenced a resurfacing project on Lakeshore from just past Moross to Vernier.

## Kercheval still to be paved to Moross; work begins on Lakeshore

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Rest assured, Kercheval road reconstruction extending from The Hill to Moross — although paused upon completion of the Farms downtown district — still will take place this year.

"We wanted to do The Hill business district first and do that earlier in the year," City Manager Shane Reeside explained. "We kind of pushed that to the beginning in order to allow the restaurants to put out their dining platforms and we also have events planned in the summer, so we wanted it done in advance to the art fair and the Racing for Kids event at the end of the month."

Upon completing The Hill portion of Kercheval, the construction schedule moved crews to the city's second priority: repaving Ridge from Moran to Fisher to complete a project started and delayed last year.

Crews now have finished curb work on Ridge and nearly are at the same point with work on Merriweather from Charlevoix to Beaupre, Reeside said, leaving the final layer of pavement on both projects likely to be placed in the next week.

"And then they'll be moving onto Kercheval," he said.

Likely to begin toward the end of this month, Kercheval between Lewiston and Moross will be milled, with curb restoration and repavement anticipated in September.

"The intent is to maintain a lane of traffic each way at all times," Reeside clarified.

Last on deck for the Farms 2023 Road Improvement Program, making use of revenue from the road improvement millage, will be reconstruction of Newberry — the current state of which Councilman John Gillooly earlier this year called "atrocious."

City administration still is settling on the best construction strategy to address the uniquely concrete road.

"That's at the end of the schedule," Reeside noted, "so that will be done later this fall."

Quickly approaching mid-August, the Farms is yet to experience a repeat of the road work debacle seen in 2022, when its contractor caused extenuating delays.

"So far we're pleased with the work that they're doing and they have been good about maintaining their schedule to date," Reeside said of Nagle Paving Co., which this year was hired to do the work on a contract not to exceed \$3,300,000. "... They've been much more conscientious and anticipate things better."

### Lakeshore

Although not considered part of the Farms 2023 Road Improvement Program because it is a county road, a Lakeshore resurfacing project from just past Moross up to Vernier began early this week.

While it is Reeside's understanding Wayne County plans to keep one lane of travel open in each direction for the duration, he said, "There might be some interruptions and obviously it's best to avoid that area during construction, if possible."

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vision of bicycle routes with pavement striping and signage.

If the draft plan is approved as is, additional changes that could be incorporated into the community in the coming years include:

- ◆ the creation of zoning ordinance regulations for residential garages, especially for smaller lots in the R-1 and R-1A zoning districts, to better accommodate modern

construction, while preserving the built character of existing neighborhoods;

- ◆ adopting zoning language setting maximum surface coverages by district, encouraging pervious surfaces especially around parking development;

- ◆ establishing design standards for new homes to specify the style, quality of materials and level of detail that must be incorporated;

- ◆ revising the zoning ordinance to permit accessory dwelling units by right in the estate and

low-density residential districts within structures already supporting the use and where sufficient off-street parking is provided;

- ◆ incorporating mixed-use residential options in existing commercial corridors to encourage accessible housing options;

- ◆ and creating a special district, such as a Downtown Development Authority or Principal Shopping District, to pioneer marketing and events.

"We discussed at both workshops for The Hill

and Mack Avenue, looking at trends for outdoor dining and maybe establishing policies regarding best practices, as well as potentially the decline in office space influx the community seemed to want to see on The Hill," added Jane Dixon, project manager with McKenna, which has led the master plan update process.

Upon completion of the 63-day period, city council will hold a final public hearing — likely in October or November — and vote on the finalized master plan.

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# DTE holds September town hall

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Until you can afford a new Mercedes, maintain your Chevy.

Electric customers experiencing outages caused by storms will continue a comparable trade-off until someone shoulders the price of shifting overhead power lines to below ground, free from the reaches of sagging limbs and falling trees.

It costs around \$10 million per mile to bury electric lines, according to MarKeith Poteat, an electrical engineer and director of regional customer operations at DTE Energy.

Multiply that by the company's 31,000-mile overhead distribution

network, then divide by its 2.2 million customers and the per capita cost to bury lines is \$140,909.

"We're regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission to offer cheap, reliable service," Poteat said. "We're looking at undergrounding now, but at the time we put lines in the air, that was the cheapest possible way to deliver power to our customers."

And so the cycle continues: restoring lines knocked down during storms only to repair them again after the next damaging wind.

Barbara Rykwald, DTE manager of corporate and government affairs, said the company is in the initial stages of a pilot program to relocate lines underground.

"We'd be happy to

share updates as they go," she told the Park city council Monday, Aug. 14.

The public is invited to a discussion about the city's electrical grid during a town hall meeting DTE representatives are holding 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Windmill Pointe Park.

Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Councilman Tom Caulfield and City Manager Nick Sizeland arranged Monday's council presentation and the forthcoming town hall during a session with DTE officials shortly after storms late July blew trees onto power lines in the Park and other Pointes.

"If we don't have power, our health and safety is impacted," Hodges said.

"We understand how

difficult it is when you don't have power," Poteat said. "Our team is doing everything possible to improve reliability. At the open house, we'll go into more detail."

Attendees will hear about how DTE powers the Park through two substations, one named Wayburn, the other Denver. Both operate with 4.8kV circuits. Wayburn has six circuits, Denver one.

One kV represents 1,000 volts. Power lines with higher kV have more capacity.

"Our goal is convert all 4.8kV circuits to 13.2kV," said Rischad Hafiz, supervising engineer for DTE's southeast team, including the Park.

As a stopgap, DTE is hardening 4.8kV lines to improve reliability. Think

(in eastside Detroit), experienced more outages than other customers in the area."

The unifying cause was storm damage: once in January, twice in February, once in March and again last month.

Most of this happened during DTE's latest round of clearing tree limbs from power lines in the Park.

"We have cleared 30 miles of overhead lines and we will be back again in five years to make sure these trees are on our trimming cycle," Hafiz said.

Utility crews are restricted to trimming trees along company easements.

"When we do tree trimming, we need permission from our customers," Hafiz said. "If we don't get permission, we can't touch those trees. Trees outside the right-of-way cause most of (the power outages)."



PHOTO BY TED O'NEIL

## Tree City USA

Paul Lechner, left, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission, and member Dave Andrews present city council with a new Tree City USA flag at its meeting Monday, Aug. 7. This is the 45th consecutive year the city has received the designation from the Arbor Day Foundation.

## Town hall addresses opioid crisis

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — More education, less stigma.

Those were the main themes discussed during a town hall meeting hosted by Families Against Narcotics Wednesday, Aug. 9, at The War Memorial.

"People who suffer from substance use disorders aren't bad people," said Dean Dauphinais, communications manager for FAN. "We have to get rid of the stigma and I think maybe that's why there aren't more people here."

About 50 people attended the two-hour meeting, although the room was set up for about three times that.

Other speakers echoed Dauphinais, whose own son has been in recovery

nine times.

"It's the stigma that kills more people than anything else," said Frankee Walker, who supervises FAN's peer recovery coaches. "Too many families enable addicts. Drugs are an escape and you can't buy your way out of it."

The town hall stemmed from an incident two months ago when three people in their 20s died of suspected overdoses in the Woods at two houses just blocks apart. That included one male and two females who were sisters.

"In July 2020, we had a horrific scene on Lochmoor where four people overdosed and one died," Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "Then on June 10, I got another phone call and here we go again. This is all too

real to us and the Grosse Pointes are not immune. I don't want to get a third call."

The same night in 2020 as the incident on Lochmoor, a man also died of an overdose in

Grosse Pointe Park.

Ray Ollie, director of the DEA's High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area office in Detroit, said opioid problems have grown

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, AUG. 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Finance Committee meeting, 7:15 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 24

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 25

- ◆ Music on the Lawn in Grosse Pointe Woods, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 26

- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, 6 p.m.

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them and how I can help continue to serve our great community. I love serving on council and am passionate about our city."

In third place, Brent Dreaver, who's campaign lawn signs often share space with Kolar's, totaled 1,095.

"Days like today are exactly why I am running for council," Dreaver said. "It was energizing to talk to so many residents and fellow candidates all day, share thoughts and food, and see the enthusiastic involvement in Grosse Pointe Park. This is just the beginning and I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors and learning about what's important to them as the process continues. I encourage residents to connect with me on Facebook at Facebook.com/DreaverForGPP to discuss further."

In fourth, Heather Ulku received 807 votes.

In fifth place, Elvis Torres, a member of the city's public safety advisory group, received 780 votes.

"I think there was a good turnout for a primary election," Torres said. "I am glad to make it through and I look forward to showing our

community the value I bring to the table."

Jay Kennedy earned 584 votes for sixth place.

"I'd like to thank all of my supporters who displayed my signs, provided financial support, connected with their friends regarding my candidacy and provided moral support," Kennedy said. "I look forward to working with you leading up to the November election."

Not winning enough votes to proceed to the general election was first-time candidate Kirk Merametdjian. He received support from 461 voters.

"Though unsuccessful in my bid to serve our community, it was a tremendous experience while making new friends," Merametdjian said. "All of the candidates were gracious and professional during the campaign, indicative of our great community. I look forward to supporting our future new council members in their efforts."

Some 2,489 of the Park's 10,304 registered voters participated, or 24.16 percent.

Of the total, 858 were cast at the polls while 1,631, or 47.39 percent, preceded them as absentees.

Turnout was relatively uniform across the city's six precincts, most

between 22.8 and 28.24 percent. The lowest was 16.28 percent in Precinct

5, the city's most populous.

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## A Kean eye for vintage treasures

By Anne Gryzenia  
Publisher

A vintage enthusiast and lover of home design for years, Christina Kean made the best of the COVID lockdown by unlocking her creativity. She did so by starting her own Etsy shop and Instagram community.

"I was at home with three children schooling virtually and it became a nice outlet of creativity," Kean said.

Focused mainly on 1950s to 1970s mid-century home and holiday decor, she carefully curates her colorful and unique collection for presentation in the online shop. In addition to her Etsy shop, Domestic Artisan Goods, Kean currently has a selection of vintage items available at The Leaf and Blossom on Kercheval. This fall she'll expand to The Conservatory on Harper in Clinton Township, with a whole booth dedicated to vintage global and Bohemian-style items.

Kean loves the idea of finding well-made items that already exist in the world from eras of hand-crafted beauty and amazing design. She puts an emphasis on reuse over buying new whenever



COURTESY PHOTO

Vintage home design and decor are the apple of Christina Kean's eye.

possible. She is inspired by the unique architecture of Grosse Pointe homes and with that, feels

the interior and decor should be just as unique.

"A home should be collected, layered over time,"

she said.

"There is so much good that exists out there," Kean added, noting she is

eager to seek it out and make it available to her many customers. She recently traveled up and down The Thumb area of Michigan to search for treasures along the 150-mile M-29 Yard Sale Trail. In addition, her usual sources for treasures include local estate sales, thrift shops and rummage events.

In just a few years, Kean has created quite a successful business. To date, she's had thousands of sales through her Etsy shop alone.

"I've shipped items to 24 states so far this year," she said.

From detailed, colorful Christmas decor to sleek mid-century tableware, Kean has carefully selected a beautiful array of pieces that are both fun to peruse and sure to please anyone looking to add character to their home. When asked about ever considering her own brick-and-mortar space at any point, Kean was not opposed.

"I would definitely consider it as an option when my kids are older and I'm in a season of life to devote what would be necessary to it," she said.

For now, she is excited to create a booth space at a store opening this fall

and appreciates the variety of eyes she gets on Etsy from customers near and far.

Beyond having a passion for it, Kean also has vast knowledge of all things bespoke. When asked about a decorative plate in the background of one of her vignettes, she was teeming with information, describing facts and details about the time period, why the plate was popular, the companies who made the product and how it fell out of favor. It's clear she loves her business and has spent a lifetime learning everything she can about vintage goods.

Kean lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband, Brian, and three children who attend Kerby Elementary, Brownell Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools.

She is a regular volunteer at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church resale shop and also runs its Instagram page featuring weekly shop treasures.

In addition, she and her husband own Eastside Tennis & Fitness.

Find Kean on Instagram @domesticartisan and Etsy on the DomesticArtisanGoods page.

## SHOPS:

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According to a 2019 study by the University of Colorado, neighborhoods in that state close to dispensaries saw crime increase between 26 and 1,452 percent. The Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency reported 117 dispensaries statewide were broken into last year.

Dispensaries often have large amounts of cash on the premises. Because marijuana is still illegal under federal law, dispensaries are banned from depositing money in banks insured by the FDIC.

Not all residents, however, were opposed. "I'll be honest, I used it in my younger days," laughed Grady Davis, a retiree who lives on Hollywood. "And my wife uses it to control

pain. It doesn't matter to me, as long as there aren't too many. Maybe one or two."

Scott Dornbrock, a Harper Woods resident on Country Club who alerted the Grosse Pointe News to the public hearing, said he is opposed. Property owners within 300 feet of each location, including Dornbrock, were notified about the hearing per state law.

"I'm in the process of

gathering information," he said. "This is a residential area."

Dornbrock said he and his neighbors intend to sign a petition against the dispensary between Lochmoor and Country Club. Any such objections are due at the city clerk's office by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing.

"We're going to try and nip this in the bud," he said, "no pun intended."

## SPLASH:

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The splash pad, which will measure just over 2,000 square feet, will tie into the pool's existing

water filtration system, another cost-savings for the city.

"When you have a stand-alone pad, you have to tie it into a water main and then you're paying Great Lakes Water

Authority for every gallon used," Schulte added. "Then you either let the water evaporate or connect to a sewer. This will be part of our larger system, so the water will be filtered and cleaned just like the pool."

The pad will feature several in-ground water spouts, a dumping bucket and arched pipes.

"It's mainly meant for toddlers up to about 8 years old, but anyone can use it," Schulte said.

Council also approved spending just over \$21,000 on fencing for the new dog park, located next to city hall in front of the public safety department. It's expected to open in October.

The park will be 17,000 square feet, surrounded by a black, vinyl-coated chain-link fence four feet high.

Schulte said it will include benches, waste receptacles and a water station.

"We're also working with the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation to raise money for equipment," he noted, "things like a ramp and hoops for the dogs to play on."

Residents wishing to use the park must have a current pet license, which shows proof their dog has been vaccinated, and pay an annual \$25 fee. They'll be issued a key fob to access the park through a locked gate.

## Court lessons booming in Woods

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Residents who missed out on tennis and pickleball lessons this summer will get another chance come fall.

"We've had an incredible turnout," said Laura Digan, who coordinates the program for the Woods parks and recreation department. "We've had an overabundance of players and they are just as exuberant as our staff."

Digan said the lessons, now in year two, have seen 70 youths take tennis lessons and 100 adults take both tennis and pickleball lessons.

The fall session begins Sept. 12, and runs Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 5, at Lake Front Park. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. More information can be found at gpwmi.us.

While the two summer sessions featured youth lessons in the morning and adults in the evenings, fall will have youth lessons after school and continue with adults in the evenings.

"We had a lot of students return from last year to take the next level class, but we've had a lot of new participants, too," Digan said.

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## CRISIS:

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due to the introduction of fentanyl.

"The new thing we're finding is rainbow fentanyl, which is targeting kids and young adults," he said. "It comes in bricks that look like sidewalk chalk or tablets that look like candy. Just one gram is enough to kill 500 people."

Ollie added that education is important.

"Educate yourself, your children, your family, your friends, your neighbors," he said. "You can't start early enough."

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is used by drug dealers to cut other drugs — such as cocaine and heroin — to lower their cost and make their supply last longer.

"This is quickly going from an opioid epidemic to a fentanyl epidemic," said John Alcorn, director of public safety for the City of Grosse Pointe. "It used to be when some-

one overdosed our only options were to take them to jail or to the hospital, but now we have tools."

Those tools, which FAN provides, include Narcan training, peer recovery and family recovery coaches and sober-living houses. Also in the mix is Hope Not Handcuffs, a program in which someone with a substance use disorder can walk into a participating police station and ask for help without fear of being arrested, even if they are in possession of narcotics. Officers then contact FAN, which sends a volunteer "angel" to help the person get into treatment.

Dauphinais said Grosse Pointe Shores recently agreed to join the program, meaning all five public safety departments in the Pointes now offer the option.

FAN will host angel training via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Call (586) 438-8500 for more information.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Sleeping

When a 20-year-old Detroit man was reported for sleeping in a car in the 17000 block of Mack at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, officers discovered he had three traffic warrants out of the Park.

The man was arrested and turned over to the neighboring Pointe.

## Ghosed

Since giving a contractor a \$2,500 deposit several weeks ago for a remodeling job, a Grosse Pointe woman reports the job has not been started, nor will he return her calls.

The suspect is a 53-year-old Casco Township man.

## Free for all

Two white women stole approximately \$30 worth of various items from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

## Unlocked again

Items were stolen from two unlocked vehicles in the City overnight into Saturday, Aug. 12.

◆ An iPhone charger, gas card and key fob were stolen from a car parked in the 700 block of St. Clair.

◆ Sunglasses, as well as a wallet containing \$1,400 in cash and several credit cards, were stolen from a vehicle in the 17000 block of Waterloo.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Escalated quickly

After fleeing a traffic stop for running a stop sign at Charlevoix and McMillan at 2:27 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, a 27-year-old Livonia man successfully was pulled over on Devonshire in the Park.

Rather than being tick-

eted for not having a license and disobeying a traffic signal, he was arrested for fleeing and eluding.

## Not Neighborly

A Manor resident reported her neighbor for threatening to hurt her 5-year-old son and stab her brother at 3:49 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. The man was believed to be intoxicated.

## Bank fraud

A \$2,983.10 charge to Andex Laser fraudulently was made from a 59-year-old Farms man's Citizen's Bank account Tuesday, Aug. 8.

## Never learn

Among myriad vehicle thefts and items stolen from vehicles in the Farms last week, one report featured an unlocked vehicle with the keys left inside stolen from Hillcrest for the second time.

Other reports include:  
◆ an unlocked — with key fob inside — white 2023 BMW X5 stolen from Lothrop between 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, and 6:20 a.m. the next morning;

◆ an unlocked — with key fob inside — blue 2021 Ford Expedition stolen from the 200 block of Ridge between midnight and 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10;

◆ a wallet stolen out of an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of McKinley overnight into Thursday, Aug. 10;

◆ wheel lock keys stolen from two vehicles parked in the 400 block of Barclay between 10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, and 8 a.m. the next morning;

◆ a total of \$3 in miscellaneous change stolen from two unlocked vehicles in the 400 block of Bournemouthe between midnight and 3:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11;

◆ the window smashed and ignition assembly destroyed of a silver 2018

Kia Forte in the 400 block of Bournemouthe between 11:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, and 3:30 a.m. the next day;

◆ an unlocked — with key fob inside — gray 2023 Ford Explorer stolen from Briarwood Place between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12;

◆ an unlocked — with key fob inside — vehicle stolen from Lakeshore between 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, and 8:45 a.m. the next morning;

◆ a total of \$65 stolen from two unlocked vehicles on Harbor Hill between 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, and 12:45 p.m. the next day;

◆ a black 2022 Ram 1500 stolen from the 300 block of Belanger between 1:30 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13;

◆ and two purses and \$10 stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Touraine between 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and 10:30 a.m. the next morning.

Two of the stolen vehicles successfully were located and recovered by officers.

## Porch pirate

A package containing a book was stolen off a porch in the 400 block of Madison Thursday, Aug. 10, followed the next day by the theft of a package containing a CPAP tube from the same residence.

## Road rage

Traffic backed up on eastbound Mack near Calvin at 4:24 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, when two men stopped their vehicles alongside each other to physically fight on the median.

After investigating the road rage incident, police arrested the 51-year-old Georgia man and cited the 20-year-old Harrison Township man.

—Laurel Kraus  
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety,

(313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Damaged gate

A resident of the 1300 block of Wayburn reported a damaged rear gate latch suspected of occurring between 1:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, through noon Thursday, Aug. 10.

Estimated repairs cost \$65.

## Begging

Dr. Watson's reference to Sherlock Holmes investigating the Amateur Mendicant Society has nothing to do with the 36-year-old Detroit man Park police arrested at 10:32 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, for panhandling in the 14900 block of Charlevoix.

The man is a repeat customer of the public safety department.

"(He) had been previously warned on begging, but returned," according to police.

And is free to do so again.

"(He was) cited and released," police said.

## Stuff stolen

Someone stole a \$110 Weber grill and kayak stand worth \$12 from the backyard of a dwelling in the 800 block of Beaconsfield between 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, and 3:30 p.m. the following afternoon.

An itchy-fingered Molly and a pair of pennyweighters were seen at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, stealing more than \$1,000 worth of landscaping equipment from a contractor's truck parked near the intersection of Berkshire and Charlevoix.

One black female and two black males reportedly took RedMax and Stihl backpack blowers, each valued at \$600, and fled in a blue Infiniti SUV.

"(The victim) witnessed the suspects remove the items," police said.

## Two cars entered

Nighttime larcenists were at it early Friday, Aug. 11.

At 12:20 a.m., thefts were reported of miscellaneous change from unlocked vehicles parked in the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Beaconsfield.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Check fraud

A resident in the 1200 block of Edmunton filed a complaint around 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, regarding a check she mailed for a magazine subscription.

The check was made out for \$20, but was altered to \$2,000 and made out to an individual. The check was cashed using a mobile banking app somewhere in Dearborn.

## The whole thing

After several reports of catalytic converters being stolen off vehicles in the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital in recent months, thieves decided to take an entire vehicle.

A 2023 Dodge Ram was reported stolen around 5:20 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. The theft occurred sometime after 3:30 p.m. the same day.

## Not for rent

A resident in the 1300 block of Hampton made Zelle payments totaling \$2,450 to three different people for a rental home in Roseville, but was never able to gain access to it, according to a complaint filed around 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

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

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"Everyone is getting so good, we may have to add more levels of classes."

For those who have taken lessons, or were already involved in either sport, Lake Front Park offers eight tennis courts — including two platform courts — and six pickleball courts. Another two pickleball courts are located on the ice rink at Ghesquiere Park behind city hall.

"Both are activities you can enjoy at all ages," Digan added. "I call it family, fitness and fun."

Digan noted the youth tennis lessons included several sets of siblings, while several married couples were involved in pickleball classes.

"It's fun to see everyone smiling and getting a good workout," she said.

Digan also said she is appreciative of her instructors. They include: Ruben Ascencio, Julie Granger, Joe Scorvino, John Wilson, Michael O'Bell and Natalie Grillo.



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### OUR VIEW

## Get inspired by this 2023 Athlete of the Year

“If sports is about pushing yourself past the physical limitations, overcoming your own doubts and exceeding expectations, Jake is the absolute right winner here, folks.”

This is what Randy Juip, father of Jake Juip, posted about his son last week after the Grosse Pointe News announced Jake as winner of 2023 Readers’ Choice Male Athlete of the Year.

But Jake Juip isn’t your typical burly football player or All-American center fielder. He’s a track and field athlete who competes in a variation of the 100-meter dash. He’s also the reigning back-to-back Michigan High School Athletic Association’s state champion in the event.

But because he has a neurological disease called Friedreich’s Ataxia, or FA, Jake has to accomplish these feats in a wheelchair.

We were heartened to see that Grosse Pointers seem to understand how special Jake’s achievements are, too. He received the most votes of any athlete in the field of 44 nominees by a country mile, outpacing the nearest finisher by 85 votes.

If that does not capture the essence of sports and why we are so compelled by them, we don’t know what does.

The race Jake competes in was added to the MHSAA’s track and field state final meet as a pilot program two years ago. Led by Jake, the Juip family has been advocating with MHSAA decision makers to make the event a permanent fixture each June.

We call on all Grosse Pointers to let MHSAA leaders in East Lansing know it’s time to make the 100-meter adaptive wheelchair race an official, permanent event at the track and field state final in all four divisions.

Late last week, we inquired with the MHSAA about the status of formalizing this event to permanent status. Geoff Kimmerly, MHSAA’s communications director and senior editor at MHSAA.com, told us the following in an email:

“The MHSAA Track and Field Committee will take this up on their committee agenda in January to consider making adaptive track and field a permanent part of MHSAA track & field. Planning is well underway by the MHSAA for Adaptive Track and Field events to continue for this year and beyond. As a part of the process and rules, this will go through the committee to be formally adopted by Representative Council at their March meeting. “So we’re into the process,” Kimmerly added. “... proposal goes to the committee for that sport (and) is moved on to council for adoption.”

Kimmerly said those supporting the move to make the event permanent should contact their school’s athletic directors to let them know of their support. We also say it would not hurt to let MHSAA know on social media that Grosse Pointers give a resounding “YES” to making the event permanent. You can find the organization on Twitter/X (@MHSAA), Instagram (@MHSAAsports) or Facebook (@MHSAA).

Let’s join together to give more athletes like Jake the opportunity to become a forever champion.

As for the Juip family, they continue to fight the arduous fight against FA, not just for Jake, but for their daughter, Claire, who also battles the disease. An additional way you can demonstrate your support for the family is to consider supporting their

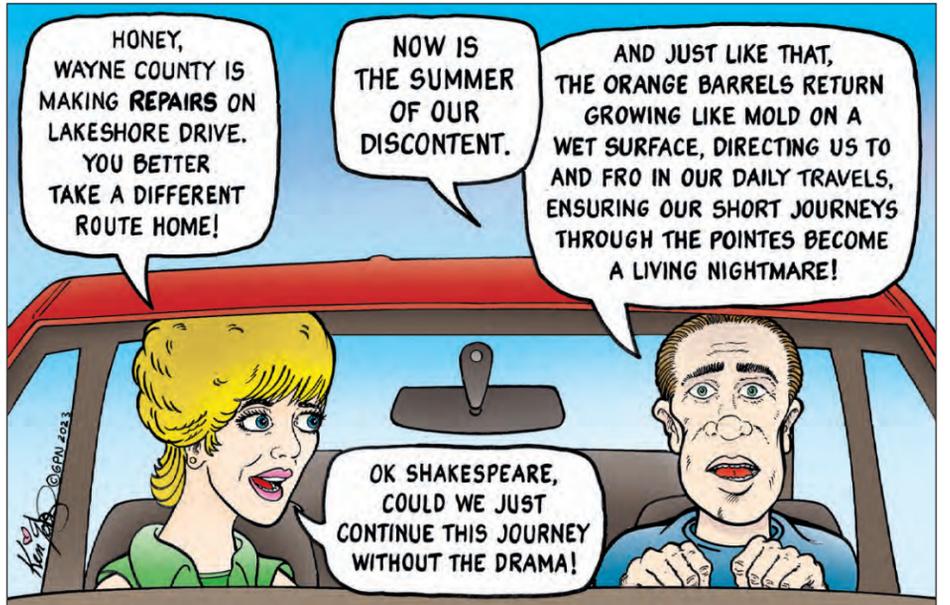


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GUEST VIEW By Melissa Fradenburg, CDF, AIF

## Preparing your college-bound child for financial independence

As hundreds of Grosse Pointers prepare to send their child off to college this month, it’s natural to experience a mix of emotions — pride, excitement and perhaps a touch of concern.

But one area that deserves attention before the big drop-off is having candid conversations about budgeting and financial responsibility. While college is a time for growth and exploration, it’s also a crucial period for developing healthy money habits that will shape your child’s financial future.

Here’s how to initiate conversations about budgeting to ensure your burgeoning young adult steps onto campus well-prepared and better-versed on personal finances:



### The Importance of Budgeting

Start by discussing the significance of budgeting in college life. Explain how having a budget empowers your child to make informed financial choices, avoid overspending and build a secure financial foundation. Guide your child in creating a budget that covers their needs and allows for some flexibility. Help them understand how to track income from sources like part-time jobs, allowances and potential scholarships. Discuss the various expenses your child will encounter, such as textbooks, meals, housing and transportation. Break down each category and encourage your child to prioritize essential needs over wants.

### Exploring Savings Goals

Talk about the importance of setting sav-

ings goals. Encourage them to think about future expenses, like spring break trips or unexpected emergencies and how to allocate funds to cover them. Depending on the location of the college, consider travel expenses for trips back home during breaks and be sure to set expectations for how often those trips will happen.

Daily living expenses, such as clothing, toiletries and groceries, can add up quickly. With the addition of services like Uber Eats and

Grub Hub, overspending on food is one of the easiest ways for a college student to overspend. If your child is considering participating in Greek life on campus, discuss whether they will need to contribute to their Greek life dues on their own or if you’ll be providing financial assistance. It’s crucial to set a reasonable expectation of these costs

and be transparent about your ability to support them.

### Know Your Own Limitations

As a parent, it’s natural to want the best for your child, especially when it comes to their college experience. The desire to provide them with every opportunity and comfort is understandable, but it’s important to approach this endeavor with a clear understanding of your financial limitations.

As a financial advisor, I’ve witnessed firsthand the challenges that can arise when parents overextend themselves to fund college. While supporting your child’s education is

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### Hand salute to you, fellow veterans

To the Editor:

Across the U.S. the Veterans Administration states there are 16.5 million veterans. The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency notes the state has nearly 568,000 veterans. Of the nation’s 332 million residents, over 6.5 percent of adults are veterans.

Michigan ranks in the top 15 states and territories for veterans’ population. Beginning eight years ago there are more Gulf War-era veterans than Vietnam-era veterans. In addition, females, people of color and Native American veterans are significantly increasing in numbers.

After the Defense Department, the VA is the federal government’s second-largest department. According to federal government published statistics, the VA is the nation’s largest health care system employing

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

# A perspective from my travels to Normandy



last week to France, alongside my parents and my aunt and cousin who joined us from Georgia.

We split the week into two parts, spending four days in Paris and then four days in the Normandy region in the north of France. Spending four days in Paris was obviously incredible and there were a ton of highlights, but the main event of the trip, for me at least, was our day of touring historic sites of World War II in Normandy.

I've been lucky enough in my 25 years to be able to travel to a lot of really interesting places. In my travels, there have been a few times where I've truly been in awe of where I am — and it happened to me just last week.

Finishing college, starting work full time, other things in life and, of course, COVID kept me from taking any really big destination vacations for a few years. I finally got the chance to dust off my passport and make my way across the globe

There are so many places around Normandy that have deep significance in the Second World War we were barely able to scratch the surface during our one-day tour with our guide, Colin (if you ever travel to Normandy, I highly

recommend looking up Colin Taylor; he was an incredible tour guide). The places we were able to see that day will always stick with me as some of the most significant places I'll ever visit.

We began the day at Omaha Beach, standing on the hills on top of an old German machine gun position, looking down at the sand and water, imagining what it would be like to see thousands of ships coming over the horizon as the invasion began. Then we went down onto the actual beach with our perspective shifting to that of the Allied soldiers, following their paths as they marched up the beaches to the seawall, trying desperately to find a way past the heavy German defenses.

Our next stop was the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Rows of crosses in the Normandy American Cemetery commemorating those who lost their lives in the fight to liberate France and Western Europe.**

Normandy American Cemetery, which was monumental and humbling. Then it was on to Pointe du Hoc, where the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled the cliff sides on a mission to take

out key German gun positions.

We visited Sainte-Mere-Eglise, the first Normandy town liberated on D-Day by American paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne.

The day finished at Utah Beach and then a quick stop at the monument to E Company of the 101st Airborne, who are best known for being the subject of the famous book and TV series, "Band of Brothers."

If you consider yourself a history buff and haven't been to Normandy, I would say a trip like this is a must. These were the types of places that had been on my bucket list for a long time and finally being able to visit them was really moving.

I've had an interest in American history and have read and watched so many things about D-Day. However, actually being there gave me an entirely new perspective of the scale of the sacrifice so many people made in that effort.



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## Work underway

Construction began Aug. 15, on the parking lot between Grosse Pointe Park City Hall and the Ewald library. Work will be done in sections so only portions of the lot will be available during construction. Starting Aug. 15, cars may only enter the parking lot off of Maryland as the entrance from Jefferson will be closed. Parking along Lakepointe while visiting the library or city hall is permitted during construction, which is anticipated to take several weeks.

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important, it shouldn't come at the cost of sacrificing your retirement savings. Remember, they have the ability to take out loans, work part-time or explore scholarship options to fund their education.

Let's face it. Discussing financial accountability with your parents is a conversation your child would likely rather not have. But by openly discussing budgeting and financial responsibility with them before drop-off, you're equipping them with valuable skills that will serve them well beyond their college years.

As you bid them farewell and embrace this new chapter, take comfort in knowing that you've provided them with more than just material support.

You've equipped them with a strong foundation for financial independence — a gift that will last a lifetime. Your journey as a parent continues to evolve and by setting limits and empowering your child to make wise financial decisions, you're fostering a sense of responsibility and self-sufficiency that will undoubtedly make you proud.

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## LETTER:

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371,000 professionals and support staff. The system offers 172 medical centers and 1,138 outpatient sites.

In Michigan there are 15 outpatient clinics, five medical centers and nearly 20 community-based outpatient clinics. Delivering veteran healthcare services can be complex.

I am an active duty and reserve veteran. If you are a veteran, you can offer input to improve current and future veteran care

and services.

The VA is in the midst of conducting research through the Million Veteran Program. Its goal is to enroll at least one million veterans by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2023. Participants will offer vital discoveries and impact.

I recently completed an extensive survey and visited a VA facility for an orientation and blood draw to help with this visionary clinical research.

In part, the research will focus upon:

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# BOLD Flow Yoga celebrates one-year anniversary

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — “I was always doing the Ironman and martial arts and eventually in my 50s, my body said, ‘Enough, you have no cartilage between your L4 and L5 vertebrae at this point,’” Joshua Feinstein recalled. “... I had gone through physical therapy and you’re supposed to have surgery and the shots. During COVID, when we all worked from home, I literally would work from my stomach.”

“I walked into BOLD Flow (Yoga) pretty much incapacitated, having tried all these things and through the yoga there, I went from not being able to stand to now I’m going back to triathlons.”

year anniversary of BOLD Flow Yoga’s new location in The Village, Feinstein has organized an exclusive art exhibition from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at 17024 Kercheval.

Titled “To Instill Brightness and Hope Through Art,” the exhibition will feature 14 pieces never before exhibited in North America on loan from Lana Taher — a renowned, female artist in the Middle East and Europe.

“If you know Beirut, you know about the beauty of the country and Lebanon and such, but if you don’t know about it, immediately it conjures images of war or the currency crisis and the strife,” Feinstein said. “Lana’s work really captures the true beauty of what Lebanon is, both the

way she works with colors, the mixture of abstract and impressionist art, and I just think it’s something that’s worth sharing or being seen in this part of the world.”

The exhibit also will be a retrospective in memoriam for Grosse Pointe artist Lynette Arlene, who passed away two years ago.

“In terms of a person, she was very outgoing with people, but when it came to her art, she was very private about her pieces,” Feinstein explained. “As such, none of her work ever was displayed during her lifetime.”

With the blessing of Arlene’s daughter, 10 pieces from her collection will for the first time be available for public viewing.

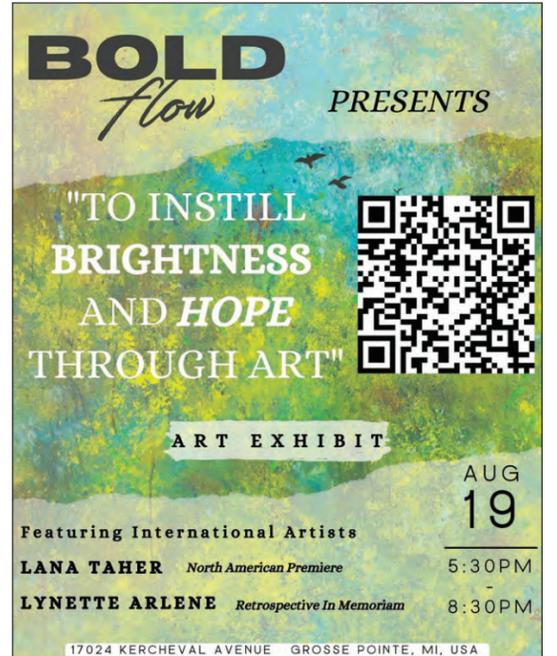
Arlene’s work carries

themes of the spirit and strength of women, while attendees can expect to see work from Taher highlighting colors and natural landscapes.

“Like the ‘Dreams of flowers,’” Feinstein said, referring to a work by Taher, “you can actually feel the heat of the sun on that painting.”

The exhibition is free to the public and registration is encouraged via the QR code or tinyurl.com/2cfw4vp9.

“BOLD Flow Yoga is a wholly women-owned and women-operated business and as their one-year anniversary at the Grosse Pointe location comes up, it also coincides with the upcoming International Women’s Equality Day, which is on (Aug.) 26,” Feinstein explained. “... Rather than doing a community



thing where, ‘Hey, we’ll do a special yoga class,’ the yoga and looks at the accomplishments of women in general.”

# Someday Brewing open on Mack Ave.

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The name is pretty self-explanatory, but Anthony Kilimas didn’t think of it until his wife, Janell O’Keefe, suggested it.

S o m e d a y Brewing, 20746 Mack, is the first beer and mead brewery in the Woods. It opened in April and has seen a steady increase in customers since.

“I started brewing beer back in 2008, and my friends would always ask me when I was going to open a brewery,” Kilimas said. “I’d always say, ‘someday.’”

Kilimas, however, says he is “name-challenged” and it didn’t occur to him at first.

“I’m terrible at coming up with names,” he laughed. “Beers, pets, kids. I even put together a storyboard to come up with something. Finally my wife just said that I always told people someday, so why not that?”

Kilimas bought the former Mack Pharmacy, on the east side of the street just north of Vernier, in 2020.



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keep up with demand as it is,” Kilimas said. “I’ve just only recently been able to step away from my day job to focus full time on this.”

Kilimas said he makes batches of five to 10 gallons of beer at a time that take six to eight weeks to ferment.

“That way it’s always fresh and I’m able to rotate

beers in and out,” he said. “It’s usually stuff I like, but I did add an amber because customers were requesting it.”

Other offerings include stouts, pilsners and IPAs. Kilimas usually has 10 beers on tap and two flavors of mead.

“Mead is really kind of a niche thing,” he said. “It’s like a sweet dessert wine, but it’s made with honey instead of grapes.”

Kilimas said he eventually wants to add to-go growlers and canned beer to the menu. Bottled mead already is available.

Speaking of menus, Someday doesn’t serve food, but customers are welcome to bring their own or have it delivered. Visit [somedaybrewing.com](http://somedaybrewing.com) for more information.

“We completely renovated the place and there was a lot of paperwork involved with both the state and city,” he said. “We had to have all the architectural plans in place before we could do anything.”

The Grosse Pointe North High School alum said he spent about a year looking for a location.

“We both went to North, so we wanted it to be in our hometown,” Kilimas said. “There aren’t any other breweries in the Woods and Mack is great because it’s so walkable.”

For now, Someday is open 5 to 10 p.m. Thursdays and 3 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

“I’d like to add more days but I can hardly



Grosse Pointe sisters Trisha Stander and Tammy Eugenio are the creative minds behind Joli Bump, the only maternity store in the Pointes.

PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

# Celebrate motherhood at the Pointes’ only maternity store

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Trisha Stander’s daughter gave birth to her first child last November, but leading up to the big date found herself struck by the lack of brick-and-mortar maternity shopping options.

“She really struggled through ordering stuff online,” Stander said, “never knew if it was going to fit (and) wanted to have a place to go and buy those items.”

Expecting mothers in Grosse Pointe no longer will have such a concern, as Joli Bump — the only maternity store in the Pointes — opens this week on the lower level of Apple Blossom Baby and Decor in The Village at 17110 Kercheval.

Celebrating all things motherhood, even beyond maternity needs, Joli Bump is the latest business venture of sisters Stander and Tammy Eugenio, who the last 12 years ran 3 Dogs, 1 Cat — an urban pet shop in Eastern Market — until the pet supply market became oversaturated and too difficult for a small business to compete.

“We have a personal friendship with the

owner of Apple Blossom and we had talked many times about trying to do something together,” Stander explained of the decision to get into the maternity business and fill a local need.

The appeal of a far shorter commute certainly didn’t hurt either. “We just kept wanting to come back home,” Eugenio said. “We’re both longtime Grosse Pointers. We’ve lived here forever, so it made sense for us to come back here and serve the community.”

Along with the store’s associates being well-versed in advice on products, the sisters diligently researched each item Joli Bump will carry including:

- ◆ maternity undergarments and clothing,
- ◆ nursing tops and wraps;
- ◆ throws and blankets;
- ◆ an extensive line of books;
- ◆ diaper bags;
- ◆ fetal monitors;
- ◆ maternity pillows;
- ◆ wellness items such as vitamins, supplements, creams for nursing and teas for nausea and calming;
- ◆ and a plethora of

gift items, such as candles and journals.

Gift wrapping also is offered.

“We feel confident that we’ve done a really good job of investigating and bringing the best products that we could,” Stander said, “whether it was the clothing or the undergarments or the diaper bags or the wellness products.”

Careful thought notably went into the maternity clothing, much of which can be worn after the baby is born.

“It’s also for women in their fourth trimester,” Eugenio explained. “After pregnancy you can’t find anything to wear and a lot of these clothes are convertible to going into that after time. We’re trying to make sure it’s not just a short-term thing. They can wear it beyond that.”

Although not yet live, the small business’ inventory soon can be found at [jolibumpgp.com](http://jolibumpgp.com), which also will offer local delivery.

“We just really pride ourselves strongly on customer service and letting people know that they’re important to us,” Eugenio said, adding the shop is “something that we hope can fill that void for women.”

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# Up-lake sewer work to help Pointe water quality

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Candice Miller announced this month forthcoming construction of an underground, 13-million-gallon, \$27 million holding tank at the Chapaton Pumping Station on Nine Mile, the operation of which will have an impact downstream on improving water quality and reducing the risk of sewer backups in the Grosse Pointes during heavy rains.

“(The tank) will reduce combined sewer overflows here by almost 40 percent,” said Miller, Macomb County public works commissioner and former member of Congress. “A lot of times people say they really can’t do anything (about reducing combined sewer overflows) because it’s so overwhelming, it’s too expensive. Well, yes, you can’t do it all at once. But, it’s like eating an elephant one bite at a time. We’re making steady progress toward our goal.”

Construction is funded entirely through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the state.

Work amplifies prior and current actions to reduce combined sewer



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller and state Sen. Kevin Hertel announce forthcoming construction of a 13-million-gallon, underground water holding tank below Nine Mile to further limit combined sewer overflows into Lake St. Clair.**

overflows into Lake St. Clair at the county’s main Chapaton Pump Station on Nine Mile below Jefferson.

“We are doing a lot of new things at Chapaton, all with an eye toward water quality,” Miller said. “We’ve already done operation changes to reduce CSOs we put in the lake after heavy rain events, somewhere in the 30th percentile already. We have another project under construction that will be completed and online by fall which will reduce our combined sewer

overflows by 12 to 14 percent.”

“I’m thrilled by the work Candice Miller is doing,” Grosse Pointe Park Councilman Max Wiener said. “It benefits us downstream, just as our work improving and drying our (municipal sewer) system is benefiting and protecting the residents of Detroit.”

“Lake St. Clair and the entire Great Lakes is one big pool,” said state Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, also representing the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. “If you don’t fix it every-

where, it doesn’t benefit the entire community. All water is the same. This is a statewide problem.”

“What’s happening in Macomb County are very positive steps that will have positive implications to the waterfront downstream in the Grosse Pointes,” said Shane Reeside, city manager of the Farms. “A lot of credit goes to Canadice Miller. Trying to tackle the issue of infrastructure and sewage discharge has been a passion of hers. She’s made great headway in

her tenure as Macomb County public works commissioner.”

Work on the new retention basin is expected to start within a few months and require up to two years.

“This is going to be a deep hole shortly,” said Miller, standing in a field behind Chapaton last week. “We are creating additional storage, so after a big rain event, we would be able to store — and treat before we discharge — water after rain has passed and then send it down to Detroit for proper treatment

rather than discharging anything into Lake St. Clair.”

“Macomb County’s leading by example,” said Don Brown, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. “Macomb County’s been a leader in putting our money where our mouth is when it comes to water quality.”

Both Miller and Hertel are pleasure boaters. Miller’s completion of at least 25 Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat races qualifies her as a member of the Old Goat society.

“What we do at this pump station has a direct impact on water quality in our beautiful lake,” she said. “Literally for decades, we have been discharging combined sewer overflows after heavy rain events. Oakland County discharges about five times what we do. Wayne County, unfortunately, is off the charts. We’re taking care of our own backyard here. In Macomb County, we’re focused on water quality, the quality of life of our residents and the blue economy we have here on Lake St. Clair. We’re going to do what we need to do to stop combined sewer overflows.”

## Pointes feel due for financial incentives

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Government-sourced financial inducements for private sector investment, expansion and retention are so pervasive and endemic as to be perpetual.

In fact, it happens a lot. So, while the state of Michigan ranks among the top 10 nationally for incentivizing businesses to start, relocate and increase operations within its borders, Grosse Pointe municipal officials complain it does nothing, nada to reward small but well-heeled jurisdictions for voluntarily investing home-grown funds in environmental improvements that contribute to overall public welfare.

The question is almost personal due to Park voters last year passing a 10-year millage raising \$17 million for storm and sewer system improvements despite being repeatedly denied state environmental grants and low-interest loans reserved for less prosperous cities.

“A community like the Park should be rewarded for spending money and making an extra effort to go above and beyond and not just wait for state loans,” Park Manager Nick Sizeland said.

The same in the Farms. Although a federal mandate prompted the separation of storm and sanitary sewer systems in the Farms lakeside district 25 years ago, officials of that city are taking the initiative to extend work to the inland side of town at a projected cost of at least \$35 million.

“(The state) should incentivize investment in municipal infrastructure,” Farms Manager Shane Reeside said.

The Pointes’ voice in the state House of Representatives, Rep.

Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, supports rewarding good actors; those he described as “willing to do the work” for water quality and stormwater management.

“Any community has a challenge investing in these projects,” Hertel said. “We’re trying to find things at the state to try to alleviate that and we’re working with Grosse Pointe Park to try to identify grants that might be available in this next budget year from the EGLE (Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) budget.”

“Even if it’s minimal amounts — \$50,000 or \$100,000 — every little bit helps,” Sizeland said. Communities lacking internal resources are shoe-ins for grants and easy-termed loans, such as Michigan’s clean water revolving fund.

“The fund is a low-interest loan program that assists qualified local municipalities with construction of needed water pollution control facilities,” according to a definition provided by EGLE.

The operative word is

“qualified,” which, if you’re a Pointe official facing tight annual budgets, describes a weighted qualifying formula akin to buying meat from a butcher with his thumb on the scale.

“For our project, we are applying for federal funding and we’ve also applied for state revolving funding,” Reeside said.

Applications for the fund are graded with a maximum score of 100.

“Twenty-five points are awarded to disadvantaged communities,” Reeside said. “The best score we can get is 75. It makes it hard to compete with disadvantaged communities.”

“The state revolving fund,” Sizeland sighed. He sounded weary of explanation.

During almost every monthly council meeting, Sizeland explains how the Park is being denied state assistance for environmental infrastructure safeguards and improvements due to the city’s sound financial status.

On the other hand, “An incentive program — why not?” he said.

“We will continue to

pursue that,” said Park Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. “In fact, Mayor (Michele) Hodges, Manager Sizeland and I just had discussions (last) week with a representative of House Speaker Rep. (Joe) Tate’s, D-Detroit, office and discussed that exact subject.”

Tate represents the Pointes in the state House.

“I am a realist,” Wiener said. “I hope for the best and prepare for the worst, (which) is why Grosse Pointe Park is undertaking our own actions and financing.”

Surveying is finished at Patterson Park for construction soon of an

underground extreme emergency relief valve to divert unmanageable amounts of rainwater into

Lake St Clair rather than risk backups into basements, as happened during big storms during summer 2021.

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# Merit scholarships awarded at St. Paul

The St. Paul Educational Trust recently awarded scholarships to five students from St. Paul on the Lake Parish for outstanding academic performance. Students were invited to apply for the scholarships during an open application process that took place from January through March.

The 2023 winners include:

◆ Monsignor Francis X. Canfield Scholarship — Awarded to a graduating eighth-grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to attend a Catholic high school. The winner is Campbell Shore, who will attend Mercy High School in the fall.

◆ Couzens Family Scholarship — Awarded to a graduating eighth-grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to attend a Catholic high school. The winner is Joseph Bartoletti, who will attend University



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From left, Campbell Shore, Joseph Bartoletti, David Hindelang, Preston Simmons and Lea Abdul-Nour.

of Detroit Jesuit High School in the fall.

◆ Joseph and Alice Wright Scholarship — This grant is given annually to a deserving young parishioner entering the sixth grade. The winner is David Hindelang.

◆ William A. Cardinal Scholarship — This is a full tuition scholarship awarded to a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement, leadership and character. The winner is Preston

Simmons.

◆ Lewis H. Echlin III Scholarship — New this year, the Echlin Scholarship will be awarded every four years to a graduating eighth grader who plans to attend University of Detroit Jesuit High School. This year's recipient is Joseph Bartoletti.

◆ Brian Fraser Memorial Scholarship — The St. Paul Educational Trust established the Brian Fraser Memorial

Scholarship this year to honor the memory of alumnus Brian Fraser, who spent 10 happy years at St. Paul School from Young 5s until his eighth grade graduation in 2017. The Brian Fraser Scholarship will be awarded annually to a returning St. Paul student, exhibiting outstanding academic, leadership and character traits. The first recipient of this scholarship is Lea Abdul-Nour.

Every four years, the

trust also awards the Gertrude and Donald McSorley Scholarship to a graduating eighth grader attending a Catholic high school. The next McSorley Scholarship will be awarded in 2025.

Winners are chosen by a committee made up of St. Paul School parents and parish members.

"We are so proud of each of these students for their outstanding achievements and contributions that they have made to the

St. Paul on the Lake parish community," said Kathleen Conway, chairwoman of the St. Paul Educational Trust. "We look forward to following their progress as they begin the next school year."

The Couzens, Canfield, Wright, McSorley and Echlin scholarships are eligible for renewal annually. All past recipients have qualified for renewal of their scholarships for the coming school year.

## Contractor pays for idleness

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Kercheval resurfacing is behind schedule.

It is so far behind schedule that time has come for the contractor to throw off its loose behavior and pay the debt it promised.

A roughly \$1,500 daily fine for missing deadlines kicked in late last week.

"The contractor signed a document with the city understanding the timing," said Nick Sizeland, Park manager.

Meanwhile, a nearly five-block section of the road between Balfour and Bedford sat milled, portions of the foundation layer patched but exposed, some curbs replaced, others not. Big orange signs

are everywhere stating "road closed" for construction, yet little construction takes place.

Before the mainly federally funded project kicked off earlier this summer, a completion date was set before the academic year resumed Sept. 5, at Defer Elementary and Pierce

Middle schools, both located on opposite sides of Kercheval near the Balfour end of the construction zone.

A performance bond written into the contract with low-bidder Florence Cement Co., of Shelby Township, was intended to induce compliance.

"There have been delays with the contractor," Sizeland said. "There have been periods of missing time and work not being done."

Expectations at city hall have devolved from predictions of on-time completion to echoing the Obama mantra of hope and change.

"We've made the contractor aware that the start of school is coming," Sizeland said. "They seem to understand that. We are hoping it will be completed before school starts."

Some \$415,000 of the \$675,247 project is funded by a federal grant administered through the Michigan transportation department.

"We're continuing to push to get this project done," Sizeland said.

He said the situation stems from the contractor taking on too much work for the time and resources needed to complete it.

A similar situation happened last autumn. Alley resurfacing had to be canceled because a contractor backed out, citing a need to focus on other work before winter set in.

"A salesman oversold their company," Tom Jenny, Park DPW supervisor, said at the time.

"There've been a lot of questions about the Kercheval road project," Sizeland said. "Once it's done, it's going to be great. But, it's been a little challenging."

— Brad Lindberg

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## DUE:

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"We need to control our own destiny," Wiener said. "We will pursue whatever opportunities arise. The EERV is a prime manifestation. But, we can't sit on the sidelines and wait. It is too pressing of an issue and the residents need concrete action, which is what I believe we are delivering."

"There have been communities not far from us that have been forced to separate their sewer systems in recent history," Hertel said. "Port Huron was forced to do that. Mount Clemens was forced by the federal government. There's no doubt those folks are upset because they did it on their own dime and are looking for money to come in."

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## Signs of significance

### Porbe adds artistic touch to signs in & around town

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

The new signage at Cadieux Cafe may catch one's eye during daylight hours, but absolutely cannot be missed by night.

The renowned club's name blazes in gold and red letters that curve around the corner of the 1930s building, the words flanked by enormous feathers — a nod to the feather bowling offered at the cafe.

The sign is the handiwork of 1985 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Alex Porbe, who has spent years building an impressive resume at the helm of his business, Incite Design, LLC, which specializes in architectural metals fabrication.

Porbe befriended Cadieux Cafe co-owner John Rutherford years ago. Through a mentorship program, Rutherford, a trombonist, played with Porbe's father, who performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"Four years ago, (Rutherford) and Paul Howard bought Cadieux Cafe," Porbe said. "John's been increasing the music and increasing the entertainment and promoting that. Then the time came for him wanting a new sign and I came up with the idea."

The new sign is a nod to Belgian architect Victor Horta, creator of Art Nouveau. Cadieux Cafe is rooted in the European country, offering Belgian foods and beverages.

"I wanted to pay homage to (Horta) in some of the design elements, but also keep it fun with a Bohemian vibe to it," Porbe said.

Porbe said he's gotten tremendous feedback from admirers of the sign, which he said is due in large part to Rutherford's help.

"John Rutherford is a brilliant master promoter," he said. "I'm reaping the benefits of

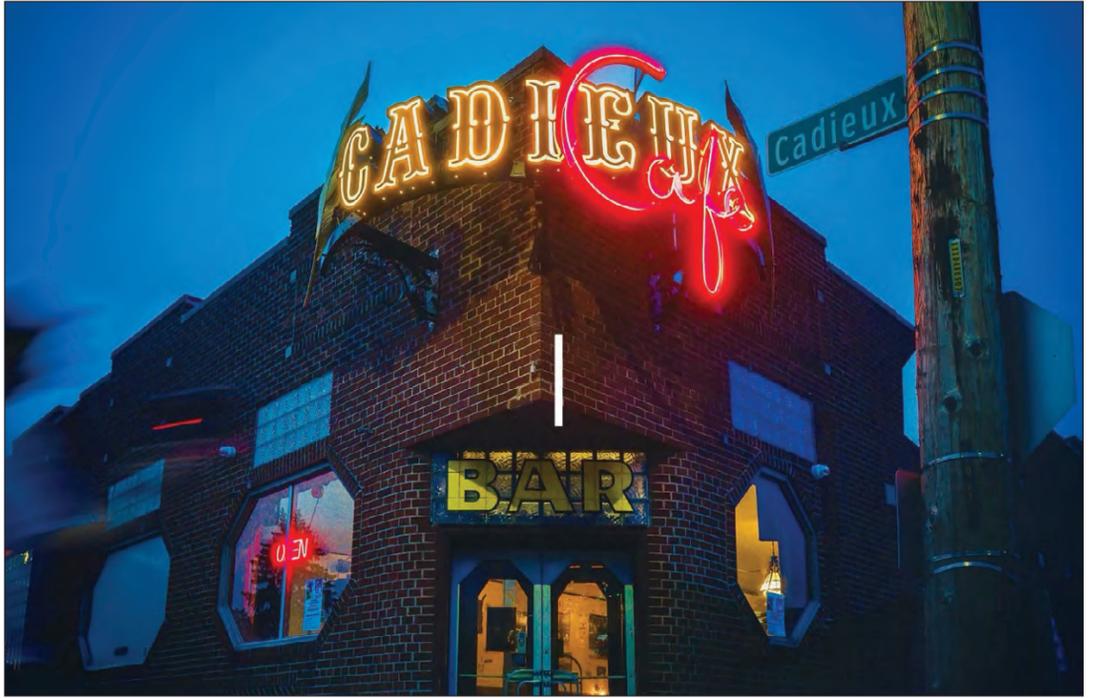
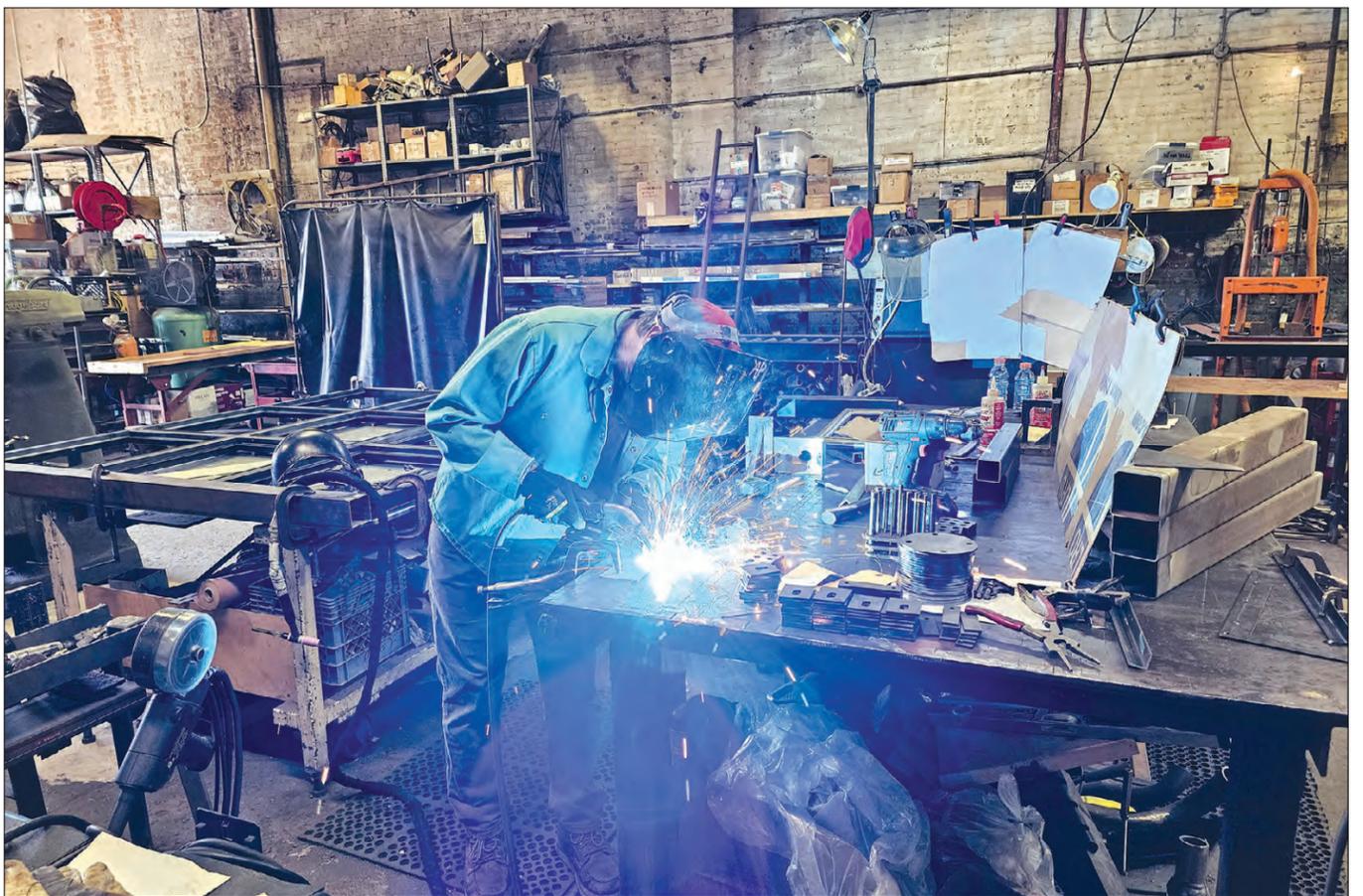


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The new signage at Cadieux Cafe was designed, engineered, assembled and wired by Grosse Pointe South grad Alex Porbe.



Alex Porbe does some welding in his Detroit studio.

his promotion." Though his most recent, Porbe's work at Cadieux Cafe certainly isn't the only of his cre-

ations that can be found around town. His work has been popping up in and around the city for years.

A dramatic light installation at Detroit Foundation Hotel — the former Detroit Fire Department Headquarters at West Larned and Washington — includes 357 individual, Edison-style vintage bulbs and 105 hand-blown glass orbs. Another creation — a three-dimensional Tesla Tower — stands atop Jack White's Third Man Records.

Additional names on Porbe's extensive client list are Detroit Lions, Detroit Athletic Club, Shinola, Detroit Science Center, Lear Corp., and Motor City Casino. His portfolio includes work in the C-Pop Gallery and Coach Insignia atop the Renaissance Center, as well as at Daytona International Speedway and Bay Harbor Marina District.

"I've had the opportunity to do some cool projects," Porbe said, adding he sort of fell into his line of work by accident.

"It wasn't necessarily my intention doing this sort of work, but I always found myself building things," he said.

Porbe grew up in Grosse Pointe Park surrounded by artists at home and school. Apart from his musician parents, he credits his high school teachers for their inspiration.

"I had a wonderful art instructor, a legend, Gene Pluhar," he said. "He was instrumental in teaching the younger creatives about art. Jack Summers was my photography instructor and Robert Rathburn was also a great art teacher. I had a really good

upbringing with art and being around creative people."

Next, Porbe studied welding and sculpture on his way to earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in industrial design from College for Creative Studies in 1991. He began building furniture and sculpture, which he displayed at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York City. Though fun, it wasn't lucrative, so Porbe began working with architects.

"I had a few people I knew from Grosse Pointe South," he said. "One of them married Bill Hartman, a design principal with Gensler. I went to him because I was looking for a job — I could build architect-

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Porbe stands with a section of patio railings he's building for the Hamlin Pub in St. Clair.

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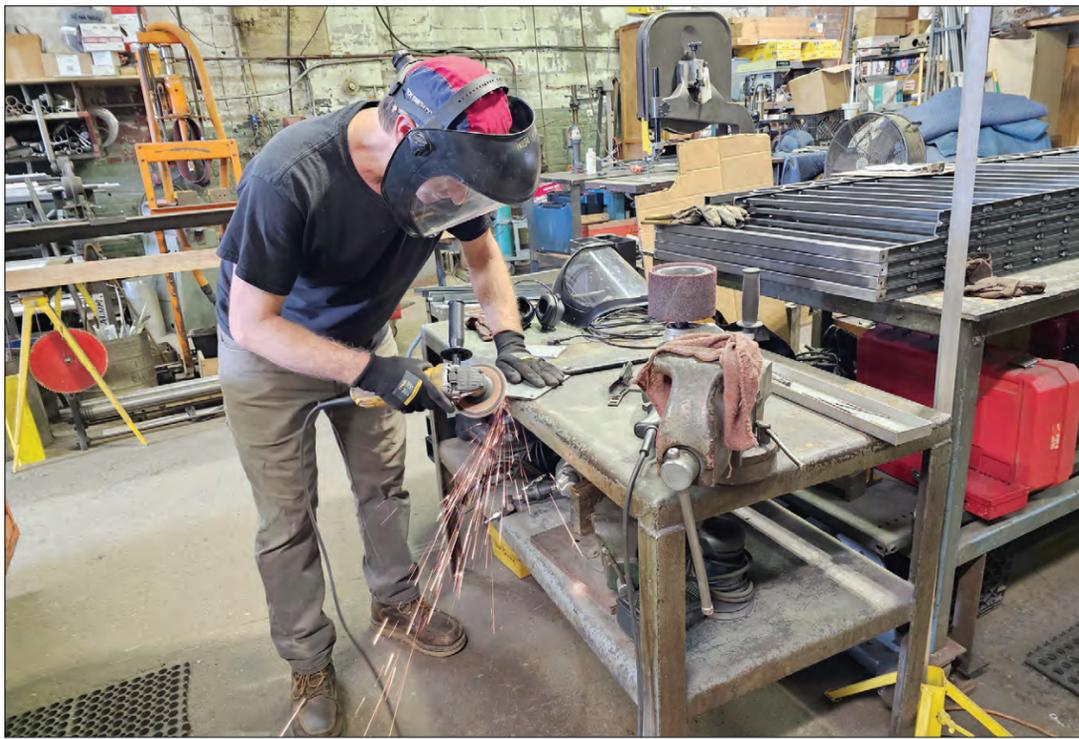


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Alex Porbe is on to his next project after completing new signage at Cadieux Cafe.

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tural models — but he wouldn't give me a job. He said, "You need to work with Victor Saroki and Ron Rea. You need to build for those guys. You need to be doing your own thing."

"They started hiring us to do work," he continued. "Ron Rea, an interior designer, was instrumental in getting things rolling with actual projects."

Eventually Porbe developed Incite Design, LLC, housed in an Eastside Detroit warehouse, though he operated the business from his farmhouse in Tecumseh for 10 years before coming back to

Detroit. Now, he owns the building and rents space to tenants, including a metalsmith, sculptor, carpenter, woodworker and even a cement contractor. His assistant these days is a glassblower.

Though he has fun with all of his projects, Porbe especially enjoys creating lighting.

"It's dramatic," he said. "Restaurants need cool lighting. I've learned so much over the years. ... I'm constantly challenged with a new process or technique. I like to challenge myself, because that's how we learn and get to do interesting things."

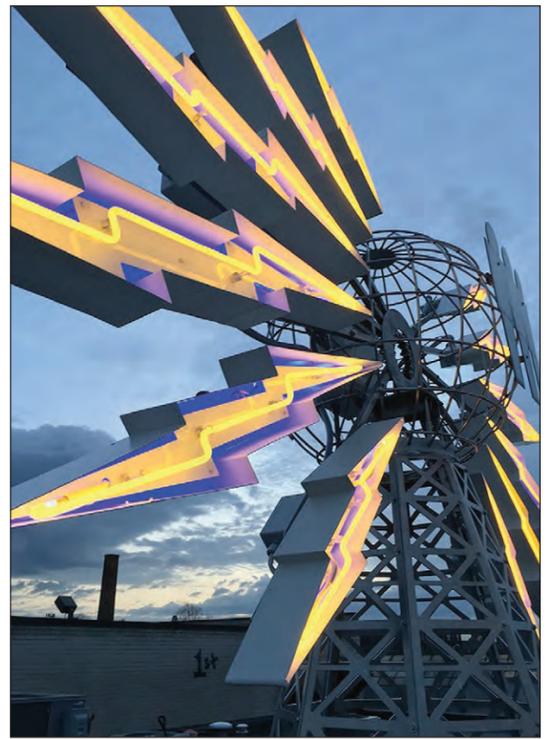
For the Cadieux Cafe project, Porbe worked closely with a sign man-

ufacturer, who crafted the letters, but the design, engineering, assembly and wiring was all Porbe.

"It took six months of just planning and designing," he said. "It was built in about 10 weeks. It was a pretty intense fabrication."

"... I'm grateful to John Rutherford and Paul Howard for giving me this opportunity," he said. "They really let me pursue the vision I wanted to create for that piece. They gave me carte blanche and I took it to the next level. I definitely wanted it to be an art piece."

"... Something like Cadieux Cafe only comes along every few years, maybe," he added.



Above, the Tesla Tower that stands atop Jack White's Third Man Records, Detroit was created by Porbe. Left, this light installation in the Apparatus Room at the Foundation Hotel in Detroit is another of Porbe's creations.



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**AREA ACTIVITIES**

**Ford House**

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

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

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Art Fair, 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, presented by the Art As Healing Foundation.

◆ Story Studio: Playful Purple, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22. Cost is \$4 for member children, \$5 for nonmember children.

◆ Nonprofit Fair, presented by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

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

**Library**

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

◆ Ewald Library closed Saturday, Aug. 19.

◆ Little Learners Coding, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Alma Kitchen, 15402 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teacher Book Sale, GPPL Friends \$5 bag sale, 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Social Butterflies, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Youth Coding, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teacher Book Sale, GPPL Friends

\$5 bag sale, 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 bag sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Blood drives**

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Roseville Public Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://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:

◆ Beyond Your DNA, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Sept. 5, with instructor Conrad Welsing.

◆ Sign Language, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Dec. 5, with instructor April Stotts.

◆ The movie "Ticket to Paradise" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-

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# Book takes nostalgic look at growing up in the '90s

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

During Matt Conn's signature closing bit, the stand-up comedian reads aloud a handful of his Twisted Greeting Cards, which take a traditional occasion, like Father's Day, and turn it into a jab at the recipient.

The cards then are available for a donation at the end of his show and, stamped with his contact information, double as promotional materials.

Coming up with zingers for the cards is among the easiest writing Conn has done.

"Some of them are the least amount of effort I've put into writing," the City of Grosse Pointe resident said. "I have jokes I'm still working on, that I've been toiling over and obsessed with. But then I get a card and they're giving you a setup (on the front). All I have to do is add something mean on the inside. I could spend all day making greeting cards."

While his Twisted Greeting Cards are available on his website — [mattconncomedy.com](http://mattconncomedy.com) — and Etsy page, the writing Conn is promot-



COURTESY PHOTO

City of Grosse Pointe resident and stand-up comedian Matt Conn recently released the book, "Trade Show," available on Amazon.

ing these days comes in the form of his new book, "Trade Show," which chronicles a boy's summer adventure as he "sets out on a mission to reclaim what's rightfully his."

Set in 1994, the story

blends baseball, bike rides, bullies and beyond as the protagonist attempts to corner the market of his hometown hero Detroit Tiger Rob Deer's rookie card. Along the way he learns lessons about negotiation, friend-

ship and perseverance.

The book is filled with Detroit references and pays homage to the Tigers of the story's present day along with the legendary '84 team.

"I wanted to write something my kids could read, something light and fun," the father of three said. "It's fun and there's a lot of truth to it. ... My bike was stolen and I always thought a quasi-friend did it — that was before the term 'frenemy' came out. Another friend and I would talk about going back to the old neighborhood to crack the case."

It's not lost on Conn the differences between childhood in the '90s and today's youth.

"That was a different world than it is today," he said, noting he has an idea for another story based in the 1960s. "I love stories from my parents during that time. It's those 30-year chunks. I like to especially look at it from a kid's point of view, how much life changes every 30 years."

"... Back then, kids were kids and parents were parents," he added. "Today's kids are treated like adults. With social media, kids have such a voice they didn't have

before."

Conn said he's received positive feedback about "Trade Show." Though it's targeted for boys and/or sports fans, it's an easy read for anyone who enjoys a fun, light story entwined with humor and a touch of nostalgia.

"The funnest part is writing," he said. "The worst part is editing. I loved escaping into the writing."

"Trade Show" is available on Amazon in paperback and eBook versions, as well as on Audible and iTunes.

## About the author

Conn's clever humor not only is displayed in his writing, but in his stand-up as well.

The Canton native got his start in comedy while living in California. He took a class and graduated with a night onstage at The Comedy Store in L.A.

He's since taken the stage at LaughFest, Brew HA-HA, Traverse City Comedy Festival and Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle. He was a finalist in the latter's Detroit to L.A. competition.

"I started 13 years ago," he said, "then a wife and kids slowed the

process down. I've been back full on the last five years, after the pandemic and some other bumps. With comedy, you have to get engrained in the community of comics. I'd go a year, have a baby, go a year, have another baby. We've got three."

Conn and his wife, Kim, have children at Maire Elementary and Pierce Middle schools, as well as University of Detroit High School.

Though he handles business development for a mortgage company as his day job, he hopes to move his clean comedy to the forefront.

"It's a fun hobby," he said. "My goal is, in another year or two, to do that more and do my full-time job less."

He just closed out a successful headlining weekend at One Night Stan's in Waterford and has a gig booked this weekend at MoonShine Nightclub in Ohio.

When he's not onstage, his favorite pastime is being with his family.

For more information, visit [mattconncomedy.com](http://mattconncomedy.com) or find him on Instagram @Matt\_Conn\_Comey or on Facebook @ConnComedy.

# Lobbyist peddles 2,400 miles to raise awareness

Tim Ward of Battle Creek recently returned from a 22-day, 2,400-mile bicycle trek across the state to raise awareness about Chance for Life, a groundbreaking program that successfully trains individuals incarcerated in prisons as they return to communities.

He kicked off his journey July 10, in Grosse Pointe Park, with support from Michigan Speaker of the House Joe Tate and State Sen. Kevin Hertel.

Ward is the president of Michigan Legislative Consultants, a Lansing lobbying firm that has been driving policy change for more than half a century. After 35 years of political consulting, government service and advocacy experience, Ward values societal reform that features innovation and strategic thinking. In Chance for Life, he found

exactly that.

"Chance for Life is a progressive transformational program that works," he said. "The group has developed an approach that changes the community and creates a better future one life at a time."

Through job training, job placement, mentoring and family reintegration, CFL provides the tools needed so core members become rational, critically thinking people who are motivated to help themselves and others.

Ward said the recidivism rate of CFL's core members is just 6 percent.

"This is a bold strategy that breaks the cycle of despair," he said. "By teaching behavioral and life skills, these residents can transition into the community that has changed significantly during their



From left, State Sen. Kevin Hertel; Tim Ward, president of Michigan Legislative Consultants; and Michigan Speaker of the House Joe Tate take a moment for a photo before Ward rides off on his 2,400-mile bicycle journey across Michigan.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

absence. CFL helps people move beyond the mistakes of the past and build brighter futures."

Following the CFL's pledge

to "go the extra mile" for the people they serve, Ward has done the same. Because of his longtime passion for cycling, Ward launched the Trace

Michigan tour. During his 2,400-mile journey, he rode his bicycle around the entire Lower and Upper peninsulas, and returned to Detroit Aug. 3.

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members, and includes a snack.

◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30. The group will dine at Fishbone's in St. Clair Shores. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers; those who opt to drive themselves must still sign up through The Helm. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

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

◆ Bingo and treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes one card and snacks.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Kim Towar-Coulton will speak about the Rotary International

Foundation. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### Friends of GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts its Used Book Sale for Teachers from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, and Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Friends Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. For \$5, teachers can fill a bag with children/young adult books, puzzles and DVDs.

### Benefit

The 30th anniversary Benefit on the Bay VIP Night takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at HOOK Restaurant, 24214 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$250, and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and dinner by Chef Bobby, premium bar including Celani wines and desserts by On the Rise Bakery and Cafe. Guests also are treated to a night with the brothers of the Capuchin ministries, who will speak about their mission. Proceeds

from the night benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Visit [benefitonthebay.org/VIP-Night](http://benefitonthebay.org/VIP-Night) for tickets.

### Harper Woods

The Harper Woods Neighborhood Economic Development Coalition and Christian Financial Credit Union present the 2023 Walkathon, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at Salter Park, 19430 Harper, Harper Woods. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. All ages are welcome and donations are appreci-

ated. To register, email contact information to [teresafoster5@gmail.com](mailto:teresafoster5@gmail.com) with "walkathon august 26" in the subject line.

### 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](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald

Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays. Aug. 31, and Sept. 7, the class examines Joseph Mallord William Turner.

### 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 condi-

### 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.

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## 4B | OBITUARIES

# 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.

## Carol Craig Schaap

Carol Craig Schaap, 85, passed away peacefully Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at home in Grosse Pointe Park. She was a radiant beacon of love, laughter and generosity and left a legacy that will continue to inspire and uplift all who knew her.

Born Oct. 7, 1937, in Detroit, Carol's journey was one marked by adventure and love. She graduated from St. Mary's Commercial High School in 1955. It was there she developed her love for learning and demonstrated her innate ability to organize and motivate others.

Her career was a testament to her unwavering commitment and unparalleled work ethic. Her career took flight as a secretary for the FBI, where her keen attention to detail and unmatched efficiency were deeply valued, and then Parke Davis, before she found her true home as part of Wayne State University. There, she served first as secretary to the chairman of the chemistry department and then as secretary to the president of the university. During her time at Wayne State, she met the love of her life, Professor Paul Schaap. They were married March 16, 1976, in Vail, Colo., and embarked on a beautiful journey of love and companionship that spanned 47 years.

Carol's passions extended beyond her work and family. She loved to tell stories and could make anyone laugh with her witty remarks. Some of her favorite stories revolved around their beloved cabin on Clearwater Lake in northern Minnesota on the edge of the Boundary Waters. Carol was especially fond of reminding everyone her bass was the biggest on the wall. Carol also was the first female member of the Detroit Yacht Club, a fact of which she was very proud.

Carol was an avid traveler, often embarking on memorable adventures with her sisters and husband. She lived for a year in London, where Paul was a visiting scientist with the U.S. Office of Naval Research. A fervent sports fan, Carol followed Detroit teams religiously and had a special affinity for professional tennis. Always keen on staying informed, she kept abreast with current events, sparking conversations that were as enlightening as they were engaging.

Carol was a philanthropist at heart and, with her husband, dedicated significant efforts toward scholarships, community centers and a performing arts center now under construction in Grosse Pointe Park, making a lasting impact on countless lives.

Together with her husband she created the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Foundation, which has touched countless lives, transforming dreams into reality by awarding scholarships to deserving students. Carol's dedication was unwavering, evident with the foundation's

generous pledge of \$5 million to the Foundation for Detroit's Future (The Grand Bargain), which played a significant role in supporting the Detroit Institute of Arts.

To those who knew her, Carol Craig Schaap was more than a name. She was a force, a pillar of strength, a beacon of resilience and a source of unending warmth and love. Her family says, "As we remember Carol, let us strive to embrace her values and her spirit, to carry forward her legacy of love, laughter and generosity."

Carol was the esteemed wife of Dr. A. Paul Schaap, her rock and her confidante; beloved sister to Gwen Glass and Elaine Geshel, who predeceased her; and cherished aunt to Greg Geshel (Darcy), Jessica Glick (Ben), Jamie Geshel, Darrin Schaap, Danielle Andress (Broc), Darcy Baker (Dalen) and Sena Brown (Lewis), lovingly guiding them through life with her wisdom, witty humor and boundless love. To her family, Carol was an anchor and her relationships were built on a bedrock of unwavering love and kindness that echoed her vibrant spirit.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, with a gathering time of 9:30 a.m., at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Attn: Brother Gary Wegner, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Harry Mulford Jewett II

Harry Mulford Jewett II, 89, of Haddam, Conn., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023.

Harry was born July 19, 1934, in Detroit, to Edward H. Jewett and Barbara Boyer Backus. He attended Detroit University School, Eaglebrook School and Berkshire School.

Harry served in the U.S. Army in Germany, as an intelligence reconnaissance officer. Following his military service, he worked for Burroughs Corp., for 32 years.

Harry was married to Eunie Hefferan and raised their four children in Grosse Pointe. He was a lifelong sports enthusiast, with a particular passion for hockey, and could be found coaching his three sons as soon as they could stand on skates. Harry also served on the board of the Detroit Junior Wings.

In retirement, Harry learned to play golf and in his leisure time found much joy in indulging his passion for motor cars, race cars and airplanes. A finer collection of model cars would be hard to find.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Barbara; sons, Robert and William; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and brother, Edward H. Jewett. He was predeceased by his wife, Eunice Hefferan; and his eldest son, Harry.

## Charlotte Cecelia Miller

Charlotte Cecelia Miller, 90, of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023. Charlotte spent her final days surrounded by her loving family.

Charlotte was born June 17, 1933, in Detroit, to Charles and Cecelia (nee Wojt) Beste, both now deceased. After graduating from Dominican High School, she attended Michigan State University. She met Leonard Kieliszewski and the two married and had two sons, Charles and Kevin.

Following Leonard's death, Charlotte was courted by her childhood neighbor, Robert Miller, and wed soon thereafter. They were married for 58 years. She loved to be involved in her children's lives and enjoyed baseball games, Girl Scout activities and everything in between.

In her spare time, she enjoyed working as a red coat administrator for the Society of Automotive Engineers conventions in Detroit. She enjoyed stamp collecting, couponing, shopping for her children and spending time with her sister, Frances Wohler. As an usher at the Masonic Temple Detroit, she was able to enjoy many musical productions.

Charlotte was a pillar of strength and was calm, affectionate, caring and faithful to her Lord, Jesus Christ. She raised her children in true Catholic tradition, demonstrating prudence, justice and fortitude. She made many sacrifices and taught patience, how to love God, love others and respect others.

She is survived by her dear sister, Frances Wohler; and five children, Kevin Kieliszewski (Fawn), Janet Detloff (Curt), Carolyn Miller (Kevin), William Miller (Jennifer) and Paula O'Neill (Brian). Along with her children, she was admired dearly by her nine grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Cecilia, Joseph, Allison, Steven, Charles, Claire and Jonathan.

She was predeceased by her loving parents; husband, Leonard Kieliszewski; brother, David Beste; grandson, Patrick O'Neill; son, Charles Miller; and husband, Robert Miller.

Visitation took place Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc. She will lie in state Thursday, Aug. 17, from 9:30 a.m. until her funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake St., St. Clair Shores. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlotte's name to the American Heart Association, [heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW](http://heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW); or Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, [thecapuchins.org/donate](http://thecapuchins.org/donate).

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Carol Craig Schaap



Harry Mulford Jewett II



Charlotte Cecelia Miller



Robert Winston Hughes



Melissa Schwope



Richard Semack

## Robert Winston Hughes

Robert Winston Hughes, 35, a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident, died suddenly Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, in Charleston, S.C.

Winston, the son of Daniel R. Hughes and the late Virginia "Didi" Thibodeau Hughes, was born June 1, 1988. He attended Grosse Pointe South High School, Blue Ridge Academy and University Liggett School.

Winston graduated magna cum laude from Curry College in Milton, Mass. While there, he studied graphic design, information technology and applied computing.

A self-described "web developer, designer and geek," Winston pursued his love of all things computer-related and turned his passion into a successful career. In his younger days, he was always happy to assist the "technologically challenged." Many Grosse Pointers benefited from his early tech skills and the patient, caring assistance and training he provided.

After college, Winston worked for many years at Ball and Buck and American Field as a web developer. Later he joined the U.S. Air Force, served at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif., and completed tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2020, Winston joined the home product company, simplehuman, as its senior web developer, where he excelled and flourished as a team member.

Winston lived in South Carolina and became a passionate lover of the South. When not working, he enjoyed the great outdoors, a good cigar and making new friends. Throughout his life he made frequent visits to the Les Cheneaux Islands in the Upper Peninsula. Always by his side were his beloved Labrador retrievers, Callie Mae and Ella Rae.

Winston is survived by his devoted father, Dan; brothers, Spencer and Hunter; and Dan's partner, Libby Candler. He loved his extended family of many aunts, uncles, cousins and large circle of friends. Winston, with his infectious smile, boundless enthusiasm and twinkle in his eye, will be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, <https://bit.ly/3qnqlsN>; or K9s for Warriors, <https://bit.ly/3OyDT22>.

ly/3OyDT22.

For more information about Winston's Celebration of Life on Saturday, Sept. 23, email [rwinston.celebration@gmail.com](mailto:rwinston.celebration@gmail.com).

## Melissa Schwope

Melissa "Missy" Schwope (nee O'Gorman), 74, passed away surrounded by her loving family Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, after a long illness. Her faith did not end in death, as it lies in the hearts of those who knew her as they live their days to the fullest in her honor.

A lifetime Grosse Pointe resident and parishioner at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Missy graduated from Academy of the Sacred Heart in 1967. She attended Michigan State University and graduated from Wayne State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in finance. She had a successful career in financial planning with Merrill Lynch and Oppenheimer.

She also was a member of the Junior League of Detroit. Missy loved to sail and spent many summers crewing on sailboats in Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Huron for the Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

In 2002, she married her one true love and enjoyed 21 years of devoted marriage.

Missy was the daughter of the late John Jr. and Jane O'Gorman of Grosse Pointe, and sister of the late John O'Gorman III (Christina) of Austin, Texas.

Melissa is survived by her husband, William C. Schwope of Grosse Pointe; stepson, Matthew Schwope (Susan) of Milford; grandchildren, Emily and Maddie Schwope; brothers, Louis O'Gorman (Mary) of Macomb Township, Mark O'Gorman (Alison) of Grand Rapids and Timothy O'Gorman (Nancy) of Rossmoor, Calif.; sisters, Amanda O'Gorman of St. Clair Shores and Helen Johnson (Basil) of Grosse Pointe; 17 nieces and nephews and 10 grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. She will lie in state beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association of Michigan, [donate.mi.als.org/give/421478/#!/donation/checkout](http://donate.mi.als.org/give/421478/#!/donation/checkout).

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Richard "Rick" Semack

Richard "Rick" Semack, 76, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023. He was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe.

Rick was born Sept. 28, 1946, in West Mifflin, Pa., the only child of Charles and Barbara Semack. He graduated from West Mifflin High School and attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. He joined AAA Michigan and worked there nearly 40 years. One of his crowning achievements at AAA was his involvement as a lobbyist in passing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which required the inclusion of airbags in vehicles and made seatbelt usage mandatory.

Rick was a former president of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association and head coach for several teams. He coached hundreds of kids in the Grosse Pointe area, teaching them how to play hockey. Rick ran the GPHA skating school almost 20 years. He also was a lifelong Detroit Red Wings season ticket holder.

Rick was a passionate sailor, loved the sailing community and was a member of Bayview Yacht Club nearly 30 years.

At Richard's request, there will be no visitation or services. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Jack McSorley college scholarship fund through Eastside Youth Sports Foundation, [esysf.com](http://esysf.com); or the Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, [bycjuniorsailing.org/donate](http://bycjuniorsailing.org/donate).

Rick is survived by the love of his life, Ann Murphy. He is remembered with love by his sons, Michael (Mary), Greg (Dolly) and Douglas, and their mother, Carol Semack. He also was loved by his stepchildren, Jim (Maia), Jennifer (Bill) and Troy; his grandchildren, Ansley (Joe), Lauren, Katie, Sydney, Morgan, Nick, Veronica, Ian and Anna; and great-grandchildren, Sophia and Isla.

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Linda Lee Ritter



Liana Drath

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### Linda Lee Ritter

Linda Lee Ritter, 80, of Marietta and formerly of Muskegon, passed away at home Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023.

Linda was born May 25, 1943, in Muskegon, to Clarence Rudolph and Aline Belle (nee Hendrick) Gay. She graduated from Muskegon High School and Western Michigan University. On Sept. 8, 1961, she married Raymond Ralph Ritter Jr.

Linda was a teacher for Montague Schools before becoming a sales rep for Varsity Sport Fashions. Linda and Ray were long-time members of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. She also was president of the Michigan Cheerleaders Coaches Association.

Linda will be deeply missed by her husband, Ray Ritter; son, Kevin Ritter (Khadine); grandchildren, Liam and Anna Ritter; sister, Pennie Kampenga; and brother, Barry Gray (Sue). Linda was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral was held Sunday, Aug. 13, at Freedom Gate Church in Marietta, Ohio. Pastor Rodney Lord officiated. Online tributes may be made at RobertsFuneral

Home.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Hospice, 27885 St. Rt. 7, Marietta, OH 45750.

### Liana Drath

Liana Drath, 84, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Liana was born Aug. 3, 1939. Everything she touched became beautiful. She imbued everything around her with love and style. She turned seemingly simple or expected things in life into celebrations, family traditions and occasions.

Liana and her husband, Kurt Drath, were married 62 years. Together they traveled the world and charmed those who met them. She shared her love and knowledge, entertaining and engaging those close to her and those she met and welcomed. She will be missed, but will continue to live on in the lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband, Kurt Drath; children, Andreas Drath (Loi) and Rita Richardson (John); grandchildren, Charlotte, Polyxeni, Kurt and Ruth; and cousin, Panagiotis Damplias.

*Eternal and Zoe Se Sas*  
A memorial service is planned for a later date.

# Elbows are out at start of race

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Vegas Vickie held the cards in the Aug. 1 sailboat race off Windmill Pointe.

"We had a really great start," said John Stevens, skipper.

The boat, a custom, 31-foot sloop designed in France, is officially named Sprint 7.

It's known by the Stetson-wearing cowgirl insignia on the mainsail of Stevens' two sons' D Las Vegas and Circa casinos.

"The wind was perfect for the conditions," said Stevens, a former City of Grosse Pointe councilman. "The boat went upwind like a true champion."

The race was organized by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, based at Windmill Pointe Park.

Club members are celebrating the organization's 75th anniversary and 63 years hosting the Tuesday Sundown Series of multi-class races beginning and ending a few feet from viewers standing on the park's main pier.

"People see the start of the race, the boats jockeying for position," said Denise Cotter, a member of the race committee. "If it's a start where boats are close to each other, you may hear some blue language between crews."

Races follow a roughly seven-mile course up Lake St. Clair, across the freighter channel, about as high as the Little Club and back. Most skippers finish within 90 minutes.

A steady, 10-mph breeze from the south



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Sprint 7 nears the starting line in first place during Heat 1 of the Aug. 1 Tuesday Night Sundown Series sailboat race, organized by the 75-year-old Grosse Pointe Sail Club at Windmill Pointe Park.**

Aug. 1 mimicked conditions of a race late May. Streams of air from a spiral source over eastern Lake Erie headed west before changing direction over Point Pelee, Ontario, Canada, across Lake St. Clair and straight up the main dock at Windmill Pointe Park.

"The wind's faster than I thought it was going to be this morning," said Barb Samra, principle race officer. "This morning, there was no air at all. Nothing, zilch, nada."

Conditions turned nearly ideal for Stevens' boat to be first across the starting and finish lines.

"Sprint 7 is designed as an upwind sailer with a lot of reaching capabilities," Stevens said. "It's lighter than average, only 2,300 pounds. It's a real thriller. A lot of young guys want to sail with us. Most of the other boats are 4,000 pounds."

Boats in seven heats start at five-minute intervals, the first at 7 p.m.

Each heat is counted down and marked by signal flags, a horn and cannon fire. Many people on the dock cover their ears.

About one minute before each heat, skippers start crowding the starting line. This is when most action of the race occurs.

Wind is horsepower to sailors. Each skipper wants to cross the line at the most upwind position and with the most wind filling however many sails they can raise without tipping over.

"We're always looking for clear air," Stevens said. "Our boat's small, so sometimes a big boat shows up and takes the breeze away. We're always looking for clear air and an unencumbered departure. Once we do that, we sail our own race."

"This is a beer can race," Cotter said. "It's for fun. It's to introduce people to sailing by putting a new crew member on your boat to get a feel of what a race is like."

Sailing is considered a Corinthian sport, very pip pip and cheerio.

"We see people out there helping each other when necessary," Cotter said. "There are rules of the road, just as when you're driving, as most people follow them."

Stevens races in the PHRF A class, the first heat of the night.

"I sail a sportsmanlike race," he said. "Some guys are a little shrewd. They try to sneak in there. Barging is a no-no. One guy tried to barge on us and we pushed him over. He had to make a U-turn and go behind us."

Barging is when an

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## Youth Nautical Education Foundation buys new boats for high school sailing

In metro Detroit, there are 28 high school sailing teams, including Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School. High school events — which include various local, regional and national qualification events — take place in spring or fall at various sailing centers in the Midwest. Special matched sailboats are needed to host these events.

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has a fleet of matched boats that exceed 20 years of use and many are in need of



**The Youth Nautical Education Foundation has taken on the project to raise funds and purchase 20 new 420e matched sailboats, which will be delivered early September.**

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repairs. At its request, the Youth Nautical Education Foundation has taken on the project to raise funds and purchase 20 new 420e matched sailboats,

which will be delivered early September. YNEF has worked this year to raise \$220,000 through its Summer Breeze party in May and personal dona-

tions.

The addition of these new boats will qualify GPYC and local high schools to host important Tier 1 and 2 regional and

national events and will draw in high schools from around Michigan and other states in the region.

Two major regattas have been assigned to GPYC this fall as a result of the new boats and are expected to draw schools from around the Midwest. The MISSA Girls Championship, which takes place Sept. 23 and 24, is a qualifier for the ISSA Girls National Invitational in San Diego Oct. 14 and 15. The East Great Lakes Qualifier MI takes place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The success of local high school teams in past years has been outstanding, with schools qualifying for national events consistently. This MISSA sailing region is one of seven regions in the U.S. and includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

The YNEF is a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to promote national and international amateur sailing, maritime education, competition and water safety. For more information, visit ynef.org.

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Larita Hill won a Paper Plate Award for having the biggest heart. She is pictured with Stephanie DiVirgil, Full Circle operations and programs coordinator.

### Full Circle Garden Party puts on display of TEAMwork

The Full Circle Foundation hosted its 2023 Garden Party & End of Summer Celebration at its Edible Garden the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 2. The event featured a special performance by the Full Circle Choir, Paper Plate Awards, pizza and ice cream.



Full Circle's Edible Garden now includes 53 garden beds — up from 20 when the garden first was planted in 2012.

Theresa Miller leads the Full Circle Choir with handbell cards.



Kevin Sperry received a Paper Plate Award for being a Detroit Tigers fan and being able to do a play-by-play of the games. He was presented the award by TEAM 26 coordinator Regan White, while TEAM 26 coordinator Meaghan Post looks on.

PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT

### RACE:

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upwind boat dives between another boat and the mark at the start. Rules state a windward boat must keep clear of a leeward boat. The reason is the windward boat is capturing more wind and, therefore, has greater maneuverability than the leeward boat, which, by definition, has less air.

“It’s lots of fun,” Stevens said. “The Grosse Pointe Sail Club puts on a phenomenal race. I’m thrilled with what the club has done.” Membership in the club has little to do with owning a boat nor knowing a halyard from a head. “Basically, we’re two facets: racing and social,” Commodore Mary Fraser said. “We’re a paper club. We hold most events at the Tompkins

(Community) Center. Anyone who’d like to come as a guest one night, I’d be happy to have them as my guest so they can see what’s going on.” Social events this month included a 75th anniversary regatta cocktail party, Friday, Aug. 11, and a 75th anniversary regatta Saturday, Aug. 12. Upcoming are a commodore’s party, chili party and lobster roast.

Member Frank Berardi and his wife joined for the fun. “I’m not really a sailor,” he said. “I ended up crewing on a couple of boats and did a fair amount of sailing that way, but I’m not a skipper.” Remaining races this year are Tuesdays, Aug. 22 and 29; and Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26. In the Aug. 1 race, Sprint 7 finished first overall by the clock.

But, by the alchemy of the sailboat handicap system, was credited with second place in its heat. Winners are listed by heat, boat name, boat type, skipper, corrected time and club: ◆ PHRF A: My Girl, C&C 115, John Raguse, 01:16:29. GPSC; ◆ Cruising: The Voyager, S2 9.1, Roy Lamphier, 01:03:08, Detroit Yacht Club; ◆ JAM: Stargazer,

Beneteau First 38s5, Marc Rozenthal, 01:02:52, Bayview Yacht Club; ◆ PHRF B: Kopp Out, J 80, Tom and Jenn Kopp, 00:59:44, Bayview; ◆ Cal 25: WhiteFang, Cal 25-1, John Harper, 1:00:11, Bayview; ◆ PHRF C: Go Train, Kirby 25, Will Parkolab, 00:58:07, Bayview; and ◆ Crescent: Moxie, Crescent, Katie Potter, 00:59:47, Detroit Sail Club.

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## Partnership provides 'Care Companions' for pediatric patients

The Detroit Zoological Society, along with University of Michigan Health, have formed a partnership that is putting smiles on the faces of children at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

More than 100 "Care Companions" — also known as "plush" animals — recently were distributed to pediatric patients at the Ann Arbor hospital, where children got the chance to act as a veterinarian or zoo-keeper and provide medical care to "polar bears," "tigers," "giraffes" and more.

"Participating in this kind of play is just one way to help children feel comfortable with and active in their own care when spending time in the hospital," said Nadia Thompson, education specialist for the Detroit Zoological Society. "Being in the hospital for any amount of time can be stressful for not just the children, but their families as well. We want to be a light in their day and bring smiles to their faces however we can and the Care Companions program makes that all possible."

The program is a collaboration between the



DZS education team and University of Michigan Health. DZS team members plan to visit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital on a quarterly basis to provide these plush animals to pediatric patients. "C.S. Mott is excited to partner with the Detroit Zoological Society to help spread joy to our 'Little Victors' through the Care Companions program," said Luanne Ewald, chief operating officer at Mott. "We are thankful to DZS for helping bring entertainment and fun to our 'Little Victors' and their families during difficult times."

The partnership already is providing lasting memories for children and families. A 12-year-old patient, who received his plush animal penguin from the Detroit

Zoo years ago, brings Petey everywhere he goes, including to every appointment and procedure — meaning the plush is certainly well-loved. When DZS and Michigan team members discovered the boy's love for Petey, they made sure to give him a brand-new plush penguin so Petey could have a new friend to play with.

"The teams taking notice to Zakaria's love for Petey was heartwarming," said Kelly Byska, Zakaria's mother. "Seeing the joy he brought to Zakaria during his hospital stay was priceless."

The Care Companions program is part of a series of partnerships the DZS has with other local hospitals, including Children's Hospital of Michigan.



Patients of varying ages were enamored with their Care Companions, courtesy of the Detroit Zoo and University of Michigan Health.

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## Ready to rock

The rock band Artificial Agent, featuring City of Grosse Pointe resident Derek Jendza on lead vocals and his brother, Bradley, on bass, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Cadieux Cafe. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Visit [cadieuxcafe.com](http://cadieuxcafe.com).

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Rude passenger expects easy ride

**Dear Gabby:** I recently had a situation when I was traveling on an airplane for my summer vacation. I scheduled myself to have a window seat, as I get a little nervous when I fly, (for some reason, the window seat makes me feel more comfortable.)

A mom of some younger kids approached me after I was settled in (they were about 8 and 10 years old I would estimate) and said that I "needed" to move seats with her so that she could sit next to her two children, who were next to me. She was seated across from them in our row, but in a middle seat.

She was very off-putting in her approach and acted like she was entitled to the seat that I signed up for when I bought my ticket. She didn't ask very nicely, and in fact was

outright rude.

Truthfully, I didn't want to sit in a middle seat. As a fellow parent, I understood this mom's plight, but I did not switch seats with her middle seat for my window seat. She was very close in proximity to her kids, so I was OK with telling her I wouldn't move.

She called me a name and gave me the stink eye the entire flight.

Was I wrong not to switch seats with her? I would've honestly considered it if it had been a window seat to a window seat, but I can't really fly sitting in the middle seat without my nerves being shot.

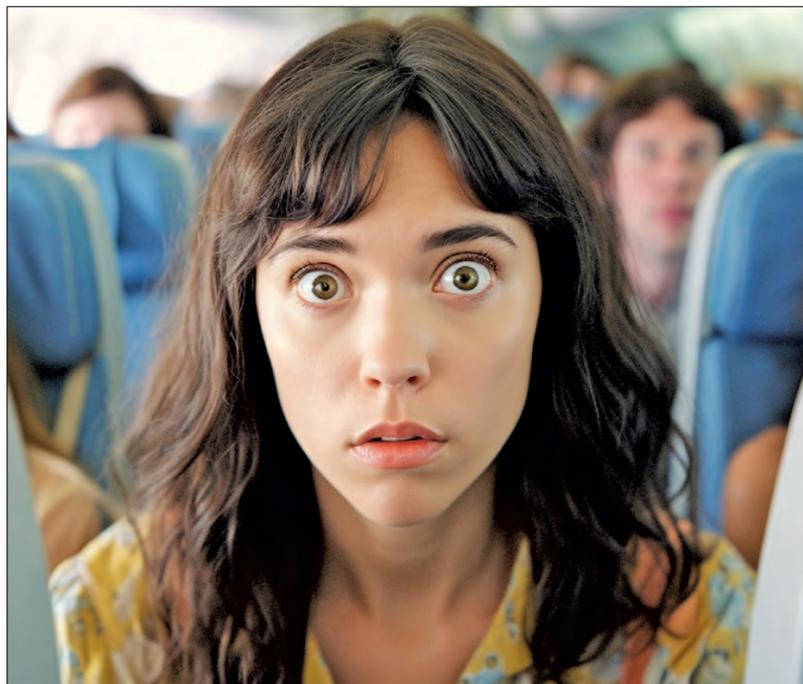
What is the proper airplane etiquette? And do you think this woman was entitled to my seat?

— Fearful Flier in the Farms

**Dear Fearful Flier in the Farms,**

I am sorry you experienced such rudeness on your flight. It is perfectly acceptable to say no when someone asks you to switch seats on a plane. You should get what you paid for and to your point, some passengers have certain preferences based on varying circumstances.

It is also acceptable to ask a passenger to switch seats but the person asking must be prepared for a "NO." Be sure that your ask to switch is comparable or a better offer. Asking someone to give up their spacious seat in the front of the plane for a seat in the back next to the bathroom is not a fair trade.



In both scenarios, it's best to proceed with kindness and grace. An uncomfortable encounter can make for a long flight for both parties. If you need to say no to the switch, say no as nicely as possible. If you can say

yes to help a fellow passenger and it doesn't put you out, well you'll have some good karma coming your way. When in doubt, help someone out. Kindest regards,

Danielle Kovachevich

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## Never enough for the In-laws

**DEAR ANNIE:** My husband and I welcomed our first child in March. My husband is a child of divorce and has a mother with a long history of narcissistic behaviors. Both of his families and my family live two hours from where we live.

We have run into a problem in which grandparents want to see our son frequently. My husband and I work full time, and I work one Saturday a month. My mother-in-law expects to see my son once per month; however, we have friends we like to see and other family members as well. Any weekend we have plans, I cannot freely post anything to social media

because MIL will have extreme jealousy that we are hanging out with my parents or my father-in-law.

We were supposed to see them four weeks ago, but I became violently ill and we canceled. We asked them to come the following Saturday, and they declined, as they were getting back from a trip the day prior and would want to recover. Anyway, this past weekend, my grandma came to meet my son. I posted a photo, and my MIL lost her mind. She was gaslighting my husband, saying we are hurting her deliberately and that we are keeping our child from seeing her. My husband grew

up being treated like this and says we just need to ignore her, but I cannot live my life like this. — FRUSTRATED, NEW MOM.

**DEAR NEW MOM:** First of all, congratulations on the birth of your child! It sounds like you and your husband are doing a great job managing work, parenthood and family. You are doing the best you can in terms of making an effort with your MIL; it's not your fault that your schedule does not align with hers.

So long as she is not bringing any of this negativity with her when she does come to visit, I would continue to invite

her to see the baby when it works for both your schedules. When she starts acting out in this manner, however, I would listen to your husband, who has been dealing with this his entire life. Pay no attention to her tantrums.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I'm a 50-year-old mom who lives in rural Georgia. My mother is a social worker in northern California. My 10-year-old daughter loves her grandmother so much. We are planning a vacation to Myrtle Beach for my daughter's birthday celebration. I invited my mom to come with us. She said that she won't



## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

be joining but is instead going on a trip to Boston to see her friend.

She always says family is more important than friends. I know when I tell this to my daughter, she will be devastated that Grandma is skipping her birthday trip to see friends. — DISTRAUGHT IN GEORGIA

**DEAR DISTRAUGHT:** It sounds like the bond your mother and daughter have with each other is very close, which is special. It's not easy to deliver

news you know will disappoint your little girl, but try to show your mother some grace as well. It's possible she had this trip booked far in advance.

Suggest that your mother allot time for a video call on your daughter's birthday to join virtually in your festivities. Hopefully, this will tide everyone over until she is able to belatedly celebrate in-person next..

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I used to think expensive pajamas were overrated. Up until a few weeks ago, I almost exclusively bought PJs at Target and similarly priced stores. I have an entire drawer of cheap pajamas I never wear because the fabric is scratchy, they shrunk in the dryer or they just don't fit well for a variety of reasons.

Let's face it, even though sleepwear from Target and Amazon is budget-friendly, it only takes a few washes for the fabric to become see-through or a button to fall off. While there are still many pairs of Target pajamas I love and wear regularly, I figured it was time to purchase something a little better.

A few bloggers I follow on Instagram were promoting a company called Lake Pajamas a few weeks ago. The company was having a huge sale and many of their pajama sets were more than 50 percent off.

Over the years, I've seen people online absolutely rave about this company and how soft their robes and sleepwear are.

When I visited the website and saw how many cute things were on sale, I knew I was going to buy something.



I ended up grabbing an adorable PJ set in a floral print and couldn't wait for it to arrive.

When I opened the

package, I literally could not believe how soft and pretty they were! I wore them to sleep the first night they arrived (and almost every night since) and they are just the most comfortable and cozy pajamas money can buy.

Lake Pajamas are made

of 100 percent Peruvian Pima cotton, which is known for its softness and strength. The smooth and silky knit is somehow cozy

and cooling at the same time, so it's perfect for every type of sleeper.

After wearing and loving my pajama set from Lake, I ordered another set as a birthday gift for one of my dear friends. She absolutely loves them as well!

Many of their pajamas have a simple, classic silhouette in stunning striped and floral prints. The company was founded in Savannah, Ga., and now carries pajamas for men, women and children.

I am giving Lake Pajamas 5 out of 5 alligators, because they are super high quality and definitely worth the price for every member of the family.

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# Tomato and garlic confit

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Tomatoes are in full swing this time of year and so is garlic. What better way to make use of them than a vegetable confit.

The word confit is French and is a method of cooking meat or vegetables in fat as a way of preserving them and storing in the same fat they're cooked in. Today, I'm using olive oil.

Small cherry tomatoes pair perfectly with peeled cloves of garlic. They're the same size which means they cook for the same time.

Fresh herbs add an aroma that make your house smell like the

place everyone wants to be. You can use any herb. Basil, rosemary, thyme, chives and even lavender are great additions.

The oil comes out infused with creamy and smashable garlic that spreads perfectly on a toasted baguette.

You can even turn this into a pasta sauce. End your summer right with this one. Or, store in the fridge for later.

Cheers, Mombeau

## Tomato Confit

2 pints cherry tomatoes

1 head of garlic

1 cup olive oil

½ cup fresh herbs

Preheat your oven to 350.

Peel the head of garlic into individual cloves and add to a baking dish along with the tomatoes, olive oil and 1/4 cup of the herbs.

Save half of the herbs for a fresh garnish once the dish is cooked.

Season with salt and pepper and toss everything together.

Cook for one hour stirring halfway. Enjoy with crusty bread.

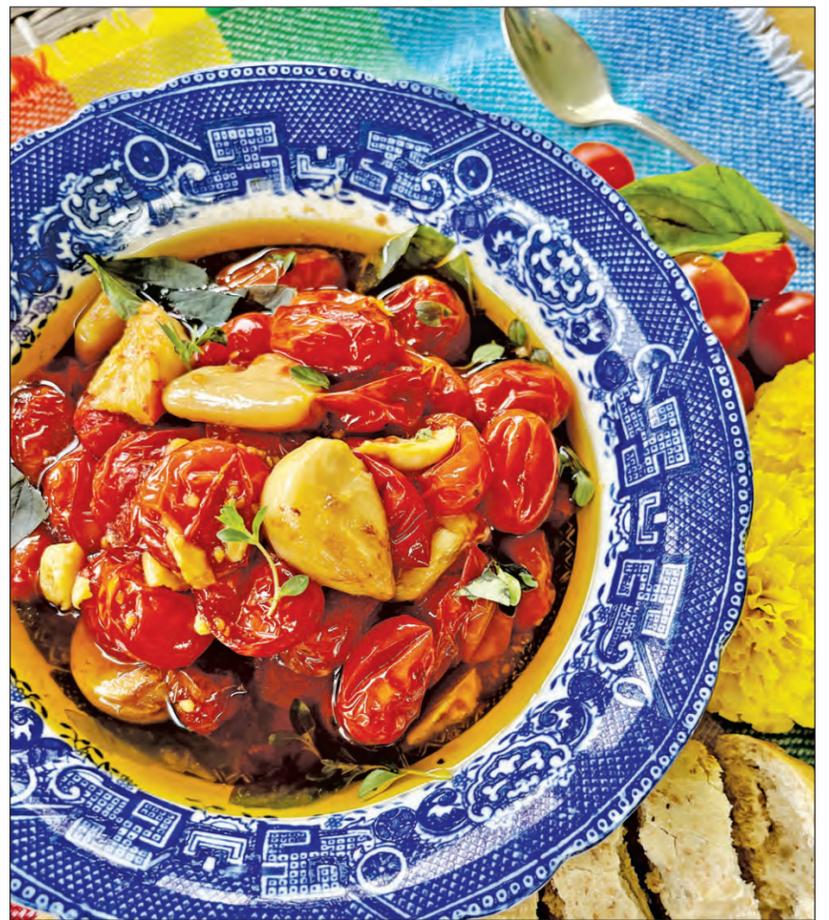


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## Bargain wine shopping

We've all faced this same dilemma: staring at a retail wine shop wall of wine bottles that carry labels without one that's recognizable.

The prices mostly seem reasonable, but we don't know enough to determine which wine is worth the \$8.99 or \$12.99 being asked for it. We're not looking for a great wine, just something that's a decent value. Yes, there are some values at higher price points, but only sophisticated buyers will know which ones they are.

in my private wine newsletter, as well as in my other wine-writing responsibilities. And I employ a certain strategy that I rarely put into print. So, here are a few of those ideas:

### •Pay attention to the vintage

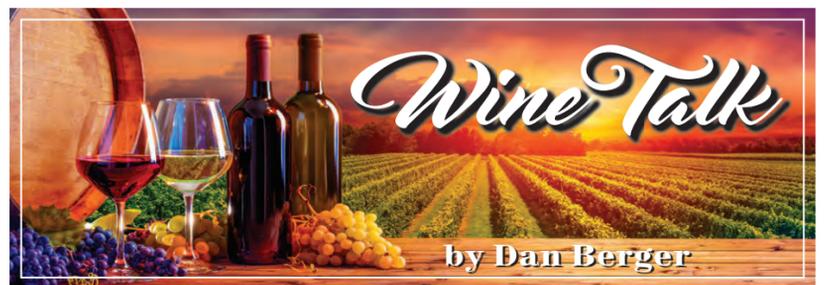
The vintage date really doesn't make a lot of difference if the wine is from California or Washington state. Both regions can make good wine just about any vintage. But this admoni-

ularly pink wines from other countries.

With rose wines, younger is usually better. Older pink wines can be tired. I recently saw a 2020 rosé from South Africa on a discount store shelf selling for \$3.99. Since it is now 3 1/2 years old, it probably is faded. I passed on it.

### •Pay attention to the appellation

"California" on a label tells you nothing; the grapes could have come



where in between. But if you find a wine that says it came from an area you are completely unfamiliar with, it may be a little risky to purchase.

By law, the country of origin must be on the label.

The district name makes a lot more sense when it comes to other countries, in particular places like France and Italy, where the wine usually reflects the area from which its grapes came.

If the appellation is not narrowly identified, the bottling location may give you a clue as to what is in the wine.

If the phrase on the label says the wine was "Imported and Bottled by..." followed by a city, that phrase implies that the wine was shipped here in bulk and bottled at the location listed. This doesn't always reflect very much about the quality, but it tells you a little bit about how much the wine probably ought to sell for.

Finer wines rarely are treated this way.

### •The smaller the appellation, the better the wine tends to be

A few years ago, I purchased two rose wines that were the same price. One label said it was from the Rhone Valley; the other said it was from, "Costiere de Nimes" — a smaller sub-region of the Rhone Valley. The latter wine was much better.

Knowing a bit about appellations can be very important. Australian wines that say they come from the massive area called South Eastern Australia often are inexpensive.

However, wines that say they come from South Australia, a smaller region that's typically a little cooler and more oriented toward quality, tend to be slightly higher in price and usually are worth it.

Even better are wines from Australia's Northern Victoria, which makes some terrific, cool-climate wines.

In the finer wine districts of France, the name of the district identifies the grape variety or the family of grapes that by law are required to be in that area.

If you should see a wine that has the name

of a grape variety on the label, such as chardonnay, the wine was never intended to be regional and thus usually is not particularly exceptional — or pricey.

### •All Champagnes have bubbles and will be relatively expensive

But not all sparkling wines are Champagne, and prices can vary radically. (This idea is mentioned here to alert restaurant diners to pay attention to the labels on all bottles of "champagne," just in case a server "accidentally" uses that term generically.)

No Wine of the Week.

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Sweeter styles of rosé such as Californian blush Zinfandel, as well as rosés from the southern hemisphere, are definitely made to be drunk as young as possible.

I frequently scour wine shop shelves for bargains, to write about

tion really does pay dividends when it comes to certain wines, partic-

from anywhere — from Imperial County to Modoc County and any-

## The cork problem

You may recall the issue of so-called cork taint that ravaged the wine industry not so long ago.

Many natural corks were infected with a compound called TCA (short for trichloroanisole, which forms through interactions between plant phenols, chlorine and mold). TCA was a huge problem until recently, spoiling many bottles of wine, including some of the most expensive, with an unpleasant, musty aroma.

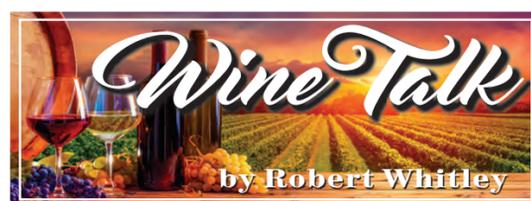
The TCA issue prompted many wineries to switch to screwcap closures despite initial resistance from the distribution chain, which feared a consumer back-

lash because screwcaps had previously been used mostly for cheap wines or jug wines.

Some producers of fine wine resisted the transition and moved away from natural corks to what are described as "composite" corks made up of various materials. Now we have a different problem.

Many of the composite corks are difficult to work with and, in some cases, dangerous because of the sheer force required to extract them from the bottle. Be careful when you encounter one of these monstrosities.

I've had the lever on the corkscrew slip off the top of the bottle and stab my hand because of



the force required to simply get the cork to move a fraction of an inch. I've bent several of my less sturdy corkscrews.

Extracting a cork from a bottle of wine shouldn't be that difficult, and it definitely shouldn't be dangerous. There are composite corks that work, permitting soft entry with the corkscrew and easy extraction, but they are few and far between.

My solution is a return to natural corks for wineries that insist on having a cork in the

bottle. The cork industry has cleaned up its act and solved most of the problems that promoted the spread of TCA. At the wine competitions I oversee, we open thousands of bottles over the course of a weekend. We have seen a dramatic drop in the number of wines rejected because of TCA, from double digits at the peak of the problem to less than 1% today.

It's high time to return to natural cork as the primary wine closure, especially for age-worthy red wines.



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**PICTURE PERFECT**

Little models Olivia, above left and Charlotte, above right, of Grosse Pointe, showcase the ideal outfits for school picture day!

Olivia wears a matching two-piece quilted jacket and skirt in dramatic black with white trim and sweet pearl bows on the pockets, over a comfy white tee. Her shoes are stylish black loafers with gold trim. Olivia's adorable ensemble and shoes are from Connie's Children's Shop.

Charlotte wears a Lilly Pulitzer UPF 50+ Luxletic girls mini Frida puff-sleeve polo and a Lilly Pulitzer UPF 50+ Maryana skirt featuring front pockets and an undershort. Charlotte wears iconically-chic Palm Beach leather sandals, available in multiple colors. Charlotte's outfit and shoes are available from Village Palm.

Lilly Pulitzer pens, far left, are a great gift for starting a fresh new school year. The pretty Lilly Pulitzer stainless steel water bottle in Pink Peony Seaside Scene print, middle left, keeps your child's drink cold all day long while adding some fun to her day. The bright Lilly Pulitzer large agenda notebook is available in a variety of floral prints. With weekly and daily page views, notes pages, and more. All these accessories are from Village Palm.



# Great style on a budget is as easy as

A

B

C

By Anne Gryzenia and Olivia Monette

This year, we are all about shopping smart for back to school fashion. To curate a closet full of adorable yet affordable looks for kids, we went on a mission to find cute, stylish pieces that are budget-friendly.

After visiting our wonderful local stores and beyond, we found a range of high and low childrens' wardrobe essentials that can be mixed and matched all year long. Sharpen those pencils and get ready to take good notes!

Here are the A-B-Cs of fashion for this fall, focusing on important basics that will make getting dressed for school fun and easy for moms, dads and kids.

## A is for Active:

The kids will be ready to burn some energy on the playground in these comfortable and relaxed pieces. Sporty Campus Shop and Connie's Children's Shop tops pair perfectly with durable and affordable Target finds! Did you know the leggings at Target come with a reinforced knee? Perfect for kids that are always go, go, go!

## B is for Bright:

Kids clothing is the perfect time to bring on the bright colors. Let your child's personality shine through in their colorful wardrobe! Connie's Children's Shop is the perfect local destination for all things clothes, shoes, and accessories for kids. On our last visit to the shop, we fell in love with so many things. One of our favorites was the rainbow star sweatshirt, featured below. Paired with items from Target, it's easy to make multiple great outfits out of just a few pieces.

## C is for Comfy:

Is there anything cozier than a fall cardigan? We think not! Classrooms can be chilly and a soft sweater is a necessary addition to every closet. Grab some sweaters from Connie's Children's Shop and H&M to turn any outfit into a chic yet cozy look.

Don't forget: C is also for Connie's Children's Shop — for all things kids. Great shoes and uniforms that help you get ready in no time. Connie's is stocked full of all the on-trend styles that kids love to wear, in school and afterward.

Have fun mixing and matching these great pieces to create a fall wardrobe that brings style and comfort to the upcoming school year. Go be amazing!



### GO WILD!

No "kitten"...This cute animal print cardigan, left, from Connie's Children's Shop, is the cozy back-to-school style she'll love.



### GO TOGETHER!

This ultra-soft striped shirt and comfy gray joggers are an unbeatable style duo for those days when comfort is a goal. Both from Target.



Black leggings are today's go-with-anything staple. Make sure to have a few pairs to wash and wear. From Target.



### GO TEAM!

This athletic-inspired black and white cardigan, above, is from H&M.



Super-adorable black athletic skort, above, will have your child doing cartwheels it's so cute! It's from Target.

Your little baller can rule the sneaker game in the Nike Blazer Mid '77, left. The vintage look and comfortable feel transcend the hardwood. From nike.com.



Let your kids enjoy maximum comfort in the classroom with soft UGG® Kids Tazz Leather slippers, left. With a chunky sole, these slips can be worn outdoors too. From ugg.com.



## JUST PEACHY



Campus Shop vintage Grosse Pointe logo hat is a sunny topper for fall days.



Good Days graphic t-shirt and peach leggings, left, make a delicious combo with a fun retro vibe. Both from Target.

## YOU'RE A RISING STAR



Classic Grosse Pointe crewneck sweatshirt from the Campus Shop is rad to the max.



A butter-soft rainbow star sweatshirt, above, from Connie's Children's Shop is a stellar look for the first day of school.

Match it with anything, like this cobalt blue athletic skirt from Target. Super cute!



Connie's Children's Shop's Mini Lane Stripe sneakers, above, feature a colorful exterior crafted from leather with a lace up front.

## "POINTE", SET, MATCH!



Pair it perfectly with sleek jeggings from Target — for a go-to look that works all year round.

# COOL FOR SCHOOL

## B O Y S S W E A R



### TOP OF THE CLASS

Peace, love, GP – what could be better? Your kids will rock this cool and sporty cap on the walk to and from school. From the Campus Shop.

Patagonia Kids' down sweater, at left, is insulated with warm, compressible 600-fill-power 100% recycled down. Layers easily for warmth on cool fall days or chilly nights at the big game. Get it at Ridge Crest Outfitters.



Southern Tide Kids Sun Farer Upper Deck long-sleeve cotton hoodie is the perfect choice to keep him cozy. The cuffed sleeves and kangaroo pocket store warmth while the Skipjack on the front lets him show off his Southern Tide pride. From Newport.

### STAR CHILD

Hacci all-in-one sweatshirt and drawstring pant set is so soft and versatile, it's bound to become a staple all season long. Navy blue stars add style and the waist band stretches with you. Homework has never been more comfortable! From Connie's Children's Shop.

Silky soft and supportive Tommy John underwear, below, is naturally breathable with a luxurious feel against his skin. The high-quality fabric is non-pilling – so you'll never see those annoying little lint balls or fuzz, no matter how many times they are washed. For him, from Glitter & Scotch.



### TERRY-TOUGH

Every boy needs a pair of athletic joggers, like the Southern Tide Boys Sun Farer terry joggers, at left. These comfy pants have a hint of contrasting color and a tonal Skipjack logo under the pocket. Every-day comfort and durability for your young ruffian, from Newport.

Make running around look great! Black athletic material sweat-pants with navy and green accents, above, feature a soft, comfortable drawstring waist and handy zip pockets. Available at Connie's Children's Shop.

### GREAT TEES IN THREES

Calling all the Jeep peeps! This tee is so soft –perfect for warm sunny after-school days cruising Lakeshore with your friends. From Glitter & Scotch.

Load up for a day at the beach like the skipjack carrying all its beach gear on this Southern Tide Kids Day at the Beach 100% cotton T-shirt. Buy it at Newport.

The iconic post-school meeting spot: Jerry's! It's no wonder this shirt is a favorite among Grosse Pointe kids of all ages. All yours from the Campus Shop.



# Top grade shoes and accessories to kick off the school season right

Getting school-ready...  
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Corner Studio has all things cool and all things GOAT USA. The GOAT USA OG bucket hat, top, is an absolute fan favorite. Chuck the GOAT is on the front of the hat, underneath the brim has his logo print. Stay cool, and sun-protected with this breathable hat.

Above center: Take paradise and Chuck the GOAT to school with the Palm Tree T-Shirt.

Above, GOAT USA socks are absolutely the best socks available! Guaranteed to make you run faster, dance smoother, jump higher and study harder!



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Slip into signature HEY DUDE™ construction with the Hey Dude Wally shoe- atop a foot-cradling, foam insole. As comfy as it gets, from heydude.com.



Pack your bag, lace up and get going. City adventures beckon in these Adidas NMD shoes. An update to an acclaimed '80s runner from the adidas archive, these modern sneakers make a statement. From adidas.com.



The Adidas 3-Stripes design completes your sport style on the court or running from class to class. Comfort and durability make this perfect boys' school shoe. From adidas.com.

Let's face it, preparing for a new school season happens at one of the busiest times of the year. You're trying to pack in those last few days of summer fun, squeeze in one more weekend up north, and shop for all the necessities for a brand new semester.

But there are a few things that should stay at the top of your to-do list to make the upcoming year spectacular. Here are 7 tips to keep in mind amid all the other things you want to accomplish before the first bell rings.

Tip 1: Clear your teacher's Amazon wishlist! Teachers put so much time, energy, and money into providing the most enriching and positive space for Grosse Pointe students to learn. Support them by helping to contribute to their Amazon lists and ensure their classrooms are filled with the resources they need to teach. Contact your child's school to see if their teacher has any wishlist items for their classroom this year.

Tip 2: Book your family's next dental appointment. The professionals at Growing Smiles recommend keeping on track with regular check-ups to ensure there are no emergencies that will interrupt studies throughout the year. Plus, a bright smile goes a long way to building confidence and making the grade with friends and teachers.

Tip 3: Stock up on enough uniforms or outfits to make life easier for yourself every week. Life is busy, cut down on wash days! Find everything you need for Grosse Pointe school wear at Connie's Children's Shop. They have uniforms available year 'round and will even do alterations for a small fee. Being prepared with backups makes everyone's life more enjoyable.

Tip 4: Go over age-appropriate safety reminders. Make sure your kids know and follow your family's guidelines for safety, prepping the littler ones with memorization of your phone number and older ones with rules around phones and internet use. It's never too early to instill safety wisdom in your child.

Tip 5: Commit to strengthening any subjects your child may find challenging. Everyone has different strengths, but that shouldn't mean a child has to sweat out the tough parts. Teach them there's a solution for every challenge by enhancing your child's learning experience with a booster from Tutor Doctor. Their tailored programs address your child's specific needs to ensure their greatest success, while making learning fun.

Tip 6: Keep kids interested with fun school supplies. It's well worth the investment if it amps up enthusiasm for their subjects. Kick off the joy with Ooly stationery supplies from Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy in St. Clair Shores. With cute and colorful notebooks, writing or drawing tools and erasers, your little one(s) will look forward to every day in the classroom.

Tip 7: Remember to stop and take a deep breath periodically to do something fun and unstructured with your kids. We often get so caught up in the busy-ness of life that we forget that precious moments and milestones are speeding by. Go for a device-less walk, run up the street for a smoothie on the spur of the moment, watch a comedy and laugh together or make candy apples after school as a surprise. These will likely become your child's best memories as they take some of the pressure of school off their shoulders for a few precious moments of happiness with mom or dad.

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# COLLEGE-BOUND

Curated by our real-life college interns with a knack for style, check out these school-worthy and fun fashions...

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College is a place to discover who you are and express every wonderful side! For all your places to be this year, be sure to pack some great Grosse Pointe style to take with you.



Whether on campus or commuting, having a college-ready wardrobe makes life easier and more exciting!

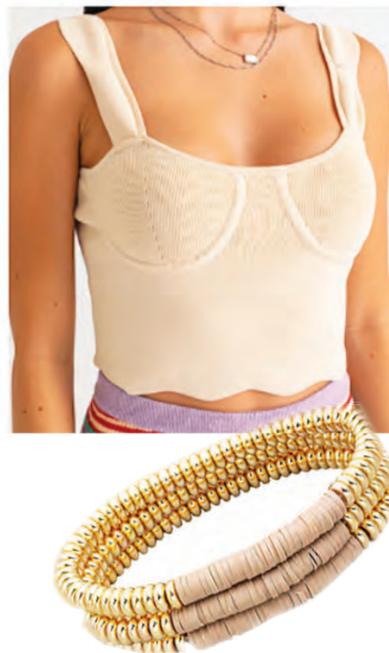
Top right: The little black go-everywhere dress is the Aritzia TnaLIFE™ Court Dress. For the classroom or after, on the court or out for drinks, this dress is loaded with sporty sophistication. Find it at aritzia.com.

Even at school, Lions rule! Get the graphic T-shirt, top left, that proves your loyal-tee at abercrombie.com. Wear it with the ZARA denim miniskirt, left, for a girlie look that guys will love too. Skirt available from zara.com.

Top left: Gotta love this Local Optimist fleece crewneck by Madhappy. Spread positive vibes wherever you go, from madhappy.com. Pair with PACSUN John Galt Rosa sweatpants for max comfort. Pants from pacsun.com.

Soft feminine flair is yours with this lovely scalloped cropped sweater top, left, from Savvy Chic. Add subtle class with the AE super high-waisted wide-leg cargo pants, below. They stretch and drape in all the right places! From ae.com.

Aritzia contour-crew short-sleeve bodysuit in sage green, below, pairs with black, khaki, jeans or the gorgeous wide-leg cream denim shorty pants with green trim, at right. Bodysuit at aritzia.com, pants from Glitter & Scotch.



Savvy Chic is tops in accessories too...Add a touch of pizzazz with this beaded disc bracelet set. It takes a cool school ensemble to the next level.





PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

## SETTING KIDS' EXPECTATIONS WITH A LITTLE BIT OF FUN

Smart moms make the start of the school year something to celebrate. Put kids in a positive frame of mind for a great year ahead with a first-day of school party! Our chief style editor and publisher, Anne Gryzenia put together a creative party table that makes learning something to get excited about — with educational placemats, mini chalkboard place cards, bright fall florals and pretty linen print napkins to tie it all together. The giant ruler table runner seals the deal that this party is for schoolies who enjoy growing smarter! Sprinkle everything with happy toys and old-school candy from Jerry's Party Store and you've got an A+ celebration every kid will love!

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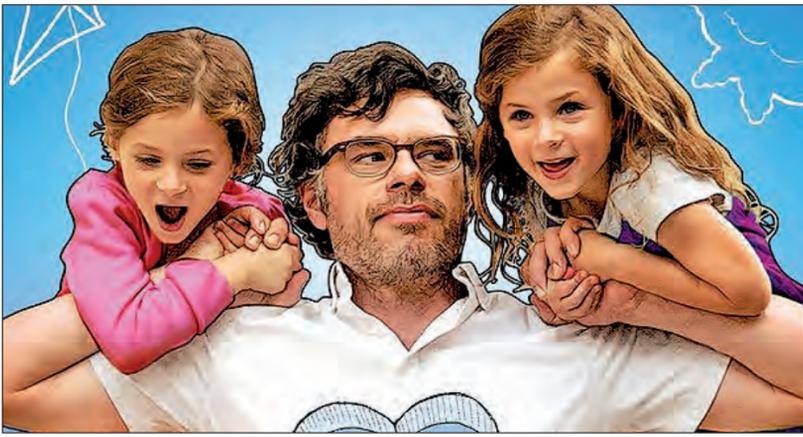
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Left, Gia Gadsby as Colette, Jemaine Clement as Will Henry and Aundrea Gadsby as Clio, in the 2015 movie "People Places Things," written and directed by Jim Loach.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "People Places Things"  
 2015 - Rated R  
 1 hr 25 min  
 ★★★★★

Just about everyone knows the most famous gem from Australia is the opal. Fewer people know what New Zealand's real gem is: It's the brilliant actor Jemaine Clement. Okay, that was a bit corny, but I'm serious.

big time. If you've never seen it, I highly recommend it.

It had a cult following and is one of the funniest shows I've ever seen. Clement has been in numerous films since then including the award-winning "What We Do in the Shadows." He almost always plays a lovable, intelligent nerd — he really has the role down pat.

him mature as an actor.

The film was written and directed by Jim Strouse who also brought us the powerful film "Grace is Gone." Here he presents us with a delightful rom-com that has a very realistic and natural feel to it.

From the opening credits and interspersed throughout the movie, we're treated with light-hearted doodles and sketches, which add a bit of whimsy to the story.

We first encounter Will Henry (Clement) at his twin daughters' fifth birthday party. Everything is going smoothly until he catches his girlfriend and the girls' mother Charlie (Stephanie Allynne), in bed with their friend Gary (Michael Chemus). Needless to say, Will is absolutely devastated.

Flash-forward a year and the couple is now separated. In the meantime, Will has morphed into the "fun" dad. He totally spoils his two girls and gives them everything they want. He flies kites with them. Takes them camping. He even fights with Charlie to spend more time with



Will Henry having a birthday celebration for his twin daughters, Clio and Colette.

I first discovered him in the hilarious 2007 TV series "Flight of the Conchords." The show is an offbeat comedy about two Kiwi musicians and their quest to hit the

In "People Places Things," he takes his acting to the next level. Here he's not just a goofball delivering funny lines, but is far more multidimensional, and nuanced. It's nice to see



Left, Regina Hall as Diane, sharing an intimate moment with Will Henry.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



them. Naturally he isn't prepared to be a responsible parent. He never has food in the apartment. Relies on the pizza delivery guy for their meals. Misses their French lessons. And routinely delivers them late for school.

I immediately said to myself, please don't have an affair with her.

Luckily, that's not what transpires. Kat is an observant kid and can sense his loneliness and decides to play matchmaker. She sets Will up with her divorced mother Diane



Will Henry going on a date.

Will is a talented artist who dreams of publishing a graphic novel, which he labors over in his spare time. He teaches at a local college,

(Regina Hall) who makes it clear right from the start that she's had a difficult time with relationships and she expects complete honesty from him.

com aura about them. "People Places Things" is definitely a cut above most of these movies. If you're looking for a refreshingly different take on the rom-com, don't miss this delightful film.

Note to parents: I'm not quite sure why this was rated "R". It has a very brief nude scene and there's a bit of swearing. I'd be inclined to rate it "PG-13".

You have a ton of streaming options. Watch it for free on Kanopy and Hoopla (with your library card), Tubi, and Freevee. Also on AMC+, Peacock, Pluto TV, and The Roku Channel.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to



Left, Stephanie Allynne as Charlie (the biological mother of Clio and Colette), with Will Henry.

directing his students to dig deeper into their storytelling, and encouraging them to create works that have real meaning to them and their audience.

It's there that he interacts with one of his talented young pupils Kat (Jessica Williams).

There's an easy chemistry between them and they're both cautious about getting too serious. All the leads in the film worked together well.

The storyline and dialogue felt totally natural, never forced. So many films of this ilk have a sit

admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

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

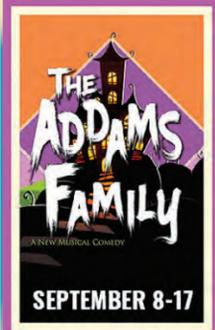
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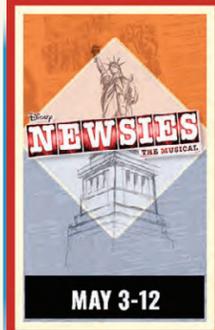
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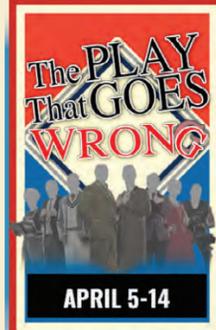
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# GP Woods city picnic

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its fishing derby and city picnic Saturday, Aug. 5. The picnic provided a lunch of hot dogs, chips and a beverage and included poolside music and a lifeguard demonstration.

Adrienne Martin, Melissa Hopko, Nick Hopko, Addy Hopko and Wendy Putnam finish their lunch and head to the pool.



Dan and Ryan Vormelker enjoy lunch in the shade at the city picnic.



Addy Hopko wears swim goggles to protect her eyes from chlorine.



During a lifeguard demonstration, Molly Verlinde helps "victim" Leilani Feltman show how a lifeguard rescues a swimmer and uses a backboard to get them out of the water.



A.J. Jamerino has fun playing with a beach ball in the pool, also using it to shade his eyes from the sun.



Aidan goes flying high and into the water when his dad, Alex Yakushev, tosses him in the air.

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 17, 2023:** You like the good things in life. You generally present a calm exterior to your world, even though you have intense feelings within. You are independent, creative, imaginative and determined. Exciting changes and increased personal freedom are happening this year. Stay flexible so you can explore new directions.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
As this day wears on, it gets better and better! Work-related travel might be a factor for many of you. You will achieve more today by working with groups. Personally, your health feels vigorous and revitalized today. You want to get stuff done!  
Tonight: Work.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
This is a marvelous day to entertain at home or to enjoy social outings with others, especially children and romantic partners. You have enthusiasm and energy to burn! It's also a winning day for those of you involved in the entertainment world, show business or the hospitality industry.  
Tonight: Socialize.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
You have been dealing with erratic situations at home lately due to renovations, redecorating projects or visiting guests. This can leave you a bit frazzled. Today, however, your involvement with others will be a positive, upbeat situation. (It's about time.)  
Tonight: Cocoon.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Enthusiasm is contagious and optimism is inspiring. Today you will exemplify both these qualities, which is why others will enjoy your company and be inspired by your words and your actions. This is the perfect day for a short trip. It's also a great day to teach others.  
Tonight: Conversations!.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Business and finance are favored today, in part because you're not afraid to think big. Business-related travel is likely. You might deal with groups and other countries or different cultures. Authority figures will benefit you somehow.  
Tonight: Count your money.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today you will be warm and friendly to others and willing to offer people emotional or physical support. This is a wise decision, because you will get from others exactly what you give. Basically, you have an increased concern for the welfare of someone, and this will ultimately benefit you.  
Tonight: Lucky you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
You might use your own assets or wealth to help someone today. You might offer them practical assistance. You might even use the resources of someone else — for example, shared property or shared funds to help a third party in need. (This could get tricky.)  
Tonight: Solitude.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You are popular today. Enjoy schmoozing with friends and others. In particular, you will be successful dealing with groups — clubs, classes or organizations. People

will respond to your energy and listen to what you have to say. Tonight: Friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today you make an excellent impression on bosses, parents, VIPs and the police, because you look friendly, successful and skillful in dealing with others. People will respect your accomplishments. You might travel or deal with people from other countries.  
Tonight: You're admired.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You might entertain some exciting travel plans today. You want to do something different. You're thinking big, and you want adventure! If you can't travel, then do something that is fresh and new. You might learn something or go someplace you've never been before.  
Tonight: Explore!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
This is an excellent day to deal with financial matters, especially deciding how to share something like an inheritance. Whatever the outcome, you'll be laughing all the way to the bank. Dealings with groups and family members will be positive.  
Tonight: Check your finances.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Because you are open, warm and friendly in your dealings with others today, you will get along well with partners, close friends and members of the general public. This is a strong day for those of you in sales and marketing, as well as teaching.  
Tonight: Cooperate.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Belinda Carlisle (1958), actor Robert De Niro (1943), actor Sean Penn (1960).

## Contract Bridge

### STRUCTURAL VISUALIZATION

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 6 3  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ J 10 8

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 4 2  
♥ 10 5  
♦ J 9 6 3  
♣ 6 5 2

**EAST**  
♠ A K J 9 5  
♥ J 9 7 2  
♦ A 10 4  
♣ 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7  
♥ A 8 6 3  
♦ 8 2  
♣ A K Q 9 7 4

The bidding:  

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
5 ♣			

 Opening lead — two of spades.

Assume you're declarer at five clubs. West leads a spade, and you ruff the spade continuation. How would you play the hand?  
 Aside from the ace of diamonds, the only other potential loser is your fourth heart. But if West has the diamond ace, a parking place for the heart can be developed by leading twice toward dummy's diamond honors.

returned a spade, another plan was needed. So after ruffing the spade, South cashed the A-K of trump, hoping the missing clubs were divided 2-2.  
 When East showed out on the second trump, declarer tried the K-Q-A of hearts in hopes that the opposing hearts were divided 3-3, or that West, who had the third club, had the heart length. Unfortunately, West ruffed the third heart for down one.  
 Though declarer gave himself several chances to get home safely, he overlooked an approach that didn't require a favorable break in either hearts or the trump suit. After the diamond ace proves to be offside and declarer trumps the spade return, he should cash the A-K of trump, lead a diamond to the queen and ruff a diamond. A heart to the queen is followed by another diamond ruff.  
 At this point, declarer has the A-8-6 of hearts while dummy has the jack of clubs and K-4 of hearts. A low heart is led to dummy, and the jack of clubs is played, extracting West's last trump as South discards his heart loser. Declarer then takes the last trick with the ace of hearts.  
 In this way, declarer nullifies the location of the diamond ace and the uneven divisions in clubs and hearts. In all, he scores three club tricks, four

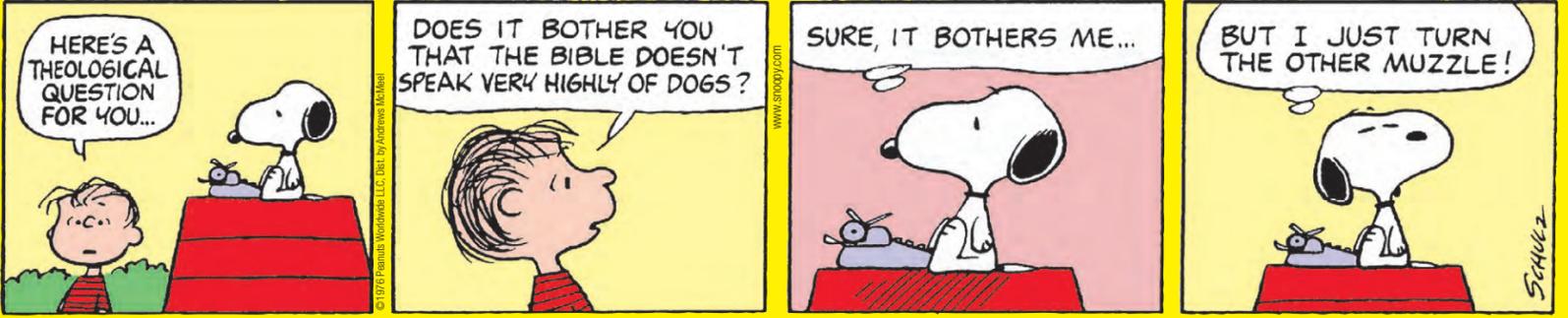
by Steve Becker



# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



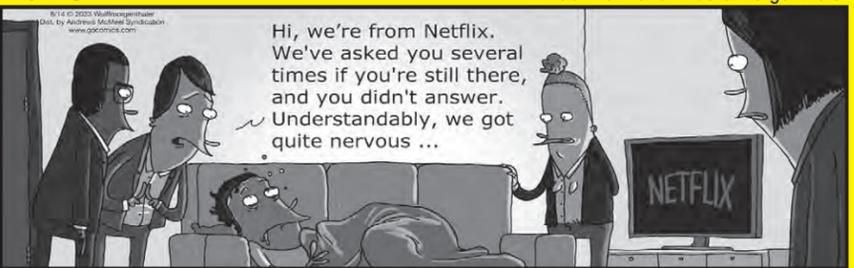
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



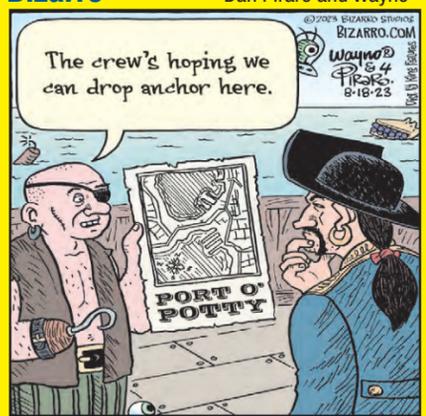
## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



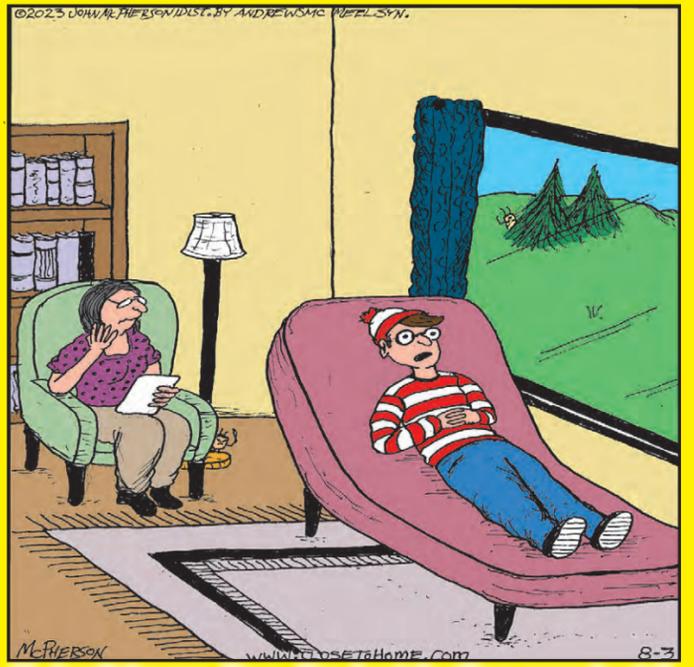
## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



# Kid Scoop



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## Kid Scoop Together

### Seafood Favorites

Work with a family member to do the math to discover five of the most popular types of edible seaweed.

- 10 = NORI
- 21 = WAKAME
- 17 = KELP
- 19 = ARAME
- 14 = DULSE

# Seaweed

Expert says seaweed can feed the world and slow climate change.

Seaweed is a type of plant that grows in the ocean and other bodies of water all over the world.

It's not like the plants you see on land because it doesn't have roots. It can float and move through the water.

Seaweed comes in different shapes, sizes and colors. Some seaweed looks like long ribbons. Some look like big, leafy plants.

Unscramble the letters to discover different seaweed colors.

ERGNE

WORBN

PLUEPR

DER

### What's in a name?

Usually, we think of weeds as something we **don't** want in the garden. But seaweed is actually very good for the planet. It can help end hunger and maybe even slow down climate change.

Seaweed has so many good uses that some scientists think we should call it something different. How about a "sea vegetable," "sea forest," or "water food"?

What do you think?

How many fish can you find on this page?

## Would you eat seaweed?

Many kinds of seaweed are so nutritious that the United Nations estimates that farming only 2% of the ocean could feed as many as 12 billion people!



Circle every other letter to discover the name of this delicious rice and seafood treat wrapped in seaweed.

A S T U H S L H J I  
S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## Seaweed Means Survival

Replace the missing words.

URCHINS HIDING LIFE DEPEND SHELTER

Seaweed is important to marine \_\_\_\_\_. Animals such as fish, sea turtles and even whales \_\_\_\_\_ on seaweed for food and \_\_\_\_\_. Small fish use seaweed as a \_\_\_\_\_ place from predators. Sea \_\_\_\_\_ eat seaweed.

## Burger Lovers Need Seaweed

Even meat eaters can be helped with seaweed. It makes an excellent animal feed!



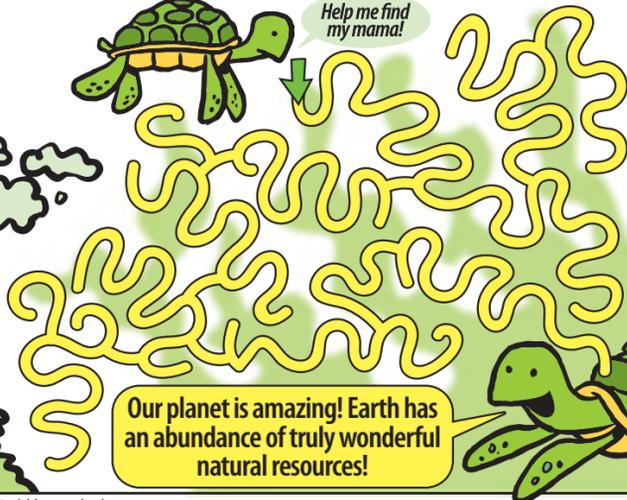
## Wind Stopper

Feeding livestock seaweed also cuts down on their wind (also known as toots). A cow's "wind" adds methane gas to the air.

Methane gas is part of what is causing climate change.



Help me find my mama!



Our planet is amazing! Earth has an abundance of truly wonderful natural resources!

## Earth is My Happy Place

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that identify the parts of nature that you like. Cut these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Under or next to the newspaper clippings, write what you love about each kind of nature.

Standards Link: Use descriptive writing.



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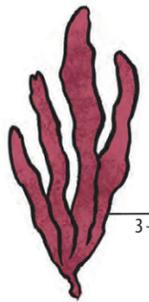
9 + 8



2 + 6 + 2



5 + 5 + 5 + 4



3 + 3 + 3 + 5

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **EDIBLE**

The adjective **edible** describes something that is safe to eat.

The scientist found several **edible** plants on the island.

Try to use the word **edible** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Seaweed Food** Use the code to find out how seaweed is used in foods around the world.

Here, sheets of dried seaweed are used in soups and to wrap sushi. In this country, a seaweed called **laver** is used to make a popular food called laverbread.

0 6 4 0

8 0 5 3 6

A seaweed called **dulse** is mixed with milk, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla to make a popular drink in this country.

1 3 5 4 9 3

CODE  
0 = A  
1 = B  
2 = C  
3 = E  
4 = I  
5 = L  
6 = S  
7 = T  
8 = W  
9 = Z

## Double Double Word Search

CHANGE  
COLORS  
EARTH  
EAT  
FEED  
FISH  
HIDING  
HUNGER  
MARINE  
OCEAN  
SEAWEED  
SLOW  
WATER  
WHALES  
WIND

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

S D S R O L O C O J  
J E R E G N U H N T  
B E A X W I Q I H C  
T F D W T Z A D S W  
O D L U E B Y I I H  
C H A N G E M N F A  
E V Q S W A D G M L  
A B E N I R A M W E  
N V A R L T W O L S  
W A T E R H U X N B

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Science Solutions

Find and read news articles about scientific developments or research. Write a summary answering these questions: Who are the scientists? What kind of science is involved? How will this help humans?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Summarize an article.

What did the ocean say to the sea when the sea asked if he wanted to come to the party?

This joke is from Kid Scoop reader Lucas Warner, age 11

ANSWER: Shore!

## Write On!

### Live underwater?

Would you like to live underwater? Why or why not?

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## Practice makes perfect

Fall sports teams kick off preseason with two-a-days, tryouts and more

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

After a relaxing summer break, last week marked the official start of the fall sports preseason and high schools throughout Grosse Pointe resembled awakened beehives buzzing with athletes.

Hundreds of hopefuls from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School swarmed gyms, courts, pools and fields for tryouts, practices and intrasquad

scrimmages with the goal of making their respective teams. Athletes have the next few weeks to prepare for the upcoming season before regular season competition kicks off at the end of the month.

Read all about the upcoming fall sports season in the Aug. 24 and Aug. 31 editions of the Grosse Pointe News. Our sports staff will preview each fall sports team, with insights from coaches, on the players to watch and what fans can expect from their favorite teams this fall.

Until then, we stopped by a few practices last week and got an inside look at the preseason prep. Here are some quick snippets from the first week's action.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North varsity football players feel the pain of fellow teammates Jack Kezhaya, left, and Jaylen Hardy, right, who are among the first volunteers to take a freezing cold, post-practice dip Wednesday, Aug. 9. The team just got the new ice tubs, perfectly timed for the start of 2023 preseason. Latest research suggests ice baths or "cold plunges" aid in muscle soreness and faster recovery times after exercise.



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Left: Members of South varsity cheer work on stunts during a recent practice. The team is led this year by new head coach Paige Davey, who won a national championship as a University of Michigan cheerleader (see story below).

Right: University Liggett's varsity field hockey team hit the turf Monday, Aug. 14, with a set roster of 24 players. The Knights' worked on 3-on-3's inside of the circle, finishing in front of the net and making defensive clears.



PHOTO BY AMANDA AMINE

## National champion takes charge as new South cheer coach

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

You can take the cheerleader out of Alabama, but try as you might, you won't find much success taking the actual cheerleader out of the Alabaman, no matter where she lives.

Such is the case for Paige Davey, Grosse Pointe South's new head cheer coach.

Raised in Hoover, Ala., just outside of Birmingham, Davey found her way north eight years ago to attend college at the University of Michigan. From 2015-19, she was a member of the varsity cheer team, where in her final season she captained the

Wolverines to a national championship.

For Davey, who now lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and is a fourth-grade teacher at Richard Elementary School, all roads lead back to cheerleading. Her start began when her family moved to Alabama from Memphis when she was in fourth grade. There, she caught the cheerleading bug in an instant and hasn't looked back.

"My dad was a college soccer player, so I did play a little bit of soccer as well," she said. "But in Alabama, all-star cheerleading, like competitive cheerleading, is kind of a big sport to do if you're a girl. I've never liked gymnastics

and I've never really liked dance, so cheerleading is kind of a perfect mix of tumbling and fun things, so I started cheerleading right away."

She continued to cheer as she grew up to great success, despite requiring ankle reconstruction surgery her junior year of high school. The grueling recovery caused her to miss the entire season and half of her senior year cheer season.

"My ankle surgeon told me my career was over," Davey said. "But I rehabbed really hard and did a lot of private lessons for college prep, because I really



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See DAVEY, page 2D

Paige Davey stands tall as top flier at a University Michigan night game.

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## DAVEY:

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wanted to cheer in college.”

And all along, this southern gal hoped to stick her landing at the University of Michigan. It's actually not a major plot twist as to why Davey came to Michigan from down South. After all, her mom, Kristen Deisler Pichel, is a 1987 graduate of Grosse Pointe North. Her father, Logan Pichel, is from Shelby Township and earned his MBA from U of M. Her two paternal grandparents also are Michigan alums.

But with a brother who attended Auburn University and sister at Ole Miss, she was the only one of her siblings to hear the North calling. She applied to schools like University of Virginia, Wake Forest and Belmont, but

once admitted to Michigan, she knew she was heading to Ann Arbor.

“Michigan was always my No. 1 (choice),” she said. “My coach at U of M, Pam St. John, wants you to be admitted before you can join the cheer team, so I tried out for the team after my senior spring break,” Davey said.

She made it and joined the coed squad of 40 athletes, who split duties cheering at all men's and women's basketball and football games for the Wolverines.

During her junior season, her team lost the national championship by 0.5 points, which gave her a singular focus in her final season: winning it all. Her teammates voted her captain that year and she led them to capture the 2019 national championship, the program's fifth of six national

titles (the program won again in 2021).

With a cheer resume as top notch as it gets, Davey credits her southern roots for establishing her skill level and dedication to working hard.

“Being from the South, I have a different lens than others (regarding cheer),” she said. “Cheerleading was the center of everything for me. It has taught me my work ethic and has been a huge part of my life.”

She plans on bringing that championship mentality and hard-working mindset as South's varsity head cheer coach, a role she seems made for.

“I knew I really missed cheer in general and being part of a program,” Davey said about why she pursued South's head coaching position when it opened. “I just graduated from my master's program and had some free time. Getting back to the sport I love and getting to work with older kids to balance what I do during the day, you can't beat it.”

She successfully retained Jessa Purdue, last season's assistant varsity coach, to help with the varsity team this year, as well as JV head coach, Rachel Gealer. Each one brings different expertise to the program, something Davey said is an important asset. Purdue specializes in tumbling and Gealer has collegiate cheer experience from her days at Central Michigan University.

“We all have a lot of different areas of experience, but we want the girls to develop as people first,” Davey emphasized.

In terms of getting them game-day ready, Davey has some specific goals.

“I just want them to have sharp, crisp motions that make them look like they are a college team,” she said. “Stunts and tum-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Team captain Paige Davey raises the team trophy with a little help from some strong friends.

bling are cool, but you have to have those basics down first and foremost.”

She also recognized there will be a learning curve for her in her first head-coaching role.

“I feel like for year one, I want to learn how to be a head coach,” she said. “I want the girls to be excited to come to practice every day and build team morale.”

The team, which has been practicing throughout the summer, gets its first chance to debut its new look at the Blue Devils'

home opener of the varsity football season Thursday, Aug. 24.

“I love how excited the girls get,” Davey said. “They have been working so hard. It's nice to see it pay off.”

The game will be a full-circle moment of sorts for Davey, who gets to experience it all with her husband of one year, Josh Davey, by her side. Josh Davey is a 2012 South alum, who played football on that exact turf not so long ago.

“How I ended up in Grosse Pointe, working

here now and having my parents come back to visit is really such a full-circle moment,” she said.

“My cousins live here and my parents met here and the Daveys are all so supportive and encouraging. Everyone at Richard that I work with all know each other and it's like a family. Josh and I think Grosse Pointe is a great place to have kids and raise our family.

“I have lived all over the country and this is one of the best communities,” she added.



Paige Davey, middle, shows off her 2019 national championship ring with some varsity cheer teammates when the squad was honored at a University of Michigan football game at the Big House.



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

South's Paige Davey is focusing on her new team to “have sharp, crisp motions that make them look like they are a college team” this season.

# Juip family leads fundraiser to fight Friedreich's Ataxia

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Hot off the heels of his impressive win as the Grosse Pointe News Reader's Choice for the 2023 Male Athlete of the Year, Jake Juip is giving back.

Juip, along with his family, are helping raise funds to fight Friedreich's Ataxia (FA), a rare degenerative disease that affects the nervous system. Juip, a rising high school senior at University Liggett School, was diagnosed with the condition in fourth grade, which makes simple tasks like walking long distances or putting on shoes difficult without assistance. His younger sister, Claire, also has FA.

But Juip doesn't let his condition define him. At his mom's suggestion, he joined Liggett's cross-country team. He also competes in the adaptive 100-meter dash for the Knights' varsity track and field team and is the reigning back-to-back state champion in the event.

The race is considered a "pilot" by the Michigan

High School Athletic Association and the family is lobbying the organization to make it a permanent fixture at the track and field state final in all four divisions (see more on page 6A).

The family is hosting its annual fundraiser, a drive-in movie event, to support the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance Saturday, Sept. 16.

His mom, Maureen, said funding is important because it supports vital research in the fight against this debilitating disease.

"(A) very exciting item of note is that the first-ever treatment to slow the progression of FA was approved by the FDA," she said. "Jake took his first dose in July. Historic and exciting."

"Many members of the Grosse Pointe community signed a petition to the FDA to help with the approval," she added. "We're so grateful for the incredible support of the GP community."

For more information about the fundraiser, or to buy tickets or donate, head to [juip.net](http://juip.net).



PHOTO BY CARTER SHERLINE

Jake Juip, the 2023 Grosse Pointe News Reader's Choice for Male Athlete of the Year, is helping raise money for Friedreich's Ataxia Saturday, Sept. 16.

## Boys and girls 'Fall Ball' lacrosse returns to hone skills, strategy

The much-anticipated Fall Ball lacrosse program is back, set to kick off Saturday, Sept. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 22. This exciting opportunity for young athletes promises to be a period of growth, camaraderie and intense competition.

Evaluations for girls grades 5 to 12 take place 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Brownell Middle School in Grosse Pointe Farms.

To ensure the best possible team composition, evaluations for boys interested in participating will take place Sunday, Aug. 27, at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods. The evaluation schedule is as follows:

Youth boys grades 3 to 8 — 4 p.m.  
High school boys — 5:30 p.m.

A highlight of the season is the program's fall tournaments, which promise riveting matchups against other skilled teams. The tournament schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Oct. 1: Donnybrook at University Liggett (boys event only)

Saturday Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 15: Fall Brawl at Hope Soccer Complex in Lansing

Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29: Boo Bash at Seymour Lake Park in Oxford

Practices are an integral part of honing skills and team dynamics. Fall Ball practice sessions are scheduled September and October with times to be announced. Boys practices will be held at Parcels Middle School and girls practices will take place at Brownell Middle School.

"We're excited to offer another season of Fall Ball lacrosse," program director Ken "Coach B" Brubaker said. "This is a unique opportunity for boys to come together, improve their skills and compete in a friendly and encouraging environment. We're looking forward to witnessing the growth of these young athletes."

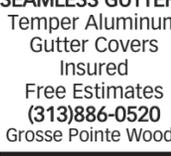
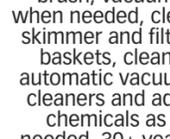
313 Lacrosse was founded in 2005, and is Michigan's longest-enduring lacrosse specialty organization.

Parents, coaches and spectators are welcome to attend and support the teams at each event. For further details and registration information, visit [313lax.com](http://313lax.com).



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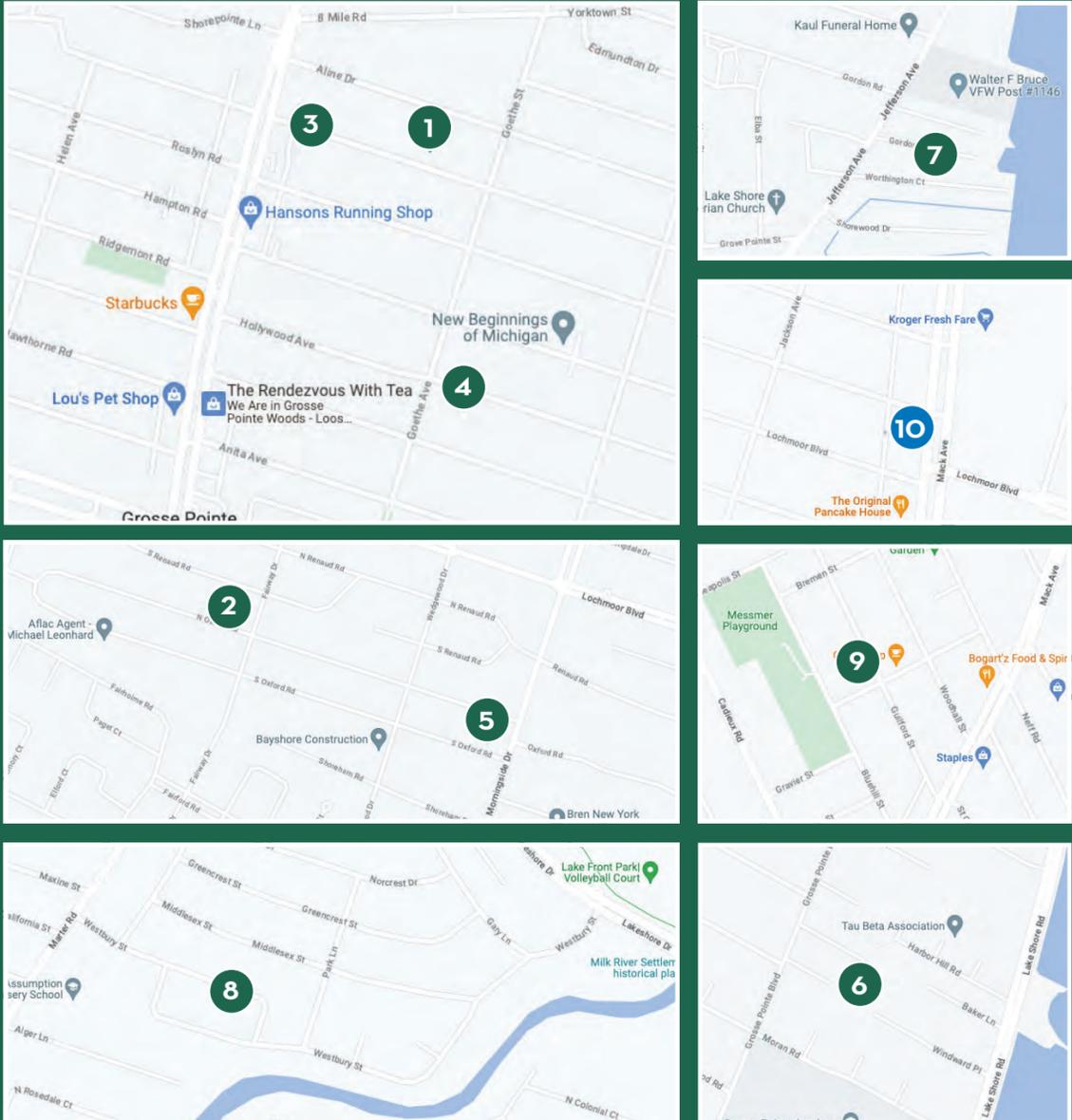
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**THIS WEEK**

- 1732 Brys Drive, GPW
- 1060 North Oxford, GPW
- 1861 Brys Drive, GPW
- 1629 Hollywood, GPW
- 640 South Oxford, GPW
- 12 Windward Place, GPF
- 22749 Worthington, SCS
- 23172 Gladhill Lane, SCS
- 3901 Guilford, Detroit
- 20331 Mack, GPW

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# We Tried It— Sports Edition: Push up board

By Anna Lizer

Since my kids are constantly challenging each other to push up contests, I thought this might be a fun way to get them motivated to get stronger and have some fun. They are constantly ripping on each other about their lack of muscles, form and anything else they can think of, so I figured maybe if they had to use a consistent push up position there would be less fighting. Spoiler alert: it did not stop the insults or jabs.

The board was very inexpensive at \$19.99, and purchased on Amazon with one day delivery. There were other options available to go with the board at an increased cost, but I opted to keep it simple. In my house, small accessories get lost, broken and make a mess.

The board is pretty cheap looking, and very lightweight, but it does

seem solid enough and the handles stay put. There are different handle positions you can choose in order to focus on either shoulders, biceps, back or chest. Some are harder than others. Everyone in the family agreed the handles took some pressure off of the wrists and allowed for a good solid grip.

My kids have used it to varying degrees, but I will say our family's most dedicated worker folded it, brought it on a trip up north, and actually used it. That is saying something for a young teenager.

As with any workout equipment, it does nothing if you let it collect dust. This product is no different. If you are someone who can self-motivate and has discipline, I give this product 4 out of 5 alligators. Sometimes all you need is something new to kick-start a healthy routine.



# Getting the bands back together

The University Liggett boys soccer program welcomed back former players last week for a friendly showdown between the current varsity team and the alumni squad. The current varsity team proved to be well prepared for the upcoming season by defeating the alumni 4-0.



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Grosse Pointe South boys hockey held its first ever alumni event on Wednesday, Aug. 9, with 20 recent alumni taking the ice with current and prospective players. The alumni ended up victorious in what the program hopes to be the start of a new tradition. For more information on upcoming events or how to support the team, visit their Facebook page: Grosse Pointe South Boys Hockey.

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