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Trombly gets historical marker

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

in honor of the school colors.

"The school started off as the Red Devils, hence the colors," he said. "They kept the red and white when Trombly became the Terriers in the 1980s."

Fitzpatrick added he's often been asked about the difference in spelling between the school and Trombly Road, which is just a few blocks away.

"The street is named after one of the area's early settlers who owned a ribbon farm along the lake," he explained.

The school, on the other hand, is named for Robert Trombly, who was the Grosse Pointe Township justice of the peace starting in 1884. He also was president of Grosse Pointe Park Village and served on the school board 30 years.

The original Trombly School was built at the

GROSSE POINTE PARK — While the future of Trombly Elementary School may be uncertain, its past has been immortalized with a marker from the Michigan Historical Commission.

Around 50 people attended the dedication ceremony Wednesday, June 12. Walt Fitzpatrick, Trombly's principal from 2003 until its closure in 2020, served as emcee. The current Kerby Elementary School principal is retiring at the end of the month after 30 years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"There were only seven principals here in 94 years," he said. "It's the kind of place where when you get here, you don't want to leave."

Fitzpatrick noted he was wearing a red tie, white shirt and red socks

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Farms to seek continuation of road millage

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Alongside a senior millage proposal of 0.35 mills and Grosse Pointe Public School System sinking fund millage proposal of 3 mills for 10 years on the Nov. 5 ballot, Farms residents will be asked to support a continuation of the city's current five-year, 2-mill road improvement levy, which first gained voter approval in November 2020.

"These are not additional dollars," City Manager Shane Reeside emphasized. "These are a continuation from an existing millage."

The city this year is entering its fourth construction season using the additional funds. Simultaneously, winter

taxes will be the final time it collects on the current millage.

If the extension passes the polls, it will not take effect until December 2025 — after the current road improvement millage expires.

"Based upon need, we think it is necessary that the 2 mills dedicated for road improvements be continued," Reeside said, before council in June unanimously approved the following ballot language.

"Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Farms be authorized to continue imposing a property tax levy in an amount not to exceed the annual rate of 2 mills (\$2.00 per each \$1,000 of assessed valuation), for a renewed period of 5 years beginning with

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Slide into summer on Kercheval After 6

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The first Kercheval After 6 street fair of the summer is this Saturday, June 22, 6 to 10 p.m. on lower Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham.

The party is rain or shine. Either way, it will be a washout for some members of the municipal and business community.

They volunteered as fall guys in the charitable dunk tank benefitting the Patterson Park playscape.

"I'm going first," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

"I'm on it, too," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

"If you need to test your throwing arm, please come to the dunk tank," said City Manager Nick Sizeland, also a target.

Caulfield said the

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BoE holds budget hearing

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The proposed 2024-25 fiscal year budget for the Grosse Pointe Public School System will require spending about \$1 million from the district's fund balance, although Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said she believes the 2025-26 budget can be balanced through teacher attrition.

The move would lower the district's fund balance from around 9 percent to almost 8 percent.

"I feel comfortable at 8 percent, but not less, because there are always unexpected expenditures," she said in presenting her budget at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting Wednesday, June 13.

The board was scheduled to vote on a final budget during its meeting Tuesday, June 18, after press time.

The fund balance in 2020 was 18 percent, or about \$18 million.

"That's not a good trend and as a new superintendent coming in it's a bit alarming, quite frankly," Tuttle said. "We have to be fiscally responsible or we're not going to have a school district."

Tuttle's budget showed around \$100 million in revenue and around \$101 million in spending. It

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Patterson Park playscape volunteers gain momentum

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Saturday, Aug. 24, is the next big day for volunteers to continue restoring the more than 30-year-old wooden playscape at Patterson Park.

“That will be our sealing day,” said James Ceuninck, co-chair of the recreation commission’s playscape subcommittee. Washing and sanding is already finished. Six volunteers did that in May.

For the August follow-up, co-chair Howard Bouton anticipates 40 volunteers.

“One hundred people signed petitions (to save the playscape),” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the commission. “I would lean on those 100.”

“We will be,” Bouton said.

The May session was to prepare the structure for staining and sealing.

“We’ll have more volunteer opportunities

coming up,” Ceuninck said. “We need to lay pea gravel. We’re hoping to raise a little money so we can refinish the seating area.”

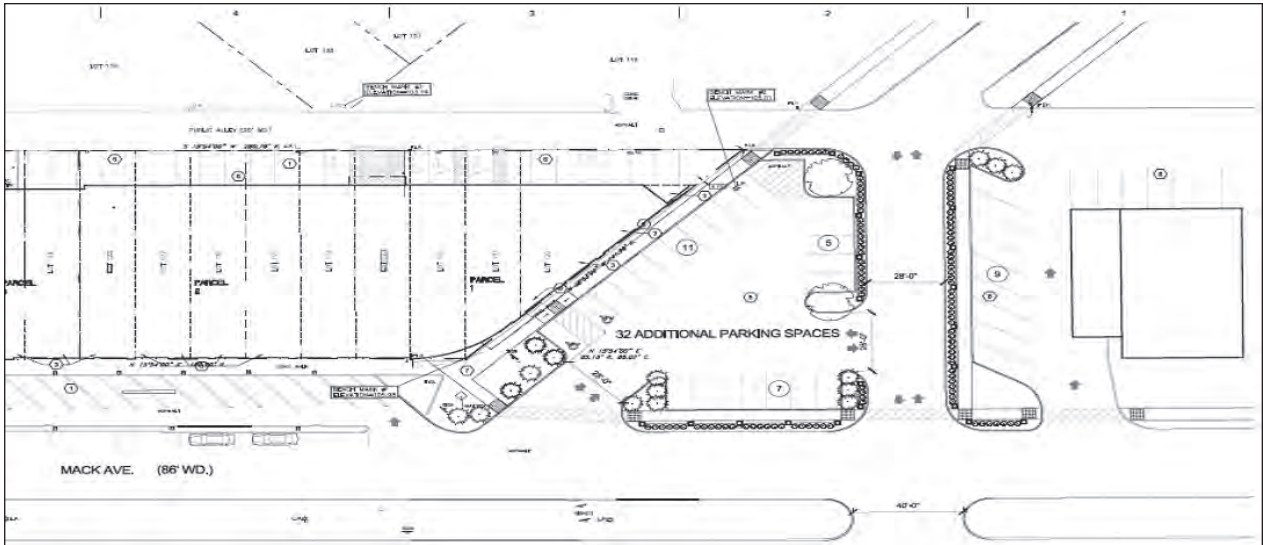
Bouton said the project’s early goal is to salvage that which exists.

“For now, we’re going to repair, clean, stain and get through the season,” he told colleagues during a June 13 commission meeting. “This body will be asked over time to help us craft a five-year and 10-year plan and what our end goals are.”

Some 1,200 residents volunteered in one way or another to build the playscape in 1991.

“This is the definition of Grosse Pointe Park community,” Caulfield said. “Back in 1991, (residents) came together and built it. Through COVID, we lost a lot of that. This is the big idea that’s going to bring that back.”

— Brad Lindberg



The proposed site plan would reconfigure the Mack/McKinley intersection by swapping the street with the Village Market’s parking lot, placing the portion of McKinley between the alley and Mack on a 90-degree angle to Mack. It also would move the current Mack island pass-through to align with the new opening to McKinley.

Village Market proposes reconfiguring intersection, adding second-floor restaurant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Village Market representatives were not exactly welcomed with open arms when they presented neighboring residents and city council last week a proposal to reconfigure the Mack and McKinley intersection, connecting the parking lot to the business.

The owner, Jacob Garmo, also is aiming to

open a new American-style restaurant on the vacant second floor at 18330 Mack.

For its part, the redirection of McKinley would angle the portion of the street between the alley and Mack to run parallel with the business parcels and on a 90-degree angle to Mack.

While Garmo emphasized additional parking as one of the three benefits to the proposal — along with safer parking and beautification — only

an approximate six spaces would be added as the plan currently is written.

“It’s fairly minimal because you’re gaining the adjacent parking, but you’re losing the parking in the existing lot,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said. “... What has been discussed in concept is really a land swap where the city would vacate the roadway currently on McKinley and would then acquire what is now

a portion of the parking lot owned by the Village Market and that would then become part of the roadway.”

Because the proposed plan also includes moving the current Mack island pass-through to align with the new opening to McKinley, Wayne County also would need to approve permits. Reeside said the initial plans were shared with the county at the beginning of the process.

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lineup so far includes but is probably not limited to: Public Safety Director Jim Bostock, Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig, Councilman Max Wiener and Trenton Chamberlain, incoming president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association and proprietor of multiple restaurants in the district.

Dunk tank receipts are donated to restore the wood playscape at Patterson Park. In 1991, more than 1,200 volunteers were involved in building the structure. Now, some of them are joined by members of

newer generations to put it back in shape.

“Kercheval After 6 is the unofficial kickoff to summer for the community,” Chamberlain said. “Grosse Pointe Park has a strong sense of community. These events help bring us all together for the common good of enjoying all the Park has to offer — music, food and people.”

Everyone’s invited. Attendance is free. People come from all over.

“I’ve had a couple contacts from people from other cities who came to the events and are amazed at the amount of people who show up and community support,” Sizeland said. “They are

impressed with the turnout and community involvement.”

“The street comes alive,” Chamberlain said. “Businesses are welcoming. This is the place where friends become friends. Find your way from one end and stroll to the other, enjoying all our love and care.”

Food & thrills

Food trucks scheduled this Saturday are The Little Donut Factory, People’s Pierogi Collective, Aruba Freeze and Sno Biz Detroit.

The main thrill attraction is Velocity Super Slide, a 30-foot tall, 65-foot long, gently undulating three-lane carnival slide. Think of the Belle Isle Giant Slide minus the backside-bruising, spine-crunching, eyeball-rattling flights through the air and crash landings.

Continuing the midway theme, organizers also lined up a Water Race Game Trailer. Players shoot streams of water at bullseye targets, propelling model figures along a race course to a finish

line.

Vendors also will set up pop-up sites in the avenue.

“There will be a wide variety of goods for purchase,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. “We anticipate some vendors coming over from the new (farmers) market.”

The market’s 16 vendors normally operate 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays mid-June through Sept. 14, in the municipal parking lot behind Corewell Health on Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.

Music

Live music is performed by the local rock band, Moodswitch. The group is building an audience in the local music scene.

Last year, Moodswitch drew 652 hours of listening by 1,700 people from 38 countries, according to its Facebook account.

“We are truly blown away by these numbers,” bandmates posted. “We’re so thankful to our fans and we’re working hard to get more songs

out soon.”

Parking for the street fair is anywhere it is available.

Attendees can commute on the K-Line Trolley on Kercheval from Stephens in the Farms with stops along the way.

Thank these guys

Kercheval After 6 is organized three times per summer by the parks and recreation department.

“We have a lot of new sponsors this year,” Craig said.

He credited the increase to City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler and Assistant Clerk Danielle Caudill, both new employees. They asked to help the city plan and manage special events.

“We’ve been able to reach out more and take a little bit of that stress off myself,” Craig said.

“Bridgette is a force of nature,” Caulfield said.

Sponsors are critical. Presenters this time are Red Crown, The Bricks Pizzeria, Coreander’s Children’s Bookshoppe, Le Rouge

Boulangerie, Brine Oyster House and Corner Active & Leisure.

Additional sponsors are Brosnan Builders, Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, Carly Copus Insurance, Atwater Brewery, Harvey Animal Hospital, AWBS (All Well-Being Services) and Pointe Alarm.

“Business owners support Kercheval After 6 so strongly because we’re seeing the positive impact it has on our business community,” Joe Hebeka, owner of Belding Cleaners, founder and former president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

“We have a programming responsibility to the community, but within certain dollar limits,” Mayor Hodges said. “Taxpayer dollars should have a catalytic impact, not delivering the whole product. Because there is so much vibrancy there and so much engagement, we should be able to monetize that.”

Kercheval After 6 events also are scheduled July 27 and Aug. 24.

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New school blood freshens Trombly prospects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials won't let vandalism at Trombly Elementary School, closed since 2020 due to declining enrollment, represent disorder or decay in the neighborhood.

Also not going to happen is a lingering scene of boards covering eight of the vacant building's broken first-floor rear windows.

"I was notified of those windows and asked that they be fixed," said Mayor Michele Hodge during the June 10 council meeting. "This cannot be a permanent solution."

She said she was assured of replacement.

"But it does beg the question what our role is and how we propose a solution at Trombly," Hodges said.

"It's not 100 percent our decision," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

The school and its 5.2-acre grounds belong to the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Councilwoman Christine Gallagher volunteered the Cotton family of philanthropists to be the school's savior. Family member Sean Cotton is school board president and owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

"Perhaps how generous the Cotton family has been to our community in supporting our infrastructure among other things ... it seems he (Sean Cotton) might be of open mind and his family of open mind in helping to support funds to establish Trombly as a elementary institution once again," she said.

Assuming the Cottons don't buy, staff, operate and stock the building with students the district reportedly doesn't have, Caulfield focused on partnering with school representatives to achieve whatever outcome is best.

"We have to work with them," Caulfield said of school decision-makers. "It looks like there's more opportunity to do so."

He said opportunities brightened with the school board's unanimous hiring four months ago of Superintendent Andrea Tuttle.

"Since Tuttle's arrival, we've had more and more cooperation with school administration," Caulfield said during a June 10 council meeting. "Now, we can enforce ordinances, (such as) enforcing no dogs on school fields and no after-hours activities. So, they are making an effort."

"Agreed," Hodges said. The vandalism, reported late May but of unknown date of occurrence, broke eight of the 97-year-old building's ground-floor, double-hung windows overlooking the rear playground. Each window has 18 panes.

"A complainant (at 3:13



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Four-years vacant Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park becomes a vandalism target.

p.m. Saturday) May 27, said he heard two people talking about possibly breaking windows at the back of the school," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said.

"Subjects were described as a white male and a taller black male," wrote a patrolman, dispatched to the scene, in an initial incident report. "(The) subjects were gone on arrival."

Several windows had been smashed.

"It wasn't clear if it was old or new damage," Pittman said.

"There was a lady with her kid on the playground and she stated she did not witness anything," reported the officer.

Police don't know when it happened.

"We've never gotten a report on the actual damage," Pittman said. "Who

knows how old it is?"

City Manager Nick Sizeland said he is scheduling a meeting with Tuttle.

"There's a couple things in play here," Sizeland said. "We have parameters of what we can enforce (on school property). But we're also dealing with separate governance of schools."

Hodges' main concern is about the building's status and future use.

"I have a meeting with Dr. Tuttle scheduled and will discuss the matter with her," she said. "We'll continue to ask trustees that have Grosse Pointe Park addresses, (Terence) Collins and (Valarie) St. John. Hopefully, they will lean on our behalf and make certain solutions come soon rather than later. I encourage the community to support that Trombly School has a vibrant future, not one where it's sitting neglected the way it is right now."

Woods celebrates Arbor Day

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council honored the winners from each elementary school in

the Woods in the annual Arbor Day poster contest during its meeting Monday, June 3.

Winners were Gwyneth Gwinnell, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School; Lilla Albright,

Mason Elementary School; Kayden Wise, University Liggett School; Anya Bony, Monteith Elementary School and Rosalie Nichols, Ferry Elementary School.

"What a magical night in Grosse Pointe Woods," Paul Lechner, community tree commission chairman, told those assembled. "We have Little League games going on, the Grosse Pointe North High School graduation and these fine artists."

Each of the winners received a T-shirt from the Arbor Day Foundation with the saying, "It's a good day to plant a tree."

They also received a special coin depicting a young person planting a tree. The coins were the idea of Ted Colborn Jr., a longtime commission member who passed away last year.

The coins were presented by Kate Colborn, who replaced her late husband on the commission.

Heidi Korte, the city's communications coordinator, said the posters will be featured in the

city's annual calendar next year.

Lechner also said the Woods received Tree City USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 46th consecutive year.

"That's one of the greatest stretches of longevity in the state," he said of the honor created 48 years ago. "It shows we certainly live up to the name of our city."

—Ted O'Neil

Arbor Day poster contest winners pose with members of city council and their posters at council's meeting Monday, June 3.



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ning of the process and it was "fairly receptive to the realignment of that opening."

Wayne County isn't the only necessary approval.

Residents can expect a number of upcoming hearings as the plans also would require Farms site plan approval, parking variance exceptions — as an additional restaurant use would require more parking — and rezoning for the reconfigured intersection.

"I think this is really necessary," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said of McKinley's reconfiguration. "... I've almost gotten into three accidents there and my husband's been rear-ended, so I really do believe there is a safety (concern)."

When plans initially were brought to the city, city attorney William Burgess noted, they did not include the proposal of a restaurant on the second floor.

"The restaurant on the second floor is really an accessory component of modern neighborhoods," attorney Patrick Howe, with Honigman LLP, said. "I represent a number of grocery chains across the state and it is a vital component. The customer visits the store, has a meal or a drink, gets their items and it's

more of an experience. Very popular. I think it would be a great amenity for the community and we think that the hours wouldn't conflict too much with the neighborhood."

The space can fit up to 84 guests, has proposed operating hours of 4 to 9 p.m. and would serve a variety of foods from Italian to Asian.

"When you were here a few years ago, when you got our approval for your initial use ... you said during your initial meeting that the second floor was completely out of the question for anything but storage," Councilman John Gillooly said, "and I pulled the records."

Despite having yet to

receive the necessary city approvals, Village Market already has hired Chef Jimmy Schmidt — known for the Rattlesnake Club — and hosted an event in the space.

"Mr. Reeside and I went to a meeting and you had committed, I would guess, a couple hundred thousand dollars to construction on the second-floor restaurant," Gillooly added. "It's gorgeous, but I think you assumed that our city council was going to simply do whatever and it was going to be a slam dunk and approve it without jumping through the appropriate hoops, whether it be public safety, approval by liquor

control ... I think you sort of thought that it was a done deal."

Howe, brought in to begin representing the project three weeks ago, told council the team now is committed to appropriately working through all the necessary approvals.

He also stated shopping cart storage currently blocking the city sidewalk at Village Market would be removed.

"Great answer," Mayor Louis Theros said.

Council did not take any action during the meeting, which was intended to allow the community the chance to learn more about the plans.



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Children’s book author passionate about getting stories into the hands of kids

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

When Jodi McKay was 8 years old, she wrote her first story — intended for adaptation into a play — about four friends who enter a mysterious amusement park, from which only one comes back out.

At 19, she wrote and illustrated her, though unpublished, first book, consisting of a collection of poems.

“That was when everything was done by snail mail,” the Farms resident recalled, “so I would have to send in copies of the book to all the different publishing houses by mail and then they send you back your rejection letters.”

Today, McKay is a published author of two children’s books: “Where are the Words?” and “Pencil’s Perfect Picture.”

After earning bachelor’s and masters degrees in psychology and working in the field



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Jodi McKay has authored two children’s books: “Where are the Words?” and “Pencil’s Perfect Picture.”

a number of years, it was McKay’s son, Riley Winkler — now entering his junior year — who reignited the authorship spark.

“We had to have at

least three books before nap, three books before bed,” she said. “He just loved books so much. ... He was reading when he was in preschool, because he read so many



McKay holds an author visit at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School.

books and I just wanted to be able to do that for other children, too.”

“Where are the Words?” illustrated by Denise Holmes and published in 2016, aptly was inspired by writer’s block.

The story, which can be used to teach children about the role of punctuation, features the characters Period, Question Mark and Exclamation Point as the three work together to find words and come up with a story.

“Pencil’s Perfect Picture” was illustrated by Juliana Motzko and published in 2019.

Although initially intended to be a companion book to “Where are the Words?” — “We have a story — now we need pictures,” McKay explained — it was redirected into a more specific tale of the character Pencil wanting to draw a picture for his father.

“That one is just more of understanding perfection and knowing that

nothing actually is really perfect,” McKay said. “If you make it, it’s perfect because you made it.

“Most of this story, although it was supposed to be a companion book, was inspired by my son who loved to draw, but would be hard on himself when it wasn’t as good as something else that he saw. But I always thought it was great, because he drew it. He put in an effort.”

At local schools, McKay enjoys holding author visits — most often during March, which is National Reading Month — where she reads to younger kids and presents on how to create a story to those in older grades.

“Usually at the end we write a story together,” she said. “We have a picture prompt and the kids, based on everything they just learned in the presentation, write the story with me. It’s pretty fun.”

The author also serves

Book recs

“I get grumpy if I don’t read,” McKay said while surrounded by shelves of books in her home.

For fellow readers, the author recommends the following authors:

- ◆ Middle grade — Gordon Korman and Gary Schmidt
- ◆ New young adult, though not for young teens — Sarah Janet Maas
- ◆ Adult — Ken Follett

as co-regional advisor for the Michigan chapter of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. With more than 500 members in the Michigan chapter, the organization aims to support authors and illustrators on their journey into publishing via conferences, webinars and content.

Currently in the works for McKay are a couple of picture books, as well as a new middle grade novel.

“I’d love to get more books out there into the hands of kids and make reading fun again and reading important again,” she said. “It’s hard, I think, these days. Most kids, they’re active, which is awesome, but then they’re also on their phones or on their devices. And from what I understand, that’s taking precedence over reading.

“If you can build excitement about reading somehow, whether that’s in school visits, sharing books and the love of reading and writing with kids, if that can do anything to get them to open up a book again, that’s definitely something that I want to do.”

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age will renew a previously authorized 5-year millage for the same purposes (which previously authorized millage will expire after the December 2024 levy), and will generate an estimated \$2,069,200 in the first year that the renewed millage is assessed based upon the December 2025 levy.”

As the focus throughout the first term of the road improvement millage has been on major

roads — Kerby from Mack to Kercheval; Kercheval from Moross to Fisher; Ridge between Kerby and Fisher; and Fisher from Mack to Kercheval — city administration intends to set its sights on local, interior roads should residents choose to grant another five years of funding.

Reeside noted the city will continue to contribute funding as well.

“Over the course of this millage, we’ve actu-

ally added some additional dollars to be able to get some of these projects done,” he said.

Up for rehab this summer are Newberry Place; Lewiston from McMillan to Charlevoix; Chalfonte from Madison to Kerby; Calvin from Chalfonte to Webster; the public alleys adjacent to Mack Avenue and between Moross and Calvin, as well as Manor and Moran; and Muir from McMillan to Kercheval.



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Grosse Pointe Farms

Enemy of my friend

A 53-year-old Farms attorney received a threatening call Monday, June 10, from who officers suspect is the current wife of the ex-husband of one of the attorney’s clients represented in a contentious divorce.

Unlocked theft

The vehicle’s registration paperwork appeared to be the only item stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of McMillan in the early morning Monday, June 10.

Threats

A couple in the 400 block of Fisher have received 10 calls and three texts to their cell-phones demanding money and threatening to kill those who live in the house.

Engaging in theft

Two engagement rings and a pair of gold earrings — together worth \$31,000 — were stolen from a home on Newberry when a cleaning company was hired.

School fraud

A local teacher is suspected to be a victim of fraud after an employee in charge of payroll for the school received an email from someone claiming to be the teacher, who wanted to change her direct deposit information.

As the employee was not given any banking information for the change, nor was the necessary form completed, the teacher was missing two paychecks.

Stolen and sold

A 39-year-old Highland Park woman is out \$1,550 after purchasing off Facebook Marketplace a stolen vehicle from a 33-year-old Detroit man. The woman brought

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the vehicle into the Farms station for a VIN inspection — so she could register and title her vehicle with the Secretary of State — Wednesday, June 12, at which time an officer clocked it as stolen.

The suspect has a record of multiple arrests for vehicle theft.

No brakes

A 30-year-old Detroit woman truthfully told an officer Thursday, June 13, the reason she slowed as she approached a red light at Mack and Calvin and then proceeded through it was because her brakes were not functioning properly.

She also was driving with a suspended license, for which she was cited.

Drunken speeding

A 22-year-old Chesterfield man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:05 a.m. Friday, June 14, after being pulled over for speeding 50 mph on Moross.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.13 percent.

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

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Cause and effect

The at-fault driver — an 18-year-old Detroit woman — in an accident at St. Paul and Rivard at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, June 13, was found to be unlicensed. She was cited and released.

Blatant theft

A woman saw a thief steal a bag of items — approximately \$30 in

change, keys, work identification and vehicle documents — from her vehicle while it was parked in the 18000 block of Mack at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 15.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 7-inch, 180-pound black man with medium length hair.

Stolen bike

An unlocked dark gray Giant mountain bike was stolen at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, June 15, while its owner was inside a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft from park lot

Thieves cut through the gate to Windmill Pointe Park and stole a red 2000 Chevrolet Sierra pickup trunk and Bandit Industries series 250 wood chipper.

Overall value of the loss is \$40,000, police said.

The theft happened two weeks ago between 10 a.m. Sunday, June 9, and 7:45 a.m. the next morning.

“(The victim) stored his truck and trailered wood chipper at the park,” police said.

Thefts from autos

Twice last week victims reported thefts from parked cars.

The first happened in the 600 block of Westchester between

11:10 a.m. Sunday, June 9, and 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 10.

Someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway and stole a Panasonic audio recorder, gray laptop computer of unknown manufacture and digital tape measure.

The second happened in the 1100 block of Buckingham overnight Tuesday, June 11.

About \$5 in miscellaneous change was reported taken out of an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway.

Failed Hyundai theft

A few minutes before midnight Tuesday, June 11, an unknown male and female tried to steal a 2014 Hyundai Elantra parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

The car was parked roadside.

“Surveillance video shows the suspects approach the vehicle and attempt to steal it before fleeing westbound through the alley,” according to police. “(The victim) discovered the driver-side window broken. There was damage to the steering column.”

Dodge car theft

Surveillance video shows someone in a red Dodge Challenger with front-end damage escorting the unknown driver of a black 2009 Dodge Challenger stolen shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, while parked curbside in the 800 block of Balfour.

Subaru car theft

Park police entered Detroit to recover an

abandoned 2023 Subaru Crosstrek SUV stolen overnight Thursday, June 13, in the 1000 block of Devonshire.

Officers found the Subaru by logging onto its tracking application.

The car was in a driveway when taken in the Park.

“(The) key fob was left inside,” police said.

Trailer traced

The owner of a stolen dump trailer tracked it electronically to a Detroit residence.

“(The) trailer had an Apple AirTag on it,” police said.

Park officers recovered the property.

It was stolen while parked in the 800 block of Nottingham between 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, and 9 a.m. the next day.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Clean getaway

Two black males entered a business in the 20400 block of Mack around 5 p.m. Monday, June 10, and stole two large bottles of laundry

detergent. One suspect then returned and stole several smaller bottles.

They were seen leaving in a red GMC pickup.

Stolen vehicle

A gray 2015 Chrysler 300 was stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital sometime between 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, and 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 12.

The vehicle was locked and the owner was in possession of the keys.

Equipment missing

A weed wacker, leaf blower and hedge trimmers were taken from the back of a pickup truck in the 2200 block of Stanhope between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Total loss was \$1,700.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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Farms Regatta is next weekend

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The 71st Regatta at Pier Park, presented by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and city of Grosse Pointe Farms, runs Friday, June 28, through Sunday, June 30.

The festivities are free to all Farms residents. The schedule of events is as follows.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- ◆ 6 p.m. 3-on-3 basketball — eighth and ninth grade, 10th and 12th grade
- ◆ 6 to 7 p.m. children’s art in the park
- ◆ 7 p.m. Farms Cup Sail Race
- ◆ 6 to 10 p.m. regatta island party with live music by Detroit’s Derringer, plus food and cash bar

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- ◆ 10 a.m. bicycle parade, with decorating contest led by a superhero character
- ◆ 11 a.m. yoga in the park — bring your own mat
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. picnic table decoration contest
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dragonmead and GPF Boat Club beer and wine tent with cash bar
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. lobster food truck
- ◆ Noon pie-eating contest
- ◆ Noon to 3 p.m. face painting; bounce house; magician; children princesses performing on stage; superhero characters strolling the park
- ◆ 2:30 p.m. yellow ducky races
- ◆ 3 p.m. inflatable boat races
- ◆ 3 to 6 p.m. cornhole toss tournament
- ◆ 4 to 5 p.m. sandcastle contest
- ◆ 4 to 5 p.m. closest to the pin contest
- ◆ 6 to 10 p.m. live music by Not 2 Nite

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

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OUR VIEW

GPPSS lawsuit raises questions

A lawsuit filed by a former employee against the Grosse Pointe Public School System and four board of education members has many people across the district asking questions. We have some of our own.

As the Grosse Pointe News reported last week, Mary Anne Brush filed the lawsuit Friday, June 7, in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. It also names board President Sean Cotton, Vice President Ahmed Ismail, Secretary Lisa Papas and Trustee Ginny Jeup. Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe News.

Ms. Brush worked as communications coordinator for GPPSS from February 2021 until August 2023, when her position was terminated.

The suit says Ms. Brush, now doing communications work for Romeo Community Schools, was terminated from GPPSS “because of her political affiliations and associations with people who politically opposed the ultra-conservative political views held by the majority” of the board.

The suit makes several claims in trying to tie together various events over the last five years, but appears light on facts. It also alleges Ms. Brush’s First and Fourteenth Amendment rights were violated. We would like to see more details on this accusation, but unfortunately her attorney refused to take questions from a Grosse Pointe News reporter or provide a written statement.

We look forward to seeing answers to those questions if the matter were to reach the discovery phase.

The timing of this lawsuit also raises questions. Today is 10 months to the day that Ms. Brush’s position was terminated as part of an overarching 2023-24 fiscal year budget that saw \$4.6 million in cuts. Seeing as how she was able to find gainful employment elsewhere within the recent school year, it begs the question as to what other motivations might be at play.

As Mr. Cotton said in a statement last week, “If the school district and I are served with the complaint that is on file with the courts, then this is lawfare, plain and simple. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that this is to impact the November elections for the board of education. The weaponizing of our court system by those that are not happy with the results of fair elections.”

We tend to agree. The district is in the midst of finalizing the 2024-25 budget (see story, page 1A) that will include more cuts as the current board attempts to rectify the district’s deficit spending of some \$9 million in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 budgets. Without swift action last year, GPPSS was headed toward financial catastrophe the likes of which the Ann Arbor and Wayne-Westland school districts are now facing.

It also should be noted that so far, no other former GPPSS employees impacted by last year’s budget cuts have sued the district to our knowledge.

In crafting the 2023-24 budget, the board determined personnel cuts needed to be spread across all departments, including central administration. The communications team grew from one position to three in 2021, as the district was dealing with COVID and a plethora of information needed to be disseminated quickly and efficiently.

Some central administration positions that were vacant or about to become vacant were not filled. The board also determined the communi-



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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointer Suzy Berschback sent us this photo she took the evening of June 13, after rain poured down while she was watching the Farms Boat Club sailboat races from the dock at Pier Park.

cations team could be reduced back to one person, as it had been the previous 18 years. One of the three had already departed for another job and, as Mr. Cotton said, the final decision was left up to then-Superintendent Jon Dean. He chose to terminate Ms. Brush’s position, rather than the other employee who had been with the district since 2005.

That employee, Rebecca Fannon, left GPPSS after Ms. Brush’s termination to work in another school district. We do not know if Ms. Brush applied for that position when it came open. Again, more questions we wish her attorney would have answered.

Finally, there is the issue of Ms. Brush’s time as the education reporter for the Grosse Pointe News, a position she held from June 2015 to December 2020.

Her lawsuit says she lost her job with GPPSS as “retaliation” for her work as a reporter in 2019, before Mr. Cotton bought the paper. Ms. Brush said she was “investigating” the Cotton family with the belief it was behind a recall effort against three board members for the decision to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools.

Mr. Cotton says this is untrue. The Grosse Pointe News formerly was owned by Pointe

Media, which continues to operate Grosse Pointe Magazine. Mr. Cotton formed a new company to operate the Grosse Pointe News, known as Weekly Bugle LLC. Employees of Pointe Media were invited to apply to Weekly Bugle.

“I hired many of the staff from John Minnis, the former owner,” Mr. Cotton said. “Mary Anne Brush, along with several staff of the former owner, were not hired by me. I had no idea she was investigating anything that had anything to do with my family or myself. I did not buy the Grosse Pointe News because of Mary Anne Brush.”

It is unfortunate that someone whose position was terminated due to budget problems would put the district in a position to spend money unnecessarily on legal fees. It is our hope the suit is dismissed on lack of grounds or, better yet, withdrawn.

We strongly encourage GPPSS not to engage in, and especially not agree to, any talks about an out-of-court settlement when shrinking revenues need to be directed where they are most needed, that being students and staff.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Address critical public health issue

To the Editor:

June is Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month and it’s a great time for all of us to take charge of our brain health. Dementia is an incredibly important public health issue here in Michigan and throughout the nation. I understand firsthand the impact dementia has on families across America and I’ve also seen the amazing positive impacts of improving brain health.

Public health departments have made significant progress in improving brain health across the life course in communities like ours in Michigan. To continue this progress, Congress needs to pass the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Reauthorization Act (S. 3775 / H.R. 7218). This legislation will reauthorize the BOLD Act and empower public health departments to continue improving brain health and supporting people living with dementia and their care partners. Reauthorizing BOLD will ensure state, local and tribal public health departments can continue to implement effective dementia interventions such as reducing risk, increasing early detection and diagnosis and supporting the needs of care partners.

Congressman Shri Thanedar can play an important role in addressing this critical public health issue by co-sponsoring this legislation. Bi-partisan efforts like this are critical for addressing dementia, improving brain health and creating a brighter future for us all.

CRAIG FOWLER
Grosse Pointe Park

A disservice

To the Editor:

On June 10, the teacher’s union endorsed four candidates for our Grosse Pointe school board. That is their right to endorse who they want.

However, I don’t know why they would want to pit themselves against the community. What is extremely disturbing is to lie to the community. In an open letter to the community the union stated, “These recommendations come after interviews were offered to all candidates running this fall ...” That statement is just not possible or truthful as the well-known deadline to file for the school

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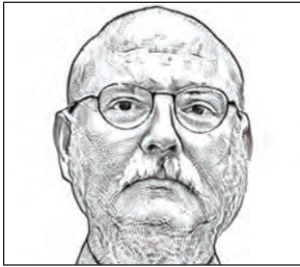
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I SAY By Ted O’Neil



Summertime blues

By now, high school and college students pretty much have their summer jobs sewn up and are a few weeks or more into making money. Thinking about that got me reminiscing about summer jobs I had years ago and some of the wild experiences that accompanied them. My first real summer job was with the St. Clair Shores Department of Public Works the year I

graduated from Lakeview High School. I started off on a branch chipper truck — and made the mistake of wearing a short-sleeved T-shirt the first day — and ended up in the sign shop. Each summer temp was paired with a full-timer on a chipper and every morning we’d get a stack of street addresses for people who had called to request the service. The stack never got done, and the remaining slips were just added to the following week. Due to summer vacations and such, one day the foreman put me and his son, also a temp,

together on a truck. We finished our list by lunchtime and went back to the garage for another stack of addresses. Suffice it to say, the union was not happy so the foreman transferred me to the sign shop to keep the peace. Repainting crosswalks and replacing damaged street signs was actually kind of fun and a lot quieter than a branch chipper. The summer after freshman year of college, a buddy of mine and I were hired by a pool building company and thought we struck it rich. The ad promised \$400 a

week, which wasn’t too shabby for 1986. These weren’t just any pools. They were very elaborate, half in ground and half above ground, with massive decks. One crew would go in and dig the hole and prep the ground, then our four-person crew would lay out and attach the steel beam framework and dig post holes for the decking. Others followed to install the liner, build the deck, hook up the filtration system, etc. After the first week, the owner tried to pull a switcheroo and said pay would now be \$400 per crew, per pool. Pretty

much everyone quit the next day. After a visit to a temp agency, my buddy ended up at a factory making bumpers for vehicles and I went to work at an orange juice factory. Yes, you read that correctly. After a day and a half of slicing open half-gallon jugs of spoiled OJ and dumping it in trash cans, it was time for a change. Next came a lawn service that actually had some accounts in the Pointes. I recall one on Provencal across from the Country Club of Detroit with a lawn so big it probably took three hours to cut, edge and

trim. I finished the summer when a family friend offered me more money to work for his commercial and residential painting company. The summers after sophomore and junior years of college were much more stable, working for the apartment complex my mom had moved to after my dad passed away and she decided the house was too much for her to handle. It was great waking up five minutes before start time, not having to pack a lunch and being outside most of the time cutting grass, trimming hedges and maintaining the pool. Hopefully you have some fun summer job tales as well.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

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PARK STARTS CONVERSION MOVE: As had long been expected the Board of Commissioners of Grosse Pointe Park took the first steps at their meeting June 13 on the road to incorporation as a city. Commissioner Karl B. Goddard, chairman of a committee that has long been studying the subject, introduced a resolution at the meeting which starts the ball rolling. **WICKING RE-ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD:** Bert H. Wicking, president of the Board of Education, a candidate for reelection as a trustee of the board, was swept into office by a three-to-one majority over his opponent, Thomas L. Lott. Wicking polled 1,442 votes as against Lott’s 474.

DEBATE LAKELAND SEAWALL: What to do or what not to do with the foot of Lakeland Avenue seemed to be the question put before Grosse Pointe City Council at its June 17 meeting. The problem had arisen before when Drs. S. J. Moroun and Robert Whiteley, who live across the street from each other, on lakefront property adjacent to City-owned land at the foot of Lakeland, proposed erecting a seawall to contain their front yards from the record-high water levels of Lake St. Clair. **GERICH FUND TOPS \$4,000:** Over \$4,000 has been raised by the Committee to Honor Jerry Gerich upon his retirement from South High School after 18 years of service. The funds will be made a part

of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment, an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1971. **CITY OKAYS PLANS FOR UNIQUE SHOP:** If all goes according to N. Michael Williams’ plans, a veritable “museum” will soon be standing among other businesses along Kercheval Avenue in The Village. Mr. Williams is president of Charterhouse and Company, a jewelry-by-appointment business that will shortly be moving into 16835 Kercheval, the former quarters of York Jewelers.

1999
25 years ago this week

EDISON PULLS PLUG ON FARMS, CITY WATER SUPPLY: They did it on purpose. A string of unlikely but manageable breakdowns was overshadowed last Thursday when a Detroit Edison employee switched off power two times to the water filtration plant in Grosse Pointe

Farms. It was part of the cycling activity and was not an error, according to Lewis Layton of Edison’s PR department. Farms officials were stunned by the news. **COTTAGE HOSPITAL PLANS TO BUILD CANCER TREATMENT CENTER:** Cottage Hospital will propose next week the creation of a new treatment center to, among other things, help fight Grosse Pointe’s record levels of breast cancer. Treatments will include radiation therapy, but also feature “comprehensive cancer services and state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment,” said Richard Van Lith, CEO of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. **MORAN RESIGNS FROM PARK COUNCIL:**

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park City Councilwoman Valerie Moran announced her resignation from the Park council, a move that saddened her colleagues who praised her efforts on behalf of Park residents over the past decade. Moran first joined the council in 1989. She said she enjoyed her tenure, but that her husband, Patrick, a merchant banker, had an opportunity to take an excellent job in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and she supported his decision.

2014
10 years ago this week

BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPS: University Liggett boys

baseball team won its second straight state championship last weekend, beating Decatur 9-0 in the Division 3 title game. Last year, the Knights beat Beal City to win the Division 4 title. The Knights also became the first team in state history to play in four consecutive state championship games, winning three of them. They lost in 2012 to Decatur. **BUILDING NAMED FOR DONORS:** Professional Building I on the campus of St. John Hospital and Medical Center has been named in honor of John and Marlene Boll in recognition of their longtime philanthropic support and personal involvement in a wide range of leadership roles for the hospital.

LETTERS:

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board is July 23. I have not had time to file yet and I am sure there will be others. In my case, given that the GPEA did not endorse me in 2020 when I was a dues-paying member of the other major teachers union, they wouldn’t be looking to endorse me now that I am not. It is quite a head scratcher when a teachers union doesn’t endorse a fellow public school teacher. I was the trustee that fought for the purchase of air purifiers for every classroom, repairs for the pit in our performing arts center and most notably have argued for elimination of the formula that has the potential to hurt teacher salaries, especially now as our fund balance is significantly below

10 percent. The filing deadline is July 23. To endorse four candidates over a month before the deadline, then tell the community that interviews were offered to all candidates is not true and is disrespectful. As educators, you should be ashamed. Student government candidates have a fairer process. You also did a disservice to your union membership, as you did not allow them to evaluate the entire pool of candidates. Many in our community look to the teacher’s union as a source of truth. It is troubling and disappointing that they would lie to our community. **LISA PAPAS**
City of Grosse Pointe
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Retired Air Force general to host talk on book, ‘Violent Positivity’

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following the 2024 Selfridge Air Show, the former commanding general of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base — retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Doug “Odie” Slocum — next week will hold a book talk at The War Memorial on his new book, “Violent Positivity: A Fighter Pilot’s Journey: Leadership Lessons on Caring for People,” which was released in February.

This third installment of bi-monthly veteran educational seminars at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, is a free event Thursday, June 27. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the book talk beginning at 6:30 p.m.

From 7:15 to 8 p.m. a meet and greet, as well as book signing are planned.

“Violent Positivity,” is named for Slocum’s people-centric approach to leadership, which served him for 35 years of innovating programs for safety, organizational culture, suicide prevention and resiliency.

The book spans his childhood growing up as a “military brat” and his career as a fighter pilot with more than 4,100 hours flying F-4, F-16 and A-10 aircraft, as the top 1 percent of experienced fighter pilots in the United States Air Force.

During his 2009 to 2013 service as the Air National Guard director of safety, he is credited with leading the four safest years in the organization’s history.

Also serving as an instructor pilot, Slocum has authored more than 250 lessons, textbooks and professional publications.

“People can expect to hear leadership lessons learned over 35 years,” he said in a release. “I had some absolutely fantastic opportunities to take care of people in my career. My book is the story of how I got in the position to do that and how it all came about.

“I’ll provide some great insights into leadership that focuses on people. I think there are stories here that need to be told. A lot of my motivation was to document some of the cool things that have happened and how they came about.”

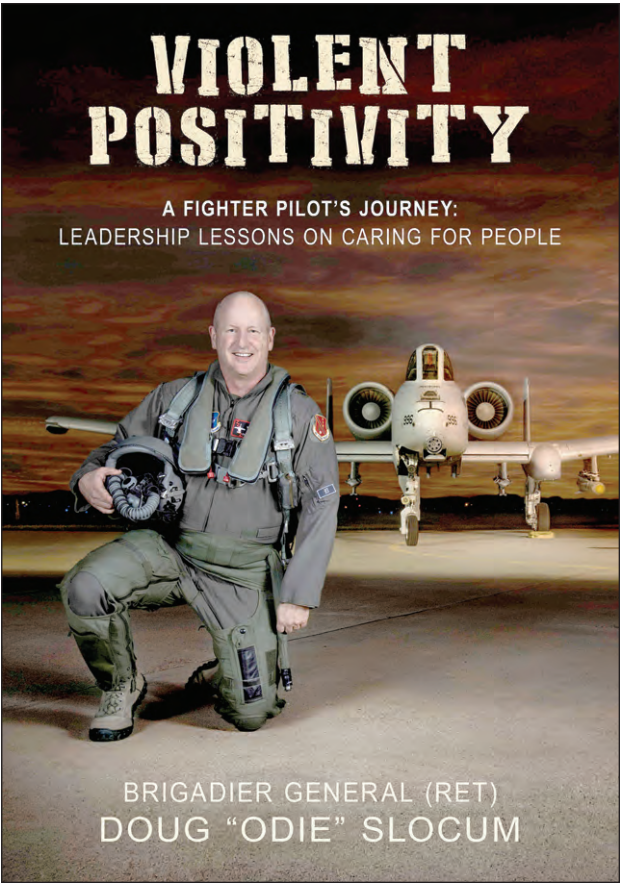
Slocum retired from Selfridge in 2019.

While under his leadership, the base was named the top Air National Guard Wing in the country, the top fighter aircraft organization, the most efficient aerial tanker wing in the Air Force and the third Air

National Guard Wing in history to receive the Meritorious Unit Award for outstanding devotion and exceptional performance.

“People will do amazing things if they are given the tools, motivation and ownership to achieve,” Slocum writes on his LinkedIn page. “My philosophy is that executive leadership is best exercised by an ‘ask, don’t task’ and ‘sell, don’t tell’ approach. People can, and do, make mistakes. We shouldn’t expect perfection. However, by empowering people, properly designing our procedural checks and balances, and planning for contingencies — we can achieve organizational excellence.”

Slocum also is on the boards of the Fisher House of Michigan, National Defense



Industrial Association and Selfridge Military Air Museum. He is a member of Women in Defense, the Selfridge Base Community Council and Macomb County Chamber of Commerce.

He resides in Macomb Township with his wife and 17-year-old daughter. Registration, though not required, is requested at warmemorial.org/eventcalendar11/general-slocumbooktalk.

Lead line loans not flowing our way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A multimillion dollar federal program to help cities replace lead water service lines is likely to count the Park out.

Funds are available as low-interest loans mainly to areas lacking the Grosse Pointes’ financial stoutness.

“It’s a loan program, so that means they’re going to put it through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund, which funds mainly low income,” said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager.

“Even if we were successful at securing the dollars, it is a loan, which means we have to pay it back,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

On May 1, an administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency issued

a memo outlining \$3 billion worth of lead service line replacement funding nationwide for fiscal year 2024. Michigan’s cut is just shy of \$62 million despite a statewide unfunded mandate for all jurisdictions to eliminate lead service lines.

Flint’s mismanagement 10 years ago of its drinking water purification system prompted the mandate.

“A key priority is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure,” according to a 2022 EPA memo explaining criteria by which applicants are judged. “Disadvantaged communities can include those with environmental justice concerns that often include low-income people and communities of color.”

“We reapplied and are,

of course, hoping to get funding,” Sizeland said. “But, it’s one of those, ‘I’ll believe it when I see it.’”

“We’re not likely to be competitive for those dollars,” Hodges said, “which is why Baker Tilly (a municipal financial consultant) was hired (in 2022) to help us map out a strategy to ensure we fulfill the unfunded state mandate. Some of those situations come in the form of water-sewer rates.”

A 4 to 4.5 percent water rate increase is being considered for the city’s fiscal year 2025 budget, effective

July 1. A preview of the budget last month showed a nearly \$82,000 surplus, another non-qualifier for low-interest federal loans.

“The fact is, we’re living with the ramifications of an unfunded mandate,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

He said it costs up to \$20,000 to replace a lead service line. The citywide cost to replace about 800 lead lines totals \$16 million.

“It would be nice to get support,” Wiener said. “There’s no money being

offered to us to do this and it’s at the expense of other infrastructure work. We identified \$16 to \$17 million worth of water-sewer infrastructure that could be done in the city. The point being, almost the entirety of our water-sewer millage would have to be dedicated just to the changeover of lead lines.”

Cities throughout the state face the same challenge.

“I’m sure most communities won’t be able to tackle it, but, at the end of the day, we have a mandate, so we have an obligation to do it,” Wiener said.

The mandate’s deadline is 17 years from now in

2041, which allows time for piecemeal replacement.

Park officials are bundling lead line work into water main upgrades rather than scheduling separate projects independently. Members of the council last month included replacing 87 lead service lines as part of a \$1.6 contract to upgrade 2,300 feet of water mains.

“If we’re already digging up half the street to do water main work, we might as well do lead lines,” Wiener said. “We are going to remain compliant with the rules and pick away at as many lead lines as we can reasonably pick away.”

Dispersing assets

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There are all kinds of reasons for a municipality to establish multiple accounts at various financial institutions.

Doing so spreads out risk and also makes it easier to track financial activity by having separate accounts for specific purposes, such as payroll or certain types of purchases.

During routine action June 10, in compliance

with state law, Park officials adopted a resolution designating the use of financial institutions recommended by the city treasurer.

“The city council (resolves) that the following institutions be added as depository institutions for city’s funds and all other public invested monies coming into the hands of (the) city treasurer,” according to the resolution.

The list consists of, for brokers, dealers and safe-keeping:

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Comerica Securities, Flagstar Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC/J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp., Morgan Stanley, PNC Financial Services Group, Raymond James & Associates and Robinson Capital.

For pooled accounts, the city designated Michigan CLASS/Public Trust Advisors.

The list of banks consists of Bank of America, Citizens Bank, Charter One Bank, Comerica Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Flagstar Bank, Huntington Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Merrill Lynch and PNC Bank.

“Each of the above depositories are hereby ... authorized to honor all checks for payment of monies drawn on the various (city) accounts,” according to the resolution.

— Brad Lindberg

Elevator doors are insensitive

GROSSE POINTE PARK — To ensure what opens must close gently, a repair contract was approved recently to fix the elevator doors at city hall.

Work totals \$5,365 worth of repairs to a sensor that activates a door when riders enter or exit the car.

The elevator is a two-

sided model, meaning there are doors on opposite sides. They provide easier access to stepped-distanced floors designed into the four-story building’s expansion nearly 30 years ago.

“The doors take an extended period of time to close,” Warren Rothe, assistant city manager,

wrote in a memo to the city council requesting the appropriation.

In addition, upon tardy closing, a sensor designed to prevent doors from closing on riders triggers a warning “ding.”

“This is because the door edge — the part that senses if a person or object is in the way — has failed,” Rothe said.

A united council approved a repair contract with MEI Elevator Solutions.

Technicians will “replace (the) mechanical edge with (an) upgraded infrared Tri-Tronics door edge,” according to the company’s prospectus.

Tri-Tronics manufactures photoelectric sensors and related devices in Tampa, Fla.

“The replacement edge would essentially ‘see’ an obstruction, where the mechanical edge would sense resistance,” Rothe said.

— Brad Lindberg

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Fourth Floor, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230 on the following matter:

An application to the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals requesting an exception to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 46-407(b) Fences, Location and Height by the owners of real property located at 15800 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230. The following exception is being requested:

Approve/relax the limitations of a fence located in a front yard.

Information concerning this request may be obtained from the Public Service Department during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling (313)-822-4365. Written comments concerning this request will be received by the Public Service Department prior to the public hearing or by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the public hearing. Comments can be submitted via email at clerk@grossepointepark.org.

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Victor Lucas, Blake Griesbaum and Andrew Jaegar-Karella at their Buddies waffle station during Market Day at Ferry Elementary School.



A cousin’s love

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — As Donkey in “Shrek” memorably said, “In the morning, I’m making waffles!” For 3-year-old Harrison Ahee, he wanted waffles any time day or night dur-

ing his 10-month battle with cancer. “He ate them once in a while before, but when he was going through everything, that’s all he wanted,” said Harrison’s mom, Abbey Ahee. “Even if he’d wake up in the middle of the night. That was important, too, for the calories, because otherwise he’d have been on a feeding tube.” That gave Blake Griesbaum, Harrison’s cousin, an idea. A fourth grader in James Fisher’s 3-4 magnet class at Ferry Elementary School, he decided to sell waffles for the annual market day the

class holds. Fisher uses the day to weave in lessons during daily learning on topics such as technology, economics, math and social skills, just as he does with his biennial Fishissippi Coney Island project. It also was Griesbaum who suggested to Fisher the class donate its proceeds to Rainbow Connection, which has gifted the Ahee family a trip to Disney World this fall. The total donation was nearly \$1,300. Griesbaum raised \$85 of that, selling plain waffles for \$1 and those with toppings such as whipped cream, caramel sauce and fruit for \$2. “We usually do some research on charities and brainstorm which one to support,” Fisher said. “Blake said if we gave the money to Rainbow Connection they’d be able to help another child. It’s endearing when a student has their own connection to something like that.” Fisher said the rest of the students were familiar with Harrison’s story and thought doing a food court in addition to the usual arts and crafts would draw in more parents and grandparents. “We had things like pasta, smoothies, ice cream,” Fisher said. “It was smart of them to do it over lunch and they also invited all the teachers.” “Blake is a very compassionate boy,” Abbey Ahee said. “He always wants to make sure everyone is taken care of.” Blake’s mom, Jessica Griesbaum — her brother, Jeff, is married to Abbey — agreed. “Harrison really looks

up to Blake and Blake is so good with him, always making sure he’s included in things,” she said. “It was heartbreaking because he was too young to go to the hospital to see Harrison, so they had to FaceTime.” Blake said Harrison is very energetic and loves to play. In his spare time, Blake likes to play baseball — no surprise given the Griesbaum lineage — as well as football and video games. As for Harrison, now in remission, he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a soft-tissue cancer, in February 2023. He said he “loves Blakey,” as he calls him, and is glad to be done with the hospital. “At first he was just acting like a sick 2-year-old, so we thought maybe he had an ear infection or strep throat,” Abbey Ahee said. “They ended up finding a golf-ball-sized tumor on the back of his neck.”

Over the next 10 months, he spent more than 70 nights in the hospital, received more than 600 blood-thinner transfusions and 31 radiation sessions, causing third-degree burns on his neck. “It was hard to explain to him,” Abbey Ahee said. “He knew the medicine made his hair fall out and he got used to staying overnight in the hospital. It became the norm. Now, every time he has a scratchy throat, he thinks he has to go back.” The family learned of Rainbow Connection while Harrison was being treated. Come October, he, Mom, Dad, older brother Jeffrey and younger sister Delilah are heading to Disney, where they’ll celebrate his fourth birthday. Harrison said he’s most looking forward to meeting Mickey Mouse and going on rides.



Harrison Ahee loved waffles while he was going through radiation.

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said. “And my parents have a condo up here so they can spend more time with the boys.” Her fondest memories of growing up in the Pointes involve school, including Daniel Bens, her English teacher at Parcels Middle School. “He’s my favorite teacher of all time,” she said. “We were writing book reports and I was really struggling because my mom was facing some health issues but he was just so supportive. I had no interest in writing and to think, all these years later it’s what I want to do.” She also worked at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at North, both during high school and after graduating from Western Michigan University. “I did things like set construction and sound tech,” she said. “It was a wonderful experience.” Todd visited local bookshops on her last visit home to discuss “The Spoiler.” “We’re hoping to have an author event but nothing is scheduled just yet,” she said. Visit bookstoread.com/the spoiler for more information.

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All hands on deck at Gianna House
Nonprofit helps at-risk pregnant women, new moms gain independence

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A group of volunteers from Marsh McLennan Agency of Michigan last month spent a day at Gianna House in Eastpointe, assisting with a variety of chores to benefit the nonprofit, which provides education and life skills programming to young pregnant women and mothers who are at-risk or lack safe housing.

“Many thanks are owed MMA,” said Jamie Spriet, president emeritus of Gianna House and a Grosse Pointe resident. “This is their second year of bringing in a troupe of consultants and insurance specialists to roll up their sleeves, get dirty and help our small yet mighty charity. We owe them each great thanks because they completed work that would have taken us weeks to accomplish.

“MMA has been one of our largest benefactors with their time and talents,” she added. “They came to our house like a group of banshees and pulled weeds, planted flowers, painted walls, washed baseboards, helped with mailings, organized our boutique. They are just a phenomenal group of people with big hearts who are gener-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAMIE SPRIET

A host of volunteers from MMA recently turned out to offer a hand at Gianna House.

ous with their time and effort and financial support.”

MMA is one of many organizations and individuals that support Gianna House. Spriet got involved with it more than four years ago, after a friend told her about the charity and its various needs.

Services

Gianna House provides housing to women ages 18 to 25 and their babies, who are welcome stay at the residence for a year

after the birth of the child.

“We nurture, educate, teach independence and launch them a year after birth,” Spriet said.

Some women show up at Gianna House eight months pregnant without having seen a doctor, she noted.

“They have no one in their life to help them,” Spriet explained. “We help. We help with adoption if that’s what they want, but most of them want to keep their babies. We teach nutrition, child care. We become their mothers because they have no support. We have been beside them when they deliver because they have no one. We coach them along, we show them faith, we show them possibility. We give them a chance no one showed them they could have. It’s daunting work.”

Gianna House also offers community outreach for low-income mothers of any age through education and support, providing classes in personal growth, breastfeeding, healthy nutrition, yoga and a variety of other

subjects.

Gianna House distributes free of cost critically needed items such as clothing, diapers, wipes, formula, car seats, bottles and blankets, as well as women’s toiletries and gift cards. Additionally, women who register for and attend education and self-improvement classes are acknowledged with “baby bucks,” which they use to buy needed items from the distribution room.

“We take on everyone — agnostic, Christian, Muslim, Hindi, anyone who comes to our doors,” Spriet said. “It’s not unlike a sorority; they pull themselves up and rise up together. Each has their own road, but they recognize the need for a family.”

Soon, Gianna House hopes to offer career exploration opportunities through a grant from United Way. Working in tandem with Comerica Bank, residents also are taught financial literacy.

“We also ask them to take an entrepreneur class so they understand what it means to start their own business,” Spriet added. “We are really in motion in many directions these days.”

With all of its offerings, community support is imperative. The volunteer-run organization is funded primarily through donations, grants and fundraisers. It recently was the recipient of a portion of the proceeds raised through the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s Soiree at Stone Manor.

Groups like MMA, Knights of Columbus, Rotary, chambers of commerce, Health Alliance Plan, United Way, Wayne State and Oakland universities,

among others, all have offered support.

“We do have so many benefactors in Grosse Pointe,” Spriet said. “Like St. Paul (on the Lake Catholic Church) and its Knights of Columbus, Sunrise Rotary, Grosse Pointe Historical Society ... the Van Elslander Foundation. There are a lot of other big-hearted people in the area.”

Paul and Joan Moses of Walking With Moms renovated the entire basement, including building shelves, sorting clothes and other items and fixing the washing machine; MMA renovated the courtyard and front yard, set up entrepreneurship rooms, assisted with administration work and completed other tasks around building; Jacqui Rabine with Michigan State University Extension hosted anger management classes; Peter Campbell of Geesher Human Services maintains janitorial services at the home; Quiane Bates of Better Way Detroit organized and cleared out a transitional apartment to make space for residents with medical restrictions; and Helen Callans facilitates birthing classes.

More help needed

Currently Gianna House is hosting its Heat the House campaign, which began shortly after all four floors of the house flooded the day after Christmas 2022.

Several benefactors have offered support, Spriet said, including Nancy Rickart, president of the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, as well as the Knights of Columbus Michigan Council and St. Veronica. The three groups contributed \$160,000 toward

Gianna House’s efforts to buy a new HVAC system.

“Our capital campaign for 2024 is to raise the additional \$100,000 required,” she said. “Those donations to Heat the House are our biggest effort. Community support of our capital campaign this year would allow us to get a new HVAC system to prevent our pipes from bursting again.”

Another hope a new HVAC system will bring is doubling capacity at Gianna House. Currently it is able to room four mothers and four babies in suites.

“Each baby has its own space and Mom has her own space,” Spriet explained, noting the upgraded HVAC would allow room for eight moms and eight babies.

Spriet said she fully supports the mission of Gianna House and the more women and children it can serve, the better.

“Each young woman has their own individual dream, a vision of who they are,” she said. “We help them dream in that regard. We help them with the basics, but where they grow, where they become different, we help them realize their dreams. I’m very passionate about the work done at Giana House. It’s quite unique.

“... At the end of the day when I close the books, I know I’ve touched and improved the life of one young mother and a new baby,” she added. “I’ve helped impact change for someone who has the least in our community. That’s our drive. I give out pretty religiously to this group a lot of work and I have a lot of gratitude for it.”



Volunteers from MMA helped spruce up the grounds at Gianna House.



MMA volunteers stuff envelopes at Gianna House.

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Farms officers design challenge coin

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department recently became the next in the Pointes to design a challenge coin unique and symbolic to its department.

The coins are used as tokens and presented to officers within the department in recognition of achievements, exchanged among different law enforcement agencies as a sign of mutual respect or cooperation and given to civilians to show appreciation.

“I have always been aware of the traditional military challenge coins; however, after attending numerous law enforce-



ment, fire industry and National FBI-LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) conferences over the years, I noticed that most agencies had challenge coins,” Deputy Director Andy Rogers said. “For our coin in par-

ticular, it was a department-wide group effort when it came to its design. Officers were asked to come up with sketches, colors, layouts, etc.”

The front of the Farms coin features thin blue and red lines meant to



represent the department’s public safety mode of operations, which includes both police and fire, as well as three badges with intentional symbolism.

◆ A silver public safety officer badge with the No. 17 represents Officer Ken

Pine, who was killed in the line of duty while investigating a drunken driver on Mack March 17, 1975.

◆ A gold supervisor badge labeled with the year 1895, represents the cornerstone at 90 Kerby, the public safety station’s address, and is the year the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms Council laid the groundwork for an early fire department.

◆ A firefighter badge represents the fact the Farms department retains the Grosse Pointes’ only four specialist firefighters.

The back of the challenge coin features one of the department’s mottos — “Honoring our past, Improving the future” — encircling the state of

Michigan with a star on the location of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The state is set to a background of waves for water representation and uses a blue and gold color palette as a nod to Grosse Pointe South High School, which is located in the Farms.

“The coins are great for networking and acknowledging good deeds of citizens and groups,” Rogers said. “They are Michigan-made and are produced from a company that supports fallen law enforcement officers’ families.”

The company, Thin Blue Line USA, has donated more than \$1 million to causes supporting families of the fallen, first responders and veterans.

16th annual Run Drugs Out of Town is June 30

Families Against Narcotics, a nonprofit based in Macomb County, will host its 16th annual Run Drugs Out of Town 5K Run/Walk fundraiser at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 30, at Jimmy John’s Field in Utica.

The event, which is expected to draw close to 2,000 people, helps increase awareness of addiction and raises money to fund the compassionate programs FAN provides to individuals and families who have been affected by the disease.

FAN moved this year’s Run Drugs Out of Town from its usual location at

Fraser High School because of unanticipated road construction around the school this summer. Nevertheless, the organization is working hard to make it just as spectacular as previous years’ runs.

“While it’s unfortunate that road construction forced us to relocate Run Drugs Out of Town this year, we’re extremely excited that we were able to secure Jimmy John’s Field for our event,” FAN Executive Director Linda Davis said. “We’re looking forward to this new location and the beautiful race route that comes along with it.”

Run Drugs Out of Town

participants will run or walk the 5K either individually or as a team. This year’s race starts inside the stadium, then runners and walkers will head out to a 5K course that takes them through a wooded biking/hiking trail off Auburn Road and into River’s Bend Park. The run/walk finishes at home plate inside Jimmy John’s Field.

FAN will recognize the top fundraising team and top fundraising individual, as well as the largest team. All runners will receive medals, with the top finishers in multiple age groups getting special medals.

Since Families Against Narcotics was founded in Fraser in 2007, the organization has expanded to more than 20 chapters statewide. FAN has helped tens of thousands of people whose lives have been impacted by substance use disorder, ranging from individuals who are struggling and ready to get help, to family members who are desperate to know how best to support their loved one who is battling the disease. FAN is there for anyone who needs assistance, offering them compassion, support, resources and services, all of which are completely free of charge.

FAN’s programming includes monthly FAN Forums; Hope Not Handcuffs; community naloxone (Narcan) training and education; peer and family recovery coaching; the Stronger Together family and friends support group; the COMEBACK Quick Response Team; the HARM:LESS Harm Reduction Support Team; the REDIRECT addiction-related diversion program; and sober living scholarships.

“Run Drugs Out of Town is such an exciting fundraiser and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone on June 30,” Davis added. “This is a fun,

uplifting, family-friendly event for the entire community. We hope you’ll come out and join us and bring your family and friends. Together, we can face addiction now and make a difference.”

Jimmy John’s Field is located at 7171 Auburn, Utica. To register, visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org/rundrugsofthetown or call (586) 438-8500. Walk-up registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on race day.

Packet pick-up takes place from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, through Friday, June 28, at FAN’s new office, 43800 Garfield, Ste. 200.

AAUW Grosse Pointe awards scholarships

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women recently awarded scholarships of \$1,500 each to graduating senior girls at Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School who plan to pursue careers in STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, math).

The scholarship committee developed an equitable and fair application with clear objective metrics for evaluation in the selection process. They focused on academic excellence, participation and leadership in school and community, as well as STEM career goals.

The applicants’ essays weighed heavily in the selection. They were asked, “If you could use your STEM discipline to create any innovation that would change the future, what would it be and why?”

This year’s AAUW Grosse Pointe scholarship awardees are Zofia Lutoborska of Grosse Pointe North and Elizabeth Peberdy of Grosse Pointe South.

Lutoborska will attend the University of Michigan to pursue a career as a forensic scientist. She wants to create a “self-sustaining, indoor gardening system.” The home gardening boxes would be connected to run-off running water from household flushes. The U.S. Department of Agriculture would provide seeds for fruits and vegetables in line with the USDA’s My Plate dietary recommendations. It would be funded through an increase in tax on state lotteries.



Zofia Lutoborska



Elizabeth Peberdy

Lutoborska believes “this innovation will make an attempt to emasculate food insecurity and provide an option for better health.”

Peberdy will attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and pursue a career as a chemist. Her innovation involves nanotechnology. Nano devices would be capable of navigating the human body to diagnose diseases, possibly before symptoms appear, as well as delivering medicinal therapies. These “tiny robots” also could be customized to meet the specific biological makeup and medical needs of each patient. Peberdy believes “by using the

power of nanoscale engineering, we can create more effective, personalized and preventative healthcare solutions.”

The AAUW Grosse Pointe branch began in 1944, and is celebrating 80 years of advancing equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Fundraising has allowed the branch to fund national endowments and scholarships, as well as scholarships to women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College. To make a more profound impact in the community and support and encourage careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics), the branch also has provided the financial stability to continue and expand local robotics teams, annually award scholarships to graduating high school seniors and host an art contest and exhibition in the fall.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

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.

◆ Troubleshooting Workshop with Tracey Ladd, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

◆ Graffiti Quilting with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 25.

◆ Portraits in the style of Berthe Morisot with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, June 27, July 11 and July 18.

◆ Introduction to Digital Art with Chris Zientek, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 31.

◆ Basic Block Printing on Fabric with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 16. Registration is required by July 9.

◆ Portraits in the style of Edgar Degas with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8.

◆ Triple the Fun: Abstraction and Realism in Watercolor and Ink with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July

30.

◆ Portraits in the Style of Henri Gervex with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15, 22 and 29.

Library

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

◆ Teen Movie Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ To-Go Craft: Paint Chip Ball, all day Monday, June 24, at all three branches.

◆ Adventures in Drawing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Indiana Joel’s Magic Show, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Artist Talk: Illustrating the Alaskan Tundra, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Wildlife Photography with Dr. P., 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Claire, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Camp Out STEAM Adventures, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Dean of Detroit Architects — George D. Mason, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1,000 Hours Mud Day, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Readers’ Choice Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 29, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie “The Hill” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 21. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Let’s Get Artsy: Paperfolding, 11 a.m. to

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Jim Morrow’s grand-daughter, Anna Groustra, 14, was 7 when this photo was taken while she participated in the Learn to Sail program at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

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The perks of being a youth sailor

No membership required to learn to sail

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Living in the Grosse Pointes and not taking advantage of its proximity to Lake St. Clair would be a tremendous missed opportunity, says Jim Morrow, president of the Youth Nautical Education Foundation, an organization that supports youth sailing and education in and outside of the community. He believes learning to sail and general water safety are paramount to anyone living in the Pointes. “Sailing and boating skills last a lifetime and are important as we all live around the lakes,” he added.

Morrow recently promoted the community’s Learn to Sail program, which is offered to ages 7 to 14, and teaches basic sailing and boating skills.

“Young folks gain a sense of confidence to sail their own boat under the guidance of experienced coaches,” he explained. “What many don’t know is that this is available to anyone in our community.”

Learn to Sail is offered at the Grosse Pointe, Crescent Sail, Bayview and Detroit yacht clubs, and is open to nonmembers, he added. The various clubs supply boats and coaching.

The youngest students sail in Optimist dinghies, a single-person boat.

“Many youngsters merely want to learn to sail and have fun,” Morrow said. “Others gain more skill and can participate in racing at regularly scheduled regattas. As the kids grow or enter the pro-



A mass of Learn to Sail students prepare to launch from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

grams later, they will learn to sail a boat called a 420, which is a two-person boat.”

Sailing lessons are supplemented with copies of “Sailing for Kids,” a book Morrow distributes each year to Learn to Sail students.

Learn to Sail programs begin next week and run through Aug. 9. While a full summer program is generally eight weeks, it is available in two-week segments. For some students, two weeks is plenty; for others, they stay on the water all season.

“Little kids don’t know anybody when they come in, but they gain friends through these programs,” Morrow said. “Most importantly, they gain confidence on the water.”

“That’s my biggest preach,” said Christina Noland, sailing director at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. “It’s a lifelong sport to get

involved in. It’s something you can have as a hobby. Maybe you’re successful at it, but it’s something you can do forever. It’s good experience — there’s camaraderie, independence, problem solving. There are so many things kids learn when they’re in a boat by themselves. It builds confidence.”

Not only are students well-coached, but they’re well-protected, too.

“You can’t sink these boats,” Morrow noted. “And they all have life jackets on.”

The program comes in handy not only for sailors first learning the ropes, but also for students interested in sailing on high school teams.

“Many folks are not aware of the high school sailing teams in our area,” Morrow said. “There are a total of 28 high schools in the metro Detroit area that have sailing teams as a

varsity sport.”

Among them are Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, as well as University Liggett School.

Noland, the head sailing coach at South, said high school sailing is easier with students who have experience.

“It’s more training vs. teaching for high school,” she said. “We have back-to-back regattas. I’d love to see more kids in the junior sailing program so they can feed into the high school program.”

Those who stick with it in high school have the opportunity to travel the country. South’s team this year raced in Miami, Annapolis, Chicago and other cities.

“They’ve gotten to see a lot of really cool places being involved in the sport on a national level,” Noland said.

“There’s a STEM element to sailing, too,”

Morrow noted. “They get an understanding of some of the things they learn in school.”

Not everyone sticks with sailing after learning how, but the skills they learn are good for a lifetime.

“After Learn to Sail, you can go three routes,” Morrow said. “You can choose football, basketball or another sport; or you can like sailing and move to a racing program; or you don’t want racing, but you want adventure sailing, where you just go out and have fun. Not every kid that gets into junior sailing is going to be in a racing program.”

Noland agreed. “About half of them love it and want to race,” she said. “The other half want to goof around and hang out with friends. We do long sails, too, that are educational, fun and with less racing focus.”

Possessing sailing skills not only pays off for locals living lakeside, but also for graduating seniors. Each year, the YNEF offers 12 \$2,000 scholarships, funded in perpetuity, to students with sailing experience. They could be lifelong sailors or someone who went through Learn to Sail before turning to another sport.

“I encourage parents to put kids in these programs,” Morrow said. “Maybe they train for two years, but then they turn to soccer. They’re still eligible for a scholarship.”

Though the foundation doesn’t provide Learn to Sail scholar-

ships, it does things like sponsor South grad Liam Walz, who is training for the Olympics.

“We provide them with fundraising opportunities,” Morrow said. “They have to raise funds themselves, but then they funnel it through our foundation to get the tax advantage. We also sponsor regattas and special clinics. Last year we brought 20 new boats to Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. We provide different funding and continuing education.”

The foundation also helps the Detroit Community Sailing Center program, by providing facilities, boats and docks, among other help.

“We have a wide wing span, but our objective is to foster youth sailing and education in the community,” Morrow said.

Morrow believes if he surveyed the community, most people would not know about the sailing opportunities available to young people.

“It’s a \$5,000 or \$6,000 investment to buy one of these boats,” he added. “But you don’t have to buy one. The clubs have them. Just pay the (program) fee. It really opens the door for opportunities for kids. ... All those kids that are really good at sailing got into a boat for the first time when they were 7, 8, 9.”

For more information about Learn to Sail programs, contact a participating yacht club.

For information about the foundation, visit ynef.org.

Sunset at the Zoo is June 21

The Detroit Zoological Society invites the community to Sunset at the Zoo, presented by KeyBank, from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, June 21. This 21-and-older fundraising gala offers a strolling dinner featuring the finest metro Detroit restaurants and more than a dozen food trucks, an open bar, special access to the Detroit Zoo’s habitats until twilight, a silent auction, live

entertainment, live speed painting and more.

Themed “Where Life Connects,” this year’s Sunset at the Zoo highlights the ways the DZS creates meaningful connections between people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive. Funds raised directly support the daily work that drives this mission — providing unique, up-

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OBITUARIES

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

Christopher Bowie Neal

Christopher Bowie Neal, 59, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Chris was born Sept. 18, 1964, in Grosse Pointe, to loving parents David Christopher Neal and Phyllis Jeanne Neal.

To his loved ones, Chris was the epitome of authenticity and a beacon of light. As they mourn his passing, they also celebrate the incredible man he was and the profound impact he had on them.

While growing up in Grosse Pointe, Chris was a spirited, fiery-haired boy whose courageous spirit burned brightly. He fearlessly tested his superhero skills by leaping off the family roof, discovering he couldn't fly, but affirming a bravery that would define his life as a father, husband and friend. Growing up as the ever-competitive middle child, Chris carried that spirit to Grosse Pointe North High School, where he excelled as an athlete, playing basketball, baseball and football, always surrounded by friends both on and off the field. Chris's sense of humor was as legendary as his days playing tight end at Bowling Green State University — a fact he never failed to share, even with his gastro doctor.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in business management, Chris launched his career as a sales executive with Wallace Computer Services. Clients and colleagues were more like an extended family to Chris — perhaps a bit too much, as that's where he met his future wife, Kristen Louise Quarton. Cruising to the office in his Grand Am, puffing on a cigarette and jamming to Ten Thousand Maniacs, Chris received a wake-up call when Kristen gave him an ultimatum: keep up the bachelor lifestyle or take her on their first date. Both relationships endured the test of time; he remained with the same company his entire career and was happily married to his wife since 1991.

Over the course of eight years, from Beverly Hills to Clarkston, the young couple finally built their dream home in Metamora, where Chris developed lifelong friendships in the community, enjoying The Huntsman Hunt Club, Metamora Hunt and Metamora Men's Club, to name a few. There Chris was blessed with his first son, Collin Edward Neal, followed two years later by his second son, Peyton Quinn Neal, on whom he imparted a great deal of wisdom.

On any given weekend, one could find Chris relaxing near a bonfire at his summer home in Harbor Springs, or basking in his own slice of paradise in Metamora. While he preferred cutting the fields from the comfort of his John Deere tractor, strolling

through the forest with his faithful dogs or tinkering away in his wood shop, he wisely left the gardening to his wife, Kristen.

Christopher was predeceased by his father, David Christopher Neal; mother, Phyllis Jeanne Neal; and many furry companions, including four horses, seven dogs, eight cats, a few rodents and more than two dozen chickens. His family believes there's a little chunk of his farm paradise waiting for him in heaven. He is survived by his wife, Kristen Quarton Neal; sons, Collin Edward Neal and Peyton Quinn Neal; siblings, Pamela Jeanne Suter and David Andrew Neal; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Birchwood Country Club, 600 Birchwood, Harbor Springs, followed by a luncheon. All are welcome to attend. A celebration of life will be held in the fall, with more details to come.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, lthbs.com/donate.

Christine Marie Gallagher

Christine Marie Gallagher passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

She was born Oct. 1, 1943, to Rudolph and Bernadette Palombit.

Christine attended and graduated from St. Paul Catholic School. After graduation she attended modeling school and modeled until she met and married Thomas G. Gallagher, also from Grosse Pointe, on May 16, 1963. The newlyweds immediately left for Washington, D.C., where Thomas, in the U.S. Army, was stationed at the White House as a member of the "Old Guard." Christine and Thomas were there several years and made wonderful friends and memories before returning to Grosse Pointe to start a family.

Christine was devoted to her family and her many pets. She also will be remembered as the namesake of Christine Court in Grosse Pointe Farms, which was named after her by her late father, builder-developer Rudolph Palombit.

Christine leaves behind her beloved daughter, Bernadette "Bunny" Gallagher (Todd Platt); and brother, Rudi Palombit (Christina). She also is survived by her loving grandchildren, Carolyn Gallagher, Jack Gallagher, Claire Thaden (Matthew), Avery Platt and Lauren Platt; and many nieces and nephews.

Christine was predeceased by her husband, Thomas G. Gallagher; beloved son, Brian R. Gallagher (Jennifer); and brothers, Richard Palombit (Sandra) and Marc Palombit (Elizabeth).

She also leaves behind

many cousins, including the most beloved Betsy Corona and Suzie Van Assche, as well as her dearest friend, Ruth Patterson.

Christine's family also extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff and caregivers at Cranberry Park Assisted Living in St. Clair Shores, for their unwavering care and kindness for Christine.

A funeral Mass takes place 10 a.m. Friday, June 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed immediately by interment at the St. Paul columbarium. Lunch will be held afterward.

Dr. Don Ditmars

Dr. Don Ditmars, 89, died at home Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Don was born Nov. 5, 1934, in Trenton, N.J., and enjoyed a childhood in Pennington, N.J. An avid hunter and fisherman from an early age, Don also was an Eagle Scout.

After graduating from Pennington High School, Don attended Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1956, with a degree in chemistry. Don then met his wife, Anne Marr, when he was in medical school at Cornell University in New York. Don and Anne were married 50 years before she died in 2010, of ovarian cancer. Together they shared travel experiences across the world, had a strong network of friends in Grosse Pointe and elsewhere, and raised three children, Don III, Kristin and Ryndy.

After serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox, Ky., from 1965 to 1967, Don and Anne remained residents of the City of Grosse Pointe. Don worked as a plastic surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital, where he was a long-serving employee of more than 60 years. He was chief of the plastic surgery division for 35 years and a lifelong learner and teacher. Always curious, Don enjoyed keeping abreast of new technology and tools and continued to teach residents long after he retired. His mastery of technique leaves a legacy of innovation that will long survive his passing.

Don was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving as deacon, trustee and a member of several committees. A priority throughout Don's life was being outdoors. From hiking in the hills of Pennsylvania to fishing with his brothers and son, Don, and hunting or sport shooting, Don was delighted to be outside.

Above all, Don and Anne treasured their family, including Don III (Laurie) and their children, Michelle (Leonard), Kelly (Brandon) and Lindsay (Shea); Kristin (Rick) and their children, Courtney (Matt),



Christopher Bowie Neal

Danielle and Christina; and Ryndy and her children, Ana and Nick. Don also had the pleasure of welcoming several great-grandchildren, including Michelle's children, Leo and Caroline; Kelly's children, Carlin and Riley; and Courtney's child, Joe. Don also is survived by his sister, Dorothy; and brothers, Bob (Pat) and Doug (Jane) and their families.

In lieu of flowers, Don requested memorial contributions be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, onrealm.org/GrossePointeMem/-/form/give/GPMC.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

H. Richard Fruehauf Jr.

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident H. Richard Fruehauf Jr., 94, passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 9, 2024, after a brief illness.

Richard was born April 18, 1930, at Women's Hospital in Detroit. He began his education at Detroit University School (now University Liggett School) in fall 1943. It was at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club where he first encountered his future wife, Janet Allen. Their bond blossomed through high school and college, with a shared love for competitive horseback riding drawing them closer together. They enjoyed this passion with their family for years to come.

Richard and Janet were married Sept. 19, 1952, and Richard graduated from Babson College in 1953. They started their early married years in Wellesley, Mass., where Richard worked for the Fruehauf Trailer Co., the largest trailer and container manufacturer of the time.

Richard and Janet returned to Grosse Pointe in the mid-1950s to start and raise a family in their beloved hometown. In the 1960s, Richard left the Fruehauf Trailer Co. He became very involved in the expansion of the oil and gas industry in northern Michigan and ultimately played a pivotal role. His companies developed more than 300 wells across various formations in the region, including the drilling of the state's first Antrim gas well, which continues to produce to this day.

Over the years, Richard enjoyed spending time with family and friends at Turtle Lake Club, his beloved hunting and fishing club, and Walloon Lake, where he often was seen golfing and boating. When he wasn't up north, the Country Club of Detroit was his



Christine M. Gallagher



H. Richard Fruehauf Jr.

home for golf, tennis and paddle tennis.

During the winters, Richard and his family continued their active lifestyles at Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach, Fla., where golf, tennis and weekly deep-sea fishing trips were cherished pastimes. He also enjoyed many boat trips to the Bahamas and spending time at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach for golf and many delicious dinners.

An avid boater, Richard and his family traveled the Great Lakes, cruising in the summer months, and in the winter, embarking on much-cherished family skiing vacations in Colorado and Europe.

Richard was deeply committed to community service. He was an early member of the Hundred Club of Detroit, served as a Grosse Pointe Farms city councilman and was on the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Support Unit many years. He also served on numerous hospital boards. In addition, he was president of the Country Club of Detroit Board of Governors from 1987 to 1988. This was a club he cherished and supported throughout his life.

Both Janet and Richard were incredibly dedicated to philanthropy. They actively supported Henry Ford Health System, Beaumont Hospital, Mayo Clinic and University Liggett School, as well as many smaller charities across the country.

In the later years of his very full life, Richard loved spending time with his family and friends. Whether traveling with them or playing bridge with his buddies, he maintained a full and active schedule, even into his 94th year.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Janet A. Fruehauf; children, Janet Lynn Wood (Lev), Kimberly Baubie, Harry Richard Fruehauf III (Sheila), Nancy Smith (Michael) and Kenneth Fruehauf; grandchildren, C.T. Charlton (Allison), Jennifer Bernstein (Benjamin), J. Robb Baubie, Whitney Stines (Michael), Stephanie Baubie, Harry Fruehauf, Louisa Fruehauf, Megan Smith, Katharine Gentile (Chase), William Smith (Lucy), Katherine Fruehauf, Charles Fruehauf and Isabel Fruehauf; and seven wonderful great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life memorial is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16



Dr. Don Ditmars



Paul Edward Roehl

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception at the Country Club of Detroit immediately follows.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in his honor to Henry Ford Health's plans for a reimagined Henry Ford Hospital, Destination: Grand. Checks, made payable to Henry Ford Health, indicating "Fruehauf tribute" in the memo line, may be mailed to: Henry Ford Health, Development Office, 1 Ford Place #5A, Detroit, MI 48202-3450. Donations also may be made online at henryford.com/tribute. Those who have questions may contact the Development Office at (313) 876-1031 or developmenthf@hfhs.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Paul Edward Roehl

Paul Edward Roehl, 84, passed away peacefully at his Grosse Pointe home Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Paul was born Feb. 13, 1940, in Detroit, to Charles and Inez Roehl. He was one of five siblings and grew up on the Eastside. As a teenager, he worked at Briggs Stadium where he watched the Detroit Lions win the NFL championship in 1957. After school, he worked for Anchor Packing Co., before starting his own industrial distribution business in the 1970s.

Paul loved boating and exploring the Great Lakes with his family and friends. He also enjoyed snow skiing and traveling, both domestically and internationally, including the Caribbean, Europe, South America and Asia. Trips to Puerto Rico, Barbados, Hungary and Austria were some of his favorite experiences. A member of the Detroit Athletic Club since 1981, he was a stalwart of the Thursday 3 p.m. bowling league, where he made many lifelong friends.

Paul was devoted husband to Christina, his wife of 53 years; a loving father to his daughter, Stephanie; wonderful father-in-law to Brian Blatt; and doting grandfather, or "Api," to Zack and Jett. Paul was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, kidney.org/?campaign=497078, or the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org/?form=Donate.

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Julia Claire Tennyson

Julia Claire Tennyson, 66, of Nevada City, Calif., passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2024, after a two-year battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born Oct. 16, 1957, to Harry and Patsy Tennyson, and grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms. After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1975, Julia attended Lake Erie College and Wayne State University. Upon graduation, she followed her parents' and grandparents' footsteps and moved to California, where she remained until her death. Julia loved hiking, the outdoors, cooking and spending time at the family cabin on Lake Huron.

She was predeceased by her parents; and brother, Christopher Tennyson.

A private celebration of life was held in Nevada City.

Donations may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, bit.ly/3z1sh3D.

John Albert Beaupre

John Albert Beaupre, 74, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2024. John was the fifth of six children born to Helen Marie and Marvin Beaupre.

John was a master mechanic and considered a genius at fixing anything. He worked alongside his father at Beaupre Service on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe. He later had his own business within Buster's, located at Eight Mile and Groesbeck.

The Beaupres were a sailing family. A lifelong sailor, John grew up on the shores of Lake St. Clair. There is nothing more he liked than feeling the sun on his face and the freedom of the wind in his sail. He made sailors out of many of his friends, too. His love for the water created cherished memories for all



Julia Claire Tennyson

who sailed with him.

John had a deep appreciation for nature and animals. He had a cat named Baron and a terrier named Penny.

John was magnetic, leaving behind a legacy of gentleness, kindness, generosity and a life well-lived. His spirit will continue to sail on in the hearts of those who loved him.

John Albert Beaupre was predeceased by his parents, Helen Marie and Marvin Beaupre; and sister, Diane Beaupre. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanne-Marie C. Beaupre (Zac Ethridge); siblings, Marilyn Beaupre (the late Neil Severn), Bonnie Roy (Mike), Marvin Beaupre (Lynne) and Mary Yavor (the late Chet); mother of his daughter, Shirley Nagel; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial Mass will be held for John at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, with in state starting at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

See the full obituary and share memories at ahpeters.com.

Susan Lynn Mullinger

Susan Lynn Mullinger passed away peacefully Friday, May 10, 2024, after a long battle with dementia.

Susan was born Nov. 19, 1944, in Sainte-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. Susan was the oldest of five children of Hugh and Vera Mullinger. She was predeceased by her brothers, H. Scott and R. Michael; and her sister, Janet. She is survived by her sister, Dr. L. Robyn Mullinger.

She will be remembered for her kind assis-



John Albert Beaupre



Susan Lynn Mullinger

tance to anyone in need and service to friends, family and strangers. She volunteered at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church for many years. She had many pets and loved dogs, birds and cats. She loved taking care of her nieces and nephews. She would talk to neighbors, strangers or anyone she came upon. Her greatest love was being outdoors. Many people saw her biking every day, weather permitting, around Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Ferris State University. After growing up in Grosse Pointe Woods, she purchased a home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Susan was a legal secretary and an administrative assistant at Wayne State University. She belonged to Delta Zeta Sorority, Toastmasters and Friends of Belle Isle.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Belle Isle Conservancy, 300 River Place Dr., Ste. 2800, Detroit MI 48207; or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225.



Audrey Mackinnon and her brother, Lucas, picked out a hanging basket of lobelia and a hanging basket of petunia, one for each of their grandmothers.

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Flower power

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission hosted its 49th annual Mother's Day flower sale Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, on the front lawn of city hall. This year, 500 hanging baskets, 700 flats of flowers and 150 pots were offered for sale.



Above, this year the committee hung hula hoops near the hanging baskets so when the flowers were covered with a tarp at night, they wouldn't be flattened. Plus, the colors of the hoops added a nice pop of color. Top right, along with flowers, guests also could select their choice of spinach or lettuce planters. Bottom right, it's an annual tradition for Rosie Conrad to visit the flower sale with her grandmother to pick out something for her mother for Mother's Day.



Red dianthus flowers filled the seat of a small wooden chair, which also featured space to place a trowel and a place to hang garden gloves.



The deadline to submit obituaries for the July 4 edition is 3 p.m. Friday, June 28. Visit grossepointenews.com to fill out a form or email pre-written obituaries to kbazzy@grossepointenews.com

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close opportunities to connect with animals, creating programs that foster empathy and understanding and collaborating with partners across the globe to safeguard wildlife and their habitats.

“Sunset at the Zoo is more than just an incredible evening at the zoo — it’s also our biggest fundraiser of the year,” said Randi Hamilton, chief experience officer. “Every ticket purchased helps ignite positive change for animals and nature while helping to ensure the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center can continue to be places where people create connections and memories that last a lifetime.”

Advance tickets for

Sunset at the Zoo may be purchased online at sunsetatthezoo.org. Tickets start at \$250 for a main event ticket. VIP tickets, which include exclusive amenities and a VIP reception, are \$600 each. Discounted group packages also are available.

Also returning this year is the Great Zoo Giveaway, a raffle hosted in conjunction with Sunset at the Zoo.

One lucky winner will receive a raffle prize package containing behind-the-scenes zoo experiences, animal encounters, a one-night stay in a luxury suite at the Kingsley Bloomfield Hills, plus breakfast for four at Zalman’s on Woodward, a travel voucher and a dining certificate to Madam Restaurant in Birmingham. The experience is available for up to four guests, ages 8 or

older. An adult must accompany all participants younger than 18.

Sunset ticket holders — as well as the general public — may visit sunsetatthezoo.org to purchase an unlimited number of tickets through Friday, June 28, for their chance to win this prize package. Tickets for the Great Zoo Giveaway are \$5 each, five for \$20 or 20 for \$100.

The Detroit Zoo will be closed Friday, June 21, to prepare for the event.

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

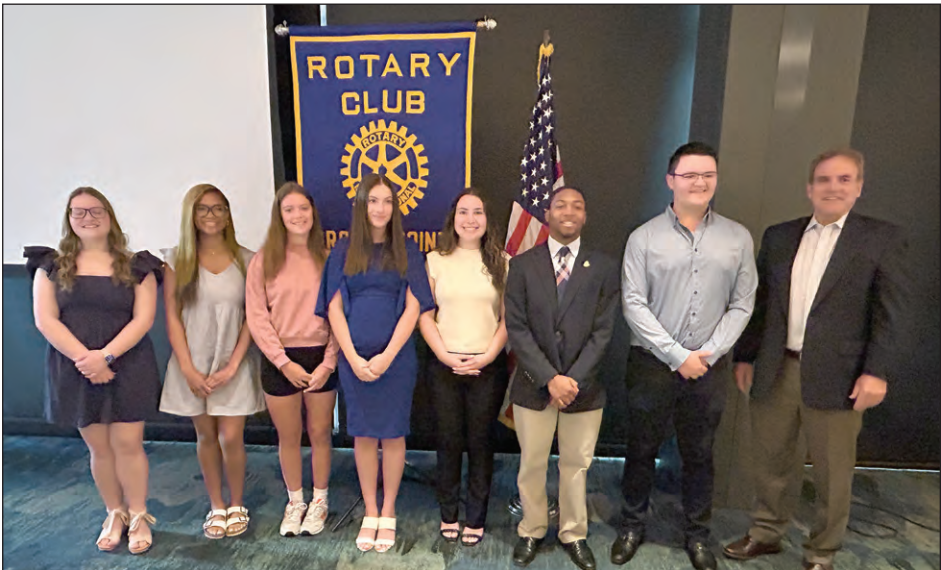


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Scholarships awarded

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club Past President Bob Duker, right, poses with Sunrise scholarship recipients May 21, at Ford House. Recipients included Luke Schena of De La Salle Collegiate High School, Lily Petz of Grosse Pointe South High School, Katelyn Muhlenkamp of Regina High School, Audry Schena of Regina, Giuliani Clos of Regina, Ashton Johnson of University of Detroit High School and Raiven Mitchell of University Liggett School. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary invites residents to join the Grosse Pointe Run on Sept. 21, along Lakeshore Road. This annual fundraiser raises money for the Sunrise scholarship program. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.



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Scholarship update

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones stands with Austin Enoex and Lillian Kozak at Ford House during the club’s June 4 meeting. Kozak and Enoex, past recipients of Sunrise Rotary college scholarships, shared updates on where life has taken them since high school graduation and their plans for the future. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary invites residents to join its Grosse Pointe Run Sept. 21, the annual fundraiser for the Sunrise college scholarship program. For more information, visit grossepointerun.com



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noon Tuesday, June 25, with instructor Linda Boyle. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ Field Trip to The Rustic Root Design Co., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers, and includes lunch at Shores Inn.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 28, sponsored by Temrowski Eldercare. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 21, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, Holy Innocents-St. Barnabas Parish, 26100 Ridgmont, Roseville.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 28, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: “How to Find a Fox,” at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through June 25, for ages 7 and younger.

◆ Summer Landscape Guided Tour, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, through July 31. Costs vary.

◆ Bug Tales: Stories & Art Activities, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, through Aug. 15, for ages 4 to 7. Admission is \$5 per member child, \$7 per nonmember child.

◆ Eleanor’s Birthday Tea and Tour, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Seating is sold per table.

◆ Nature Art Camp, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, to Friday, June 28, for ages 9 to 12. Cost is \$200 for member children, \$250 for nonmember children.

◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 24, and Oct. 16. Cost is \$35 for members only.

◆ Lake Fest, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Cost for adults is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 4 to 12 is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Reunions

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School’s Class of 1984 is hosting its 40th reunion 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door, and include a cash bar, appetizers and music from the 1980s. Checks may be mailed to Amy Kish, 1023 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or sent via Venmo to Amy Kish-2 or Zelle to (313) 770-1772, with the note “GPS 84 Reunion.” For those in town early, a casual get together will occur 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park. For information, call Marianne Stavale Benkoski at (703) 901-0080, Johanna Staub Judson at (313) 580-3813 or Carey Fitzgibbon Baldwin at (828) 318-2628.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of

1984 seeks classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The reunion includes a cash bar, light appetizers and live ‘80s music by Lunar Sessions. For those in town early, a casual gathering at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. Cost for the reunion is \$40; Venmo @ [amytrederholland](https://venmo.com/amytrederholland). For information, contact Amy Treder Holland at amytholland@live.com or call (313) 790-9667, or Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.

◆ Dominican High School will host its “Classes of the ‘80s Reunion,” from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. The event will feature ‘80s music by Eastside is Alive. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$35 per couple. Email suestatic@gmail.com for information.

Adaptive yoga

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

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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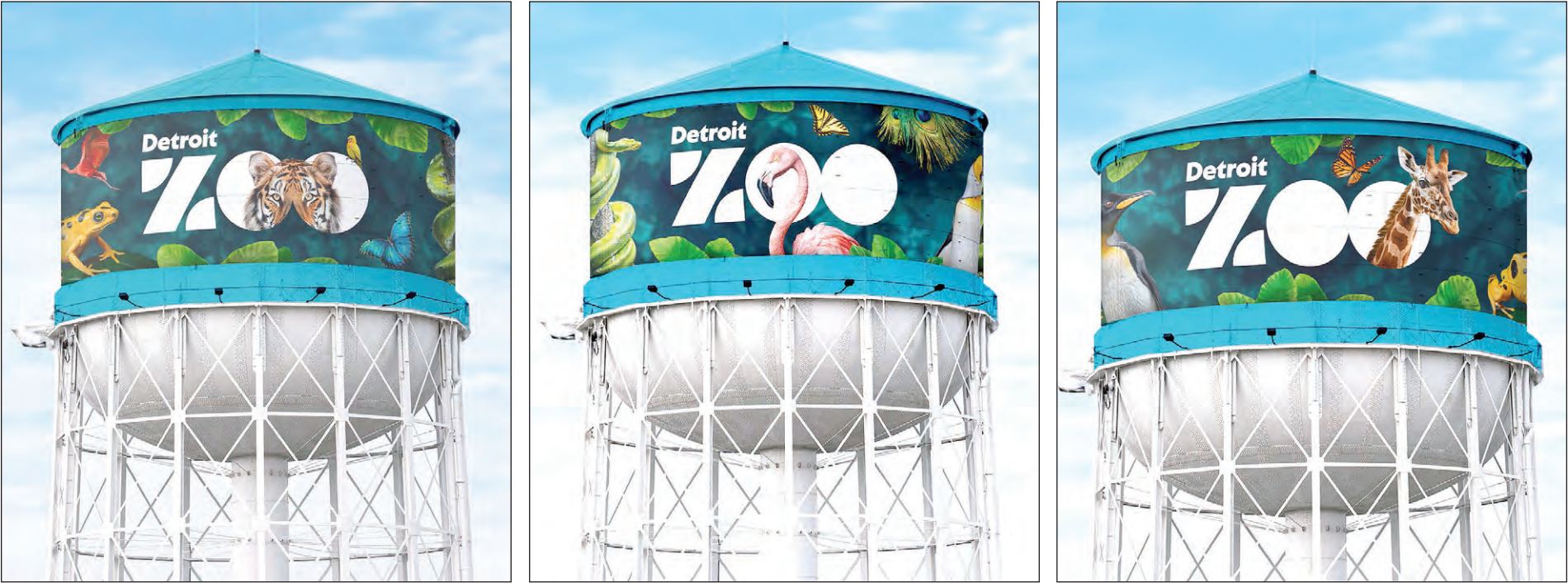
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New views all around can be found on the iconic Detroit Zoo water tower.

DZS reveals new brand, design for iconic water tower

The Detroit Zoological Society revealed last week a new visual identity, including a design for the iconic water tower that has been a community landmark nearly 100 years. The design is the focal point of a rebranding project that has been more than two years in the making.

The new look of the water tower celebrates animals and nature and purposefully highlights the strengths of the new Detroit Zoo logo, featuring many beloved animals who call the zoo home, peeking out of the Os in the design. The water tower design was unveiled on a miniature replica version, constructed by The Parade Company, during a celebration hosted at the zoo Tuesday, May 21. The large water tower that soars high above the zoo campus near I-696 and Woodward Avenue is



A new 18-foot-wide photo op has been installed outside the zoo’s main gates.

expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

“We know the water tower is an iconic landmark in our community and many people have a special connection to it,” said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and CEO of the DZS. “We’ve heard so many stories of the joy people get, adults and children alike, when they see the water tower, whether they’re out and

about in the community or heading to the zoo for a visit. This new design will continue to spark that joy for years to come.”

In addition to a new water tower design, new logos for the DZS, Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center — all featuring timeless, modern designs — also were unveiled. The dynamic shapes in the new logos act as a

canvas for the DZS to showcase its mission of creating meaningful connections every day.

The DZS’s new branding allows for stories to be told in new ways, bringing guests of all ages along for a journey to connect with animals and the natural world. The following assets also have been introduced as part of this rebrand:

♦ a new website for the Detroit Zoological

Society, which highlights the organization’s research, community impact and conservation work, as well as fully redesigned sites for the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center that improve the user’s experience;

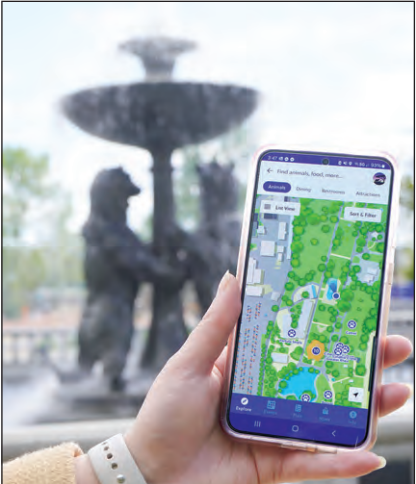
♦ a new Detroit Zoo mobile app, with assets such as an itinerary feature and interactive map to elevate the guest experience at the zoo;

♦ a massive 18-foot-wide, larger-than-life photo op located outside the zoo’s main admission gates that allows guests to see and feel the new Detroit Zoo logo, and;

♦ a new tagline — “Where life connects ...” — that

expresses how the zoo and nature center bring people together to ignite positive change at home and around the world.

The DZS welcomes the community to follow along with this rebranding journey by staying tuned to its social media channels, as additional features will continue to be revealed in the weeks and months ahead.



A new Detroit Zoo app will help guests find their way at the zoo.



Dinosauria at Detroit Zoo until Sept. 8

The season’s most exciting event is roaring to life at the Detroit Zoo.

Dinosauria, presented by Michigan First Credit Union, takes place through Sunday, Sept. 8.

The immersive experience takes guests back in time along a winding trail throughout the zoo. From a towering Brachiosaurus to a massive T. rex, Dinosauria features more than 25 lifelike, animatronic dinosaurs and thrills at every twist and turn.

This limited-time installation also features multiple hands-on fossil dig sites, unique dinosaur-themed gifts, merchandise and more.

“Dinosauria is roaring back for the first time since 2022, and we

couldn’t be more excited,” said Emily O’Hara, senior manager of guest experience design. “Come see dinos from different eras show off their infamous traits as they face off along the trail. With fun for the whole family, Dinosauria is a can’t-miss addition to your next Detroit Zoo visit.”

Dinosauria is available during regular zoo hours. Entry to Dinosauria is \$6 per person in addition to zoo admission. For a limited time, guests can enhance their Detroit Zoo membership with a Dino Pass, which offers unlimited admission to Dinosauria for the entire season for \$60 per membership.

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What can I do about the abandoned house next door?

Dear Gabby: We are having an issue in my neighborhood, but ironically, it's with a former neighbor. They moved out, but have not sold their house yet.

The biggest problem of them not living there has been the takeover of weeds in their backyard, mixed in with the overgrown grass. Rats and wildlife have decided to move in and are now nesting and having babies in all of our backyards that surround the empty house.

We all had to hire exterminators to get rid of the vermin.

One of my neighbors complained to the city, and the city inspector

came out and issued the owners a ticket.

The former neighbor just came to my house this week and accused me of ratting on them. I told them it wasn't me, but now they are demanding to know who it was, and I don't want to tattle. How do I stay out of this? — Ratted out in the Woods

Dear Ratted,

You have quite a conundrum on your hands. Dare I say, it seems like your former neighbor is trying to trap you into fessing up.

I would stay loyal to your current neighbor (gotta

keep the peace, right?!) and if your former neighbor keeps pestering you, firmly tell them to take it up with the city. They are the reason there is even an issue in the first place!

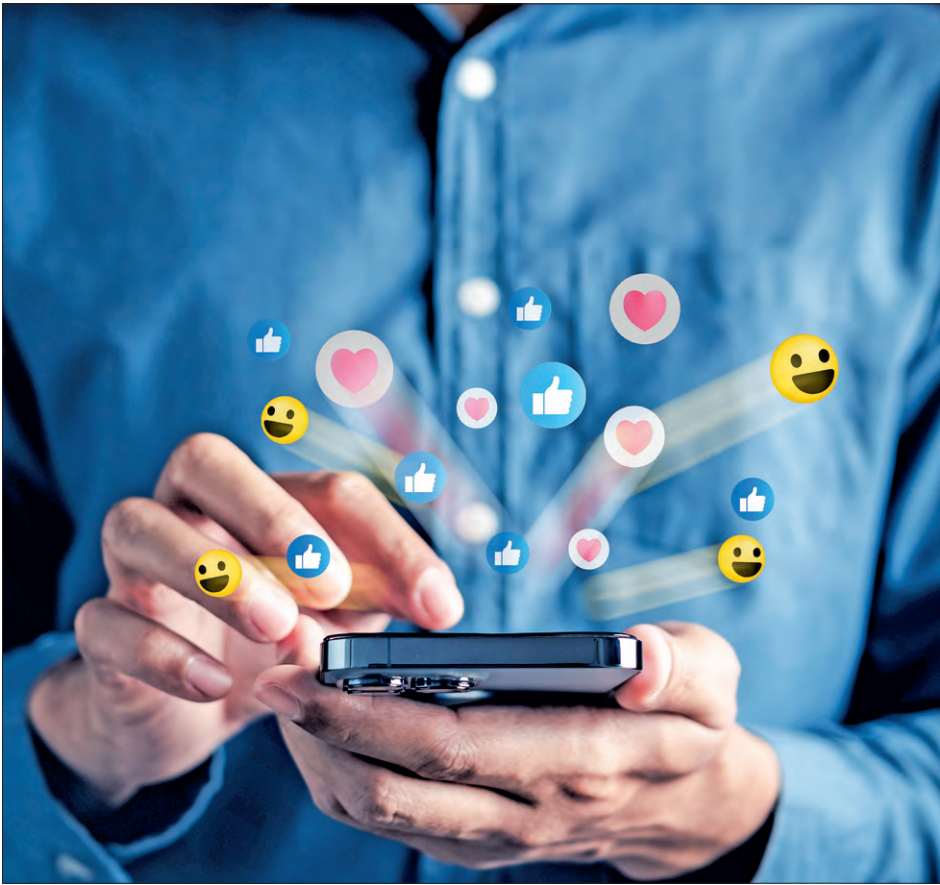
I would then give them a list of local landscaping companies that can stay on top of their yard. That might make them embarrassed enough to leave you alone, once and for all. Better yet, hand them your exterminator bill.

— Gabby

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Staying away from social media



DEAR ANNIE: I do not engage in social media platforms for a few reasons. First and foremost, I cherish face-to-face communication along with the sound of another's voice and real human interaction. I long for it. It is not as if I never gave social media a chance. I did, for years.

I found that people are very superficial online and that seeing that side of people actually made me feel very different about them. I chose to take it all down before I began working at a school.

Ever since then, people I thought I was close to

— those I considered my inner circle and even my own siblings — have slowly stopped communicating with me. It almost seems as if, if you are not on Facebook, you don't exist. I call or text people and they do not respond. There are very few who seem to understand that the phone works both ways.

I will run into people I have known most of my life who seem excited to see me; they ask where I have been, and they ask if I am on Facebook. When I tell them I do not use social media, I often tell them I have had the same phone

number and email address for 25 years and inform them that I have reached out to them — by text, phone or email — and have gotten no response. The reply I get comes across as lazy to me. It is usually, "Oh, I don't have time to sit on the phone." Yet they will have the time to spend hours on social media, even posting pictures of what they eat.

Am I doomed to a life of solitude if I don't give in to the worldwide obsession with social media? The loss of social skills in this world concerns me. — No Communication



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR NO COMMUNICATION: There is nothing wrong with not wanting to be on social media. My guess is that you will have more "quality friends" over many "quantity friends." Would you rather have four silver quarters or 100 pennies in your pocket? You will get the quality if you continue to be you.

Listen to your intuition about not wanting social media. You are ahead of your time. People are becoming increasingly aware of the negative impact of social media on their mental health.

DEAR ANNIE: My ex-husband is in bad health, and I expect he might pass away soon. We divorced over 20 years ago and ended on bad terms, so we haven't communicated since. But we share two adult children who have maintained a relationship with him.

I'm struggling with whether or not I should attend his funeral when the time comes. Part of me feels like it would be respectful and supportive for our children if I were there. However, my current husband doesn't think it's necessary for me to go, given our past and the long time we've been apart.

What do you think would be the most appropriate and respectful course of action in this situation? — Unsure in

Tennessee

DEAR UNSURE IN TENNESSEE: When the time comes, talk to your children about their wishes and how they would feel about your presence at the funeral. This moment will be significant to them, so it's important to know how you can best support them.

If you decide not to attend, sending flowers is a respectful gesture. You could also write a personal note to your children expressing your condolences and support.

Ultimately, the choice should reflect what feels right for you and your family. Whether or not you attend, showing you care is what truly matters.

DEAR ANNIE: I've recently reconnected with my old high school friend, "Amy," after losing touch for nearly a decade.

We've started hanging out regularly, and it's been wonderful catching up. But I've noticed that Amy often borrows money and never pays it back. She always has an excuse, like her paycheck being delayed or an unexpected expense popping up. I want to help her, but it's starting to strain my own

finances.

I'm torn because I don't want to lose this rekindled friendship, but I also don't want to feel taken advantage of. Should I continue lending her money, or is it time to set some boundaries? I'm not sure how to bring it up without making things awkward. — Conflicted in Ohio.

DEAR CONFLICTED IN OHIO: It's wonderful that you've reconnected with your old friend, but it's important to set boundaries. Lending money can complicate friendships, especially if repayment isn't happening as promised.

First, have an honest conversation with Amy. Let her know that while you value her friendship, you simply can't afford to keep lending her money without being repaid.

If she's truly in a financial bind, maybe you can offer to help her find resources or budget better. This shows you're still there for her without compromising your own financial stability. If she resists, you might do well to lose touch with her all over again.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

It's finally warm outside and I have one thing on my mind: summer travel! I am looking forward to taking a break, enjoying the sunshine and visiting new places. I hope you get a chance to do the same in the coming months.

Whether you're heading across the world or down the block to the local park, I've learned from experience that the right travel gear can make all the difference.

I've used plenty of carry-on bags that are bursting at the seams, have very little storage space and have

broken zippers after an hour of use.

My generous friend, Angela, bought me the Beis Backpack after listening to me complain about my terrible carry-on bags during years and years of travel. She has used this bag for travel as long as I can



remember and she loves so many things about it.

After using it for about two years now, I can confidently say I agree with her.

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The bag has a trolley pass-through, which makes it easy to slide onto a suitcase, as well as two water bottle pockets and a padded interior sleeve for a

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It has a sleek, minimalist design that fits everyone's style. The padded straps and back support ensure it is comfortable for everyone as well.

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5 Out Of 5



Grilled chicken with tomato salad

By Olivia & Lisa Monette
Guest writers

Grilled Chicken with Tomato

There are major changes going on in my household this summer. My parents are selling our family home, which they’ve lived in for over 30 years, and my younger sister is getting married. There are just some things that really remind you that time is flying, and these two events are proof of that! Even though three of my four siblings are no longer living at home with my parents, we are spending a lot of time reminiscing on the years spent at home together.

This recipe is something my mom used to make on a regular basis when my siblings and I were growing up. I vividly remember my sisters and I being shuttled from school to volleyball practice to piano lessons and sometimes eating dinner in the car together.

This delicious dinner brought us together during those crazy, fun school nights with 900 activities to get to. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallot
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp thinly sliced fresh basil
- 2 tbsp minced garlic cloves
- 2 tsp capers, undrained
- 2 tbsp italian salad dressing mix
- 1 ½ lb cherry tomatoes, halved
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese and lemon wedges for serving

Halve each chicken breast lengthwise. For marinade, combine olive oil and dressing mix in a zip top gallon bag. Add chicken and seal bag.



PHOTO BY OLIVIA MONETTE

Chill for one to eight hours and turn to coat chicken occasionally. For tomato salad, combine tomatoes, shallot, lemon juice, vinegar,

basil, garlic, capers, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Let stand at room temperature for one hour before serving. Preheat your grill to

350-375 degrees. Remove chicken from marinade and cook chicken on the grill until chicken is fully cooked, about

eight to ten minutes. Serve chicken topped with tomato salad. Serve with parmesan cheese and lemon wedges.

Home cellar part 2: red wines

Creating a cache of wines for a private cellar is a task rarely seen in this country today, although in years past it was a creative idea.

In the 1970s and 1980s, thousands of people throughout the country engaged in this activity, putting away a couple of dozen wines that would improve in a few years and would be the basis for some people expanding their collections that eventually proved to be financially beneficial.

Not many wines improve so significantly that they become worth a lot of money, but creating a wine cellar was almost never done for that purpose. The main reason was to have wine on hand. Often it would be better than what was available in the supermarket.

The primary wine put in cellars 40 years ago, and today as well, is red wine that may improve. Since most red wines are released too young, a little extra time in a cool space helps smooth them out and makes them far more interesting.

The following sugges-

tions are intended for beginners who want to start a collection.



The first and most important idea is that high-alcohol wines tend to be less likely to improve than wines with lower alcohols. Historically, reds under 14 percent alcohol seem to improve more reliably than wines with alcohols above 14.5 percent.

With winemaking

techniques improving all the time, and with grape-growing now a fine art,

choosing the proper vintage is less of a concern than it once was. It must be said that 2023 was an exceptional vintage in California. The reds we’re beginning to see are reliable for aging.

Cabernet sauvignon: This grape has more history and persona than

just about any red wine. But unfortunately, with literally hundreds of producers making it, what to buy has always been a serious question.

Although its reputation is the highest in the country, Napa Valley’s cabernets are priced so high today that they are likely out of the range of most buyers. Most from Sonoma County offer good value, and several from Alexander Valley can be excellent.

The cabernets from Rodney Strong (2020) and Kendall-Jackson (2021), both from Sonoma County, can be found nationally for about \$15. They are excellent options. Both will improve for several years and may be consumed now. I’d buy three or four cabs.

Zinfandel: This grape usually makes wines with slightly higher alcohols. And the higher the alcohol is, the more likely the wine is to lack some of its fresh fruit. Try for wines with no more than 14.2 percent alcohol. It’s great with pizza, and it is also good at barbecues. Get two bottles.

Merlot: This slightly lighter, more approachable Bordeaux-style wine should be in every stash. Good versions may be found at about \$17. Buy three bottles.

Pinot noir: When the main dish is salmon or rare roast beef, this is my go-to choice for a companion wine because it is lighter and more elegant and needs no added time in a cellar. The best can be expensive, but at around \$25, you can find truly fine versions. I recommend one or two bottles.

Grenache: It is easy to forget about this lighter style red because it’s not as widely seen. But I love



by Dan Berger

the pomegranate/cranberry aromatics and lower tannins. Several quality versions from Spain (called Garnacha) can be found here at \$15. But remember: Too much alcohol makes for a clumsy wine. More than 15 percent alcohol isn’t recommended. Find two bottles.

There are literally hundreds of additional red wines that could be great additions to a home cellar. One is Chianti from Italy (\$12 to \$20), which works nicely with pasta dishes.

In the small space we have today, I’ve recommended about 20 bottles of red. Combined with last week’s suggestions of a like number of whites, our theoretical starter’s cellar now has about three cases.

Next week, in the last

of three parts, we’ll explore the final ideas in starting a wine cellar.

Wine of the Week:

2022 Mateus dry rose, Portugal (\$12) —Many people will remember this wine from decades ago when it was slightly sparkling and relatively sweet. Recently this Portuguese company has developed an interesting method for making it dry, and it is appealing and surprisingly food-friendly. With hints of watermelon and dried rose petals, the aroma is fresh and the aftertaste is dry.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2023 CREATORS.COM.



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FISHING CONTEST



Gabby Szafarczyk, age 12, above, entered five fish in the competition this week — all were smallmouth bass. She caught a two winning 16” fish, a 15” fish and two 14” fish. Way to go, Gabby!

Wow! What a showing as Fishing Classic heats up

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Top local fishermen and women are rising to the top in the 2024 annual Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic, which runs through Thursday, June 27.

Division B continues to lead in participants with the shoreside group age 13+ turning up with some magnificent catches! Winning fish categories include bass (both smallmouth and largemouth), pike, muskie and walleye. Cash prizes are awarded for each fish category, as well as a weekly raffle that draws from all participants across divisions.

The star this week was Grosse Pointe’s Alex Blyth, with a 26” pike caught at City Park. He takes the top prize for pike in the B Division and also earned the \$50 prize for overall largest fish

in any 13+ category. Adam Morath, of Grosse Pointe Park, won the walleye honors with a 19.75” fish reeled in at Windmill Pointe Park. Grosse Pointe Shores’ Daniel Shanle caught the top bass with his 19.2” smallmouth.

For the boaters, Brian Owen of Grosse Pointe reeled a 20” smallmouth bass on Lake St. Clair, winning the category.

In the 12 and under on shore group, there was a tie for category as well as overall largest fish. Parker Hurd, 5, and Gabby Szafarczyk, 12, each caught a 16” smallmouth bass (Gabby caught two.) Well done, young fishers.

The weekly raffle prizes gave everyone an opportunity to win. This week’s winner of the \$100 gift card from Fishbones was Skip Moody of Grosse Pointe Farms. Adam Morath, of Grosse



2024 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic

DIVISION A (ON SHORE) - Ages 12 & under

DIVISION B (ON SHORE) - Ages 13 & older

DIVISION C (BOATING) - Ages 12 & under

DIVISION D (BOATING) - Ages 13 & older

Fishing area: Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land or boat

Dates: May 30 - June 27, 2024

Cash prizes:

- \$50 per fish category for the A & C divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.
- \$25 per fish category for the B & D divisions, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week.

ALSO weekly drawings for gift cards, gear and other prizes.

Visit grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic for full contest rules and details.

TOP FISH



Parker Hurd, 5, above, nabbed himself a 16” largemouth bass at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake-front Park to tie him for the division’s top spot.



For Division D, Alex Blyth’s 26” pike, above, was the top catch for pike, as well as the overall largest fish in all categories.



This 20” smallmouth bass was the Division D top catch this week, brought in by Brian Owen, of Grosse Pointe.



Daniel Shanle, of Grosse Pointe. Shores. caught the 19.2” smallmouth bass, above, to take the category for Division B.

Adam Morath, of Grosse Pointe Park, left, is competing in Division B and caught this perfect 15.25” smallmouth bass at Windmill Pointe Park. Morath is also a winner in the walleye category this week with a 19” whopper. Great fishing!



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ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	PARKER HURD	16" LM BASS (TIE)	★ ★
2	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	16" SM BASS (TIE)	★ ★
3	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	15" SM BASS	
4	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	14" SM BASS	
5	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	14" SM BASS	
6	LUCA ROTONDO	13" SM BASS	

DIVISION B

ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	ALEX BLYTH	26" PIKE	★ ★
2	BEN JACOB	20" PIKE	
3	BEN JACOB	20" PIKE	
4	TOM KOLOJESKI	20" PIKE	
5	ADAM MORATH	19.75" WALLEYE	★
6	DANIEL SHANLE	19.2" SM BASS	★
7	ADAM MORATH	19" SM BASS	
8	JOSEPH FUENTES	18.5" SM BASS	
9	DANIEL SHANLE	17.6" SM BASS	
10	TOM KOLOJESKI	17.5" LM BASS	
11	SKIP MOODY	17" LM BASS	
12	ADAM MORATH	17' SM BASS	
13	DANIEL SHANLE	16.5" LM BASS	
14	ALLAN MORTON	16" SM BASS	
15	BEN JACOB	16" LM BASS	
16	SKIP MOODY	14" LM BASS	

DIVISION C

BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

NO ENTRIES

DIVISION D

BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	BRIAN OWEN	20" SM BASS	★
2	BRIAN OWEN	19" SM BASS	
3	BRIAN OWEN	19" SM BASS	
4	ALEX BLYTH	18.25" SM BASS	
5	CHRIS RAMALES	15" SM BASS	
6	ANDREW PHILLIPS	14" LM BASS	

Congratulations winners!

A man wearing a yellow jacket, a blue cap, and sunglasses is smiling and holding a large green fish. He is standing on a wooden pier with a body of water and sailboats in the background.

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The 9 Holes of Fishing - Part 1



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Harley James, above, of Detroit caught his first fish ever on Hole #2



Justin Dunckel, of Huntington Woods, shows off a St. Clair smallmouth caught on Hole #3 dragging a drop shot.

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

I've been a fan of both golfing and fishing most of my life and definitely my entire adult life. If I had to choose one activity over the other, I would clearly choose fishing. Because I especially enjoy the competitive nature and scoring of golf, I've started to gamify my fishing trips with 9 Holes of Fishing. For a solid decade I was a member of the Oakland County Bass Anglers, a competitive bass fishing club where seasoned anglers were paired with newcomers to the sport. Every Sunday from May to October there would be a tournament. This was how I was introduced to Lake St. Clair.

I began to compete year after year and went from one of the worst anglers in the club to most improved to top six. I loved to compete and the rush of blasting off at sunrise to speeds of 70 mph on a calm St. Clair morning was exhilarating. Especially in the Michigan State tournament with nearly 200 boats competing.

I don't compete anymore, although I've thought about doing a local B.A.S.S. or M.L.F. amateur trail tournament recently. Last month I organized and competed in an online fishing tournament and have been entering many of my catches in this publication's fine contest as well. So I am getting back into competitive fishing in a different way.

These events have definitely recharged my competitive spirit in the sport, so I've been creating my first nine-hole fishing course. Here are the first three holes on what I'll unofficially call Grosse Pointe Municipal Fishing Course. The "tees," if you will, on each hole will be between the red and green buoys off the pier at Neff Park. From each starting point, you can go 500 yards or more in any direction and have a solid chance to catch a smallmouth. Instead of the number of shots, you can track the number of strikes. Instead of birdies and eagles, you can measure and weigh the fish you've caught and keep track of your PRs.

Hole No. 1 — Between the Buoys
42.37960° N, 82.90404° W

Start from anywhere immediately between the red and green buoys marking the channel at the Neff Park pier.

Here you will find some nice structure, including rocks, boulders and weed beds. There are some defined depth changes along the shallow channel that will hold fish.

Tip: Most days it is so clear you can sight fish. Be sure to remember your polarized sunglasses.



Hole No. 2 — Wellington Place
42.37748° N, 82.90680° W

Watch for the house with the rounded windows at the top. There is a massive, round flat just off that flat, also in line with the channel marker buoys at Neff. This area is full of large boulders that hold fish.

Tip: Smallmouth are always on the move in search of food. Move from deeper water to shallow water and vice versa until you find a depth that consistently results in strikes.



Hole No. 3 — The Greenhouse
42.36278° N, 82.92356° W

Head to Windmill Pointe and watch for a large greenhouse. Forty yards or so away from the seawall there is a deeper channel that runs a few hundred yards. Just off that channel is a fairly shallow rocky flat, almost like a reef. With the deep channel nearby, that area frequently holds numbers of smallmouth. Boat waves bouncing off the seawall make this hole a bit more challenging.

Tip: The current is pretty swift so a slightly heavier weight will keep you on bottom longer if you're fishing a drop shot here.

Look for Part 2 of this series in an upcoming Grosse Pointe News fishing section.

Brian Owen is a local fishing aficionado who loves the sport and enjoys sharing his knowledge and experiences with other fishermen.



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Without our sponsor partners, we couldn't bring this annual event to the Pointes each year, and we are grateful to everyone involved. Together, we are happy to provide an opportunity for family fun, a chance to enjoy nature at our beautiful neighborhood lakes and rivers, and engage in a little friendly competition. Join us in thanking our wonderful sponsors, who have so generously underwritten the contest and contributed the exciting prizes for the winners of the contest and raffle.



FISH

Continued from Page 4C

Pointe Park won the Lakeside Fishing Shop gift card. Joseph Fuentes, of Grosse Pointe, won the gift certificate to Fairway Packing's The Steak Shop.

The Wally's frozen custard gift card went to Luca Rotondo, age 6, and Parker Hurd, age 5, drew the winning ticket for the Chocolate Bar Cafe gift card.

This week's lucky winner of the electronics prize was Andrew Phillips. A local fishermen in town (who chooses to remain anonymous) donated some Logitech electronic prizes this year.

Be sure to enter each week to be eligible for these great raffle prizes. All are able to win the raffle regardless of

fish size.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and to our weekly winners. We hope you enjoyed your time outdoors on our beautiful lakes and rivers.

Thanks again to sponsors Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, Lakeside Fishing, Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.'s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Wally's Frozen Custard and Chocolate Bar Cafe. The Grosse Pointe News is grateful for their support.

There is still plenty of time to enter the Classic — so get your rods and reels ready and make a beeline to the piers and parks — or try your hand from your boat.

Summer is just beginning, so embrace this wonderful opportunity for family fun — and YOU just might be a winner! Everybody, fish on!



SHE'S A
"REEL"
BEAUTY

Tom Kolojeski, from Grosse Pointe Farms, reeled in this impressive 20" pike, left, for Division B at Farms Pier.



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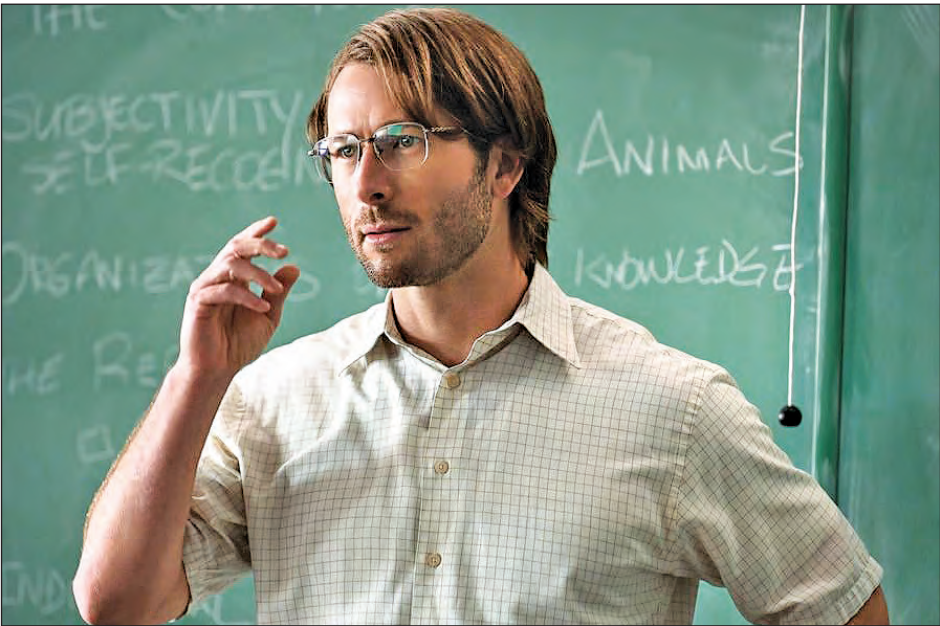
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PHOTOS COURTESY OF NETFLIX, AGC STUDIOS AND AGGREGATE FILMS
Glen Powell as teacher Gary Johnson AKA Ron the hit man from the 2023 movie “Hit Man,” written by Richard Linklater, Glenn Powell and Skip Hollandsworth and directed by Richard Linklater.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Hit Man”
2023 - Rated - R
1 hr 55 min
★★★★☆

Richard Linklater is a unique voice in Hollywood. Over the past three decades or so, he’s directed and produced quite a wide range of films. He’s brought us memorable indie titles including “Dazed and Confused,” “Boyhood,” “School of Rock,” “Bad News Bears,” and the groundbreaking “Before” trilogy. His latest offering “Hit Man” might be his best film yet. It’s a hard movie to categorize — it’s a thriller, romance, comedy, and film noir that harkens back to the golden age of filmmaking.

“Hit Man” is loosely based on true events and the plot was inspired by an article written in Texas Monthly. One of the reasons the film works so well is due to its star Glen Powell. Mr. Powell is a bit of a late bloomer. He’s been around for a while, mainly in supporting roles until last year’s delightful “Anyone But You.” He’s been getting a lot of buzz lately and was the subject of a recent article in the New York Times where the author has him tagged as the next big-screen heart-throb. Powell co-wrote the screenplay with Linklater, and it’s sure to garner some buzz come Oscar season.

Meet Gary Johnson (Powell), a nerdy philosophy professor who lives

a quiet life spending his free time with his cat and observing the birds at his backyard feeders. He helps the local police department with their surveillance equipment used in sting operations. Jasper (Austin Amelio) plays the role of a fake hit man and meets with folks who want to have their spouses bumped off. When he gets them on tape and they hand him the money, they get



Adria Arjona as Madison Figueroa Masters at the firing range with Ron/Gary (Powell).

nabbed. After Jasper gets suspended for roughing up some teenagers, Gary is asked to step in and take his place.

Gary is reticent at first about meeting with potential clients, but it’s amazing to see how quickly he rises to the occasion. He gets so into the role-playing it’s almost as if he was born to do this job. It’s hilarious listening to him describe in infinite detail how he plans to dispose of a target’s body. Or more specifically, all the various body parts.



Ron/Gary (Powell) meets a client.



Ron/Gary (Powell) in disguise.

Through a series of vignettes, we witness numerous encounters he has with people who want to hire an assassin. He takes his job so seri-



ously, after doing a bit of research on clients, he dresses accordingly and puts on wigs, makeup, and adds an appropriate accent to boot!

He so impresses his handlers Claudette (Retta) and Phil (Sanjay Rao), that when Jasper comes off his suspension, they feel Gary should stay on as the fake hit man. The two of

fights so hard to get his old job back, it makes you a bit suspicious of his motivations.

Meanwhile, Gary is relishing his role as the tough guy Ron (his alias). One day he meets with Madison (Adria Arjona), who wants to have her abusive spouse murdered. Against his better judgment, Gary advises her to leave her husband and use the money to start a new life. She’s surprised by his advice and tells him she’ll think about it.

The two meet by chance some time later and Madison is now divorced and living a happy life. The sparks start flying. Powell and Arjona have amazing on-screen chemistry and things get hot and steamy almost immediately. Gary tells her right from the beginning that she

If you’re up for a wonderful, action-packed viewing experience, don’t miss this gem of a film.

Note to parents: The film is rated “R” due mainly to language and one sex scene.

Currently streaming on Netflix.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column: My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



Ron/Gary (Powell) gives Madison (Arjona) a shooting lesson.

can’t know anything about him, and due to the nature of his work, they absolutely have to keep their relationship casual. Even though she agrees with him, there’s no end to the various ways she tries to seduce him, including dressing up in various costumes, mirroring what he does on a daily basis.

As you can imagine, the plot takes a few twists and turns as it hurls to the ending. Ultimately, it’s a fun-filled ride that only a talented director like Linklater could pull off.

them are quite comical and it’s fun to watch them behind the scenes, especially when they’re out in the van on a sting operation. And Jasper



Madison (Arjona) & Ron/Gary (Powell) meet up.



Jasper (Amelio), Phil (Sanjay Rao) and Claudette (Retta) at the police station.



A steamy scene with Madison (Arjona) & Ron/Gary (Powell).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions on this Summer Solstice day. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 20, 2024: You are warm, affectionate and spontaneous. You're also charming and love to entertain others. This is a year of reflection for you. It's time to look inward and renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore any discipline that gives you better self-awareness. It's time to learn and teach.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
For the next few weeks, your attention will turn to home, family and your private life. You will have an increased focus on redecorating projects and home repairs. Very likely, family discussions will take place, perhaps about a parent. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
The pace of your days will accelerate for the next few weeks. Get ready for this. Expect a busy schedule due to increased appointments, visits with siblings and relatives, shopping, errands, short trips, plus reading, writing and studying. Busy you! Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Starting today, your focus on money, cash flow and earnings will increase for the next four weeks. This will be an excellent time for you to get on top of your scene, especially with respect to taking care of your possessions. You also might ponder your values. Tonight: Cooperate.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
The Sun enters your sign today to stay for the next four weeks, giving you a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! With Mercury and Venus also in your sign, you have a desire to talk to others. Take note that this is an excellent time to buy wardrobe items for yourself. Tonight: Toe the line.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Your personal year is ending, which is why you might want to be more reclusive in the next few weeks. Take time to ponder what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday). Nevertheless, your ambition is aroused! You're not going to sit at home getting dusty. Tonight: Responsibilities.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Saturn. This can make you feel lonely, isolated and cut off from others. In fact, you might send out signals unconsciously to people that you want to be left alone. Don't worry; this, too, shall pass. Tonight: You're strong.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You create a marvelous impression on everyone in the next few weeks. Do be aware of this, because with this advantage, you can go after what you want. Doors will open for you. Now is the time to make your pitch. Ask for a raise. Seek out opportunities. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Your desire to travel will be strong because you need a change of scenery. Oh yeah, it's time to get outta Dodge! If you can't travel far, then explore your own city. You need to feel stimulated by learning new

things and seeing new faces. Tonight: Be practical.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Many issues in your life will take on an increased intensity in the next four weeks, especially matters related to shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances. Someone might help you with these matters. Disputes in these areas will likely favor you. Tonight: Stay positive.

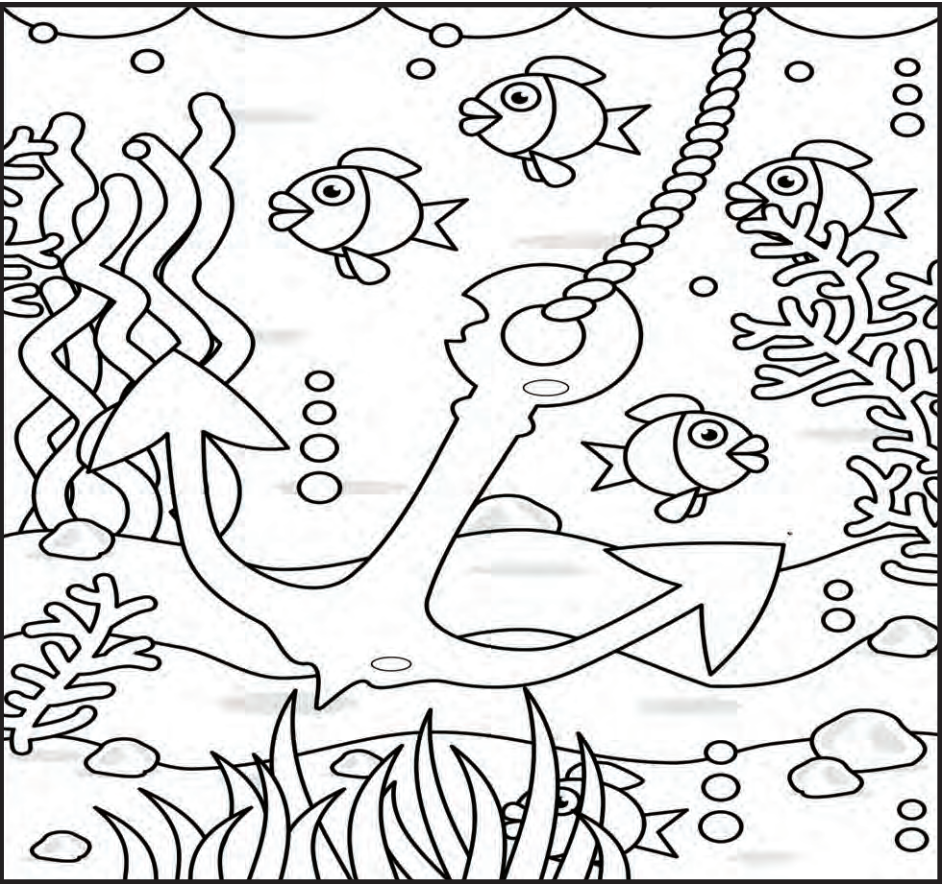
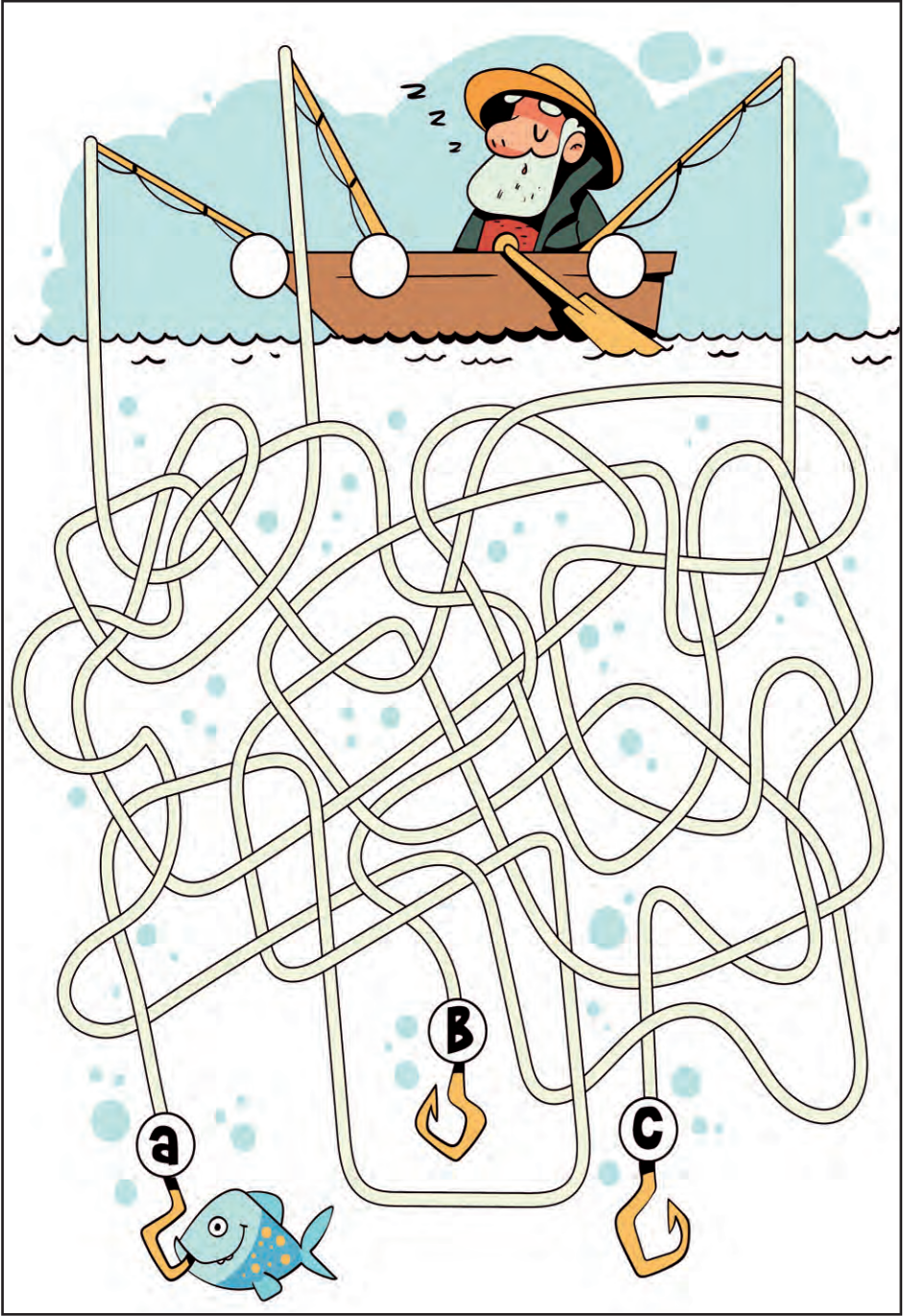
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You will need more rest in the next few weeks because the Sun is opposite your sign and the Sun represents energy. You will also have the advantage of having more objectivity in viewing your closest relationships. You might see ways to improve them. Tonight: Solitude.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It's time to hustle thy buns! In the next few weeks, you will work hard to be as productive as possible. Roll up your sleeves and get hands-on. Fortunately, co-workers will be helpful and supportive to you. In fact, some of you might begin a work-related romance. Tonight: Listen.

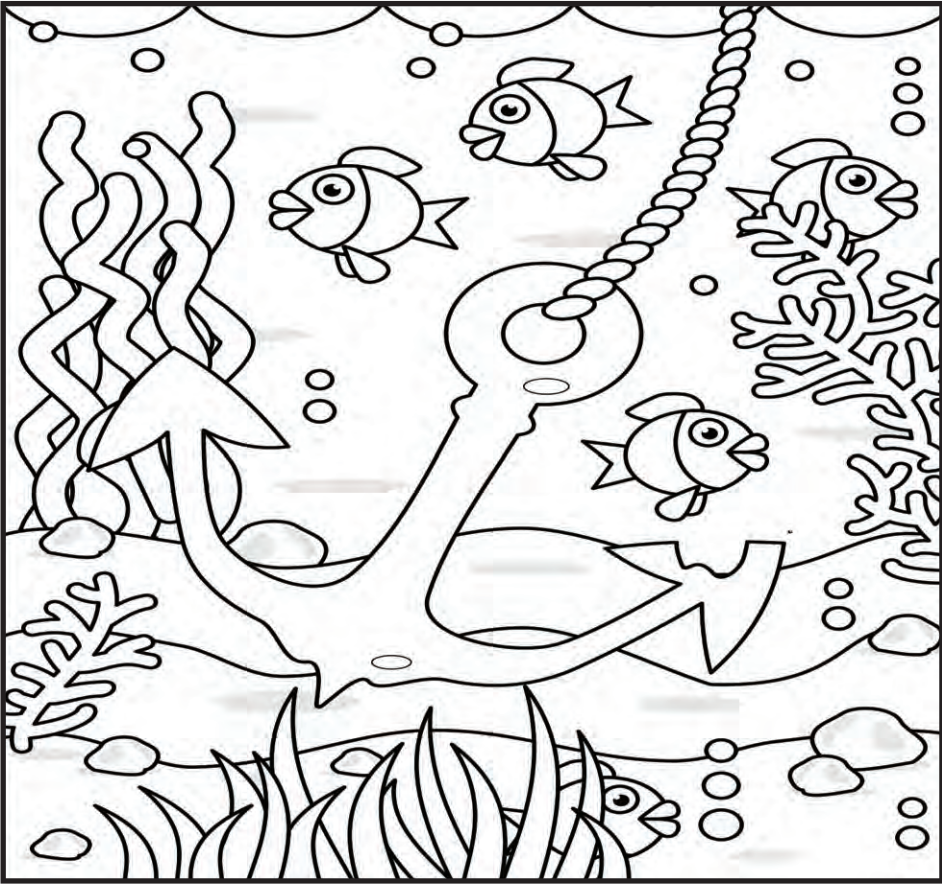
PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Beginning today, you enter a four-week window filled with opportunities to socialize. Your creative vibes will shine! Therefore, look for ways to express your creativity. Enjoy museums, social outings, vacations, sports and fun times with kids. Tonight: Show respect.

BORN TODAY
Actress Nicole Kidman (1967), actor John Goodman (1952), singer-songwriter Lionel Richie (1949).

Which Pole Will Catch The Fish?



Find 10 Differences and Color the Pictures



Contract Bridge

FIRST-RATE DETECTIVE WORK

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 6
♥ A 5 2
♦ A 9 8 7 3
♣ Q 10 5

EAST

♠ J 10 7 5 4 2
♥ 7 6
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 8 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q 9
♥ K Q 3
♦ K J 6 4
♣ A K J

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Let's say you're in seven notrump and West leads a heart. When dummy appears, you can count nine tricks in spades, hearts and clubs, so you will need four diamond tricks to land the grand slam.

There are several ways to tackle the diamonds successfully — all depending on how they're divided — but your job is to find the winning way, assuming you see only 26 cards.

To meet this challenge — and

before playing any diamonds at all — you should try to learn everything you possibly can about how the opposing cards are divided. You start by cashing the A-K-Q of hearts. As it happens, East shows out on the third round, so you now know that West started with five hearts and East with two.

Next you cash the A-K-Q of clubs, choosing that suit because you have more clubs than spades. This move also proves enlightening, because you learn that West started with five clubs and East with two.

Hot on the scent, you next play three rounds of spades. This, too, turns out to be highly beneficial when you learn that West began with precisely two spades — which in turn means that he must have started with exactly one diamond. The reward for your super detective work is that the grand slam is now ice cold. So you cash dummy's ace of diamonds and then lead a diamond to the jack with 100% assurance that the finesse will succeed.

Of course, if you look upon all the requisite preliminary moves as overly complex and laborious and choose instead to address the diamonds at the very outset, you might well lose the relatively rare opportunity to bring home a grand slam worth more than 2,000 points.

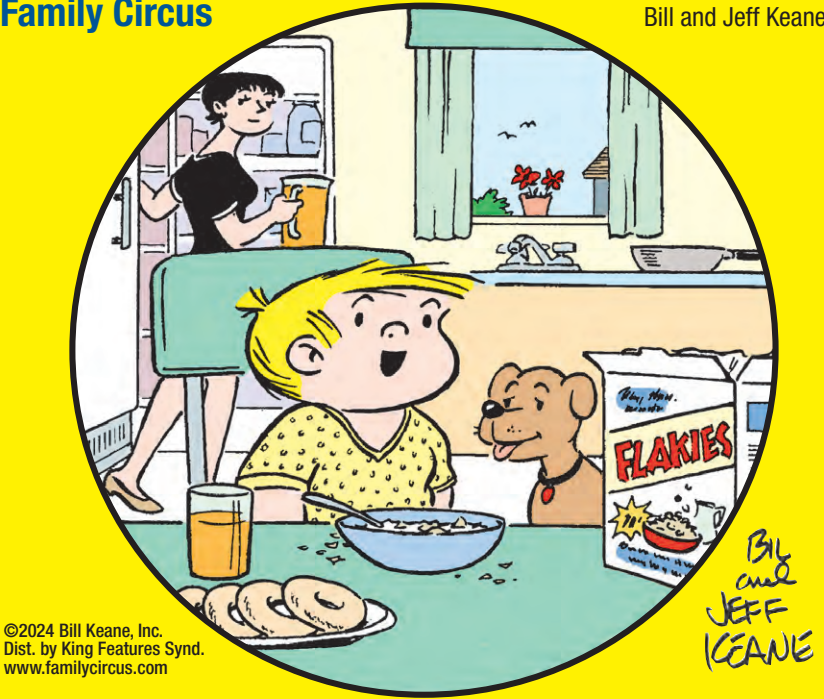
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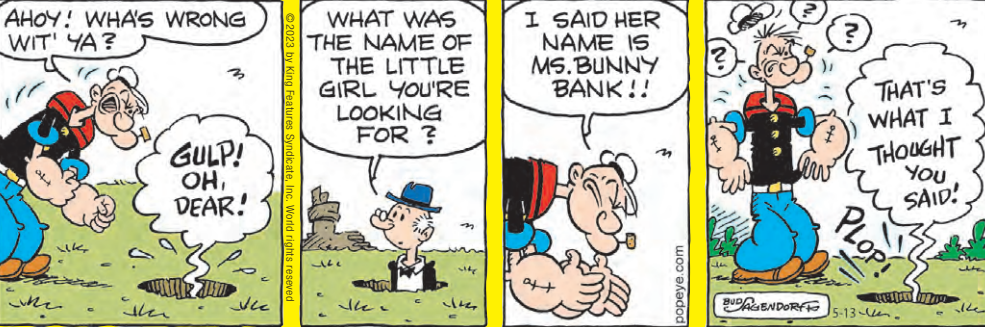
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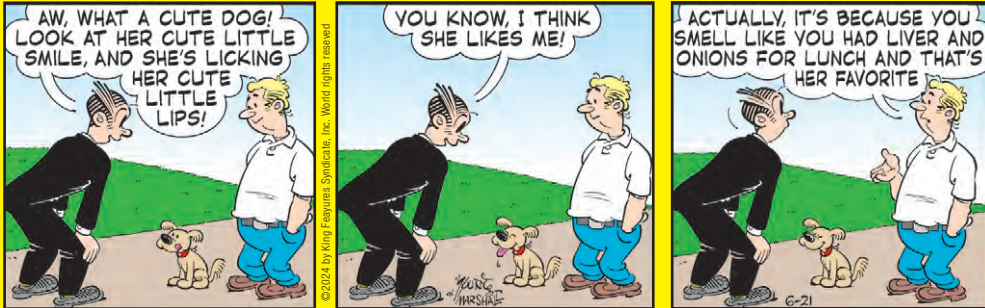
Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



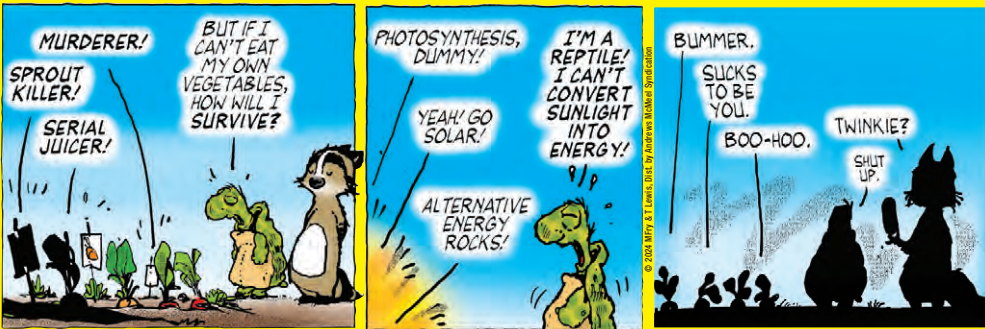
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Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



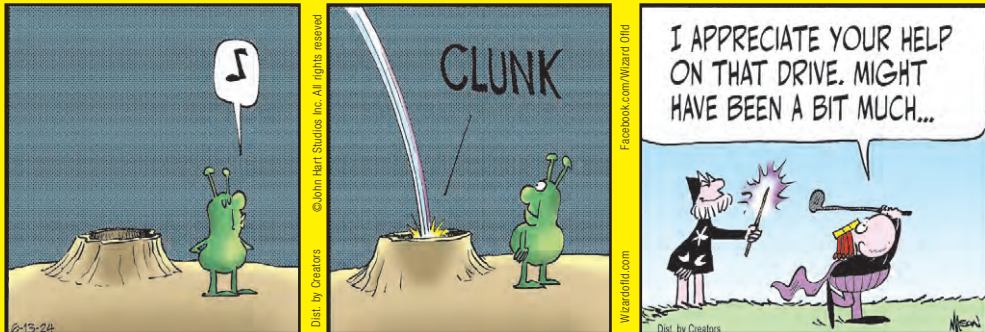
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Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



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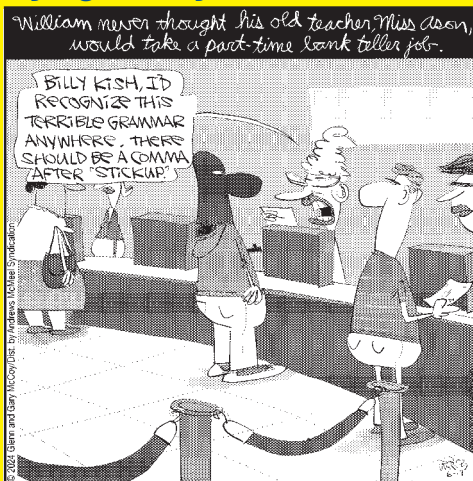
Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	2							8
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	4	9	8					

6/20

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

5	9	1	8	4	2	6	3	7
7	8	3	6	1	5	2	9	4
4	2	6	3	7	9	8	1	5
6	5	2	1	9	3	4	7	8
1	3	4	5	8	7	9	2	6
8	7	9	2	6	4	1	5	3
3	6	7	4	2	1	5	8	9
2	4	5	9	3	8	7	6	1
9	1	8	7	5	6	3	4	2

6/13 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 20, 2024

ACROSS

- Catcher's catcher
- Some shade trees
- Secure URL opening
- UCLA women's basketball coach
- Like highlighter colors
- Anticipate
- Bad mood
- Bird extinct since the late 1600s
- "Inside Out" protagonist
- Some hunk on a charcuterie board
- Artistic license?
- Executive No. 2s
- Higher-(superiors)
- Used a shovel
- Teacher's org.
- Free ad
- Artsy LA or NYC neighborhood
- "Bold boardroom attire
- Be a bad winner
- Balloon filler
- Small mammal with a long snout
- "Flat-screen sets with extremely crisp displays

- Rescue
- "Help us!" letters
- Prof's helpers
- "Uh-huh!"
- "Shop you drop"
- Part of mph
- Close up again
- HBO miniseries based on a Gillian Flynn novel ... and what the starred clues' answers are?
- Game Boy Color button
- Most of a termite's diet
- Denny's competitor
- Tonkatsu breadcrumbs
- Norse trickster god
- Number of spaces in a tic-tac-toe grid
- Anxious feeling
- Zoomed
- Genre for some Seoul singers

DOWN

- Some rap battlers, briefly
- Particle carrying a charge
- Pool player's showy moves
- Religious donation
- Eventually became
- Many August births

- Airplane
- Winter flakes
- "Definitely not doing that"
- Small sticks
- Word after "tall" or "fairy"
- Some diner desserts
- Hog's home
- Festival, in Arabic
- "Best. Day."
- Mushroom or mold
- U.S. moon landing program
- Eggs on
- Full of chutzpah
- The Jolly Roger in "Peter Pan," e.g.
- Plant-based sweetener
- In addition
- Rowboat propeller

- Clever humor
- Pause fillers
- Starchy bite atop a hot dish
- Stringed instrument with seven pedals
- "Yes, I took care of that!"
- Chest muscle, briefly
- Urban green spaces
- Smell really bad
- Lee of Marvel Comics
- Put up, as wall art
- Birds that give a hoot
- Playfully tap on the nose
- Bit with a punch line
- Massage site
- Activist and musician Yoko
- Lively energy

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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6/13 Solution

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Cutting Edge by Rebecca Goldstein

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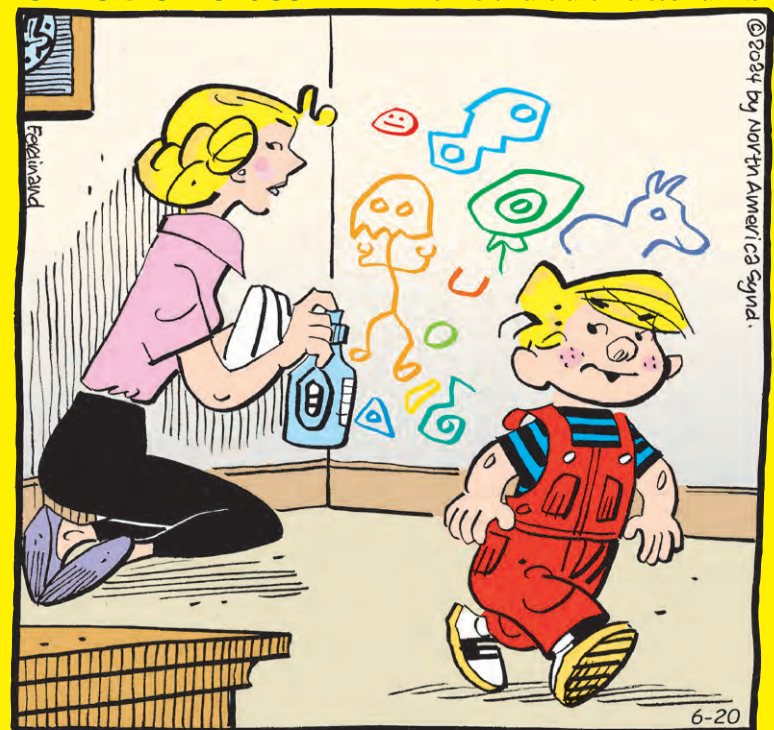
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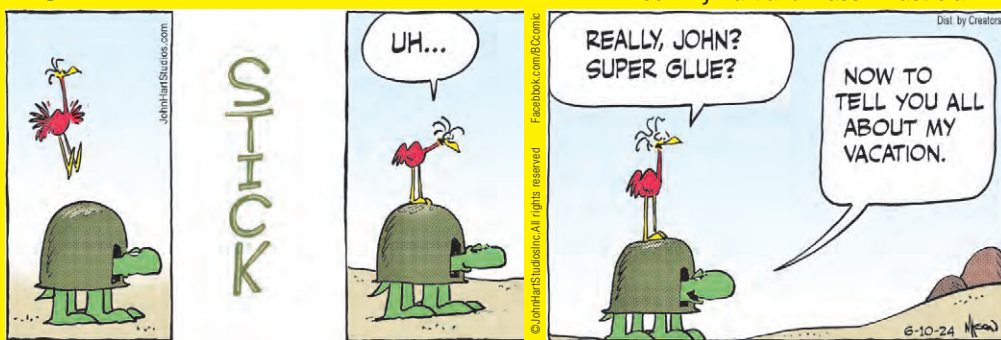
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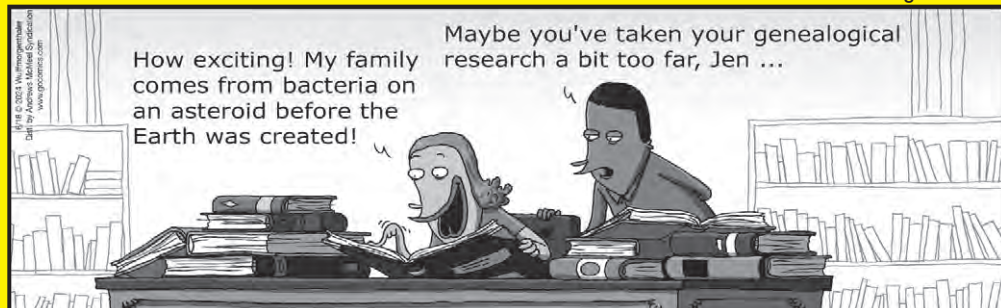
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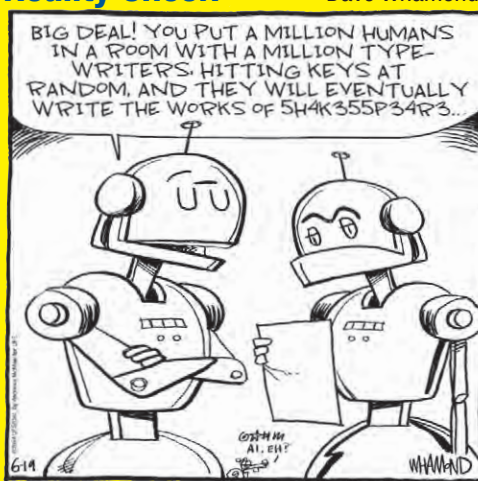
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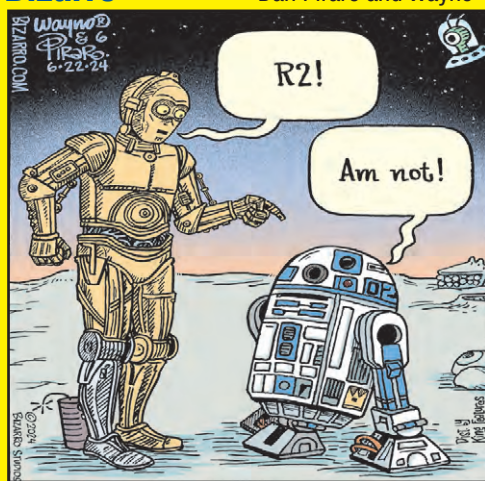
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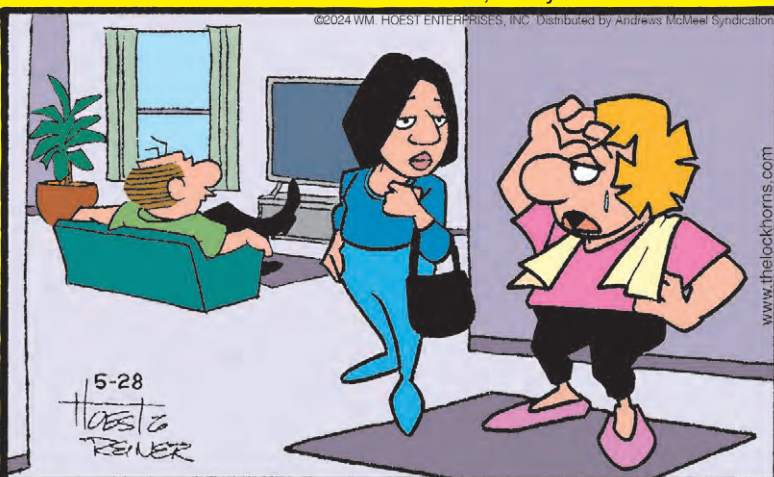
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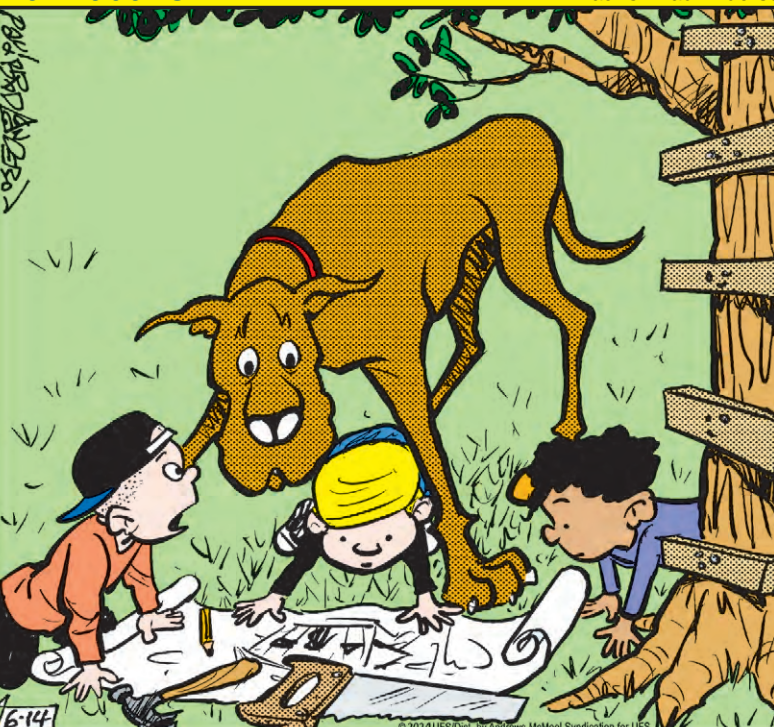
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"That's a petition signed by 37,378,291 people asking that you triple the life spans of dogs and cats."

Marmaduke

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"We'll need to build our treehouse higher so Marmaduke can't jump in."



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FANCY WEB WORK

Different spiders weave different kinds of webs. Web-spinning spiders spin webs to trap food—the flying and crawling insects they crave.

Strand Steppers

Spiders rarely get caught in their own webs. They know where the sticky strands are located. Inside their webs are dry silk strands that they can walk on.

Follow each trail to find out which kind of web each of these spiders weave.

TANGLED WEB

Spun in quiet, dark corners, this is the most common kind of web.

FUNNEL WEB

Spun between blades of grass, the funnel web has a wide opening. The spider hides at the bottom of the funnel, waiting for insects.

ORB WEB

This web has spokes like bicycle wheels.

TRIANGLE WEB

The spider attaches two points of its web to twigs. It holds onto the third point and attaches itself to a third twig. When an insect lands on the web, the spider loosens the end it holds and the web pulls the insect inside.

Just how strong is spider silk?

A thread of spider silk is stronger than a thread of steel the same thickness. It is one of the strongest materials on earth.

Circle every third letter along the spider's drop line to find out what a rope of spider silk 1 inch thick (2.5 cm) could hold.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Grass Spider

Garden Spider

House Spider

Triangle Spider

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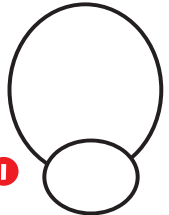
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LET'S DRAW!

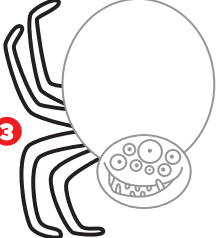
Have a family member draw with you. Each of you follow the steps below to draw a spider. How many differences can you find between your two spiders?



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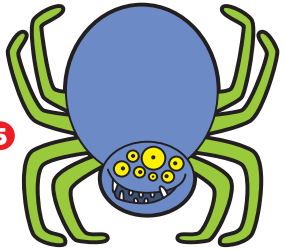
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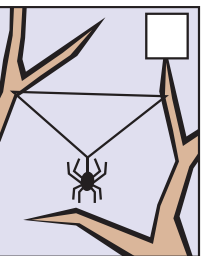
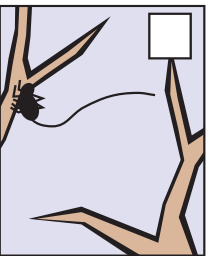
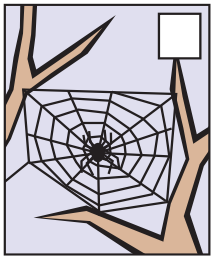
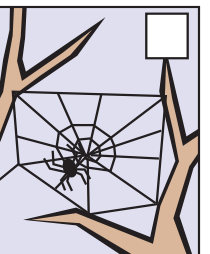
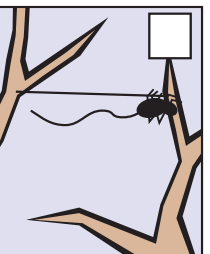
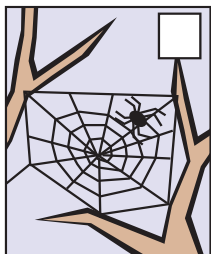
How do spiders make silk?

Spiders have little finger-like spinnerets at the rear of their bodies. They squeeze liquid from a silk gland between the spinnerets. When the liquid hits the air, it hardens into a long, thin thread. Spiders can make the thread thick or thin, sticky or dry, smooth or bumpy.

The Making of an Orb Web

Number the pictures in order from 1 to 6 to show the making of an orb web. It takes a garden spider less than an hour to complete an orb web.

Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival.



Extra! Extra!

Spider Advertiser

Read the ads in today's paper. Then, use crayons or markers to create an ad for spiders! It could be a "Web for Sale" ad or an ad for something spiders need.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

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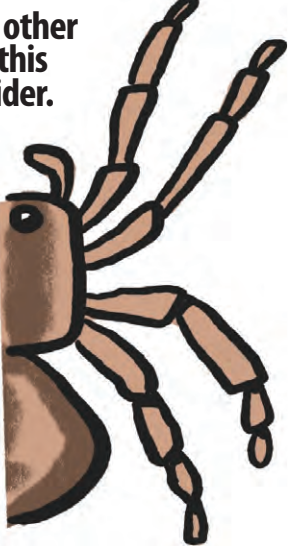


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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Many spiders spin webs around their eggs. The wolf spider does this as well, and then carries its egg sac until the eggs hatch!

Draw the other half of this wolf spider.



Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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POINT	G I I C S I V M A O
SILK	L N S T E E L O D C
SPIDER	E T E V A E W K T D
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: ATTACH

The verb **attach** means to connect one thing to another.

The spider can **attach** its web to twigs in bushes.

Try to use the word **attach** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Word Webs

Glue a noun from the newspaper onto the center of a piece of paper. Then cut out other words that go with that noun. Glue groups of words around the center noun. Connect the words that go in one group.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns.



Why are spiders like bicycle wheels?

ANSWER: They're always spinning!

Write On!

How I Helped

Write about a time you helped someone else. How did it feel?

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.



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2D-3D ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES | 4D NORTH BASEBALL | 4D-5D CLASSIFIEDS

Voting begins June 20 for third annual Athlete of the Year contest

By GP News Staff

As another school year comes to an end, it is once again time for sports fans across the community to make their voices heard and support their favorite athletes. Voting for the 2023-24 Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest begins at noon Thursday, June 20, and closes at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

Readers can cast their votes online at grossepointenews.com or on the Grosse Pointe News' social media pages. Additionally, paper ballots may be submitted to the Grosse Pointe News office, 16980 Kercheval in The Village.

Over the last 10 months, the Grosse Pointe News has recognized 38 outstanding athletes for their achievements on the field, court, ice and beyond. Our valued sub-

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scribers as well as coaches, parents and members of the community have nominated these athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett

School for their performances in athletics and academics. Several of these athletes also will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

On July 18, the Grosse

Pointe News will name four of these amazing athletes as the Grosse Pointe News 2023-24 Athletes of the Year. All four athletes will receive \$500 scholarships to their respective college

or university.

The Athletes of the Year will be separated into two categories. First, one male and one female athlete will be named winners by the Grosse Pointe News staff. Second, our subscribers and the community will decide which male and which female athlete will receive scholarships for tallying the most votes in the Readers' Choice poll. During the voting process, participants will be allowed to submit one vote per 24 hours.

The Athlete of the Year contest is the culmination of yet another incredible year of sports within the Grosse Pointe community. It is a chance to remember the incredible moments these athletes and their teams provided to fans throughout the seasons. It also reminds us how much sports means to the community by creat-

ing memories and friendships these athletes and their families will never forget.

The success of the Athlete of the Year contest and our Athlete of the Week feature series would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, including Expert Heating & Cooling, Village Grille, Pointe Capital Management LLC and Shana Sine-Cameron and Sine & Monaghan Real Estate.

The Grosse Pointe News thanks readers for your commitment to the local sports community and these amazing athletes. If you are interested in becoming an Athlete of the Week sponsor next season, contact media@grossepointenews.com.

For a full list of this year's Athlete of the Year contest nominees and a copy of the voting ballot, see pages 2D-3D.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cardinale grateful for memories and lessons learned as a Norseman

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Rocco Cardinale has been an athlete as long as he can remember. The Grosse Pointe North senior tried just about everything grow-

ing up, from hockey to soccer to basketball and baseball. The last two are what really stuck with him, especially baseball, as Cardinale has been a key part of North's baseball success the past few sea-

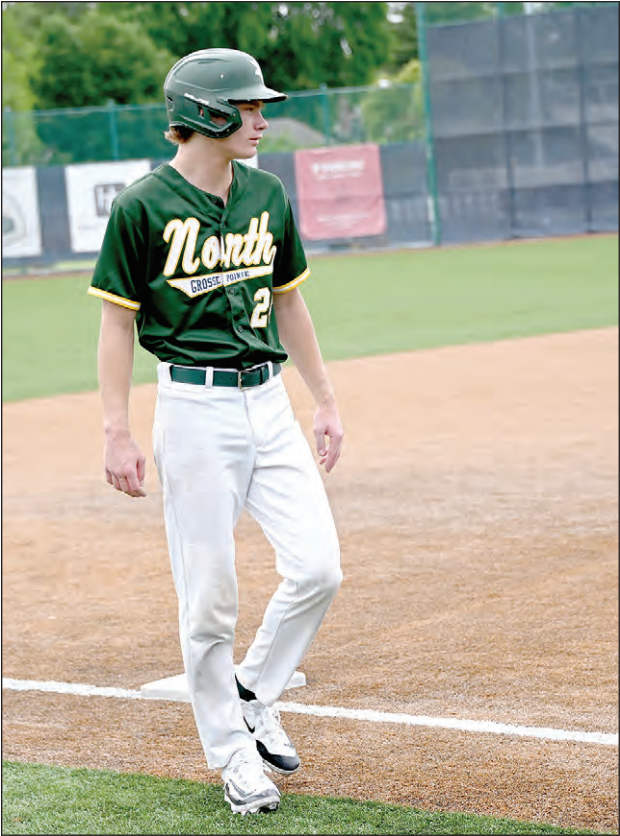


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rocco Cardinale ends his high school career at North with varsity experience in three sports; baseball, basketball and football.

sons.

Cardinale's love for baseball began when he started learning the game from his brother and father, who built a batting cage in the family's backyard. He grew up learning the game and also how to have fun with it, which is the same attitude he and his North teammates had this most recent post-season run, which took the team all the way to the Division 1 state semifinals.

"Every single game, ever since the playoffs started, we've just been trying to have fun," Cardinale said. "The energy in the dugout during this playoff run was amazing and we started to have a lot of fun with it. ... But we're serious at the same time and know when to lock in. We just play the game and don't try to overthink things."

This year's trip to the final four in East Lansing, which ended for North with a 5-2 loss in the state semifinal to Brother Rice, was not Cardinale's first time playing on that stage. As a sophomore in 2022, he was part of the

Norsemen team that advanced all the way to the state championship game and finished as Division 1 state runner-up.

Many of his fellow seniors this spring also were part of the 2022 team and their prior experience playing in such big games, as well as their maturity now being upperclassmen, certainly gave them confidence throughout the postseason.

"Definitely having the experience before this year helped a lot," he said. "We know that it's going to be loud and that there's going to be a lot of people watching. A majority of the starters know what to expect."

Cardinale's fellow seniors have formed a close bond with each other over the years and not just through baseball. He has been team-

mates with some of them in other varsity sports at North, including basketball and football.

"The seniors are my best friends," Cardinale said. "... We're with each other almost every night hanging out and having fun and, at the field, it's the same thing where we're just having fun. ... Even the juniors and sophomores, I grew up playing Little League with some of them. We're all good friends and it's really fun to have that experience and play with each other this long and have one last year. It's a good way to go out."

For Cardinale and

some of his fellow seniors, spring baseball season has always been the highlight of the year. In his senior season this spring, Cardinale earned the trust of his teammates and coaches by being given the ball in some key situations.

Cardinale plays the outfield and is a strong contributor to the offense for the Norsemen, but also had some standout moments on the mound. In the district championship game June 1, North gave Cardinale the ball and saw him pitch two scoreless innings to close out the victory

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Rocco Cardinale

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Baseball

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Rockin' Rocco

- Finished 2024 baseball season with 1.40 ERA
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See ATHLETE, page 6D



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Softball



Elsa Bachert
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Crew



Ben Bryan
Grosse Pointe South
Swim & Dive



Rocco Cardinale
Grosse Pointe North
Baseball



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Swim & Dive



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Field Hockey, Basketball, Lacrosse



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Gymnastics



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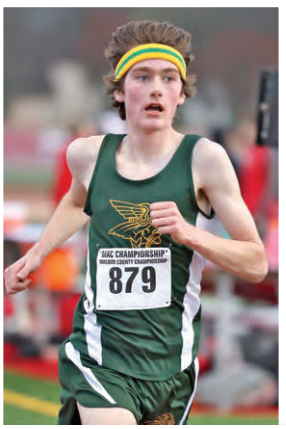
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Basketball



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Track & Field



Milania Rodriguez
Grosse Pointe South
Wrestling



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South



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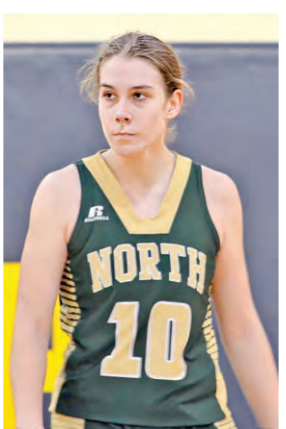
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Basketball



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Please fill in the circle next to one male and one female athlete.

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- ☐ Preston Auld
- ☐ Preston Barr
- ☐ Brady Beers
- ☐ Hunter Belanger
- ☐ Drew Brady
- ☐ Ben Bryan
- ☐ Rocco Cardinale
- ☐ Sebastian Courtright
- ☐ Wyatt Hepner
- ☐ Brennan Hill
- ☐ Maksim Johns
- ☐ Troy Liu
- ☐ Tommy Moreland
- ☐ Karter Richards
- ☐ David Rochon
- ☐ Gary Stacy
- ☐ Jordan Stefanides
- ☐ Brennan Sullivan

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- ☐ Natalie Babcock
- ☐ Elsa Bachert
- ☐ Avery Beal
- ☐ Avery Bellish
- ☐ Maddy Benard
- ☐ Abby Brink
- ☐ Carly Brown
- ☐ Brynn Collins
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North baseball’s improbable playoff run ends in state semifinal loss

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After finishing the regular season with a record below .500, it seems safe to say not many people expected the Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball team to end its season in East Lansing at the Division 1 final four. However, perseverance and some postseason magic helped earn the Norsemen a spot in the state semifinals, where they took on Brother Rice Thursday, June 13.

Facing a tough test against a Brother Rice team that was ranked No. 1 in Division 1 nearly the entire spring,

North gave the powerhouse Warriors a tough fight. However, North’s season ended just shy of a second state championship game appearance in three years, as North fell to Brother Rice 5-2 in the semifinal matchup.

“We were a confident baseball team from the Lakeview game in the pre-district round on forward,” North baseball head coach Kevin Shubnell said after the team’s season ended. “... They just really believed in each other. That’s a life lesson for them. When you believe in yourself and believe in people that you’re with and care about

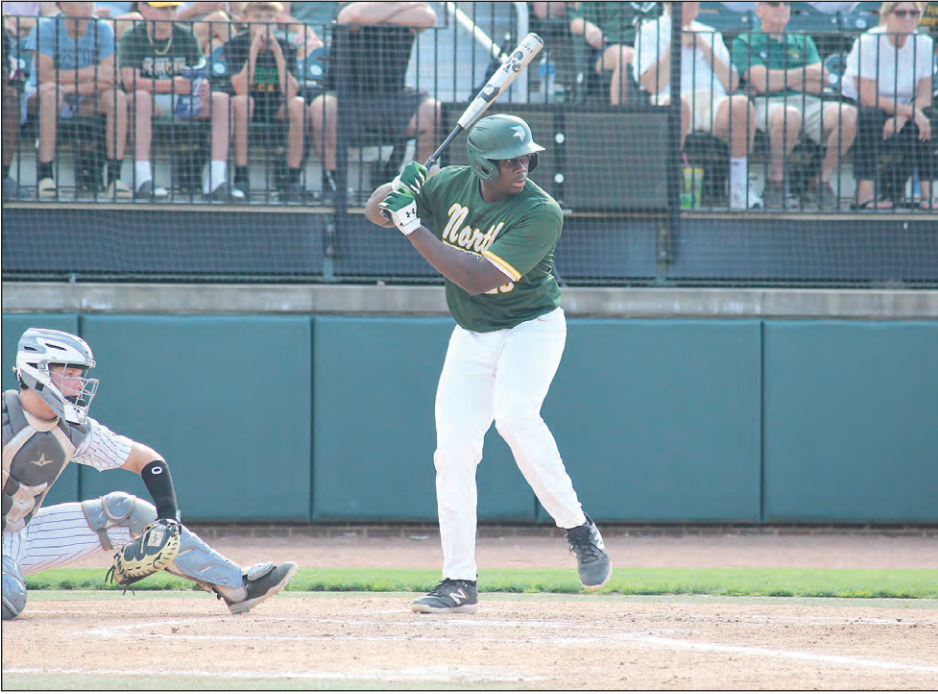
them and love each other, then special things happen. That’s the way they did it and the word ‘proud’ isn’t enough for what they did and it was a really special run.”

The Norsemen went down early in last Thursday’s semifinal game against the Warriors. Brother Rice’s Owen Turner hit a three-run home run off of North starter Brennan Hill in the bottom of the first inning to give the Warriors an early 3-0 lead.

North’s offense, which struggled most of the day and only managed to tally one hit in the entire game,



North starter Brennan Hill winds up for a pitch during the first inning of the Division 1 state semifinal.



Senior first baseman Bobby Rhodes had North’s only hit in last Thursday’s Division 1 state semifinal game against Brother Rice.

got on the board in the top of the fourth inning. Senior Bobby Rhodes had that lone hit in the fourth with a single that helped North eventually load the bases thanks to a hit-by-pitch and a walk.

The Norsemen then scored their only two runs of the game when Caleb Butler hit a hard ground ball that caused an error by the Warriors’ shortstop allowing North to bring two across home plate.

After those two runs, North cut its deficit to one, trailing 3-2. However, Brother Rice was quick to answer and an RBI double by Cole VanAmeyde in the bottom of the fourth put the Warriors back in front by two. VanAmeyde eventually

helped Brother Rice go up by three in the bottom of the sixth inning with an RBI single, which made the game 5-2 and ultimately put things out of reach.

It was an emotional ending to the season for the Norsemen, especially for the seniors who played their final game in a North uniform. This year’s senior class included Rocco Cardinale, Shane Armbruster, Brady Beers, Matthew McLeod, Bobby Rhodes and Luke Shanley.

Shubnell knows this spring’s senior class will be remembered for leaving the program with a legacy of success, as many of them also were part of the team that reached the Division 1 state cham-

pionship game in 2022. North’s coaching staff knows the real legacy this year’s seniors will leave includes the lessons in effort and attitude they helped teach the underclassmen who will be back in the dugout for the Norsemen next season.

“There were tears, but Rocco Cardinale said, ‘I want to cry and I’m sad, but I can’t stop smiling because of what we did,’” Shubnell said. “I thought that was such an accurate statement. The seniors are feeling content. ... The underclassmen, I think they learned a lot about leadership and perseverance and teambuilding, and I think that’s going to serve them well into the future.”

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Given for multi-week scheduled advertising, with prepayment or credit approval. Call for rates or for more information. Phone lines can be busy on Monday and Tuesday. Please call early.

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35 words for \$25.00; additional words are 30¢ each. Abbreviations are not accepted.
BORDER ADS STARTING AT:
\$26.00 per column inch

CLASSIFYING AND CENSORSHIP
We reserve the right to classify each ad under its appropriate heading. The publisher reserves the right to edit or reject ad copy submitted for publication.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS
Responsibility for classified advertising errors is limited to either a cancellation of the charge or a re-run of the portion of the error. Notification must be given in time for the correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility for the same after the first insertion.

In observance of
INDEPENDENCE DAY
the office is closed Thursday & Friday
JULY 4 & 5, 2024
Grosse Pointe News Classified
**DEADLINE - MONDAY, 1PM,
JULY 8, 2024**

Grosse Pointe News
Classified Advertising
AD OF THE WEEK

Cita Angels
HOMECARE
Caregiver Services.
24 Hour Care.
We assist in cooking, cleaning, bathing/grooming, errands, doctor’s appointments, etc.
Accepting Medicaid Payments as well as Private Pay.
1(866)54-ANGEL

001 SPECIAL PROMOS

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30¢ each
additional word
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Announcements

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5 Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1(855)773-8191 today to schedule a free quote. It’s not just a generator. It’s a power move.

Special Services

129 SPORTS TRAINING

PICKLEBALL LESSONS & COACHING for all levels, beginner-intermediate-advanced. My coaching will have you dominating the courts by having the edge on the competition. Personal & group sessions are available now. John (586)726-0333

Help Wanted

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL


SUMMER JOB: General Office Help
Answer phones, taking orders, schedule events.
Good at multitasking, fast learner.
Apply 10- 3pm.
Captain Kool Corporation,
29701 Little Mack
Roseville, 48066

SUMMER HELP
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10- 20 hours per week until September.
Start immediately.
(313)690-1894

203 HELP WANTED DENTAL / MEDICAL

GROSSE POINTE Doctor’s office is seeking a full- time medical assistant/ nurse. Must be friendly and detail oriented. Previous medical office experience of at least 1 year, EMR knowledge and computer skills helpful. Please email resumes to careers@drshaunadiggs.com

Situations Wanted

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

ATTENTION: by MICHIGAN LAW DAY CARE FACILITIES (In-Home & Centers) Must Show Their Current License To Advertising Representative When Placing Your Ads. THANK YOU. Parents- Please Verify All Child Care Licenses!

302 SITUATION WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE


CITA ANGELS HOME CARE
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available in the privacy of your own home. Hourly and 24 hour care. Best prices guarantee. NOW ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS (586)215-6777 office@innhomecare.net www.innhomecare.net Now Hiring

305 SITUATION WANTED HOUSE CLEANING

Are you tired of spending your weekends scrubbing, dusting, and vacuuming? It’s time to reclaim your free time and enjoy the comfort of a spotless home. **Opulent Touch** is here to make your life easier with our professional maid services. Call **(313)844-8566**

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DUCKS IN A ROW
De-cluttering and organizing your home! Closets, basements, whole house. Organize your paper clutter. Home information, notebooks, Medical journals, memory albums. Becky Schlaff (313)580-2528 Susan Mason (313)910-9705 schlaffb@comcast.net rwmason@comcast.net

Merchandise

409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

MOVING SALE
Friday- Saturday, June 21/ 22, 9 to 3.
415 Manor, Grosse Pointe Farms
Furniture, Household, Tools, and more!

UNIVERSITY GIRLS are back with an Epic Sale! Incredible variety of loved items ready for new homes! 656 University Place, Grosse Pointe. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9- 2.

Grosse Pointe News Yard & Estate Sale Map

THIS WEEK

1. 17 Lakeside Court, GPC
2. 656 University Place, GPC
3. 662 University Place, GPC
4. 415 Manor, GPF
5. 445 Moran, GPF

● = ESTATE SALE ○ = YARD SALE

See Classifieds for more details

Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.

BASEMENT WATERPROOFING Waterproofing 313-886-8088	912 BUILDING / REMODELING	914 CARPENTRY Wood Rot Repair Specialists Garage Straightening Deck Repairs Crown Molding Custom Wood Projects Free Estimates RedBaronEnterprises.com (313)408-1166	927 DEBRIS / CLUTTER REMOVAL Estate, Rental Property & Foreclosure Clean Outs Appliance Pick-Up Debris Removal Free Estimates Mark (313)433-1959 Matthew (313)829-4570	943 LANDSCAPERS / TREE SERVICE/GARDENER ROYAL ENTERPRISE LANDSCAPING DESIGNS & IMPROVEMENTS • Small Tree & Shrub Planting, Trimming & Removal • Tree Rings • Weed & Vine Removal • Mulch/ Sod/ Decorative Stones • Stone Garden Walls • Brick Paver, Flagstone, Pea Gravel Walks & Patios Residential/ Commercial Fully Insured RAY (313)218-2150	945 HANDYMAN HANDYMAN specializing in Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Electrical and miscellaneous odd jobs. Lifetime career experience, reference available. Call Douglas Kehrer at (586)292-5971	954 PAINTING / DECORATING 15% OFF 2 WEEK BEGINNING OF SUMMER SPECIAL Electrical Repairs/ Tired of changing fuses? Service Panel Upgrades Plumbing Repairs Tired of plumbing headaches? Update NOW to save in the future. Also available: Exterior Painting Chimneys Woodworking All Exterior Work Find us on page 207 in the Blue Book. Grosse Pointe South Alumni 3 Generations Serving Grosse Pointe Area Since 1950 (313)880-9961	957 PLUMBING & INSTALLATION Plumbing Diagnosis Installation Repair Hot Water Tanks Snaking RedBaronEnterprises.com (313)408-1166
911 BRICK / BLOCK WORK Porch Cap & Steps 313-886-8088	LOOKING to get a fresh new look for Spring? We specialize in all of your remodeling projects. Does your kitchen or fireplace need an updated look? We are skilled for all your renovations including painting! Title Stone Style LLC (586)413-0684	Nick Karoutsos Painting 586.778.9619 • CUSTOM CARPENTRY • WOOD REPAIR & REPLACEMENT • HANDYMAN SERVICES ~All Work Guaranteed~ FREE ESTIMATES - LICENSED - INSURED	FLOOR SANDING / REFINISHING FLOOR laying, sanding and refinishing. Laminate flooring installed. Free estimates. Terry Yerke (586)823-7753	GUTTERS ELIMINATE gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris- blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off entire purchase. PLUS 10% Senior & Military discounts. Call 1(866)495-1709	RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE & CONSTRUCTION We're your "TO DO" list handymen! Let us help you with any plumbing, electrical, carpentry and much more. RedBaronEnterprises.com (313)408-1166	JOHN'S PAINTING Interior/Exterior Repairing: Damaged plaster, drywall, cracks, windows puttying, caulking. Fire/Water damage insurance work. All work guaranteed G. P. References License/Insured Free estimates Senior Discount (313)882-5038	960 ROOFING SERVICES NEW INSTALLATION Roofs, Gutters Repairs Siding Financing Available! RedBaronEnterprises.com (313)408-1166
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COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South’s Carly Brown, left, and Elizabeth Peberdy took second place in the Women’s Youth 2- at the USRowing Youth National Championships.

Brown and Peberdy’s 2nd place highlights rowing nationals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For yet another year, the Grosse Pointes were represented at the USRowing Youth National Championships. This year’s competition took place June 6 to 9, in Sarasota, Fla., and featured more than a dozen athletes from the Pointes racing and representing Detroit Boat Club Crew, with the best result being a second-place finish in the Women’s Youth 2- by Carly Brown and Elizabeth Peberdy.

Brown and Peberdy were second in the final race with a time of 3:53.10. The two future Division I college rowers, who are headed to Stanford University and the University of Tennessee, respectively, finished only two seconds behind the winning team of Caroline Krantz and Annika Nelson of Connecticut.

The second-place finish was the only top-10 spot any of the teams from Detroit Boat Club Crew earned in the finals. The next highest finish was a 17th-place finish in the Women’s Under-16 4x by Zaira Gentile, Stella Meyers, Erin Korsak and Chloe Spain. Korsak, Gentile, Willow Roncone, Kalie Page, Elliott Weiss, Claire Christopherson, Malia Thole and Adaleigh Hall were 23rd in the Women’s Under-17 8+.

Grady Deenik, Oliver Blackwell, Sawyer Supino and Peter Stephens ended up in 22nd place in the Men’s Under-17 4x. In the Men’s Youth 4x, Brennan Supino, Sam Belishi, Ethan Kent and Ishaan Marfatia were 27th.

ATHLETE:

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over rival Grosse Pointe South.

He never tries to approach the game too seriously, always trying to stay loose, and perhaps that is what makes Cardinale a reliable arm on the mound for North to call on in certain situations.

“I go up there and I’m not scared at all,” Cardinale said. “I take a few deep breaths and keep my composure and just stay calm and throw strikes. I try to just let the defense do the work. I ran into problems in past years where all I’d want is strikeouts. This year I’ve been more calm and let the defense do the work and it’s helped me throw more strikes.”

Cardinale’s skills caught the eyes of college programs. He credits his brother with helping him in the recruiting process by reaching out to different schools and ultimately helping him make his choice on where he will continue

his academic and baseball careers.

He will be doing it just down the road, playing college baseball at Wayne State University next season. Although Cardinale felt the recruiting process was long, he is proud of the choice he made and is already excited about getting to work in a Warriors uniform soon.

“I know it’s going to be a good team and a good group of guys who can help me improve and get better,” he said.

Cardinale may have played his final game as a Norsemen, but he knows the memories he made with his teammates and friends will stick with him a long time. He also will take what he learned from his coaches over the years and use those lessons while playing college baseball and in life beyond the diamond.

The coaches who taught him those lessons are proud of the athlete and person Cardinale has grown into. They know Wayne State’s baseball program is getting a special

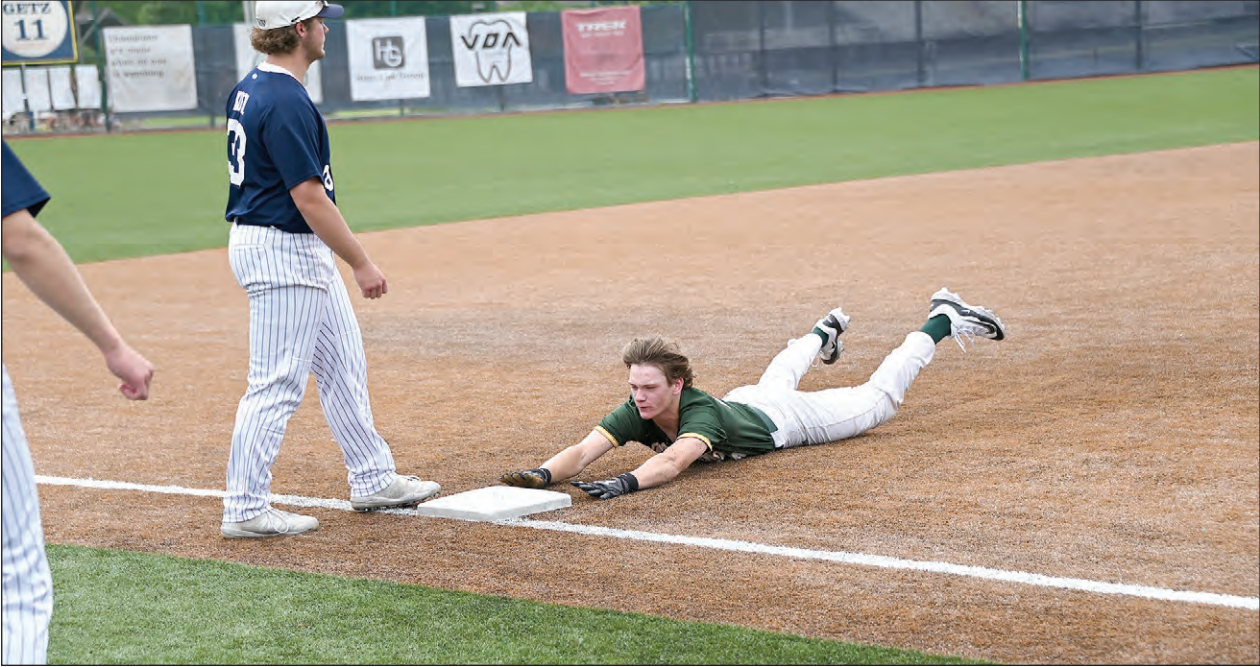


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Cardinale slides head first into third base during the Division 1 district championship game between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South on June 1.

player and teammate who will continue his hard work and love for the game in his college career.

“(Cardinale) was phenomenal for us all year,” North varsity baseball head coach Kevin Shubnell said. “He’s such a tremendous athlete. He has such great work ethic and is just such a great kid.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 10, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindie at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 20, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 18, 2024 and the Beautification Commission meeting held on April 22, 2024
- 2) to schedule a public hearing to hear public input and comment on the designation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) in the area of 20506-20655 Lennon for July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 130100 through 130190 in the amount of \$318,564.74 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,589.83 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of May 2024 and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of two keyboards. (3) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,971.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (4) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$16,400.00 for professional services related to the City’s financial reporting and preparation of the 2023 financial statements. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$31,134.11 for professional services during the month of April 2024 for the following projects: Community Center, #180-348; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Pavement Striping, #180-342; Concrete Repair, #180-338; Miss Digs, #180-255; Joint Crack/Seal, #180-341; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Roscommon Park, #180-329; Vernier Water Main, #180-308; San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-339; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337; San. Sewer Clean, #180-340; DWSRF Lead Service, #180-331; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303 and the DWRF Project, #180-344. (6) approve payment to CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$14,013.20 for actuarial services. (7) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$42,970.72 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of May 2024. (8) approve the repair quote submitted by Michigan CAT in the amount of \$10,010.97 for the repair and replacement of the front and rear brakes of the CAT front end loader.
- 2) to authorize the acting City Manager to begin negotiations with the City of Detroit on behalf of the City to merge fire services.
- 3) to adopt the attached “Bond Authorizing Resolution” for the 2024 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Bonds for Lead Service Line Replacements, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution.
- 4) to approve the proposal submitted by K & S Ventures, Inc. in the amount of \$61,910.00 for the repair, replacement and installation of chiller coils for the air conditioning system at City Hall.

Valerie Kindie, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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MICHIGAN LITTLE LEAGUE State Championship



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HOSTED AT KERBY FIELD IN GROSSE POINTE FARMS

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| 18 JULY | OPENING CEREMONY |
| 19 JULY | GAMES RUN DAILY |
| 20 JULY | GAMES RUN DAILY |
| 21 JULY | GAMES RUN DAILY |
| 22 JULY | QUARTERFINAL GAMES |
| 23 JULY | STATE SEMIFINAL GAMES |
| 24 JULY | STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME |



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