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Fire snafus prompt call for new procedures

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The public safety director, fresh from FBI leadership school, took the hit this week for a series of cascading, multi-agency equipment failures that kept firefighters

from knocking down what should have been a minor emergency. Instead, flames were free to consume a wood garage containing a car, jump to a neighboring frame house and threaten a second structure before being extinguished. “My heart goes out to

the families that lost so much,” Chief Jim Bostock said. “My apologies. We were behind the eight ball for a little bit.” No one was injured in the three-alarm fire — starting in the garage off an alley behind a house in the 1400 block of Lakepointe the evening

of Saturday, June 15 — that got a half-hour head start before residents returning to the area noticed smoke and called 911. A total of 14 officers from the Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms responded. The City and

Farms answered in automatic compliance with a Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual-aid agreement regarding working fires. For all practical purposes, problems with fire apparatus and equipment, plus falling electrical lines, began taking

hold upon the arrival of the first public safety officer — cross-trained in police and fire protection — within three minutes of the alert. “That garage didn’t have a chance,” Bostock said.

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Board of Ed evaluating sinking fund projects

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — If voters approve a sinking fund millage for the Grosse Pointe Public School System this November, it would bring in at least \$111 million over the next decade. The district already is discussing how to use that money.

At 3 mills — \$3 tax on every \$1,000 of a property’s taxable value — the millage would raise around \$11 million per year. “We would expect the total amount to be higher because property values will most likely go up 3 to 4 percent a year,” Paul Theriault of Plante Moran told the district’s Finance and Facilities

Committee late last month. “At the same time, though, construction costs will probably increase more than that each year.” The current sinking fund millage, approved at 1 mill in 2019, expires in December. The state limits public school districts to 3 mills when

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGE YOUNG

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, left, and Eaton Rapids Mayor Pamela Colestock.

A tale of two cities Eaton Rapids officials visit Grosse Pointe for exchange day

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Nine Eaton Rapids city officials — including Mayor Pamela Colestock, City Manager Yvonne Ridge, council members and the police and fire chiefs — visited the City of Grosse Pointe for a mayor/community exchange day Wednesday, June 26. “They would have brought their DPW director, but his wife was set to have a baby any minute,” City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted. The program — offered through the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Association of Mayors — matches communities with similar demographics and operations, which then host each other for a day to share tips and tricks, processes and innovative techniques. “It’s important, I think, to see what other communities are doing and not just the communities

right here,” Tomkowiak said. “Communities in other places have a lot to teach us. “We do tend to stay pretty much in the Grosse Pointes. We have lots of mayors and lots of city governments, so we tend to collaborate a lot, but it doesn’t get us out of our little area here. It’s nice to stretch out.” The Eaton Rapids crew was treated to tours of the City’s public services and public safety buildings, both freshly constructed in 2020; a site visit to the ongoing adaptive reuse project of the historical school administration building at 389 St. Clair into apartments;

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EERV rated ready

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A 17-year resident of the 900 block of Trombley has had it up to here with flooding. “I’ve had three major floods and two minor floods,” Terrence Shuster told the city council Monday, July 8. “I got the 1,000-year flood. I got the 500-year flood. I got the 200-year flood. What’s next?” Rain. This week’s National Weather Service forecast for the Midwest features remnants of tropical storm Beryl. Moisture-filled storm clouds are expected to gust north from the Gulf Coast through the Ohio Valley and dump rain onto southeast Michigan early Wednesday, July 10, after press time. “They’re already predicting between one to three inches, maybe more,” Shuster said. Weather Underground pegs the odds a sure bet, 100 percent. The Great Lakes Water

Authority, which manages most storm and sewer water systems for the region, put out an alert Tuesday morning, July 9. “Localized heavy rains can exceed four inches,” said Navid Mehram, GLWA’s chief operating officer, wastewater operating services. Mehram doesn’t want a repeat of property damage caused by the once-per-millennium flood of 2021, to which the Trombley flood victim referred. “GLWA is asking residents in low-lying areas that are prone to flooding during heavy rainfall to remain vigilant and, out of an abundance of caution, to remove items of value from their basements,” he said. “It is also helpful if residents do not run their washing machines and dishwashers during heavy rain events.” Shuster wanted assurance the city’s flood protection system — the recently installed

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New Farms officer excited to embrace community

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The newest public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Farms intends to be in it for the long haul.

“I came here for more opportunities and a place to essentially retire, stay 25 years,” said Amanda McNeill, who was sworn in Monday, July 8, following a more than six-year career with the Lathrup Village Police Department.

She has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Oakland University and was drawn to law enforcement, “just to help people,” she said. “I’m one of four kids, so (I’m) really

good at mediating.”

The reputation of the Farms department, she said, is what drew her to the Pointe.

“The close-knitness that they have in their department, with their community,” she noted. “They’re a good pillar of the community, so that’s what I lean toward. I didn’t want to go to a big department where nobody knew our name.”

Because the Farms department operates as a public safety entity, where officers are dually trained in police and fire, McNeill will begin a 10-week fire academy course in early September.

“I never thought I was going to do it, but I’m excited,” she said. “It’s a



Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki swears in the newest Farms public safety officer, Amanda McNeill, in council chambers Monday, July 8.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

new challenge. It’s a new skill to learn.

“I always wanted to be a

couple’s three cats — Eleanor, Waverly and Tez.

McNeill lives in Madison Heights with her husband, Mike, and the

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The first of three equipment problems neutered a Park pumper truck stationed in the alley close to the burning garage. A normally reliable circuit board controlling a pump in a 500-gallon, onboard water tank failed. It had to be reset, similar to turning a computer off and on in hopes of unfreezing the cursor.

“That was the first issue we had with that (circuit board),” Bostock said. “That took the truck out (of operation) for a couple of minutes.”

He said circuits on all of the Park’s fire trucks are checked daily and the one that failed passed muster a few hours earlier.

Flames grew unchecked. Bostock said fires can double in size every five minutes.

Rising heat brought down a web of at least five power lines spanning the alley. The threat of electrocution forced officers to retreat.

“We had to take ourselves back and go defensive,” Bostock said.

A second problem bedeviled a crew from the City of Grosse Pointe. They tried to draw water



PHOTO BY GROSSE POINTE PARK PUBLIC SAFETY

Burn patterns show how a June 15 fire that started in a Lakepointe garage, containing a parked car, spread to a neighboring house and continued toward another structure before being extinguished.

from a hydrant 550 feet away in the area of Lakepointe and Charlevoix.

“The hydrant was marked ‘out of service,’” Bostock said. “Hydrant pressure was less than ideal.”

Hydrants are scheduled for testing once each spring.

“We got a late start this year,” Bostock said.

A third equipment failure tripped up a team from the Farms and their pumper parked on Lakepointe. A fire hose

ruptured.

“While we are dealing with this, that fire is growing,” Bostock said.

Flames from the garage flashed to a two-story house next door, home to a man and wife.

“It took off,” Bostock said of flames. “Within five minutes, that attic caught fire.”

An overhead photo of the burn pattern revealed how flames rolled north through the house, cutting into the roof toward yet another house beyond.

At about this time, things started getting better. The Park’s pumper truck circuit clicked on. Farms officers changed hoses. A DTE Energy crew cut power to the fallen cables. A Detroit Fire Department crew, in the area responding to a false alarm, offered to help.

“I have two cousins

working at the engine house that showed up,” Bostock said.

Good luck finding a public safety officer in the Grosse Pointes who doesn’t call Detroit firefighters the real deal.

“In one month, they fight more fires than we’ll probably see in 10 years,” Bostock said.

The garage and house were destroyed.

“Our investigation finds that the exact cause of the fire is undetermined,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “(There are) no indications that the incident was intentional. (It) will be classified as accidental.”

A Park after-action analysis concluded:

- ◆ the initial pumper on scene should have been staged in the roadway, not the alley;
- ◆ “future responses will require our firefighters to be aware of approach, distances and potential hazards when approaching from an alley” and
- ◆ a need for ongoing

training between public safety and public works employees “to address water, pipes and hydrant issues.”

Bostock said he’ll meet this week with the other Pointe public safety directors to set up joint departmental training.

“The definition of neglect is having knowledge and not doing something about it,” said Mayor Michele Hodges, ordering further study and improved operations. “We have knowledge now. What makes sure this turns into something that enables us to fulfill our duty to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of our residents?”

She answered her own question by proposing a motion, which passed unanimously during the July 8 council meeting, instructing Sizeland to prepare “a risk-reduction plan that includes an internal assessment as well as identification of a third party to assist and to produce a proposed solution for the purpose of optimizing the Park’s firefighting capacity no later than August 2024.”

No one got off easy during the council meeting.

“I am concerned about fire safety in our community,” said Kim Rhodes, living near the fire scene. “No one could put out the fire until DFD showed up. I am not the only one concerned.”

Terri Forton, living in a house directly behind and across the alley of the burned garage and house, said, “This is the third fire in our area. We used to get fire hydrants tested every year, which has not been done. The bigger issues here are time of (firefighter) response, water pressure and possibly (officers)

need more training.”

Forton’s husband, Stephen, cited at least three instances in recent years of hydrants on Beaconsfield not working properly or spewing muddy, rusty, sediment-fouled water.

“Somebody needs to be accountable,” he said. “If I failed at my job three times, I would be fired. This has to get fixed.”

It so happened that the meeting agenda included having the city’s consulting engineers perform a water reliability study costing \$44,800.

Such studies are required by the state Safe Drinking Water Act.

“It’s already allocated in the budget,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

“It was put in the capital improvement plan back in May,” said Patrick Droze, principle of OHM Advisors consulting engineers.

Droze’s proposal, dated June 19, reads in part, “The study will assess the city’s water distribution system to identify pressure or fire protection deficiencies under the existing five-year and 20-year planning horizons.”

“This is part of the reason we have a capital improvement plan,” Wiener said. “We’re systematically switching out water mains and upsizing them.”

Also in May, the council approved a \$1,626,143 contract to replace

- ◆ a roughly 100-year-old water main on Beaconsfield from Vernor to Mack Avenue,
- ◆ the water main on Maumee from Bishop to Harvard and
- ◆ install a new 8-inch pipe to feed Defer Elementary School.



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Eaton Rapids city officials visited the City of Grosse Pointe Wednesday, June 26. From left, Fire Chief Roger McNutt; council members Ken Nicholas, Rick Loftus and Deb Malewski; Mayor Pamela Colestock; Councilman William Steele; Police Chief Larry Weeks; Community and Economic Development Specialist Lisa Barna; and City Manager Yvonne Ridge.

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visits to The Village downtown district and Neff Road Pump Station; and a catered lunch at Neff Park.

“We made it so that people were able to be with their counterparts at the other city to talk and get to know each other and understand how they do things and ask questions,” Tomkowiak added. “... It was a very worthwhile day.”

The City also gifted the Eaton Rapids delegates with wooden Grosse Pointe coasters from Small Favors Gift Gallery.

“I really want to extend our thanks and our gratitude to the City of Grosse Pointe, to Mayor Sheila, to the city manager, to the whole staff and the rest of council that we got to meet,” Colestock said. “We just had great conversations and our whole council, we couldn’t stop talking, coming home, about all the different things they showed us. It was just an overall great experience.”

City of Grosse Pointe officials and staff will make the trek to Eaton Rapids for an exchange day Wednesday, Aug. 21.

They’ll likely tour the city’s public safety and public works buildings, as well as the Eaton Rapids power plant, where the city generates its own electricity; its

Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, which is housed in a building that once served as a community post for returning Civil War soldiers; and GAR Island Park, which recently underwent a \$4 million renovation.

“We’ve got a very extensive list started, but for time’s sake, we won’t be able to show them every single thing,” said Colestock, whose father also served as mayor of Eaton Rapids 12 years. “We’re very proud of our community, just like Grosse Pointers.”

Eaton Rapids sits south of Lansing and just more than 100 miles from the City of Grosse Pointe.

It chartered as a city in 1881, at the time thriving off grist, wool and lumber mills thanks to the Grand River, which not only runs through it, but also creates an island in the middle of the city, upon which city hall and its business district are located. Thus, Eaton Rapids is known as “the island city.”

The mid-Michigan municipality is 3.5 square miles with a population of approximately 5,200, compared to the City’s 1.1 square miles and population of approximately 5,500. Both operate with a council/city manager form of government, have somewhat new city managers and are the stewards of historic downtown districts.

“Our ZIP code encom-

passes not just our city, but we also have two neighboring townships,” Colestock said of Hamlin Township and Eaton Rapids Township, in relation to the makeup of the five Grosse Pointes, “so that’s a little bit similar. We try to work with them and try to collaborate a little bit too. We’re kind of all one community, is the way we look at it.”

Stark differences between the two exchange cities include Eaton Rapids’ electrical utility plant and its 15 public parks.

“They had been a (Michigan) Main Street community and stopped doing that because they could not get and keep a good executive director, which is a requirement of the Main Street program,” Tomkowiak noted, in relation to Main Street Grosse Pointe, which is an ongoing effort to revitalize The Village downtown district. “They were really surprised that we had an executive director with us since its inception with Cindy (Willcock). They were surprised and

impressed by that and had lots of questions for Cindy and lots of questions for us about The Village.”

While a debrief among Eaton Rapids officials and staff is anticipated for the near future to discuss processes they may glean from Grosse Pointe, Colestock said she already is thinking of ways to implement the cutting-edge technology in use in the City’s public safety building.

Continued collaboration between the two cities is expected to extend beyond the August exchange day.

“Sheila and I have really become friends,” Colestock said. “Once we got matched up with Grosse Pointe, she and I discovered that we were already sitting on a mutual committee through the Michigan Municipal League that we didn’t know prior to that, so that just sparked a little bit more of a bond, and I just think she’s a wonderful person.”

Tomkowiak shared a similar sentiment:

“She’s bright, lively and lots of good stuff.”

Recycling in Park becomes a Priority

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The city’s new residential recycling partner is having honeymoon jitters.

Priority Waste, which supplanted the city’s recycling contractor GFL (Green For Life) Environmental this month, is reportedly having difficulty adhering to established routes and schedules.

“We know there’s a period of transition, but this has been going on for longer than a week or two,” said Nick Sizeland, Park manager.

“Since this new company took over waste removal in Grosse Pointe Park, the new operation has failed to pick up on scheduled dates on the 900 block of Nottingham at least three times in the last five weeks and this week never picked up recyclables,” resident John Procida said.

Priority Waste’s takeover took effect July 1.

“They bought 70 municipal contracts throughout southeast Michigan,” Sizeland said.

The service area contains 700,000 customers, according to reports.

“There is a period of transition,” Sizeland said. “When they have

picked up garbage, they’ve thrown yard waste into the garbage cans as well,” Procida said.

Rubbish and yard waste are supposed to be handled separately.

“It’s led to a pest problem, with rats and raccoons coming in and picking out garbage, especially when it’s left outside overnight,” Procida said. “The city has been informed of these problems at least twice.”

“The city has been dealing with a lot of calls,” Sizeland said. “We are certainly happy to help the community. City staff has also been asking residents to help us as well. Not only do we keep a record of what (residents are) providing us, but we can also provide that record to Priority. They have a tracking system.”

“It’s our responsibility to represent resident interests,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “We will continue to do that. We ask residents to submit their concerns to put the pressure on, so it’s a little broader.”

“We’re happy to take those calls as well,” Sizeland said. “The staff is working diligently and letting Priority know.”

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Election Commission meeting — public accuracy test, 2 p.m.

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Businessman driven by commitment to community

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Ireland’s lucky number might be seven, but for Chris McCarver it’s likely twice that.

He’s been the proud owner of his company, McCarver Mechanical, for 14 years. With a shamrock in his logo as a lucky charm, he clearly loves what he does and feels fortunate to help others find the same good fortune and joy in their careers.

McCarver began an HVAC apprenticeship program a few years ago, partnering with Macomb Community College to get people back into the trades and help serve the community. McCarver Mechanical essentially pays for an entire education as the apprentice goes through and completes training and classroom education at the college.

“Our apprentice program is unique to the metro Detroit area,” McCarver said. “Our apprentices are fully employed, with benefits, and working from day one.”

McCarver believes the trades are a particularly good path to take in life because they are a seamless transition into a fulfilling career with technical expertise in a fast-growing industry that is constantly evolving and innovating.

“It’s the recipe for a long, successful career,” he said. “Our apprentices are gainfully employed from day one, receiving a paycheck and full benefits.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, McCarver with his family: wife, Shannon; son, Leo; and daughter, Sloane. Above, Chris McCarver.

More importantly, McCarver finds the most joy in his work by getting to know new people all the time and forming relationships. “We’ve had the pleasure of working with customers from all walks of life — from new home-



McCarver Mechanical apprentices Garrett, left, and Ethan, right, flank business owner Chris McCarver.

owners to those who’ve been in their homes for over 50 years, landlords and folks buying their first commercial space or expanding their portfolio. It’s such a joy being the go-to person for all their HVAC needs and we’ve made some wonderful friends along the way.”

Furthering his commitment to the community he serves, he and his company put an emphasis on supporting veterans. Recognizing the challenges faced by veterans transitioning back to civilian life, McCarver is committed to provid-

ing opportunities to service members.

“We’re committed to providing veterans with an opportunity to apply their mechanical expertise in a new way and support them through educational endeavors,” McCarver said. “I deeply respect those who have served.”

Though McCarver finds his business very rewarding, he is most proud of his family. His wife, Shannon, is an elementary school special education teacher and helps with the family business in her spare time. Their daughter, Sloane, attends Monteith Elementary School and younger son, Leo, looks

forward to joining his sister in a few years. They live in the Farms along with their dogs, Ruth and a newly added foster dog they fell in love with and had to keep.

When McCarver has time to relax, he can be found riding his Indian motorcycle or traveling to new places. And although he spends his days making sure homes and offices are comfortable places to be, he also enjoys spending quality time outside. True to his Irish heritage, McCarver is a proud member and active participant of the Michigan Irish Chamber, Irish Gaelic League & the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen, among others.

City moves forward with loan for Village footing drain disconnection

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As business and property owners along Kercheval in The Village look to prevent a recurrence of summer 2021 flooding and basement backups — the likes of which saw sandbags stacked across

some storefronts — they now have the option to further remove stormwater from the downtown system.

City council Monday authorized the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to disconnect Village

footing drains from the sanitary sewers and reconnect them to the stormwater system.

“You only pay back and pay interest on what’s drawn down,” said Patrick McGow,

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extreme emergency relief valve — is operational.

“I haven’t heard anything about this new system that’s been put in place for \$1.6 million,” he said. “I know it was finished in February or thereabouts.”

Grosse Pointe News stories about the EERV appeared almost monthly for the past 1 ½ years, with some recent updates not published due to oversaturation.

“To reiterate, the extreme emergency relief valve is in place,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. “It is functional for the storm in addition to the other work we’ve done with sewers.”

Other work includes removing dirt, debris and tree roots from city sewer lines, thereby increasing the storage capacity, rate of flow and reducing the likelihood of backups.

“The pumping station has been serviced,” Wiener said. “The system is in very good shape. We’ll be monitoring it as it comes. We’re going to be doing everything we can to be as proactive and preventative as possible.”

It required approval by state environmental officials for the city to install the EERV near the gatehouse at Patterson Park. Should rainwater start to overwhelm the municipal infrastructure’s capacity to send runoff downstream to a treatment facility in southwest Detroit, the valve will be opened, diverting flow straight into Lake St. Clair.

The worst-case alternative is water backing up into thousands of basements, as happened twice during summer 2021.

“We have a safety valve in place,” Wiener said. “We will get a green light from the state if we’re anticipating a major storm. That does not mean we’re going to utilize the valve. All the work we’ve been doing is to try to trim the (sewer) system so it works very well and won’t need it. But, it’s an extra piece of the puzzle that’s in place.”

Mayor Michele Hodges characterized the valve and related sewer improvements as “protecting our tax base and residents in a big way.”

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A juvenile last week confessed to taking part in stealing \$2,500 worth of clothes from Lululemon in The Village Monday, June 24. He also confessed to additional thefts from the Detroit Lululemon location. The boy was interviewed, processed and released to his mother. An investigation into additional suspects in recent thefts from The Village Lululemon is ongoing.

Sporty thief

A pickleball racket worth \$150 was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 17000 block of Kercheval between 9:15 and 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3.

Stolen bike

An unlocked blue and white Schwinn Beach Cruiser bike was stolen from outside a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval around 9 a.m. Thursday, July 4. The suspect, caught on video, is described as a black man in his late 20s with dreadlocks.

Suspended license

A 33-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving with a suspended license at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, July 6, after being pulled over at Mack and Washington for an expired plate. —Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Car hopping

A 52-year-old homeless man several times has been discovered sleeping

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in unlocked vehicles at a business in the 18000 block of Mack and officers again were called at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 29. Contents were strewn about the vehicle in question and the man attempted to steal a wallet the owner had engraved with a special message for her son. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and the wallet was returned to its owner.

Heroin use

After rear-ending a vehicle stopped at a red light on Lakeshore at 5:58 p.m. Saturday, June 29, a 64-year-old West Bloomfield man admitted to officers he uses heroin “a few times a day.” A substance suspected to be heroin was found in his vehicle. Because he could not form complete words, he was transported to an area hospital for care.

Caught in the act

Having just stolen a Chrysler Town & Country from Grosse Pointe Shores, a 43-year-old Waterford man was located driving along Lakeshore and arrested by Farms officers at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, June 30. The vehicle’s owner said she left the vehicle running and briefly unattended in a driveway in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

Single-car accident

A 19-year-old Detroit woman was speeding 60 mph on East Warren when she attempted to make a left turn onto Mack at 3:03 a.m. Friday, July 5, and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle crashed

into a curb, then a bicycle rack, trash can and tree. The woman showed no signs of intoxication and suffered minor injuries to her hands and face. She was cited for property damage and transported to an area hospital. Shattered A large rock was used to shatter the front passenger-side window of a vehicle parked in the 400 block of La Belle between 3:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, July 7. A First State Bank debit card was stolen out of the vehicle, but canceled immediately.

Drinking on the job

A 33-year-old Detroit woman told officers “I’m about to throw it away,” when asked whether there was any alcohol in her Amazon delivery vehicle after she was found unconscious behind the wheel on Merriweather at 5:28 p.m. Sunday, July 7. A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be 0.32 percent, for which she was arrested. Four bottles of wine were collected from the Amazon vehicle, before it was turned over to an Amazon supervisor. —Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Failed car thefts

Evidence of attempted car theft includes such things as a broken passenger-side window, broken steering column and damaged ignition, all of which were present on the following two vehicles parked overnight Monday, July 1: ♦ a 2013 Hyundai Elantra in the 1000 block of Lakepointe and ♦ a 2022 Hyundai Venue in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield.

During a roughly 30-hour period starting 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, someone tried to steal a 2023 Kia Forte parked in the 1000 block of Kensington. Signs of the intended theft were consistent with those reported in twin cases the preceding night. Successful car theft An unknown black male with dreadlocks and wearing an orange vest is accused of stealing a 2019 Ford Expedition at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in the 1200 block of Bishop. “(The vehicle) was tracked to a location in Detroit where it was recovered unoccupied,” according to Park police.

Rollover

A 29-year-old Park man was drunk while at the wheel of a 2023 Ford Explorer that flipped onto the front yard of a house in the 1100 block of Kensington, according to police. Public safety officers responding to a report of the crash found the Explorer on its roof around 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 5. “The driver was able to climb out the window,” according to police. “Investigation revealed the driver to be intoxicated. (He was) taken to a hospital with minor injuries.”

Thefts from cars

A brown purse containing routine items was stolen out of an unlocked vehicle parked curbside overnight Thursday, July 4, in the 1400 block of Wayburn. During the early hours of Monday, July 8, a thief entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the 1400 block of Kensington and stole the owner’s credit cards and an unspecified identification card. Drugs A traffic stop last week resulted in the arrest of a 41-year-old Wayne man on drug charges. A public safety officer spotted him driving erratically and pulled him over in the 15400 block of East Jefferson at 10:55 a.m. Saturday, July 6. “(The) driver (had) a suspended license, prescription drugs and other narcotics along with paraphernalia,” police said.

Bike stolen

Someone entered a closed garage in the 100 block of Nottingham during the night of Friday, June 28, and stole a Silver Marlin mountain bike. —Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch. —Ted O’Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen vehicles and arrests A 2004 Chevy Silverado and a 2024 Dodge Durango were stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital on Tuesday, June 25, and Wednesday, June 26, respectively. The Silverado was found later in the day in a different location within the parking lot. Also on Wednesday, June 26, officers arrested three males from Detroit trying to steal a different vehicle from the parking lot. Equipment taken Four leaf blowers, a weed whip, an edger and a hedge trimmer, all made by RedMax and valued at \$4,200, were stolen from a landscaping trailer around 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the 1900 block of Kenmore. A witness reported seeing a black male driving a white SUV take the equipment. Fraud A woman in the 20000 block of Wicks Lane bought \$3,800 worth of crypto currency and provided the receipts to a man calling himself “Special Agent David Freeman” after responding to an alert on her computer that her Social Security number was compromised and associated with a child pornography ring. “Freeman” told the complainant they were “close to catching the bad guys” but needed her financial assistance. The woman froze her bank accounts when she realized she had been scammed and filed a report around 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

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City engages utility savings audit

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “It seems like a no-brainer,” Councilman Chris Walsh said, before city council last month agreed, at no cost, to engage a consulting group to review the city’s utility charges and identify potential savings. The Tenurgy Utility Savings Program is offered through the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and uses past

billings from utility vendors — gas, electric, sewer and water, waste, telecommunications and internet — to compile a comprehensive audit report on saving and refund opportunities. “It’s an opportunity to see if we can save a few nickels,” City Manager Joe Valentine said. “... They look at our usage. They also look at the charges that you’re pay-

ing. Are they all applicable fees? Are the charges all warranted? “... I think the biggest savings they’ve found have typically been with the gas and electric, but there are savings in other areas, too.” If savings are identified and realized — “I think the odds are in their favor,” Valentine said — they will be split 50 percent with Tenurgy for the

duration of the three-year agreement. If the audit team finds nothing, the city will owe it nothing. “You’re not obligated to do anything either,” Valentine told council of implementing Tenurgy’s recommendations. Locally, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, The War Memorial and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House have used the program in the past. —Laurel Kraus

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bond counsel for the city, “and that was the number that was in the original estimate.” The funds come in the form of a 2 percent, 20-year loan through the state’s Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund, take advantage of the city’s AAA bond rating and will be repaid by the Village stakeholders who choose to participate. “The business owner will have the opportunity to select the vendor, do an assessment on their property and then make the determination if they want to proceed based on the estimated cost,”

City Manager Joe Valentine explained. While there has not yet been a headcount of how many Village stakeholders intend to participate,

Valentine is confident the \$550,000 will cover everyone interested. “It’s probably more than we need,” he said. —Laurel Kraus

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OUR VIEW

Flower power in the Pointes

During the opening song on Bob Seger’s 1976 album “Live Bullet,” recorded at Cobo Hall, he tells the audience, “As I told everybody last night, I was reading in Rolling Stone where they said Detroit audiences are the greatest rock ‘n’ roll audiences in the world. I thought to myself, ‘Shoot, I’ve known that for 10 years!’”

Well, he didn’t say “shoot,” but this is a family newspaper.

His comment, however, mirrors how we felt about a recent poll commissioned by Waste Removal USA that found the Pointes, collectively, rank among the most beautiful front yards in the country.

Coming in at No. 10 — although we think that’s nine spots too low — Waste Removal USA said of the Pointes, “This collection of cities along Lake St. Clair is famous for its stately homes with impressive front yards that boast a mix of formal gardens and casual, family-friendly spaces.”

The survey was conducted among 3,000 Realtors nationwide. That makes sense, since they spend their days, evenings and most weekends looking at houses. Big shoutout to the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors for their votes!

Two other Michigan cities made the top 100 list, with East Grand Rapids coming in at No. 50 and Birmingham at No. 63.

The rest of the top 10, in order, are:

- ◆ Manoa in Honolulu, Hawaii
- ◆ Coral Gables, Fla.
- ◆ Corona del Mar in Newport Beach, Calif.
- ◆ Great Falls, Va.
- ◆ Peachtree Heights East in Atlanta, Ga.
- ◆ Ansley Park in Atlanta, Ga.
- ◆ Ashland Park in Lexington, Ky.
- ◆ Spring Lake, N.J.
- ◆ Bar Harbor, Maine

Take a drive around the Pointes, especially this time of year, and you are sure to see plenty of neighbors tending to their flowers and manicured lawns. Our own unofficial survey found boxwoods, hydrangeas, arborvitae, pachysandra, roses, hostas and green giants to be among the most popular.

There are so many beautiful lawns to pick from that the beautification commissions in each city that hand out annual awards have to go through a nominating process to narrow down the winners.

So how did you do it? According to our poll (below right), 54 percent of you do your own yard work. Another 18 percent hire pros and 23 percent take a combination approach. Some 5 percent just let it grow.

And it’s not just private residences that contribute to all the beauty. We can’t forget the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House or the Veterans Garden and Trial Gardens at The War Memorial. Then there’s the rain garden at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, which won a silver medal last year in the Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

It all goes beyond planting, pruning and watering. The number of garden-centric events and activities is almost too many to count.

For instance, there is the annual flower sale in the Woods every Mother’s Day weekend. The Woods also has an adopt-a-garden program along Mack. The Grosse Pointe Garden Center tour is always popular, as are its classes and seminars.

The Park holds its perennial flower exchange each May and the Moross Greenway Project gets



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Three-year-old Mara Murphy loves to read and Monday, July 8, she and her dad, Chad Murphy, went to Central Library and checked out a dozen books, which, according to Chad, probably will be read by the next day. One of the books was a chapter book — Mara’s first — and she will start reading that this week. Helping them check out the stack of books is Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch Circulation Manager Laney Corrado.

GUEST VIEW By John Steininger

Time will tell

The school board in Grosse Pointe is no different than any other school board in the country. It is made up of selfless community members who want the best for all the community’s children. But the board members, like any group of individuals, will have differing opinions on how to best provide an education that will produce a well-rounded, educated student and ultimately a conscientious, productive citizen.

For the most part, board membership is a



thankless job that requires constant review of materials sent by the administration regarding attendance, curriculum, class size, discipline and budgetary issues and a plethora of other items that must be approved by vote at public meetings. A member can easily spend five to eight hours weekly reviewing materials and a board president can easily spend 20. It is very much like being on the board of directors for a major corporation. It is the business of education and the Grosse Pointe Public School System is a \$100 million-a-year

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GUEST VIEW By Lisa Brown

Summer Sabbath

This week, “my feed” served up a stark reality check — an invitation to purchase a poster-size visual depiction of “my life in weeks”; 4,680 little squares (assuming I live to 90 years old), with more than half of them colored bright red representing the time already in my rearview mirror. I winced a little when I reflected on how fast June sped by and how I spent these four beautiful little squares of summer doing an inordinate amount of working and rushing ... rushing and working.

In his book “Sabbath,” Wayne Muller writes, “Our culture consistently assumes that action and accomplishment are better than rest; that doing something — anything — is better than being still. Because of our desire to succeed, to meet these ever-growing expectations, we do not rest. Because we do not rest, we lose our way. We miss the compass point that would show us where to go. We bypass necessary nourishment. We miss the quiet that



would give us wisdom.” Thomas Merton takes it a step further and says that overwork, allowing ourselves to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit ourselves to too many projects, is the most pervasive form of contemporary violence.

For those of us in the Judeo-Christian tradition, being intentional about setting aside a day of rest from work isn’t just a nice idea, it’s a commandment. Right up there with “thou shall not murder, steal, or lie,” not to appease God, but rather because just like a flower needs sun, water and light to grow, so too we human beings, as part of this beautiful work of creation, have specific needs that are critical to our well-being and the continuance of our species.

Rest is not a luxury, but rather downtime, silence and human connections are essential for us to thrive. Our instruction manual is very clear. Virtually every spiritual tradition around

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How do you keep your front yard looking so good?

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54% DO IT ALL BY MYSELF

23% ME & MY GARDENER

18% HIRE THE PROS

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

College Football 25: A decade of waiting



When I was 10 years old, one of the first games I remember having when my family got an Xbox 360 was NCAA Football 08. To this day I remember exactly what the cover looked like, with former Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky. That game began a stretch where for nearly a decade, college football video games were my absolute favorite. I made sure to get the

new EA Sports NCAA Football game every year, from NCAA 08 all the way up until NCAA 14, and then it all stopped. After the release of NCAA Football 14 in 2013, college sports video games became a thing of the past due to legal issues when it came to the likenesses of amateur athletes being used without compensation. After 11 long years of waiting, it's finally back. EA Sports College Football 25 is set for release July 19, and even though I would not classify myself as a "gamer," this is probably the most anticipated video game release I can remember in my lifetime by far. College football video games, just like real college football, always have had a devout and passion-

ate fanbase. I'm far from the only one who has been waiting and wondering for the last 11 years when we would get to play college football again. I even held on to my old Xbox 360 and copy of NCAA Football 14 all these years just so I could still have the college football video game experience. With the release of College Football 25 just a week away, I can finally put that old game to rest. I hope there are people in the community who can relate and are as excited for this game as I am. If you played any of the old college football games, you know just how much fun they were. When it comes to video games, I pretty much largely stick to sports games and the college

football games were always the best. The gameplay was fun, but the best parts were the different game modes like Dynasty and Road to Glory, which were so in depth and detailed and made you truly feel like part of the college football world. Nothing was better than spending an entire weekend starting up a Dynasty and taking a smaller school like Eastern Michigan to the summit of the college football mountain. If you didn't want to do that, you could always go into Road to Glory mode and create the next superstar QB for your favorite school. For people like me who grew up loving college football video games and who have had to wait more than a decade for a

new one, July 19 is going to feel like Christmas in July. For months my friends and I have been talking about how excited we are for the game to come out and what schools we're going to take over in our first Dynasty mode. There is something nostalgic about the anticipation of a big video game release. It has sports fans like me, who are grown adults, feeling like kids again, and everything EA Sports has shown so far in the buildup to this game has shown just how much care they put into making it. EA Sports is a company that has taken its fair share of criticism in recent years, especially when it comes to the diminishing quality of beloved franchises like

Madden. However, it feels like they will not be letting us down with College Football 25. The team of developers EA Sports put together to make this game seems as if they are just as passionate about it as the fans. They took time to create special atmospheres and craft all the little details that make college football so special into the game. I don't want to heap too much praise on a game I haven't picked up and played yet, but EA Sports has given the fans more reason than not to be optimistic. So, to all the fellow college football gamers out there who have been patiently waiting 11 years like me to finally see this day, I want to say good luck in leading whatever your Dynasty school of choice is to glory.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949
75 years ago this week
POINTE ENJOYS SAFE HOLIDAY: The Fourth of July accident toll in Grosse Pointe was remarkably light in view of the thousands of cars

that crowded the highways, particularly Lakeshore Road and Kercheval and Mack and the thousands who crowded the public beaches to cool off in the torrid weather. The Park reports that more than

7,000 persons were in its park. The number in the City, Farms and Shores was also great.

1974
25 years ago this week
FARMS COULD ESTABLISH FIVE HISTORIC DISTRICTS: Grosse Pointe Farms has resurrected a process that proponents said will safeguard the community's heritage while raising property values. The recently appointed Study Committee for the Farms Historical Preservation District will research some of the community's notable structures for the creation of up to five historic districts. The designation will allow property owners a tax

break for preserving the structures.
2014
10 years ago this week
NEW DIRECTION: Services for Older Citizens Executive Director Sharon Maier received a special send off as she resigned her position to accept a job as vice president of development for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "I am sad but happy," Maier said during her farewell party at Services for Older Citizens. "We have come a long way at SOC. I remember when my office was a desk next to a pool table at Barnes school and now we are in this beautiful building."

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education business. School boards always have odd-numbered membership bodies so tie votes are rare. Those in the majority prevail as in a democracy. Most school boards have seven or nine members, so 4-3 or 5-4 votes are very common. Each member has an opportunity to speak on any given issue up for vote, as does the public. Every member is also allowed time to speak on any related issue in their closing comments. It is difficult to be in the minority as it often appears unjust to those citizens that share your opinions. But the members are officials directly elected by the community they represent and though the term in Grosse Pointe is four years, board members are subject to recall under certain conditions. When I ran for election, I was elected by a margin of 26 votes: 4,077 to 4,051. I was in the minority and often on the losing side of a 4-3 vote. I sought advice. The best I received was from an 80-year-old woman who served for years on a school board in Pennsylvania.

She told me, "Just keep speaking common sense — it's irresistible." Sure enough after following her advice, the board began to reach a consensus on most issues — not every issue, but most. There were still differences of opinion and the occasional heated exchange, but if you kept your eye on providing the best educational experience, everybody was a winner. It took me two years to fully understand the overall machinations of the education business, but in my third and fourth years I was elected board president 7-0. Only time will tell if the decisions being made by the current Grosse Pointe Board of Education are the right ones, but they deserve the chance to sail the ship until the next election. Prevailing winds or winds of change — one will wind out. John W. Steininger is a 70-year resident of the Pointes, graduated from GPPSS, has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wayne State University and was president/owner of GP Moving & Storage for 35 years. He served on the GPPSS Board of Education as a trustee from 2008 to 2011 and as president from 2010 to 2011.

Hall pass

To the Editor: It seems that all the recent demands for transparency only apply to certain leaders and components of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, while others are protected from the mob mentality and earn a hall pass from scrutiny. Recently, there seem to be patterns that warrant questioning. Well before the filing deadline, the Grosse Pointe Education Association made the decision to endorse candidates. While not questioning who received the endorsements, I am asking of those who are reading this to ask yourselves, why the deviation from the norm of waiting until after all candidates are known? Another occurrence that falls in the hall pass pattern that I ask of those reading this to ask yourselves is, why the reluctance/refusal of The Tower to investigate the

LETTERS

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reasoning behind the resignation of Valarie St. John from the Grosse Pointe Woods Branch Library? The last issue that has many baffled is the lawsuit by Mary Anne Brush, in particular the timing,

along with the decision to not include in the lawsuit the superintendent that terminated her. I question, and I hope those who are reading this will ask yourselves, whether or not this was the latest attempt at misleading voters during the latest campaign cycle. Ask yourselves: Were Jon Dean, Colleen Worden, Valarie St. John and the GPEA awarded a hall pass? ELISA WAGNER Grosse Pointe Woods

WOODS HAS BUS SERVICE FOR SENIORS: Woods senior citizens who wish to spend some time at the Lake Front Park without transportation worries will have an opportunity beginning July 15, when the city provides regular bus service to and from the park, Monday through Friday, until around mid-October. The blue bus, compliments of the Kiwanis Club, will pick up senior citizens at eight loca-

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the globe stresses how regular, planned periods of respite and stillness are non-negotiable if we are to live into all that we are designed to be. Muller paints a beautiful picture of a weekly Sabbath rest: "We remember to celebrate what is beautiful and sacred; we light candles, sing songs, tell stories, eat, nap and make love." It's a time to let our work lie fallow, to be nourished and refreshed. When we act from this place of deep rest, we're more aware, more capable of kindness, clarity of thought and right relationships, even in times of adversity. As someone whose drug of choice is work — a choice which is not only socially acceptable but often venerated

in our culture — I trust I am not alone in recognizing that the break-neck speed of our lives is not conducive to spiritual knowing. No matter how meaningful our work, without some periods of rest we reap diminishing returns and lose our sense of wonder and joy in the face of the mystery and beauty of life. I don't know about you, but I certainly don't want my epitaph to read "Here lies Lisa. She was very efficient." So, maybe as St. Benedict advises, we can be intentional in the weeks that remain ahead of us to "remember to keep death before our eyes daily, so that we don't forget to live." Lisa Brown is the associate for children, youth and family ministries at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She also writes "Strong Language," a blog on the etymology and meaning of words when speaking about God.

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So long Asian cuisine, hello Italian pasta

Pastaio set to open mid-July in former Koi Nu Asian space

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The owner of an authentic Italian pasta restaurant set to open mid-July in The Village says he’s been in the business since day two of his life.

His parents, immigrants to the country, owned several Italian American restaurants and pizzerias in New Jersey as he was growing up.

“I would always tell my dad who would cook like every Sunday, ‘Say, why don’t we start a restaurant serving what we serve at home on Sundays?’ Pasquale Lamarra recalled. “And my dad would always say, ‘The American people will never understand,’ but whenever I would invite friends over, they would go crazy for it. So eventually, I just decided to do exactly that.”

Pastaio, which also has a Royal Oak location that opened in August 2021, prides itself on serving handmade, old-school Italian dishes.

“That’s what Pastaio means,” Lamarra said. “It



COURTESY PHOTOS

Handmade cavatelli with sausage ragu.

means ‘pasta maker’ and that’s what we’re going to do. Every single piece of pasta is made by hand.”

The restaurant, which will take over the former Koi Nu Asian space at 17043 Kercheval, imports Caputo 00 flour from Italy.

“It’s not bleached, bro-mated and enriched like what you typically see with flour here in the states,” the owner explained. “So people that have high gluten allergies, they tend to

fare way better with the imported flour. Even though we do offer gluten-free pasta.”

Some of Pastaio’s signature dishes Lamarra has served at his restaurants more than three decades.

Pappardelle langostino, which is not on the menu but remains a feature item because of popular demand, is a lobster, shrimp and scallop dish with lobster tomato cream and handmade pappardelle pasta.

On the menu, Grosse

Pointers will find cavatelli sausage ragu — “It’s one of those dishes that cures hangovers and brings you to your happy place,” Lamarra said — short rib ragu and meatballs, alongside a variety of additional pastas, entrees and small plates.

Although served at the Royal Oak location, Pointers won’t be treated to Italian pizza.

“It’s just a little too narrow,” Lamarra said of the Kercheval building’s shape. “We tried to fit it in, but unfortunately no. You have to go to Royal Oak for that.”

With planned hours of operation from 2 p.m. to midnight seven days a week, the restaurant will seat up to 90.

Its liquor license, approved by city council last month, includes retail sale of beer and wine.

“When we do chef tastings and wine pairings, people do want to purchase those wines when the reps come out and speak about the vineyard or the label,” Lamarra explained, “so we want to have the ability to be able to do that for beer or wine.”

As far as Lamarra is concerned, it was a bit of



Spaghetti carbonara.

fate and destiny, as well as far too big a coincidence to pass up, that led him to open his second Pastaio location in Grosse Pointe.

After Koi Nu Asian experienced an arson fire and closed its doors in June 2021, a friend suggested the space to him, but upon inquiring, Lamarra found “a tremendous amount of money” was being requested to lease the building.

He disregarded the idea until a year later when he bought a house in Beverly Hills from a man who had been eyeing a vacant building in Grosse Pointe but decided it wouldn’t work for his business concept.

“He gives me the phone number and I call it and it just so happens to be the exact place that I

looked at,” Lamarra said, “and now the building was for sale.

“Grosse Pointe reminds me of home in Margate City, New Jersey,” he added. “It just reminded me of that beach-type town, even though obviously it’s not the ocean, but it does have that same vibe, that same feel.”

Lamarra also owns Rocco’s Pizza, which is New Jersey-style, in Oak Park.

“I think our place is going to be a staple here,” Lamarra said of Pastaio, “and that’s another reason why we bought the building rather than just lease it. We’re in it for the long game.”

A new lease agreement reportedly is in the works for the former Moosejaw space next door at 17037 Kercheval, as well.



Licavoli’s times three!

A third location for the Licavoli family, Licavoli’s Cucina in The Village, offers grab-and-go Italian delicacies. The market is located at 16888 Kercheval Place in the City of Grosse Pointe. Its menu and more information may be found online at licavoliscucina.com.

Pictured during a May 20 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber President Jenny Boettcher, Josie Licavoli, Dominic Dasaro, City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, Jill Neumann-Licavoli, Phil Licavoli, Henry Hass, Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock and Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.

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Woods woman opens travel agency

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — As the saying goes, find a job you love and you’ll never work a day in your life.

That’s true for Angela Jones, who recently opened Angela’s Dream Vacations.

“I have a passion for travel,” she said. “I’ve been to 61 countries and taken 16 cruises.”

It started when Jones spent a year in Europe after getting a psychology degree from Stanford.

“That really enhanced my travel bug,” the Detroit native and University Liggett School alumna said.

After getting a master’s degree in industrial engineering from the University of Chicago, Jones worked in marketing for Nike and Walmart. She moved back to the area in 2016 to be closer to family and so her daughter, Isabella, could



Angela Jones

attend Liggett. While considering a career change last year, Jones said a mentor told her to think of what she’s passionate about.

“I know marketing, I know sales, I know finance and I love travel,” she said. “It was a perfect combination.”

Although travel agents became less popular with the advent of the internet, Jones said they are making a comeback.

“There is so much information out there people spend a lot of time searching and get confused,” she said. “I can help them narrow things down.”

As a franchisee with Dream Vacations, Jones said the company can offer great pricing due to relationships with cruise lines, theme parks and resorts.

“We get exclusive pricing and can offer perks,” she said.

Jones said she’s seeing more multi-generational travel post-COVID.

“Families didn’t see each other for so long,” she said. “But trips like that take a lot of finesse. You have to think of things that Grandma will enjoy but also her granddaughter.”

Another popular choice is family reunions as a destination vacation, with people traveling from multiple places.

Among her favorite travels, Jones points to South Africa and Poland.

“South Africa has such a variety,” she said. “You can go on a safari or a wine tasting tour. I visited Auschwitz in Poland. That was very powerful.”

With a varied travel background, Jones said she can help clients pick what kind of vacation they want.

“I ask them if they want to sit on a beach and relax or do they want to have their eyes opened,” she said. “The important thing though is to take a vacation. More than 70 percent of Americans leave vacation time on the table. It’s good for your well-being to take a break and come back refreshed.”

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GPPSS repairing parking lots

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — With vehicles few and far between on school property over the summer, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is taking the opportunity to make much-needed parking lot repairs.

The work includes the Morningside Drive parking lot behind Grosse Pointe North High School, the J Lot at Grosse Pointe South High School and the lots at Mason and Defer elementary schools.

“We used our parking lot assessment, which was performed by Spalding DeDecker in 2022,” Ben Matteson, the district’s director of facilities, said in an email. “Through this assessment, we were able to address the lowest-scoring schools first.”

Spalding DeDecker is a Detroit-based engineer-



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Parking lots at Grosse Pointe North, above, and Grosse Pointe South, right, are undergoing repairs.

ing firm that consults on construction projects. Its website says it uses a method called a PASER (pavement surface evaluation and rating) analysis to score the condition of paved surfaces.

The work began during

the second and third weeks of June at a cost of \$2.2 million. The money came from the district’s sinking fund.

“The scope of the work that is being completed is one of the major drivers of the price,” Matteson

said. “In addition to the parking lot replacement, there is also a good amount of stormwater piping, sidewalks and miscellaneous items that contribute to the overall project cost.”

Additional parking lots



will be addressed during the summers of 2025 and 2026, should voters approve a new sinking fund millage in November.

Matteson said an asphalt parking lot should last between 15 and 25 years, depending on weather conditions and maintenance.

Liggett honors Nona Yehia as 2024 Distinguished Alumna

Architect and urban farming visionary, Nona Yehia, Class of 1989, was honored as University Liggett School’s 2024 Distinguished Alumna at Alumni Weekend, held May 17 and 18, at the school.

Head of School Tom Sheppard introduced Yehia to alumni, friends and family, including members of the Class of 1989, who were in attendance celebrating their 35th reunion, remarking that Yehia perfectly represents the school’s mission of inspiring lives of purpose through education grounded in a spirit of discovery.

“Nona’s important work as CEO of Vertical Harvest — a company she founded in 2016 — is a shining example of how caring for community and creating a culture of respect and empathy can work in concert to create a massively successful and vital organization that positively impacts the lives of hundreds of people every day and enables one to live a life of purpose each and every day.”

When accepting the award, Yehia said she was deeply humbled and honored to be in the company of previous

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, adding that her time on Cook Road gave her a solid foundation and taught her about the art of possibility.

“It is here that I was given the skills to become a relentless optimist,” she said. “The strong foundation that was built at Liggett enabled me to follow a path of innovation that aligns with my strength, passion and the needs of the world. This foundation was built with the values of integrity, empathy and inclusion.”

Also, during Alumni Weekend 2024, Yehia spoke to Upper School students and shared wisdom about her career path. She reminded them of the importance of cultivating and building a community — something she learned during her school years at ULS.

“I am standing here before you because of all the people who invested in me as a person,” she said. “My mother and father gave me the best of what this country could offer. By sending me to Liggett, they introduced me to my husband, whom I met in sixth-grade homeroom, who has supported me through the entrepre-



COURTESY PHOTO

Architect and urban farming visionary Nona Yehia receives her award from ULS’s Head of School Tom Sheppard at Alumni Weekend.

neurial and creative journey, to my best friends to this day, who stand amongst you, and to investors in my company who have had the faith in me to innovate something truly new.”

Yehia is the co-founder of Vertical Harvest. An accomplished architect with a bachelor’s degree

from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree from Columbia University, Yehia designed the Vertical Harvest greenhouses to grow up instead of out. Completed in 2016, the company’s facility in Jackson Hole, Wy., was the first vertical greenhouse in North America.

The three-story greenhouse sits on just one-tenth of an acre, but can produce as much food as five acres of traditional farmland.

Earlier this year, Vertical Harvest announced it will bring a facility to Detroit. In partnership with Bedrock, the company will build a 60,000-square-foot facility in Detroit’s Milwaukee

Junction neighborhood. Slated to open in 2025, the 74-foot-tall farm will use 95 percent less water than traditional farms and produce around 2.2 million pounds of fresh vegetables and greens year-round. Seventy percent of that produce will stay local, being distributed within 100 miles of Detroit to schools, hospitals, restaurants and local grocery markets.

A key priority for Yehia and Vertical Harvest is inclusivity. The company strives to create inclusive, customized employment opportunities for people with physical or intellectual disabilities. At the Jackson Hole facility and new Maine and Detroit facilities, 40 percent of positions will be reserved for people with disabilities and those needing career growth assistance.

Yehia has received national recognition for her work. She was named a CNN Champion of Change and Vertical Harvest has twice been named a finalist for Fast Company’s Best Places to Work for Innovators. Additionally, she was recognized as an “executive to watch in the innovation space” by Chief, the largest network of executive women in the world.

Previous Distinguished Alumni Award recipients

- ◆ Investment professional and philanthropist Adam Levinson ’88
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- ◆ Pediatric infectious disease physician and vaccine researcher Dr. Kristen Feemster ’91
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- ◆ Washington Post foreign cor-

- respondent Keith Richburg ’76
- ◆ Retired Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant ’64 GPUS
- ◆ Real estate developer Richard Baron ’60 GPUS
- ◆ Lawyer and University of Michigan Regent Denise Ilitch ’73
- ◆ Community leader, longtime ULS Board Chair Bill Shelden ’68 GPUS

- ◆ Federal magistrate Judge Nita Stormes ’72
- ◆ Broadcast news journalist Miles O’Brien ’77
- ◆ Carhartt heir and philanthropist Gretchen Valade ’45 CDS
- ◆ Founder/former owner of the Buffalo Bills Ralph Wilson ’36 DUS
- ◆ Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jeffrey Eugenides ’78

Liggett Alumni Weekend

University Liggett School welcomed back alumni, friends and current and former faculty and staff to campus May 17 and 18, for 2024 Alumni Weekend events. Alumni in milestone

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New business is out of this world

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Nolan Boon, a rising eighth grader at Brownell Middle School, has hit the sweet spot with a company he created less than a year ago.

Galactic Candy hit the shelves of local, independent stores three months ago and has had several requests for reorders.

“I started selling them to friends and then we were getting orders for things like birthday parties,” Boon, 13, said of the freeze-dried version of candy such as Jolly Ranchers, Skittles and taffy. “I thought it would be popular, but not like this.”

He got the idea from an ice cream store near the family cottage in Gladwin County that sold a similar product.

“I talked to them about

how to do it and how much they sold, then I watched YouTube videos to learn more about it,” he said.

It’s been going so well, he was able to pay back his dad, Shane Boon, the \$3,000 cost for the freeze dryer in three months.

“He does the farmers market in St. Clair Shores and can make \$600 in a night,” Shane Boon said.

Before expanding, Nolan Boon had to take training and a test to get a commercial kitchen license, which Zack Assaf, owner of Fairfax Market, helped him with.

Aside from Fairfax, Galactic Candy also is available at Village Market and Fresh Farms Market, as well as the concession stand at Windmill Pointe Park.

He also now supplies that ice cream store in Gladwin where he first learned about the prod-

uct and could possibly expand to the other parks in the Pointes.

Nolan Boon held a demonstration at Fresh Farms Market Friday, June 14.

“They originally ordered 12 bags and sold out in a day,” he said. “Other places order around 100 bags at a time.”

His cost ranges from \$4.50 to \$4.75 a bag to make, including packaging and labeling, and stores sell them for \$6.99 or \$7.99. The logo, featuring an astronaut, was created by Karen Boon, Nolan’s mom.

Nolan Boon said he plans to continue the company through high school, but will stop when he goes to college. He also doesn’t have plans to start selling online or attempt to get on a show like “Shark Tank.”

“I probably work on it an hour or two a day after school and will be able to do more over the summer, but it’s hard enough to keep up with it as it is,” he said. “I’ll be busy in college, where I want to study business and go into sales.”

Money earned goes into a bank account, with about 30 percent used to buy more supplies when needed. Another 10 percent goes to the family’s church, Crosspointe Christian.

“I’m not paying myself anything, but I’m saving it up,” Nolan Boon said.

“It’ll help with college and he’s also talked about maybe a car eventually or Lions season tickets,” Shane Boon said. “This has been great because it’s taught him a lot about things like sales, production, branding and communications.”



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Nolan Boon stands by a display of his Galactic Candy at Fresh Farms Market.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following Grosse Pointe natives recently graduated from Albion College:

◆ **Sarah Stovall** of the City of Grosse Pointe earned degrees in biology

and communication studies. She also received the honor of summa cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

◆ **Katherine Flynn** of Grosse Pointe Woods

earned a degree in psychology. She further received the honor of cum laude.

◆ **Rory Angott** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a degree in finance

with a minor in German. Angott also received the honor of cum laude.

◆ **Alexander Shaheen** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a degree in business with a minor in sports communication.

◆ **Nicholas Kosmas** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a degree in biology.



Sarah Stovall



Nicholas Fannon

◆ **Nicholas Fannon** of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a degree in combined engineering/physics with a minor in mathematics.

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Bryan Carney and **Gabriel Kirck** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List

for the 2024 spring semester at the University of Olivet. Carney also was named to the university’s President’s List for the spring semester.

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Emily Colen of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List for the

spring 2024 semester at Saint Mary’s College.

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Dominic VanDoorne of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Central Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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seeking approval for a sinking fund millage.

Theriault said there is \$3.5 million remaining in the fund and the December tax levy will bring in an additional \$3.5 million.

Some of the work completed under the current millage includes masonry tuck pointing at Grosse Pointe South High School and Pierce Middle School, roofing work at Parcels Middle School and refurbishment of the baseball and softball fields at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools.

Should the new mill-

age pass, Theriault suggested an overall 10-year plan with rolling three-year plans within it.

“Think of the 10-year plan as the guardrails,” he said. “The rolling three-year plans tell you what direction to go within those guardrails and then each year is the actual work.”

Objectives with the new millage would include increasing building security, refreshing technology, fixing roofs and parking lots and upgrading fire alarm systems.

“We have some buildings with fire alarm systems so old we can only find parts for them on eBay,” said Ben Matteson, the district’s

director of facilities. “Or in some cases there’s one system on the first floor and a different one on the second floor and they can’t talk to each other.”

Theriault said the district will need to be flexible as there will be variables over the next decade.

“Technology could change, codes could change and there could be legislative factors,” he said. “There’s also the question of enrollment and labor or market availability.”

And if it doesn’t pass? “If it fails we’ll have to go to a more conservative approach,” Matteson said. “We’d put our design schedule on hold.”



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Members of Liggett’s Class of 1974 were in town for Alumni Weekend.

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reunions gathered at and around their alma mater to enjoy two days with dear friends.

A variety of events marked the weekend.

The weekend kicked off with Friday morn-

ing’s in-person meeting of fifth-grade students and their Class of 1974 penpals. During the school year, these students and alumni exchanged old-fashioned letters. On Friday, they finally connected at a classroom meet-and-greet and the students took the alumni on tours throughout the school.

Additionally on Friday morning, ULS’ 2024 Distinguished Alumna, Nona Yehia of the Class of 1989, spoke to Upper School students and then met privately with a small group of juniors who were interested in architecture, urban farming and inclusionary hiring practices. There also were ULS campus tours for alumni and “swag” shopping at The Logo Store.

Friday evening, the “Golden Knights” — alumni celebrating class reunions of 50 years and higher — gathered at Head of School Tom Sheppard’s home for a cocktail party. A group of about 50 alumni were there to reconnect and

reminisce.

Saturday morning set the scene for Alumni Weekend’s seventh-annual Detroit bus tour. The four-hour guided walking and bus tour featured stops at Burns Avenue in Indian Village, an urban prairie, the riverfront and Midtown. Throughout the tour, University Liggett School Faculty Emeritus David Backhurst gave history lessons about each area and how Detroit has evolved and changed over time.

Saturday evening included class reunions for classes graduating from years ending in “4” and “9,” as well as the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Ceremony. Yehia, who co-founded Vertical Harvest, was in attendance for the honor.

Yehia is bringing Vertical Harvest to Detroit. In partnership with Bedrock, the company will build a 60,000-square-foot facility in Detroit’s Milwaukee Junction. The facility is slated to open in 2025.



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Exhibitions ‘Ode to Mother Earth,’ ‘Curiouser and Curiouser’ on display

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Those looking for a break from the summer sun are invited to pop into The War Memorial, where the Grosse Pointe Artists Association has three exhibitions currently on display.

Mother Earth

Its main gallery features the work of 47 artists whose translations of the theme “Ode to Mother Earth” also spill into the hallway. The exhibition runs through Friday, July 26.

“Artists were asked to share the details of their relationships with Mother Nature and join the conversation about the health of the planet, now and in the future,” GPAA President Karen Pope said. “A lot of the artwork was done by women, and some men, who are taking climate change pretty seriously.”

The show was juried by a team from the Wyland Foundation, known for its use of art to bring attention to environmen-



“Night Watch at Big Sable Light” by Garth Glazier.

tal issues. Founder Robert Wyland, who grew up in Hazel Park, is the muralist of the “whaling wall” on the Broderick Tower in downtown Detroit.

“When an art campaign called ‘Ode to Mother Earth’ comes across our radar, it imme-

diately has our attention,” the Wyland Foundation wrote in a statement about the show. “For all of us in the Wyland organization, there is no better subject for art than this beautiful blue planet. For over 30 years, the Wyland Foundation has been

among the nation’s leading outreach organizations in the effort for healthier oceans and cleaner waterways. We work toward this vision through many channels: science, community action, but always, always with and through our love for art.

“... Our role in judging the contest was challenging. In fact, it almost felt impossible at times, given the breadth of passion and talent among all the participants, working in every conceivable medium. Our goal was to judge in a way that aligned our shared values with art that touched us in ways that words initially couldn’t express. Rather than simply applauding the winners, we hope that you’ll join us in celebrating all the entries as vital members of a community with the ability to see the inner beauty of a world we all hold so dear.”



“Handsone Reflection” by Michael Pelkey earned honorable mention at the show.



“Storm on Lake Michigan” by Christopher Charron.



“Nature and The City Collaborate” by Sarah Stahl earned honorable mention. It features the whaling wall on the Broderick Tower, painted by Robert Wyland. The show was juried by the Wyland Foundation.



“Things That Are Above” by Alessandra Halpin.

Curious

Around the corner in the GPAA’s guest gallery, Royal Oak resident Doug LaFerle presents his solo exhibition, “Curiouser and Curiouser,” featuring paintings, mixed media presentations and several oddities he’s collected.

“It’s odd and I admit it,” he said. “I’m odd and quirky. There are a lot of influences I’ve been interested in over the years.”

His paintings, for example, are inspired by his hobby of collecting old magazines and photographs.

“A 1950s ad, for example,” he said. “I like that nostalgic, mid-century look. Or old movies: It always interested me to take one isolated frame from an old movie and fill in the story.”

His piece “Don’t Tread On Me,” reimagined from an actual 1920s or ’30s photo, made him curious enough to paint it into a story.

“They went into a photo studio, these toughs,” he said. “One guy’s sitting on a half moon basically; there are stars all around. I thought, ‘Why are you taking a photo in a studio? Are you going to

give it to rival gangs?’

“I love a sense of humor,” he continued, “and anything that makes me laugh.”

Another painting, “Media Darling,” features a cluster of photographers snapping shots of a squirrel while Sasquatch walks behind them.

“The media focuses on so many things that are right of the moment,” LaFerle said. “What is the new thing?”

LaFerle said he also is influenced by shadow boxes, which are prominent in his art, as well as vague phrases, which he dissects and displays in curious ways. The three pieces that make up his “There is No Time” are an example.

His work isn’t limited to paintings. His fascination with automatons factors into his use of microcomputer chips to add motion, lights and sound to his mixed media pieces. LaFerle, a retired architect, incorporates science and technology into his work. Two of his kinetic pieces — “Ornithology” and “Escape Velocity” — are featured in the GPAA exhibition.

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Detroiter, first black woman to travel to every country in the world, coming to GPPL

Author and native Detroiter Jessica Nabongo will speak Thursday, July 25, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

“Jessica’s book, ‘The Catch Me if You Can: One Woman’s Journey to Every Country in the World,’ was published by the National Geographic and was an instant bestseller,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “The grant we received from the Cameron Fund enabled us to invite Jessica to come to the library.”

The Cameron Fund is part of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and is given in memory of Marie E. and Louis T. Cameron by Michael Thain Cameron and Martha Cavanagh Cameron.

Nabongo will discuss her adventures as a traveler from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Her book will be available for purchase.



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“The Catch Me if You Can: One Woman’s Journey to Every Country in the World” was published by National Geographic.

Notable People in Travel, by Travel and Leisure in 2021, Nabongo has been featured in prominent media outlets such as BBC, CNN, The New York Times, Forbes and others. In 2019, Conde Nast Traveler named her one of the 30 Most Powerful Women in Travel.

Beyond her groundbreaking travel accomplishments, Nabongo is an avid reader, lover of art and fashion and dedicated mentor to aspiring travelers and entrepreneurs. She continues to push boundaries, challenge norms and inspire others to dream big, reminding readers that the world is vast, interconnected and ripe with opportunities for exploration and understanding.

For more information and to register, visit the Grosse Pointe Public Library website, grossepointelibrary.org. There is no charge for the program.



Jessica Nabongo on one of her many worldwide trips.

Main Street ED visits Optimists

The Lakeshore Optimist Club recently welcomed Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe, to a meeting. Main Street is part of a statewide network of leaders focusing on grassroots economic development in local communities. The program aims to create communities distinguished by economically vital and vibrant commercial districts and downtowns.

Willcock provided an overview of upcoming programs and events, including the Mainopolis fundraiser, Music on the Plaza series, Paint the Windows and Sidewalk Sale-abration. For more information, visit thevillagegrossepointe.org or find The Village Grosse Pointe on Facebook.

The Lakeshore



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Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock, left, and Lakeshore Optimist Club President Julie Baumer.

Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend, hear interesting speakers and see what the club is about. Visit gpointimists.com for locations, dates and times.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

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

- ◆ Thursday Night at the Movies, “The Holdovers,” 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Learn the Hustle, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 11 to Aug. 1, with instructor Kevin Smith.
- ◆ Field Trip to Plymouth Art in the Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 12. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Friday Movie Matinee, “True Spirit,” 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 12. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Tashmoo: Park and Steamer, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, with historian Arthur M. Woodford.
- ◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, Pat O’Brien’s Tavern, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 18. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Premier World Discovery Presents “Music Cities—New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville” and “Burgundy and Provence River Cruise,” 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23. Learn about these two trips during this free presentation.
- ◆ Visit, Lunch and Learn, noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at American House St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ New to Medicare, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, with facilitator Tony Altovilla and Medicare volunteers.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 12, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 19, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center,

20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s Provencal-Weir House hosts an upscale sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13. Many new items from a Quester estate have filled the store; all items are priced to sell. Items include jewelry and antique pewter items. In addition, the Fox Creek Questers have secured a fiddle player and bake sale to elevate this “one-time only” sale.

Ford House

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maker Studio: English Garden Planter, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13. Cost is \$100 for members, \$110 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Killer Flamingos, 7 p.m. Friday, July 19. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50.
- ◆ Explorers: Pollinators, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20. Cost is \$7.
- ◆ 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.

Library

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

visit grossepointelibrary.org.

- ◆ Teen Volunteer Day, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Adventures of Drawing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Family Movie Mondays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Little Learners Coding, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Meet Up and Make—Kinetic Sculpture, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Parent Child Drawing Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Dream Lab Adult Swim, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ STEM Explorers: Travel the World, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ DigLit Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ GPPL @ George Osius Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Rock Painting, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Teen Movie Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July

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New member

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones, right, stands with Alicia Carlisle at Ford House during the club’s June 4 meeting. Carlisle was inducted into the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club during the breakfast meeting. She is a longtime community supporter, local board member, entrepreneur and owner of Cabbage Patch Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Rotary



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Sunrise Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday morning breakfast and presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com

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Alix Kelly Hauser

1964 - 2023

Alix Kelly Hauser, 58, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Alix was as unique as her name.



Alix was a force of nature.



Alix was born July 11, 1964, and grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Alix was always active, diving, riding and jumping horses, riding her bike, skiing or playing softball.

Alix graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1982 with “The Sisters” and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications from Michigan State University in 1986.

“Choose joy! Don’t wait for things to get easier, simpler, better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you’ll run out of time.” – Author unknown

In June 1988, Alix attended New York University’s Intensive Filmmaking Workshop. Purely by chance, a classmate of Alix’s invited Polo to the workshop’s graduation party. After the party, Polo showed Alix around New York City and Greenwich Village. When they arrived back at her dorm, before she went inside, Polo told Alix he thought she was very pretty and asked if he could kiss her. She said “yes.”

The next morning Polo surprised Alix with a bagel and orange juice as she waited for a cab to take her to the airport and back home to Grosse Pointe. Polo surprised Alix again with a phone message upon her return home.

That was the start of a romance that continues to this day.

Alix and Polo were married Saturday, September 14, 1991.



“Every love story is beautiful but ours is my favorite.” – Author unknown; inscribed on Alix’s Kindle.

In 1990, with few connections and no prospects, Alix and Polo moved to Los Angeles to work in film and television. Within a year, Alix had worked on *China Beach* and had started on a new show called *Northern Exposure*.

At *Northern Exposure*, Alix worked as an Assistant to the Executive Producers of *Northern Exposure* and *I’ll Fly Away*. The shows went on to win Emmys and Golden Globes. During one award acceptance speech, the Executive Producers shouted, “Here’s to the gang at Alix’s house!”

In 1994, after the Northridge earthquake struck, Alix decided that although she liked working on *Northern Exposure* and *I’ll Fly Away*, it was not fun “waking up in mid-air” and wanted to move. So, while out for drinks one afternoon, Alix and Polo spread out a map of the U.S. across the bar and looked for a warm climate with less potential for natural disasters. They chose Arizona.



“Life is how you handle plan B.” – Suzy Toronto

In 1994, again with few connections and no prospects, Alix and Polo moved to Arizona. After working for Robinsons-May for several years, Alix decided to try her hand at a new adventure.

In 1997, Lee was born, followed by Max in 1998. Taking care of her boys filled Alix’s days. After Lee and Max were in school full-time, Alix started volunteering at the boy’s elementary school and then began working as a paraprofessional in a special needs classroom.

Alix eventually moved on from her paraprofessional role and took an administrative role at a special needs school. Alix also volunteered at a local hospital in Scottsdale, just as her mother Betty had volunteered at a Detroit hospital during Alix’s childhood years.

Although Alix had quite a successful professional career, her greatest accomplishment was raising her boys to be young men. Alix took immense joy in seeing Lee pursue his musical career and seeing Max graduate from ASU and pursue his comic book writing career.



“What is success? To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

To celebrate Alix’s Life, the family decided, in lieu of a funeral service, to hold the “**Big Al Go Big or Go Home World Tour**” complete with concert-style t-shirts and Mardi Gras beads.

Three parties would take place in three very special locations. The first celebration was held in Scottsdale, Arizona, for local friends. In Wayzata, Minnesota, the second celebration took place for Polo’s groomsmen, family and friends to commemorate Alix’s birthday on July 11.

The final leg of the tour took place in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, for Alix’s bridesmaids, family and friends to commemorate Alix and Polo’s wedding anniversary on September 14, and to unveil a commemorative park bench lovingly organized by “The Sisters” and Alix’s dearest friends.



“You belong among the wild flowers. You belong somewhere you feel free.” – Tom Petty

Alix was predeceased by her mother Betty, her father Alex, her brother Mark, and her brother-in-law Ed. Alix leaves behind her husband Polo, sons Lee and Max, her beloved dog Gromit, her brother Steve and wife Tressa, her sisters Susan and Pam, her niece Lauren and husband Matt along with their children Ryan, Andrew and Jack, and niece Allie and husband Alex.

The family requests any memorials may be made in Alix’s name to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, bit.ly/3RSjnvJ; United Food Bank, bit.ly/4cOwTIZ; Everytown for Gun Safety, bit.ly/3xGNXS6; Planned Parenthood, bit.ly/3W92y15; or The American Cancer Society, bit.ly/45QOLAI.



Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.” – Wendy Mass, The Candymakers

Alix’s family has lovingly spread Alix’s remains at the places Alix loved and where Alix made memories.

If you are looking for a final resting place, look to the beach at the Hotel Del Coronado on the Pacific Ocean. When you look at the ocean, you will see Alix’s smile.



“Fate whispers to the warrior, ‘You cannot withstand the storm’ The warrior whispers back, ‘I am the storm.’” – Author unknown; from Alix’s keychain.

Alix was that warrior.

Alix was a force of nature.

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.

Mabel “May” Mary Marti

Mabel “May” Mary Marti, 102, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Born Jan. 21, 1922, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, May was the second of five children of Marshall Parker and Waheda Moroun Parker.

Raised in Detroit, May met the love of her life, Sgt. Paul Marti, during World War II and, after a brief courtship, married in spring 1944, shortly before Paul shipped out to join the American Forces in Europe. For 68 years, May and Paul worked together raising five children and building a life full of love, laughter and instilling in their family a sense of togetherness, respect and support.

The family moved to St. Clair Shores in 1956. May was a lifelong active member and leader at St. Lucy Catholic Church. Together, May and Paul built a successful insurance business while raising their family. Bridge was May’s passion, playing regularly with friends and continuing to play and teach bridge well into her 100s. May’s group of friends, “The Marter Road Gang,” enjoyed 65 years of cards, coffee and friendship, sharing joys and sorrows and always

being there for each other. Besides bridge, gardening brought happiness to her life; she was always particular about her meticulously groomed yard and delighted in sharing her fresh tomatoes with family and friends.

Family, however, was most important to May. Each year she would sponsor a family reunion, starting with 10 family members in 1976, and growing to 44. That multi-day family reunion carries on to this day and continues to be the highlight of the summer for her five children and spouses, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

May was the matriarch of the Marti family and an inspiration to her entire family. She was upbeat, classy and carried herself with a regal bearing. She shared her love, time and sense of devotion with all, and was happy to hold hands and enjoy a moment of togetherness. She leaves those who knew her a little better off for having had her in their lives.

Her beloved husband, Paul, passed away in 2012. She is survived by her sister, Kathy Irvin; daughters, Jo Anne Harris (Jack), Frances Julian (Tony), Michele Miros (William) and Annette Cataldi (David); and son, Paul Marti (Betsy).

Visitation took place

Sunday, July 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass took place Monday, July 8, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Elsa Mary Camazzola

Elsa Mary Camazzola, 100, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2024. She was a beloved matriarch, devoted Catholic and cherished friend.

Elsa was born Dec. 8, 1923, to Umberto Carlesso and Elisa Venzo. She was raised in Italy after her family immigrated back to their home country after her birth in Detroit. Back in Italy, in her home village, she met the love of her life, John Camazzola. At the time, John was in the service during World War II and was gone for six years. When he returned, John and Elsa reacquainted themselves with one another. The two were married in 1947, and immigrated back to the U.S. to start their own family.

John and Elsa had a strong partnership together. They loved to entertain and their door was always open to friends and family. While John was the entertainer, Elsa was the chef in the kitchen. Almost weekly she made pasta from scratch, since it seemed



Mabel Mary Marti

like every Sunday afternoon they had company over.

Elsa’s greatest joy was her family. She was a loving wife, mother, Nonna and Bisnonna who delighted in the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her home always was filled with warmth, love and the aroma of delicious homemade Italian cooking, where countless memories were made and stories shared. Elsa was very proud to be Italian and worked her whole life to preserve her heritage to pass along to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A proud and active member of the Venetian Women’s Club, Elsa dedicated many years to fostering community and preserving the cultural heritage she held dear. She also was an active parishioner at St. Matthew Catholic Church, which provided her much joy. Her contributions to the club and church were numerous, and her presence will be deeply missed by her fellow members, parishioners and friends.

Elsa’s life was a testament to the values of faith, family and heritage. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength and devotion that will continue to inspire all who knew her. Though she has departed from this world, her spirit and the impact of her love will forever remain with those she knew.

She was predeceased by parents, Umberto Carlesso and Elisa Venzo; her adored husband of 41 years, John Camazzola; brothers, Armando Carlesso (Gemma Mondolo) and Adelfo Carlesso; sister-in-law, Antonietta Camazzola (Menghetto Bontorin); and brothers-in-law, Pietro Camazzola and Filo Andolfatto.

She is survived by her loving children, Roberta Panasiewicz (Ronald) and Patricia Camazzola (Charles Godoshian); siblings, Gastone Carlesso (Lucy), Egidio Carlesso and Irene Carlesso; cherished grandchildren, John Paul Panasiewicz (Lauren Bigelow), Michelle Dohmann (Jeffrey), Gabrielle Panasiewicz (Benjamin Petrak), Andrew Godoshian (Laura), Josh Godoshian, Stephanie Godoshian and Johnny Godoshian; adored great-grandchildren, James, Sloane, Cooper, Kepler, Declan and Carson; as well as many loved nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 13, until a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit. Afterward, she will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church of Detroit, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, MI 48224.



Elsa Mary Camazzola

Marcia Hathaway

Marcia (nee Rice) Hathaway, 67, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with Huntington’s Disease.

She was born Nov. 20, 1956, in Watertown, Conn., to her loving parents, William Rice II and Margery Rice. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1974, and successfully obtained her nursing degree from the New Hampshire School of Nursing.

After graduating from nursing school, Marcia followed her heart and relocated to San Diego, where she embarked on her dream career in nursing at Sharp Memorial Hospital.

While in San Diego she met the love of her life and soon-to-be husband, Dan. The two were married Oct. 15, 1982, in San Diego. Their union was followed shortly by the birth of three daughters upon whom Marcia showered her love and affection. Family meant more to Marcia than anything and her children and husband were the beneficiaries of her passionate love and affection.

Following the family’s relocation from California to Michigan, Marcia began her long career at Bon Secours and Beaumont Hospital, working in the ICU and CCU. She retired in 2012, and found joy in retirement surrounded by family and friends.

Marcia was an avid sports fan and loved watching the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and University of Michigan football and basketball. She was passionate about helping people and found great joy in her job as a nurse. Above all, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to watch her girls play sports, succeed academically and spend time together. Her grandchildren brought her the utmost joy and being around them always brightened her mood. She adored her husband and loved traveling with him, especially to Florida. She was a sun worshiper who loved to lay in the sun and enjoyed reading books and exercising as often as she could. She also loved to jam out to her favorite songs on Pandora and requested to listen to music daily.

Her life will forever be cherished by her family. Marcia is survived by her husband of 42 years, Daniel Hathaway; daughters, Rachel Onderbeke (Craig), Bridget Hathaway and Amy Waddell (Zachary); grandchildren, Emery Onderbeke, Riley Onderbeke, Duke Waddell and Levi Waddell; siblings, Peter Rice, William Rice III, Paul Rice, Claudia Sauer and Aundrey Bis (Michael); and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Marcia was predeceased by her father,



Marcia Hathaway



Erin Lynne Bremer

William Rice II; mother, Margery Rice; brother, Allen Rice; father-in-law, Charles Hathaway; mother-in-law, Katherine Hathaway; and brother-in-law, Michael Hathaway.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 9, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Erin Lynne Bremer

Erin Lynne Bremer of Clinton Township went to heaven Tuesday, June 25, 2024, surrounded by the love of family and friends, after a valiant and courageous fight against metastatic breast cancer.

Erin was the wife and best friend of Adam Bremer and an amazing mother to Gillian and Brady Connaire. She was predeceased by her dear father, Richard Rodney Wedding. Erin also leaves behind her mother, Cheryl Wedding; eight siblings, Paul Wedding, Ellen Harkins, Julie Beninati (John), Jim Wedding, Kelly Nanney, Kim Bachorski (Jim), Kristie Patterson and Melinda Mantele (Chris); Adam’s brothers, Tom and twin Devin; favorite in-laws, Jeff and Chris Bremer; super sister, Renee Bremer; Colin, Meagan and Molly Connaire; along with wonderful nieces and nephews, Brian, Alex, Connor, Lanie, Haley, Lauren, Stella and Hudson.

A Halloween decorating aficionado, Erin’s displays gathered excited crowds in both fear and delight. As a first responder, Erin served Detroit and the Grosse Pointes as a police officer and emergency dispatcher, a career cut short by cancer.

Living her best life, Erin loved time spent cooking, gardening, decorating and throwing the best holiday parties. Up north in Michigan, especially Mackinac Island, held the grandest of memories for her.

Erin’s sparkling blue eyes, great smile and deep beauty will be greatly missed. She will always be her family’s admired and loved Wonder Woman.

The family wishes to extend a sincere thank-you for the true support and generosity of those who attended the recent “Fundraiser for Erin.” They also extend heartfelt gratitude to Alicia Carlisle and the staff of the Cabbage Patch Saloon for an awesome day.

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Dr. William H. Salot

1934 - 2024

The world has lost one of the good ones. Bill Salot was one of the greats: a great husband, father, surgeon, friend, reader, opera fan, marathon runner, and gentle mentor for his daughters and grandchildren.

Born in Mount Clemens, Michigan in 1934 to Dr. Russell F. and Katherine Salot, Bill was educated at the Cranbrook School and at Amherst College (’56). He soon married Ann Morse (Mount Holyoke ’57) in 1957 and moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1967. The family grew with the addition of four daughters: Edith, Martha, Amy, and Lee.

Graduating from Columbia Medical School in 1960, Bill was an important part of American healthcare for over half a century. Like many doctors of his generation, he interrupted his orthopedic training to serve in the military, performing appendectomies at sea aboard a cruiser off Vietnam. He then practiced orthopedics in private practice in Detroit for most of his life. While doing so, he served for a while as Chief of Orthopedics at one of Detroit’s three major trauma hospitals. Also active with the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, he ultimately became Chairman of the Board of Councilors, and even Secretary of the Academy in the 1980s. As a doctor, Bill was legendary for spending a lot of time and personal care with each of his patients, and they



adored him for that. One of them commented that Dr. Salot never looked at his watch when meeting with a patient; he just listened and cared for each patient as long as they needed.

The four Salot sisters had the best teacher daughters could ask for. Dad taught us SO much. He taught us to generously care about others, as he did his whole life. He demonstrated this well by his devotion to the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, his generous contributions to many charities and, of course, the generosity of his time with family, friends, and patients. Even when sick with Parkinson’s, Bill worried about being a burden to his wife, Ann. In turn, she cared for him devotedly for many years, allowing him the blessing of remaining at home as his disease progressed.

Bill was a guy who knew how to have fun. Whether pouring his beer at the family dinner table (“more, Dad, more!”), leading Souza marches around the living room, or placing a gargoyle on the roof to trick his wife, Bill was always about

fun. Swimming down the St. Clair River to Orchard Beach, we could hear him saying, “get my bicycle, I’m ready to finish the triathlon!”. When our first Airedale, Maggie, would want to wrestle with a dish towel, Bill would get down on all fours and put the dishtowel in his mouth to make sure it was a “fair fight.” And he woke his daughters for school each morning by chanting, “daylight in the swamp! time to get up and chop those logs!” At his young daughters’ sleepovers, he would don a horrifyingly authentic Frankenstein mask and appear at the windows, sending us into great shrieks. He was hilarious.

Bill was also devoted to health and exercise. A loyal runner for much of his life, he ran many marathons and did calisthenics in the living room long before it was trendy. And when the family went on vacation, the trips were always skiing, hiking, or biking. All of his daughters have inherited this love of exercise and adventure, and we cherish this legacy.

He was at his most content walking his dog along the beach, listening to Handel’s Messiah with tears in his eyes, and reading a good historical biography. Few men are as warm, sensitive, loving, funny, thoughtful, and accepting as Bill Salot. He is one of the great ones, and we are so thankful to have had him for as long as we did.

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Patricia Katharine Hensien

Patricia Katharine Hensien, 87, passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024, at her residence in Grosse Pointe Farms. Patricia was born Oct. 11, 1936, in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, to Patrick and Celestine (nee McManus) Curry. After earning a teaching certificate, she began her career as a teacher, first in Chatham and then in Windsor, Ontario.

In 1965, Patricia married Robert Hensien and moved to Grosse Pointe Woods where they raised their two sons, John and Jim. The family enjoyed boating on Lake St. Clair, attending University of Michigan football games and spending holidays and special occasions with their large and loving extended family. Patricia also enjoyed substitute teaching at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, where she and Bob were active parishioners.

Following Bob's untimely passing in 1991, Patricia enjoyed traveling with family and friends. For more than two decades, she was the office manager and warm, smiling face at the front desk of Jennings Dental in Grosse Pointe, where she befriended countless patients and their families.



Patricia K. Hensien

Patricia's greatest joys were living her Catholic faith and spending time with family and friends. She will be remembered for her loving and uplifting nature in times of joy and sadness, her grateful and generous spirit and her positive Christian example as a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Patricia was predeceased by her parents; her husband; and her siblings, John Curry (survived by Cecelia), Margaret Anne Clow (the late Neil) and Sr. Ruth Marie Curry. She is survived by her sons, John Hensien (Sarah) and Jim Hensien (Betsy); brothers, James Curry (Joan), Patrick Curry (Jane) and Stephen Curry (Luella) (the late Judy); grandchildren, Jack, Anna, Sydney, Megan and Phoebe; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A Mass celebrating her life takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401



Cheryl Marie Ezop

Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Colorful attire is encouraged to celebrate the joy Patricia brought to many lives.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Patricia's dedication to Catholic education, memorial donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Cheryl Marie Ezop

Cheryl Marie Ezop, 74, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024, after a brief and challenging battle with lymphoma at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born Feb. 3, 1950, in Detroit, Cheryl was the beloved daughter of Audrey (nee Sliman) and Harold "Whitey" Hayward, and the oldest of three siblings. She graduated in 1968, from St. Clement High School in Center Line, where she formed lifelong friendships.

Cheryl was the beloved



Margaret J. Conway

wife of Donald Ezop for 44 years and a loving mother to Jennifer Mathiak Ryntz (Eric) and Devin Ezop (Nora).

Together with Don, Cheryl co-founded Metro Wire and Cable Corp., in Detroit, in 1976. Her leadership was instrumental in establishing and guiding the company, which over the years expanded to two more locations in Atlanta and Iowa City. Even after her retirement, she was still contributing significantly to its enduring success.

Cheryl had a passion for music and enjoyed attending concerts, particularly those by Barbara Streisand, Aerosmith and Van Halen, often sharing these experiences with Don and friends. Beyond her professional achievements and love for music, Cheryl found joy in shopping, solving crossword puzzles and cherishing moments with loved ones. Christmas Eve fondue and her famous rolls were Cheryl's treasured traditions. She adored taking

her grandchildren to movies, exploring metro Detroit and enthusiastically supporting their sports activities.

Known for her impeccable taste and thoughtfulness, Cheryl delighted in selecting the perfect gifts and treasured visits to the Hallmark store. She also found solace in traveling to their second home in Dawsonville, Ga., and their peaceful condo on Crooked Lake, Mich.

Above all, Cheryl's greatest accomplishment was undoubtedly her role as "Nana" to her beloved grandchildren, Jack and Grayson Ryntz and Finn, Audrey, Maryl and Kit Ezop. Cheryl's legacy endures through her family and the lasting impact of Metro Wire and Cable Corp. Cheryl will be deeply missed and remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In addition to her husband, children and grandchildren, Cheryl is survived by her brother, Jim Hayward (Ann); sister, Linda Hayward (Glenda Kittles); nephew, Geoff Hayward (Bethany); niece, Laura De Looff (Brad); and many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her "Buscia," Susie Ezop.

As a devout Catholic, Cheryl's life was celebrated at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, bit.ly/4605uSa, or Boys Town, bit.ly/4bzeU88.

Margaret Josephine "Mar-Jo" Conway

Margaret Josephine "Mar-Jo" Conway, 91, died Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at her residence in St. Clair Shores.

Mar-Jo was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Bernard Conway. She is survived by her loving children, Bernadette Cusmano (Charles), Robert Conway (Mary), Erin Ann DiSante (Peter) and Patrick Conway (Donna). Mar-Jo is the dearest grandmother of John (Kelley), Patrick, Anthony, Eileen (Joseph), Michael, Joseph, Clare (Andrew), Bridget (Brian), Austin (Tyffanie) and Sean; and the great-grandmother of eight.

Visitation for Mar-Jo will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation continues Saturday, July 13, from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

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ROY EDWARD FIGURSKI

Roy Edward Figurski, legendary Grosse Pointe hairdresser, aged 77, died quietly at home on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024. His death is attributed to complications from aggressive treatment for recently diagnosed Lymphoma. Best friend and loving companion of 41 years, Brian Clay Collins, and their beloved English Cocker Spaniel Helen, were alone with him at the end.

Roy was born May 29, 1947 in Women's Hospital, Detroit. He was one of four surviving children of Edward R. and Marion H. (Krause) Figurski. When he was eight years old, the family moved from Detroit to St. Clair Shores in 1955. Roy graduated from the Lakeview High School in the class of 1965 where he had particularly excelled in the creative arts as a talented sculptor and fashion illustrator.

Roy studied engineering at the University of Detroit prior to being inducted into the U.S. Army in August of 1968. During basic training he gained additional instruction for driving 7-ton armored personnel carriers (APC's) and reached marksman level for M-14 and sharpshooter level for M-16 firearm handling. Roy was sent to Vietnam in March of 1969 to join the American Division, Troop C, 1st Squadron of the division's 1st Cavalry. He attained the rank of Armor Reconnaissance Specialist 5. During his military service, Roy was hospitalized twice. First was for an injury sustained during basic training and the second was for serious injury when, while in a jungle reconnaissance convoy, his APC struck a landmine which sent it airborne, landing upside down. He was the only survivor of the four personnel assigned to that APC. After release from the hospital, he returned to his unit, and was reassigned as Troop Clerk where his efforts earned the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. Additional honors awarded during Roy's military experience were the National Defense Service Medal,

Vietnam Service Medal (2 overseas service bars), the Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. Roy was honorably discharged in March of 1970.

On his return home, Roy resolved that, after experiencing such examples of horrific death, deprivation and destruction while serving overseas, he had earned the right to a future career in the creative arts and to devote his talents and prodigious energies to the pursuit of all things related to beauty. Learning that Wisconsin had among the highest licensing standards in the nation for hairdressers he enrolled, in November of 1970, in the American Beauty College of Milwaukee located in the famed Plankinton Building in that city. On completing his studies successfully in September of 1971, he was immediately hired by Bonwit Teller & Co. to join the beauty salon in their department store located in the John Hancock building in Chicago. During his employment at Bonwit's he took additional independent course instruction from the Vidal Sassoon and Paul Mitchell companies. Roy reminisced that the instruction by Paul Mitchell himself was among the best money that he ever spent and credited his own success largely to techniques learned during that time. Although he savored his time in Chicago, his family kept encouraging him to return 'home'. He stated that the only way he'd return to stay would be if Leon Sehoyan, owner of the famed Grosse Pointe Salon "Leon's", would hire him. When Leon enthusiastically hired Roy in September of 1972, he commenced his long career at Leon's and, subsequently, Salon 76. Roy loved his work and spent very long hours through the decades building and maintaining his well-respected reputation where he was best known for his excellent haircuts and expertise in hair color and streaks. His technique never veered from 'pulling' streaks through a cap for the best



possible results even though contemporary theory is for the much faster use of foil. Roy's professionalism and calm demeanor was also highly regarded and sought after by brides and their bridal parties. He sent many a blushing bride down the aisle with a classic chignon often enhanced by strategic placement of fresh stephanotis blossoms. He was gratified to associate with, and to be trusted by, many prominent families, to consult on their wedding plans and, often, provide his services for their out of town as well as out of state events. His fashion and beauty artistry garnered three special appearances on the "Dr. Sonya Friedman Show" on WXYZ Channel 7 and earned the attention of other media outlets.

Even in recent 'semi-retirement' years, Roy continued to work from home and counted among his clientele a number that had been coming to him throughout his 52-year career. His interest in, and long experience with, all things related to fashion and design afforded opportunities to provide a welcomed wealth of advice to his clients, family and friends guiding, reassuring and addressing questions about wardrobe, hair, make-up, skin care, health, social customs, etiquette, dining venues, travel destinations, shopping, home entertaining and even laundry and house cleaning! Always 'best-dressed' himself, Roy was also often successful with the perfect quip ("My

duty is your beauty") or barb, while always being thoroughly warm, gracious, funny, generous, honest, intuitive, confident and gentlemanly in the extreme. His amazing life, strong work ethic and wide-ranging influences have aptly been described as the "Roy Era". Sadly, that era has ended and the unique likes of him will truly never appear again. Roy's signature fashion style, beauty expertise, kindness, wisdom and friendship will forever be cherished by all those who were fortunate to know and love him.

Roy and Brian met in 1983 at a Kentucky Derby Day party, so that the second Saturday of May each year thereafter they always considered their 'anniversary'. They swiftly became best friends and grew to exemplify a perfect example of yin-yang in a loving companionship. Subsequently, they established a home together in Grosse Pointe where they remained in residence for more than 34 years before relocating to, and totally remodeling, a circa 1937 home in Grosse Pointe Farms in 2019. In 1990 they purchased a circa 1878 six-bedroom Victorian cottage, that they named 'Three Seasons', in the Chautauqua community of Bay View, MI near Petoskey. Through the following 32 years they renovated the cottage, filling it with fine furnishings, eclectic antiques and valuable vintage collectibles. They generously shared their 'other place' with friends and family and became particularly known for their annual July 3rd buffet holiday dinner party which numbered up to, on one occasion, 140 guests. The two enjoyed more than four decades together, sharing their lives and homes with a succession of English Cocker Spaniels named, in turn, Molly, Irma, Edith and, currently, Helen. They enjoyed traveling far and wide including, in recent years, three European river cruises and an extensive 'bucket list' tour of England.

During Roy's military service in Vietnam he was

exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange. Seventeen years later, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, as a result of that exposure. The accepted treatment at that time included radical surgery and brutal radiation. Though he survived the disease, he ever thereafter lived with health issues which were related to the radiation that he had received. Recently, dreaded cancer returned when Roy was diagnosed with Lymphoma. Aggressive chemo infusion treatments commenced immediately. Six infusions were planned to be administered over an 18-week period though he tolerated only two infusions. A Pseudomonas bacterial infection overtook his compromised immune system and lungs that bore damage from the radiation of 37 years ago. Strong antibiotics were administered to no avail. Roy returned to his beloved home with Hospice oversight and revealed in visits by, mainly, family members who were able to express to him in word and touch, their loving devotion to him.

Roy was pre-deceased by his parents, infant brother Robert and his only sister, Karen Strnad. He is survived by his brothers Martin (Nancy) and Brian (Frances). Nieces and nephews, as well as grands and great-grands, plus many loving cousins and the extended Collins family will all miss him dearly. Particular thanks are extended, from Brian Collins, to Heart to Heart Hospice as well as 'helping angels' Renee (Strnad) and David Centorbi, Diane Woolsey and Kathryn Nurre.

Memorial tributes in Roy's honor may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or ASPCA. A waterfront memorial service with military honors will be held, followed by a celebration of life luncheon, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 10:00 am on Friday, August 2nd.

Arrangements entrusted to Charles Verheyden, Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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John Patrick “Pat” O’Leary

John Patrick “Pat” O’Leary, 84, died Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from complications due to Parkinson’s disease at his home in Grand Beach, surrounded by his wife and sons.

Pat was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the second of five brothers, to William and Helen O’Leary. He attended Catholic schools in Fort Dodge, including Corpus Christi, then graduating from St. Edmund’s High School in 1957. He attended St. Benedict’s College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kan., graduating in 1961, before moving to Detroit to attend law school at the University of Detroit, receiving his juris doctorate in 1964. While in law school and before beginning his law career, he was a tour guide at Stroh’s Brewery.

In 1964, on a friend’s birthday, he met Janice Manson. They married in November 1965, and settled on the eastside of Detroit, where two sons were born, Patrick in 1966 and Peter in 1968, who were followed by Michael in 1971, by which time the family had moved to Grosse Pointe Park. They remained in Grosse Pointe, moving from the Park to the City to the Shores over the course of the next four decades.

During that time, Pat built his career as a lawyer, at which he excelled. At Plunkett & Cooney, he gained valuable experience as a trial attorney. Among its clients at the time was Coca-Cola, which was on the receiving end of numerous “exploding bottle” lawsuits (in which people would seek damages because a bottle of Coke had spontaneously exploded, according to their allegation). These cases, among others, gave him significant experience in the courtroom and brought him into contact with physicians, whose testimonies were used in such cases. Before long, he shifted his focus to medical malpractice cases, in which he defended doctors who were being sued, as well as hospitals.

After 27 years at Plunkett & Cooney, along with his brother Tom, Pat formed a law firm of his own, O’Leary, O’Leary, Jacobs, Matson, & Perry, specializing in defense litigation and operating out of Southfield.

In his role as an attorney, he flourished. Among Pat’s recognitions, in 1986 he was elected president of the Detroit Bar Association (a one-year term); in 1988, he was elected to the American College of Trial Attorneys; in 1991, he began serving a two-year term as president of the Michigan chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); in 1992, he was elected to the International Academy of Trial Attorneys; in 1996, the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association bestowed its Respected Advocate Award; in 2002, he received the Richard B. Baxter Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from the American Board of Trial Advocates; and in 2020, the Michigan chapter of



John Patrick O’Leary

ABOTA awarded him the Scully Outstanding Service Award, in recognition of his many years of service to ABOTA by fostering improvement in the ethical and technical standards of practice in the field of advocacy, which was a summa of his work as an attorney.

In 2008, Pat retired from practicing law, moving in 2009 to southwestern Michigan to a house in Grand Beach alongside Lake Michigan, which put him closer to his sons and their families. During retirement, Pat pursued two further avenues. First, he enrolled in the Basic Program, which is a Great Books program at the Graham School of the University of Chicago. He commuted from Grand Beach to Chicago, where for four years he engaged in deep readings of the classics of philosophy and literature. Around the same time, he began to teach courses in constitutional law, initially for Purdue University-Indiana University Northwest, where he taught undergraduates, and then for programs designed for other retirees interested in lifelong learning in both South Bend and Michigan City, Ind., as well as in New Buffalo. He was a natural teacher and performer and found the great fulfillment in this new role.

Pat had a passion for reading, especially the newspaper. Until the end of his life, he read at least five newspapers a day. He also had passions for politics, the Catholic Church and spirited debates, sometimes all at once. He loved to travel, which he did extensively and internationally throughout his life — with Jan, he visited all seven continents. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

Pat was deeply devoted to Jan and their marriage, as well as to his family, including his sons and their wives, as well as his four grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Jan; children and children-in-law, Patrick and Elizabeth (nee Crowley) and Peter and Rebecca Houze, and their children Gabriel and Lucian; and Michael and Una Moon, and their children, Esther and Cyrus. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Helen; as well as his brothers, Edward, James and William.

Visitation took place Friday, July 5, at Sommerfeld Chapel in New Buffalo. A funeral Mass was held for Pat at Saturday, July 6, at St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church in New Buffalo. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo.

Donations in Pat’s memory may be made to Benedictine College, benedictine.edu/give; or Alcoholics Anonymous, bit.ly/45NKMVc. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of con-



Hendrika J. Trombley

lence may do so at sommerfeldchapel.com.

Hendrika “Rita” Johanna Trombley

Hendrika “Rita” Johanna Trombley, 91, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully in her home Friday, July 5, 2024.

She was born March 27, 1933, to Peter J. and Louise Hardenberg VanHeusden, both now deceased. She was the wife of the late Eugene William Trombley; loving mother of Marie Trombley, Teresa Grohs (Mike), William P. Trombley and Catherine Peruski (Duane); grandmother of Laura and David Ayoub (Emily), Emily, Daniel and Nicholas Grohs, Oliver, Lael, Janie and Oscar Trombley, Erika Muller (Blake), Kristina Fenner (Nick), Jamie Tinnon (Andre) and Natalie Bland (Trevor); great-grandmother of Ava and Zander Muller and Adley Bland; and dear sister of the late Adrian J. VanHeusden (Marie Ann) and the late Anna F. VanHeusden.

Rita was born and raised in Detroit. She walked to St. Catherine’s School for 12 years with her two siblings and childhood friends. Her parents emigrated from the Netherlands and she grew up as part of their beautiful Dutch heritage.

Rita married Eugene William “Bill” Trombley Nov. 26, 1960. In 1969, Rita and Bill moved to the City of Grosse Pointe, where they raised four children in their home on Washington Road.

Bill predeceased her in 1988, and throughout the years that followed, she welcomed 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren into her growing family. Many wonderful memories were made over holidays, birthdays and family gatherings.

She also found joy in the peace and quiet of her beloved home on Washington Road. She loved flowers and chocolate and never met a crossword puzzle she didn’t like. Her love of reading could be seen on every full and overflowing bookshelf in her house. She also spent countless hours working on large jigsaw puzzles.

Rita loved her Catholic faith and in her later years often found comfort and peace in her personal time with Jesus, through prayer and devotion in the quiet of her home.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,” Matthew 11:28.

Visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 14, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Rosary devotion services take place at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She will lie in state Monday, July 15, from 9:30 a.m. until the



Michael Novak

funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will take place at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Michael Novak

Michael Novak, 72, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Wednesday, July 3, 2024, after an 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born Feb. 25, 1952, in Detroit, to Frank and Mary (nee Binsfield) Novak.

Mike attended St. Matthew Elementary School, Bishop Gallagher High School, Macomb Community College, where he earned an associate degree in criminal justice, and Wayne State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He excelled in track and cross country at both Macomb and Wayne State, earning All-American status at Macomb. To this day, he holds the steeplechase record at Wayne State.

After college, he became a top runner in the state of Michigan, running the Detroit Free Press Marathon and Boston Marathon several times. Mike often could be found running 5K to 10K road races around Michigan. He won the very first Grosse Pointe Fun Run.

His love for athletics extended beyond fandom as he coached thousands of students over 40 years at St. Paul School, where he taught for 32 years, and at Grosse Pointe South High School, as a cross country and track coach up to and including this year. His teams achieved great success, including girls state champions, numerous conference championships for boys and girls, and CYO state champions for boys and girls.

Michael was a long-time storyteller. His love for comic books, science fiction and fantasy were a part of his life since he was a child. After retiring from teaching, he decided to take that passion and become an author. Using characters he created with friends, he wrote “The Way of the Wandering Wizard,” followed by its sequel, “The Warrior and the Wandering Wizard.”

Michael was a great man, husband, father, papa, coach, teacher, leader and mentor to many. He had a tremendous impact on the lives he touched. He was active in the Grosse Pointe community in these attributes for more than 40 years.

More than any of this, Michael was a loving son, brother, husband, amazing dad and wonderful grandad. Michael is survived by wife of 46 years, Kim (nee Barry) Novak; sons, Adam (Sara) and Barry; and daughters, Mary and Shannon. He also is survived by his



Norma Ann Ceravolo

brothers, Don (Anne) and Joe Novak; and sisters, Nancy Presto (Bob) and Mary Lou Weber (Bob). He was a beloved papa to his granddaughters, Hazel, Ruby and

Marigold Novak; his first grandson is due this August. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

An additional Celebration of Life takes place 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, on the Grosse Pointe South track. This is a time for all friends, former students, former and present track and cross country athletes to share their stories about Coach Novak.

Find details on Facebook or by contacting the family.

Cards and condolences also may be sent to the family.

Norma Ann Ceravolo

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Norma Ann Ceravolo, 101, passed away Monday, June 10, 2024, two months short of her 102nd birthday.

Norma was born Aug. 15, 1922, in East Orange, N.J., to Anthony and Rose Sciortino. When Norma was a child, the Sciortino family moved to St. Louis, where they grew and thrived in what Norma described as a happy and carefree childhood.

Norma lived there until marrying Albert J. Ceravolo, M.D., on June 16, 1945, just two days after Albert’s medical school graduation from St. Louis University. After their wedding, Norma moved to Albert’s family home in Aliquippa, Pa., where he completed his internship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The Sciortino family and St. Louis remained dear to Norma all her life. The city remains home to multiple generations of Norma’s siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In 1950, Albert and Norma moved to Detroit as Albert completed his specialty in anesthesia. In 1953, they relocated to the City of Grosse Pointe, where they raised their family and called Washington Road home for the next 70 years.

Norma devoted her life to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and neighbor. Her cheerful spirit, kindness of heart and witty sense of humor endeared her to everyone who knew her. Her kitchen door was open to all and became crowded at a moment’s notice.

Norma will be dearly missed by her children, Elaine Stein (the late Don), A.J. Ceravolo, Nancy Ceravolo (Bruce Updyke), MaryAnn Ceravolo, Fran Gough (Bob) and Rosanne



Frederick G. Rinke Sr.

Ellison (Hank). She was adored by her nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, who were a constant presence around her kitchen table, usually enjoying her Italian cooking.

Norma was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Rose; sisters, Rose and Violet; and brother, Angelo. Norma is also survived by her loving sister, Mary Leone; and dear brother, Anthony Sciortino, D.C.

A private family funeral service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her honor to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Frederick George Rinke Sr.

Frederick George Rinke Sr., 82, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024.

He was born Dec. 6, 1941, to Edgar Rinke Sr. and Frances Rinke, both now deceased.

He was formerly married to Kay Rinke and is the beloved father of Suzanne Wheatley (Stephen), Frederick Rinke Jr. (Elizabeth) and the late Joseph Rinke; loving grandfather of Frederick Rinke III, Anne Rinke, Frances Rinke, Hannah Wheatley and Stephen Wheatley II; and beloved brother of Edgar Rinke Jr.

Fred spent a lifetime in the family business, Ed Rinke Chevrolet Buick GMC/Center Line, which his father started in 1917. He was passionate about every aspect of the car dealership, but took particular interest in used cars. Fred was vice president and general manager and worked until the day he passed.

Fred was an avid Corvette enthusiast. He loved spending time collecting Corvettes and Corvette memorabilia. He could wow anyone with endless stories about Chevrolet, Corvettes and the history behind the brand.

Fred also loved sports. He held season tickets to the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Lions throughout his lifetime. He loved going to sporting events, as well as watching them on television.

Fred’s family was everything to him. He particularly enjoyed watching his grandchildren’s school activities and sporting events. He brought fun and laughter to each get-together and managed to leave his family with plenty of good jokes and stories to last a lifetime.

Fred will be remembered for his dedication to family and the car business. He also will be remembered for his sense of humor. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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Rosalie “Lee” Amory Miller

City of Grosse Pointe resident Rosalie “Lee” Amory Miller, 92, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Lee was born June 3, 1932, in Evanston, Ill., to Madelaine and Eugene Amory. Since Lee was an only child, she prioritized developing and maintaining lifelong friendships to build a bigger “family.”

Lee attended DePauw University, where she joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, in which she was active as an alumna most of her life. She then transferred to and graduated from Michigan State University, where she met Detroit resident Richard “Dick” Miller. The two married in June 1953, at Fort Lee in Virginia, where Dick was stationed in the U.S. Army. After Dick completed his service, they moved to Grosse Pointe, where they raised three sons and enjoyed 63 years of marriage until Dick died in 2016.

Lee and Dick held dear the friendships not only from Lee’s childhood, but also those they made together with MSU classmates, Dick’s Army buddies, their Grosse Pointe neighbors and fellow parishioners of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church (GPWPC) and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (GPMC), where Lee served as an elder and deacon and was on several councils over the years. Also dear to Lee were the friends she made with members of her tennis league and bridge groups, as well as people she and Dick met through their more than 50-year membership at Gowanie Golf Club, where Lee was an active and skilled golfer. Lee and Dick also appreciated getting together with the few extended relatives they had spread across the U.S. and Canada.

Lee cherished her three sons, David (Fran), Kenneth (Anne) and Scott (Amy). Lee was so proud to become a grandmother that Dick purchased a vanity license plate for Lee’s car celebrating their six grandchildren, Claire (Brad), Elise (Christopher), Collin (Claire), Charlie, Lydia and Caroline. In 2016, Lee became a great-grandmother and by 2023, she had seven great-grandchildren.

Lee loved attending the athletic and artistic events in which her grandchildren participated, traveling around the state of Michigan to do so happily.



Rosalie Amory Miller

Lee had a lifelong love of music and was a talented singer. She participated in church choir as a youth, majored in vocal music at DePauw and took special joy in participating for decades as an alto with the talented choirs of GPWPC and GPMC. Lee greatly admired the GPMC music program and was proud to be a patron of its Music at Memorial concert series. She also was a supporter and frequent attendee of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, particularly with her regular Friday coffee concert group, for many years.

Until the day Lee died, she remembered the words to hymns, show tunes and college fight songs and quickly could identify classical music pieces. She was an example of the enduring connection between music and memory, even when the years have taken their toll on mind and body.

A memorial service will be held for Lee at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The service can be live-streamed or watched later via the church’s website, gpmchurch.org. Lee’s sons will be available for visitation in the church sanctuary at 10 a.m. Lee’s remains will be interred with those of her husband in the GPMC columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lee’s name may be made to the music ministries of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, onrealm.org/GrossePointeMem/-/form/give/GPMC. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

MEMORIAL

Nancy Eggleston Huckins

Jan. 24, 1929
— Sept. 10, 2023

A memorial service for Nancy Eggleston Huckins takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Her full obituary appeared in the Sept. 28, 2023, Grosse Pointe News.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Rotary member

Inaugural Grosse Pointe Gathering takes place July 17

Proceeds benefit spiritual care fund at Corewell Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The community is invited to show its support of Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital by attending the first Grosse Pointe Gathering, which takes place 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the private home of Bill and Darrene Baer in Grosse Pointe Shores. The event is presented by Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan.

Darrene Baer, who serves on the hospital’s fundraising committee, volunteered to host the event in her backyard, which overlooks Lake St. Clair.

“It’s important to support health care in the community,” she said. “Everybody should come and join us. It should be a wonderful night on the lake to support our local hospital.”

Proceeds from the event benefit the hospital’s spiritual care endowment fund, which helps further integrate the medical and spiritual care needs of patients, families and caregivers, as well as enhances patient outcomes. It’s that focus that makes the hospital something Baer is proud to support. “I think this community needs to sustain and nurture the jewel we have at Corewell



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill and Darrene Baer will host the first Grosse Pointe Gathering at their Grosse Pointe Shores home.

Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital,” she said. “We all want to receive the best health care — spiritually, mentally and physically. Corewell Beaumont Grosse Pointe feels like a boutique hospital with top treatment and care. It’s intimate and relaxed, but with state-of-the-art technology

and top doctors and nurses. It’s very impressive.

“... People go to a hospital for healing and so many times the hospital doesn’t have spiritual or mental care,” she added. “Corewell Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital feels relaxed. They care about you. It’s a whole body experience.”

- Event Co-chairs and Host Sponsors**
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 - ◆ Jana and Steve Brownell
 - ◆ Mary Kay and Keith Crain
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 - ◆ Megan Jetton
 - ◆ Mary Naz

Guests to the Baer residence are invited to wear summer attire to the event, which includes a short program, cocktail hour, a strolling dinner, lawn games, a putting contest, casino table games and live entertainment.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Sponsorships also are available.

Purchase tickets or learn more by calling Ashley Welti at (947) 522-0574, emailing ashley.welti@corewellhealth.org or visiting beaumont.org/giving/events

“It’s important to support health care,” Baer said. “We want to be the best hospital we can be by supporting the administrators, doctors and nurses so they can best help their patients.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, teens from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools were instrumental in planning and carrying out the event. Below, Scott Teichmer gives the keynote address.

Raising awareness

The Family Center, Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe North Peer 2 Peer students and the Grosse Pointe South Wellness Club planned the eighth annual Mental Health Fair and Suicide Prevention Walk, which took place Saturday, May 11, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The purpose of the event was to show community-wide support to those affected by suicide and bring awareness to a variety of mental health resources available in the area. The event included 20 local

vendors dedicated to mental health.

Students from North’s Peer 2 Peer Club and South’s Wellness Club spoke, followed by keynote speaker, Scott Teichmer, a suicide prevention facilitator and suicide attempt survivor, who talked about his personal experience with suicide.

Funds were raised for Kevin’s Song, a local nonprofit whose mission is to empower communities to save lives and offer hope and healing to survivors. Visit kevinssong.org for more information.



EVENTS:

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19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org

◆ Candlelight Open-Air Concert: A Tribute to Beyonce, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.

◆ War Memorial Family Picnic, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Includes a bounce house, music, games, a caricature artist and more.

Dio Rockers will give his new member talk. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

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://www.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.

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DISPLAY:

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“I love movement in sculpture,” he said. “A sculpture that moves is engaging. It speaks to the architect in me; I love to see how things work. ... A really good architect builds things that don’t fall apart.”

After he and his business partner sold their firm in 2006, LaFerle’s lifelong passion for art was reignited.

“There was a long time when art was only related to my career,” he said. “Then I just started painting again. I’m self-taught. I have fun with it. I love the act of creating art. I’m not looking to become the next big thing. I just do what I enjoy, unapologetically. It’s all for me.”

The theme of the exhibition fits with the artist’s love for Ray Bradbury-esque circuses: “The circus comes to a small town at night and sets up, then the next day — bang! — there’s this magical world. And a week later, it’s gone. Or like P.T. Barnum, bringing elephants and bringing things people had never seen. I’m presenting things in a way that’s along those lines. I wanted to paint that kind of picture.”

Which explains the crow, skull and other oddities that dot LaFerle’s exhibition.

“He has based it all on what’s called cabinets of curiosity,” Pope noted, “which are considered the foundation for today’s museums.”

Interpretations of each



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAREN POPE

“Mercado” by Doug LaFerle.

piece are left to the viewer’s imagination.

“I’m not going into it thinking this is exactly the point I want to make,” LaFerle said. “I want to make people work for it.”

LaFerle earned the solo show after winning Best of Show in the GPAA “Table Talk” exhibition, which was displayed November 2023 to January 2024.

“Curiouser and Curiouser” is set to remain up until Friday, July 26, though Pope hopes to extend its stay.

Down below

A third exhibition, “Art from the Garden,” is displayed in the lower level of The War Memorial, in its Patriot Gallery. The show features nine artists who were part of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center’s Garden Tour last month.

“I thought it would be fun to feature some of them,” Pope said. “We asked nine artists who



Doug LaFerle

were on the tour to bring work they had done in the gardens, but also some of their favorite pieces.”

The show includes works from Anna Sophia Abundis, Mary Dice, Robert Fionda, Maggie Greene, Cathy Huntoon, Adwoa Muwzea, Victor Pytko, Bridget Sullivan and Mary Zabawski.

It will stay on display until the end of August.

Get hands-on

For those not just interested in viewing art, GPAA offers a series of classes through the remainder of summer.

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

◆ 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.

◆ Graffiti Quilting with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

◆ Triple the Fun: Abstraction and Realism in Watercolor and Ink with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

◆ Combining Pen and Ink with Watercolor, with Paula Fiebich, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 7 to 28.

◆ Portraits in the Style of Henri Gervex with Donald Cronkhite, 10



Above, LaFerle’s “Media Darling.” Below, his kinetic piece, “Ornithology.”

a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15, 22 and 29.

◆ Basic Block Printing on Fabric with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Registration closes Aug. 10, so supplies can be assembled.

“We’re encouraging participation by everyone of all ages,” Pope said. “We’re reaching outside of Grosse Pointe, working really hard to make this institution represent the best of what art can mean to the community.”

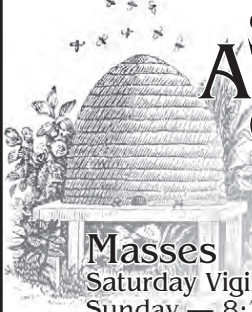
To register for a GPAA class, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.



LaFerle’s “Dad’s Younger Brother.”



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Leadership change for Grosse Pointe Rotary Club

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe held its Passing of the Gavel ceremony Wednesday, June 19, at Grosse Pointe Club, as Philip MacKethan ended his term and Neil Sroka assumed the presidency.

“We’ve gathered tonight to enjoy the fellowship that is the hallmark of Rotary, here in Grosse Pointe and around the globe,” Past President Ted Everingham, emcee for the evening, told the crowd. “But more than that, we are here to celebrate Philip MacKethan’s year as president, to thank him for his time, for his commitment, for his leadership.

“Our club is larger tonight than it was a year ago and I submit to you it also is a bit better,” he continued. “Phil would be quick to tell you that he cannot and will not take all of the credit for that, that there were so many others involved in achieving those successes.”

MacKethan would later say the club had 71 members a year ago, with 73 now and four more about to join.

After Everingham’s welcoming remarks, the club held its traditional three toasts. They were:

- ◆ President Elect Jackie Dale — to the United States and its current and future president;
- ◆ Past President Jon Gandelot — to Rotarians in Canada; and
- ◆ Past President Kim Towar — to Rotary itself.

A special fourth toast was given by Sroka in

honor of Juneteenth. That was followed by a moment of silence for Florence Seltzer, the only club member to pass away in the last year. Everingham said Seltzer, known as “Feisty Florence,” died in April, three months shy of her 89th birthday. She was a member 21 years but was involved with the club more than 40 years through her husband’s membership.

Several Rotarians received awards and District Gov. Russ Jones swore in the new board members, in addition to Sroka and Dale: President Nominee Dave Colton; Secretary Paul Rentenbach; Treasurer Judy Masserang; and directors Cissie Cappola, Stephen Cornillie, Eva Habib, Jessica Keyser, John Mozena and Doris Neal-Van Tam.

Lisa Gandelot is the new president of the club’s foundation, with William J. Scott III as treasurer and directors David Earley, Suzanne Klein, Bob Lucas, Paul Rentenbach, Diane Strickler, Dean Valente and Mark Weber.

“Last year I jokingly said that all I wanted to do was to make sure I didn’t break the club,” MacKethan said during his remarks. “But my real goal was to improve meeting attendance and membership and my strategy was to bring high-quality speakers to our meetings. I think we were successful.”

He mentioned that his decision to move speakers to the beginning of each meeting put more focus on them. He also added a line item to the budget to send the president elect to the annual



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER MAYERNIK

Neil Sroka, left, the new president of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, accepts the gavel from Phil MacKethan, immediate past president.

International Rotary Conference.

“I had originally envisioned this for the president but the wisdom of my board came through as they pointed out the benefits of sending the president elect as they prepare for their year of leadership,” he said. “What a great opportunity for our future leaders.”

Everingham then introduced Sroka, noting it was an article in the Grosse Pointe News about the club switching from noon Monday meetings to evening Wednesday ones was what led the new president to join.

“In the year ahead, the task for all of us is not to reinvent the wheel or rescue a sinking ship, it’s to discover how we can do even more with the many strengths we already have as a club,” Sroka said.

He also explained

why he accepted the nomination of the past presidents committee.

“I said yes because it was easy to say yes to all of you,” he said. “I said yes because the leaders of a club that has stood the test of time asked me to step up and give back and I know that’s what it takes for us to remain strong and vibrant.”

Rotarian Awards

- ◆ Director’s Award: Heather Mayernik
Presented to the Rotarian who most emulates the quality of “Service Above Self” espoused by Rotary’s founder, Paul Harris.
- ◆ Rookie of the Year Award: Amanda DeVeaux
Presented to a new Rotarian who has gotten involved in any avenue of service above and beyond what would be expected of a new member.
- ◆ Rising Star Award: Doug Horst
Presented to a newer Rotarian who has been involved in an ongoing manner in any avenue of service, demonstrating leadership at a level not normally demonstrated by a newer member.
- ◆ Service Above Self Award: Mark Cory
Presented to a Rotarian who has spent their years in Rotary always helping others and supporting the activities of the club at every meeting.
- ◆ Frank Slayden Visionary Award: Ted Everingham
Presented to the Rotarian who demonstrates the greatest ability to visualize and act upon the positive future of Rotary, focusing not only on the club but also on Rotary International as a whole.
- ◆ Beacon Award: John Mozena
Presented to the individual who may or may not be a club member, but who, through their actions, shines a positive light on the club for the entire community to see.
- ◆ Rotarian of the Year Award: Jackie Dale
Presented to a Rotarian who has demonstrated a desire to say “yes” to any request, always ready and willing to help the president in any manner.

Club-to-club donation

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club recently received a generous donation from the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club to support Project SMART and its efforts to purchase a Medicine Safe Disposal Kiosk for the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department.

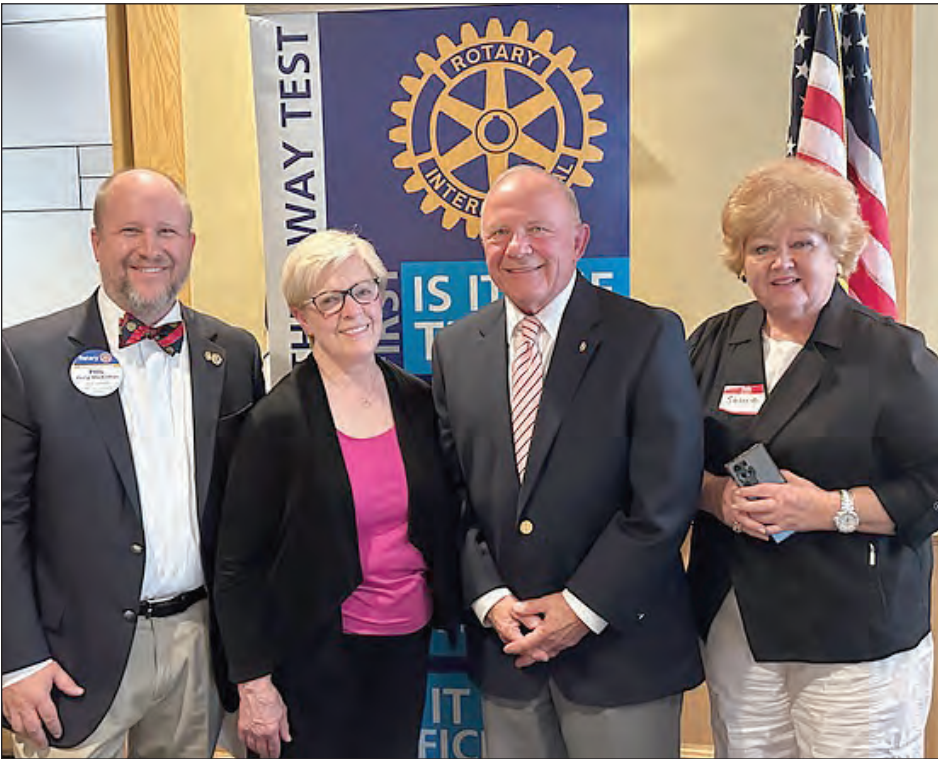


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Pictured from left are Grosse Pointe Rotary Past President Philip MacKethan, Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation Past President Judy Masserang, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Project SMART Chairman Dennis Hyduk and Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones.

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Grandma is teaching my kids bad eating habits

Dear Gabby: My mother-in-law gives my kids junk food every time we go over there. I try to bring over portioned healthy fruit and snacks to show her the types of food we eat, but they go uneaten and unappreciated. I'm afraid my kids are picking up bad habits.

— Foodie in the Farms

Dear Foodie,

Please stop acting like a Karen (as the kids say). Let Grandma spoil her grandchildren as she sees fit and don't take away their joy. You can feed your children what you like the other 99.9 percent of the time (which we applaud, of course). Try to see the big picture here and don't

sweat the small stuff. The kids will have fond memories of their grandparents, get some treats, and bask in the love of their extended family.

— Gabby

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Text messages brings trust issues

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I have been married for 21 years. Our sex life has been very active, but other than that, he's never shown me public affection. Whenever we go out, whether it's to the store, kids' concerts, open house at school, or sports tournaments, he never walks with me. In fact, he usually walks far in front of me and never holds my hand. Neither of us has much of a social life because we're so busy with the kids' sports practices and travel tournaments. So

having an affair would be a bit difficult. That being said, my husband loves talking to people while we're out at these tournaments, and because he was pretty well known for his abilities in this specific sport, women just flock to him. He's also an amazing coach for these young kids. He just does an amazing job and the kids love him. So when we were at a tournament and he received a text, I opened it thinking it was something regarding the games. Instead, it was a picture (nonsexual but somewhat

romantic) from a woman he used to work with. I was upset, so I scrolled through all of their texts and came across a message from her saying she loved him. He didn't respond, though of course he could have erased it and mistakenly left hers, or he could have called her. I became really upset and screamed at him, and he turned it around on me. He said that, since I work in a male-dominated environment, I must have done things as well. There is no truth to this accusation because I love my

family. He's being rotten to me now, and I'm at a loss about what to believe or not believe. Please don't recommend marriage counseling because that's just not us. In all honesty, what do you think? — Lost in NY

DEAR LOST IN NY: In all honesty, I think your marriage has a bigger hole in the bucket than you want to acknowledge. I'm sure he is an amazing man, as you say, and I KNOW that marriage counseling could help both of you



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

vent your feelings honestly, but if that is not for both of you, then I would recommend that you find your own therapist to explore your hurt feelings. Have you ever told your husband that it would be nice to hold hands in public, or for him to put his arm around you when you walk? His suggestion that you must have "done things as well" at work

because it is a male-dominated environment is troubling. By "things," does he mean flirting or cheating? Big difference, and talking together will help both of you sort out what is going on.

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

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A Middle Eastern/Lebanese neighborhood gem

There's no argument that our bubble — these charming five Pointes — would be nothing without some of the best mom-and-pop shops around. That includes services and retail, most common for small businesses, but we are blessed with many family-owned and operated restaurants as well. When you swing open the front door of Lyla's Catering, you're literally looking directly at one of the most energetic, hardworking families this community has. Bill and Lyla Saigh are the blood, sweat and falafel that make Lyla's the Middle Eastern/Lebanese neighborhood gem it is. After many years working in the corporate world, Bill and Lyla decided it was time for a change. That change was something they knew they could provide to the community they both grew up in. With Bill's background in business and Lyla's background in culinary from her days at Schoolcraft College, and her love and knowledge of Lebanese cuisine, they decided a carryout deli style of Mediterranean and Lebanese cuisine was exactly what this neighborhood needed. Lyla's doors opened Dec. 1, 2013, at 20083 Mack Ave. Keeping it a family business, next to Lyla in the kitchen is Bill's cousin, Lisa, and a close family acquaintance, Jamie. Collectively, this team is a well-oiled machine, with the additional help of a few high school students who

work after-school hours as well. Aside from their made-to-order sandwiches — chicken shawarma being a favorite — and excellent fattoush salads, their meat pies (filled with ground lamb, pine nuts, onions and spices) and spinach pies steal the show. Handmade over a two-day process, they mix the soft-dough recipe by hand, never by machine, "so we can feel the process of when the dough comes together to create the soft dough needed to hold the filling, while at the same time giving the pie the velvety softness of the dough," Lyla explained. They mix the dough the day before, allowing time for rising and cooling before hand stuffing and baking. You don't want to grab an order of these famous pies without also grabbing a container of Bill's famous humous, found in the grab-and-go cooler. The pairing of the two is perfection. Also in the cooler, you can normally find sides of Lyla's excellent grape leaves, baba ganoush, bean salad and chicken salad. And in the summer months, you'll find already prepared

entrées, such as chicken parmesan or Swedish meatballs, as well as soups, other sides and dips. Roughly eight years ago, Bill's cousin came up with the idea of doing a family meal once a week, for one set price. This was a way Lyla could showcase her fabulous cooking skills and recipes other than what the restaurant offered regularly. Every Sunday morning, from September to June, Bill takes to the Lyla's Catering Facebook page and posts a weekly update by 9 a.m. Here is where you'll find what the Wednesday family meal deal is. It'll always include a main entrée, salad, bread and dessert of Lyla's choice. The portions of these dinners are enough to share. Easily a family of four could get two orders and probably still have leftovers. Some of my personal favorites over the years have been city chicken, roasted pork tenderloin and the best eggplant parmesan ever. When asked what the most popular dinner is, Lyla said by far it's her

meat lasagna. And let me tell you, coming from someone who's 100 percent Italian, that's not a surprise. The size and flavor of one piece alone is insane. It's a hearty portion of homemade lasagna made with a ricotta custard filling, layered with mozzarella and parmesan cheese, and covered with a meat sauce. With an average price of \$13.99 to \$15.99 per meal, you can't go wrong with the portion, flavor and freshness. These make great meals for busy school and work nights during the week, as well as elderly parents, grandparents or neighbors who have a hard time preparing home-cooked meals. Some other popular meals that sell fast are the half slab of ribs and traditional meatloaf. To secure an order, you need to comment how many dinners you would like in the comment section of Bill's Sunday Facebook post. Pickup for these meals is anytime after 5 p.m. that Wednesday. They sell out fast, averaging 80 to 120 meals each Wednesday. Most people even set an



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina



Grape leaves and salads

Lyla's now offer party trays for all types of events, with the choice of traditional Lebanese specialties and non-traditional Lebanese foods as well. Half trays and full trays are available, hot and ready to serve, or get them cold with reheating instructions. Orders come with a personal phone call from Lyla herself, to go over everything specifically. All menu items can be found on the website under "catering." Allow at least 48 hours to provide enough time for everything to be made to their highest of standards for your guests and a seamless catering experience for the host. Time flies when you're having fun. When Bill and Lyla started this business, their son, Mark, could reg-

ularly be seen sitting behind the counter, feet dangling from the chair, working on his homework. The community has watched him grow, as he is now off to college soon. "We started off as a husband-and-wife team with a vision of just wanting to offer the community a new choice in eating fresh healthy food," Lyla said. "How much more can Bill and I ask for? We truly are blessed." Well guys, you have succeeded tremendously and this community is also truly blessed to have you sharing your family recipes with all of us. Follow along with Bill and Lyla on Facebook at Lyla's Catering. Fun fact: 81 DOZEN meat/spinach pies is the current record of pies ordered for one event. Stay tuned. Stay hungry.



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Meat Pies



Wednesday Meal Deal: Eggplant parmesan



Wednesday Meal Deal: Roasted pork tenderloin



Chicken shawarma sandwich



Chicken fattoush salad

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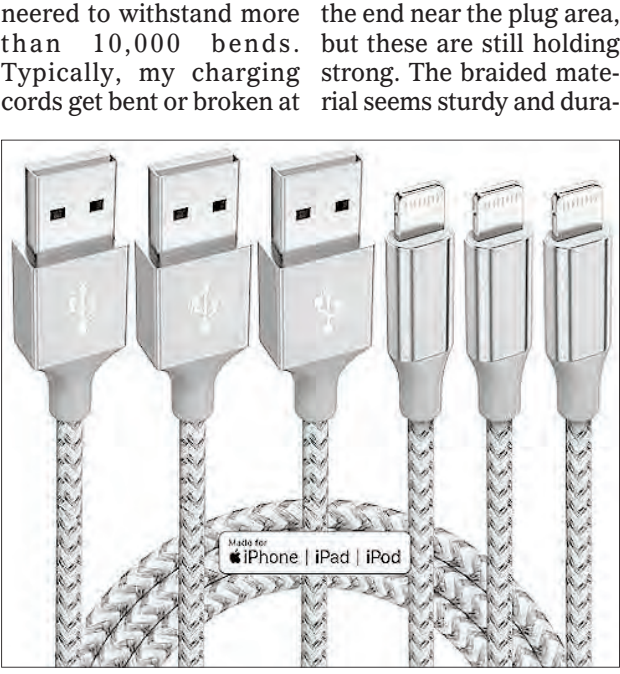
by Anna Lizer



For the longest time, I've been using the charging cord that came with my iPhone. The cord is only three feet long and seems way too short. My bed and desk are not near an outlet, so I end up leaving my phone on the ground to charge overnight or while I'm finishing work at my desk.

A few months ago, I invested in a three-pack of 10-foot-long charging cords from Amazon. They are made of braided cable and claim to be fast-charging, so for the inexpensive price of \$9.99, I decided to give them a try.

After six months of daily use, they are still working great. The cords are engi-



neered to withstand more than 10,000 bends. Typically, my charging cords get bent or broken at the end near the plug area, but these are still holding strong. The braided material seems sturdy and durable, and they are convenient in my office and next to my bed.

In addition to durability, the braided design provides additional protection from tangles and knots, making it easier to store them anywhere.

These are also convenient in hotel rooms or places where the outlets are in funky spots. The 10-foot length is long enough to span across most rooms, so charging in any space is a breeze.

Fast charging is another highlight of these cables. They efficiently charge my devices at a quick pace, saving me valuable time.

The sturdy lightning

connectors fit snugly into my devices without any wobbling or connection interruptions.

Overall, switching to these 10-foot braided charging cords has significantly improved my charging experience. The combination of durability, extended reach and fast-charging capability makes them an excellent investment.

No longer do I have to struggle with short cords that barely reach my bed-side or desk. These cables provide the flexibility and reliability I need, both at home and on the go.

For anyone tired of constantly replacing flimsy charging cords or dealing

with inconveniently placed outlets, I highly recommend giving these braided cables a try. They've certainly made my life easier and more convenient. I am giving these cords 5 out of 5 alligators.

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com.

5 Out Of 5



Chicken milanese with arugula salad

By Olivia Monette
Guest writer

Our beloved Mombeau is out of the office this week and we are filling in with one of our favorite, easy recipes. One of my favorite Instagram content creators, @maxiskitchen, shared this recipe and it's truly such a great, simple dinner!

I love this dish because it's easy to prepare and makes me feel like a chef every time.

The chicken is crispy, the salad is fresh and tangy and I just feel so healthy when I make this.

Speaking from experience, this meal pairs well with a glass of white wine or a Diet Coke. It's all about balance.

This recipe serves two people.

Chicken Milanese	Olive oil
2 chicken breasts	Salt and pepper to taste
Salt and pepper	
1/2 cup flour	
2 eggs	
1/2 cup panko bread-crumbs	
1/2 cup Italian bread-crumbs	
1/3 cup grated parmesan	
Avocado or olive oil spray	
Arugula Salad	
4 cups arugula	
10 cherry tomatoes sliced in half	
1/4 cup shaved parmesan	
Lemon juice	



PHOTO BY OLIVIA MONETTE

to 15 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165 F.

While the chicken is baking, combine arugula, cherry tomatoes and parmesan in a bowl. Dress with lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper. Serve the salad with the chicken on top. Enjoy!



Gourmet group

One of the most enjoyable aspects of wine is enjoying it with friends who are like-minded. Wine can be daunting to newcomers, so I solved that problem long ago when I created a small gourmet group.

Newcomers to wine were welcome and soon were won over to wine's finer aspects.

I figured that if I could entice two other couples to agree to get together on a regular basis to share wines, eventually those with less knowl-

edge would gain greater insight, and the experiences would be so sybaritic that people wouldn't want to miss a meeting.

The first group I formed was in the early 1980s. It was just three couples (two married friends and us). We gathered for what we agreed would be casual food and good wines. Our group had no name, but it was the envy of friends who lived just far enough away that it made no sense for them to join us.

We started one night

with only chardonnays. One was a Pouilly-Fuisse from France's Maconnais. And I can see why this wine was a little hard to appreciate: It was fairly tart. The best wine that night was the more succulent 1977 Trefethen chardonnay, the second most expensive wine. It cost me \$7.50!

Subsequent events proved more interesting. We kept the themes simple. Zinfandel was more popular than event No. 3, petite sirah. The latter was wonderful, but the host served food that was so light the wine overpowered it.

Doing your own homegrown gourmet group doesn't have to entail anything expensive. But a few simple rules can make it more meaningful.

1. Try to aim for one bottle for each couple. With three couples, we

would have three or four bottles. Each individual agrees to bring one that conforms to the evening's theme.

2. Choose a theme that works best with the food that the host of that evening event chooses as the main dish. If it's pasta or meat with red sauce, Chianti is good. If it's fillet of sole, perhaps try sauvignon blanc or pinot blanc.

3. The host usually brings an extra bottle of the theme wine in case one bottle turns out to be either spoiled or terrible.

4. Small notepads or index cards allow guests to take notes. It is also a good idea to leave the price tags on the bottles so participants know how much each wine costs.

5. Establish a price range for the wines. If the price range is too low, the wines will probably not be very distinctive. I'd choose a price range with a minimum of about \$15-\$20.

6. One basic rule is that the purchaser gets to take his or her wine home with them -- assuming there is some wine left in the bottle!

I believe that for educational purposes, the best strategy is to serve the

wines blind. Putting them into a brown paper bag or covering them with a layer of aluminum foil is the best strategy. Tasting without sight of the label can be humbling.

Wine of the Week:
2020 Scott Harvey Barbera, Amador County, Mountain Selection (\$24): Mature red fruit components leave the aroma, and the

taste is somewhat more succulent than it is tart, but the wine has perfect balance and would be a wonderful addition to a meal with meat and tomato sauced pastas.

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

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Drinking wine with friends is a great way to learn about wine because it allows you to practice the tasting process while discussing the wine with others.

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Left, Berenice Marlohe as Arielle and Anton Yelchin as Brian Bloom in the the 2014 movie “5 to 7,” written and directed by Victor Levin.

MOVIE REVIEW
“5 to 7”
2014 - Rated R
1 hr 35 min
★★★★☆

I’m befuddled as to why this enchanting movie isn’t better known. It has all the hallmarks of a classic romance film, complete with two perfectly cast leads, sharp writing, intimate camerawork, all set against the backdrop of vibrant New York City. It’s reminiscent of a classic Woody Allen film, minus the sarcastic dialogue. What’s not to like... I mean... love?

The film is narrated by young Brian Bloom (Anton Yelchin), a struggling writer with a wall of rejection letters in his apartment to keep him motivated. He introduces us to New York by telling us we can learn a lot about the city by reading the dedication plaques on its park benches. This is followed by a series of close ups of the messages, mainly commemorating various love affairs. These timeless

placards are sprinkled throughout the movie, adding to the romantic nature of the film. As he spends his days wandering through the city’s parks he observes that one is always “20 feet from someone you know or want to know.”

It turns out the “someone he wants to know” is right across the street from him one sunny afternoon. He spots a ravishingly beautiful woman having a smoke in front of the St. Regis Hotel. He quickly rushes over to her, lights up a cigarette and discovering she’s French, tries to impress her with his finest high school French.

The woman is Arielle (Berenice Marlohe), who’s gorgeous, charming and elegantly dressed. The young man instantly charms her, even though she’s clearly at least 10 years older than him. She reminded me a bit of Audrey Hepburn.

When he finds out her name is Arielle, he observes, “Oh, like the Little Mermaid!” He’s surprised she’s unfamiliar

with the famous Disney character. This is a subtle reminder about the differences in the two cultures.

The couple strikes up an instant friendship and the easy chemistry is apparent from the second they meet. Thus begins a beautiful love affair. Arielle is quick to point out that she’s happily married to a French diplomat and that she has two small children. However their affair is perfectly acceptable, as long as they restrict their visits to between five and seven in the late afternoon.

The film follows the young lovers as they explore the city together. They wander through parks, dine at sidewalk café’s, engage in wine and beer tastings, and visit the Guggenheim Museum. Arielle has a room at the St. Regis and naturally they take full advantage of it under the sheets.

She also mentions that her husband Valery (Lambert Wilson) not only knows about their affair, but has a lover of his own. And his mistress just happens to

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



work for one of the major book publishing houses. Quelle chance!

After all his hard work writing and submitting his stories to various magazines, he finally gets published in The New Yorker. Brian is so excited he invites his parents out to dinner to celebrate, and uses the opportunity to introduce them to Arielle. His oh-so-Jewish parents are perfectly portrayed by Glen Close and Frank Langella.

feature-length film. The ending will leave you with a wistful feeling, and will stick with you for several days.

I found it especially sad knowing the young Anton Yelchin died unexpectedly just a few years after making the movie. He was a very talented actor who had a brilliant career ahead of him. What a shame.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card), YouTube, AMC+, IFC Films Unlimited, and to rent on Prime Video.

★★★★ 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.

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

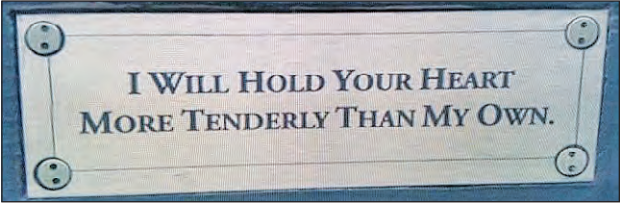
Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

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 of the placards laced throughout the film.



Brian’s parents Arlene played by Glen Close and Sam played by Frank Langella.



The couple’s first kiss in the Guggenheim art museum.



Arielle gives Brian a key to her personal hotel room.



The happy couple go for a stroll.



Arielle (Marlohe) and Brian (Yelchin) on a rainy NYC afternoon.



Arielle and Brian on another walk.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. EDT today (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 11, 2024:

You are charming, easygoing and diplomatic. You also have excellent problem-solving skills. This year you will reap the benefits from your past efforts and work. Expect a promotion, an award, kudos or some kind of recognition. Seize business opportunities.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

This is a marvelous, social day for you. It's a great time to schmooze with others. Enjoy social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids. Meet friends for coffee, lunch or dinner, or join the gang for happy hour. It's a marvelous date night! Tonight: Cooperate.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

You are high energy with Mars in your sign, plus you have a busy schedule. Surprise flirtations might catch you off guard today. You also might get an unexpected invitation. Meanwhile, this is the perfect day to entertain at home. You will also enjoy redecorating or discussing real estate plans. Tonight: Get organized.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Interactions with siblings, relatives and daily contacts will be warm and friendly today. In fact, a romance or flirtation might strike up with someone. Meanwhile, stock the fridge, because something unpredictable could impact home and family today. You might spontaneously entertain at home. Tonight: Play!

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Your daily routine will change today for some reason. Unexpected contacts might surprise you. You might take an unexpected short trip. New faces and new places will be stimulating. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for financial matters. Tonight: Relax.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today fair Venus is in your sign dancing with idealistic Neptune, which is the classic formula for love and romance. Enjoy schmoozing with others. New flirtations and relationships will begin for some of you. Meanwhile, bosses, parents and authority figures might surprise you. Tonight: Discussions.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which heightens your emotions. A surprise flirtation with someone "different" might be titillating. You might meet someone from another culture, or you might suddenly decide to travel. Meanwhile, love affairs are the stuff of movies. Tonight: Check your belongings.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a marvelous day to schmooze and enjoy the company of friends, groups and organizations. People admire you now, which means you will shine in the eyes of others. This is also one of the best date nights of the year! Enjoy good times. Tonight: You win!

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You make a marvelous impression on authority figures today, which includes parents, bosses, VIPs and the police. However, the impression you create is so attractive,

some of you will strike up a flirtation with a boss or authority figure. Tonight: Quiet times.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're the traveler of the zodiac, and today is the perfect day to travel and meet new people from different backgrounds. In fact, you might develop a flirtation with someone from another culture. Meanwhile, a parent or boss might surprise you. Tonight: Friendships.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Travel plans might change today. You also might meet someone interesting. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for financial negotiations, especially discussions about how to share something like an inheritance, because you'll come out smelling like a rose! Tonight: You're admired.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends today. This is the perfect day to socialize with others; however, double-check banking details. A surprise related to taxes, debt or shared property might occur. Tonight: Explore!

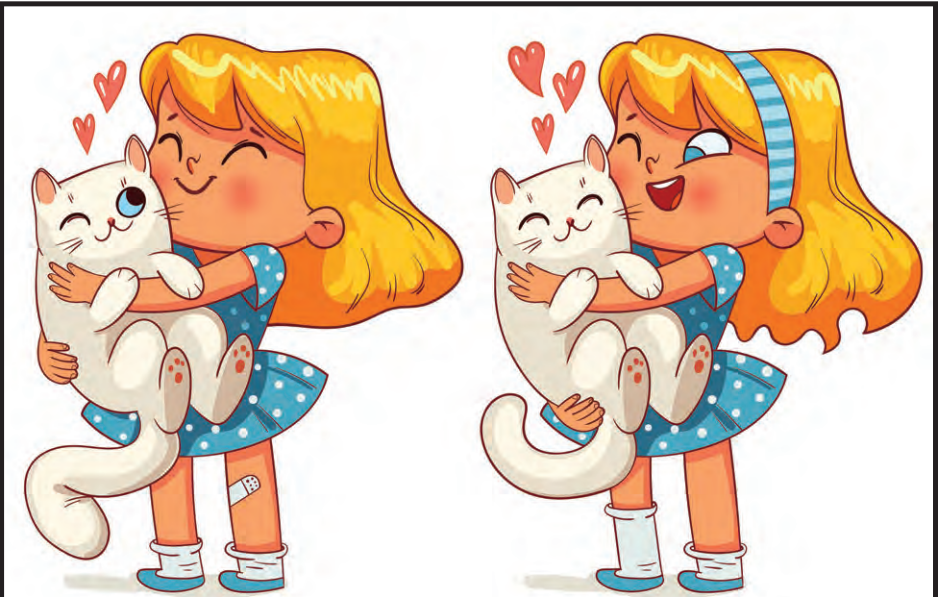
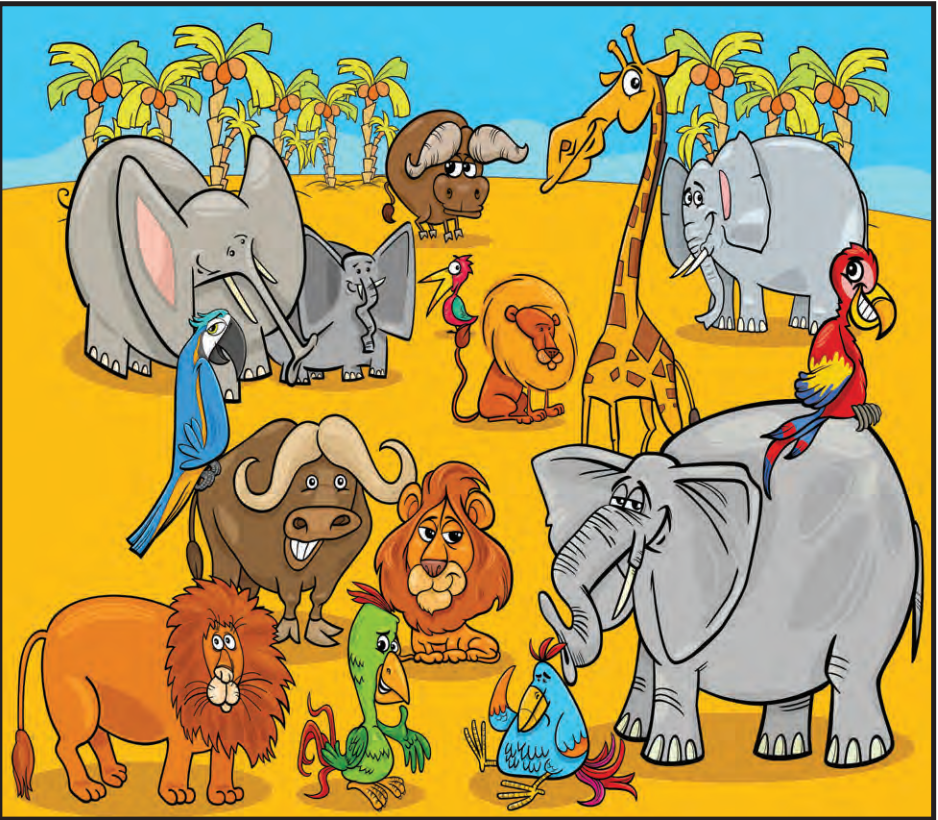
♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Make time to socialize. Sports events, entertaining outings, the arts, the hospitality industry, fun activities with kids and hanging out with friends will all be excellent choices for you. Everyone will love your friendly enthusiasm! Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY
Opera singer Megan Marie Hart (1983), opera singer Eric Owens (1970), actress Michelle Fairley (1963).

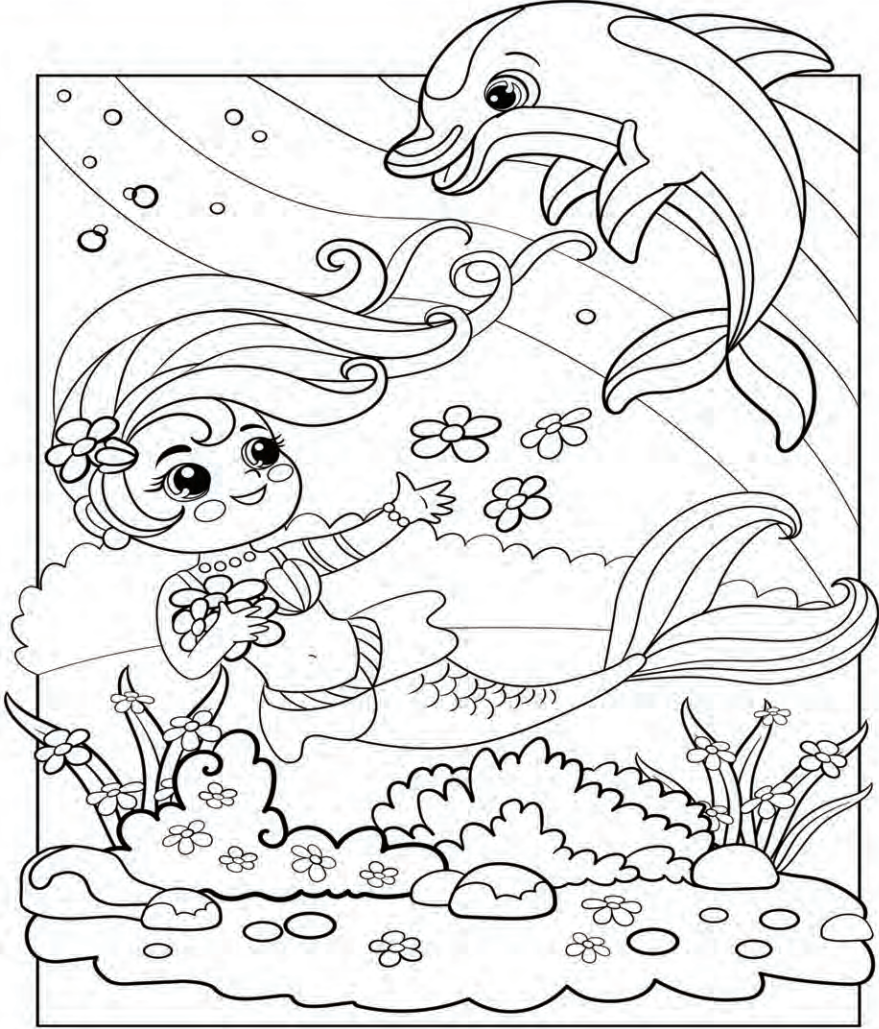


Find 10 Differences



Find 10 Differences

Color The Picture



Contract Bridge

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ J 7 2
♣ A K

WEST

♠ A 10
♥ 9 6
♦ A K Q 10 8 3
♣ 7 4 3

EAST

♠ J
♥ J 7 4 3 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J 10 8 6 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 8
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 9 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	4 ♦	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A fundamental rule of defensive play is that until proven otherwise, you should never credit declarer with a hand that would allow him to make the contract. Rather, you should try to picture holdings that would allow you to defeat the contract. At times these imagined holdings might seem farfetched, but, even so, it cannot be right to think in a manner that in effect

concedes the contract.

Let's say you're West in today's deal, defending against four spades. You cash the king of diamonds and continue with the queen as everyone follows suit. You assume that South has a good seven-card suit for his opening three-spade bid. How would you continue?

Looking at dummy's impressive hearts and clubs, you realize that you can't defeat the contract unless your side can score two trump tricks. All your thoughts should therefore be devoted to visualizing trump distributions that would allow your side to collect a second trump trick in addition to your ace.

You should conclude that if South has the K-Q-J-x-x-x-x of spades, scoring a second trump trick will not be possible. But if partner happens to hold the singleton jack or queen, you are in business.

So at trick three you continue with a third diamond, and just to be sure that partner ruffs with whatever trump he has, you lead a low diamond rather than the ace! As it happens, partner ruffs dummy's jack with the spade jack, and your ten of spades becomes the setting trick.

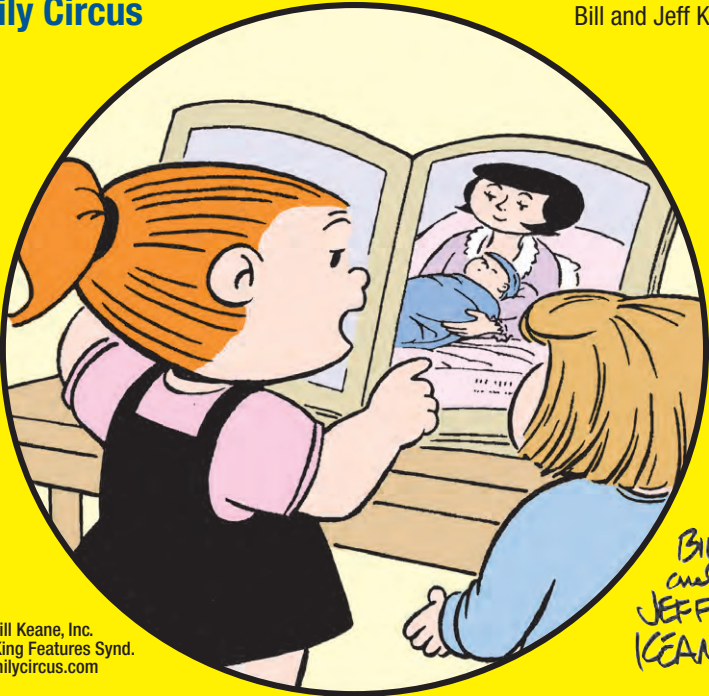
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"This is my mommy and PJ the day he was born. PJ's the one in the hat."

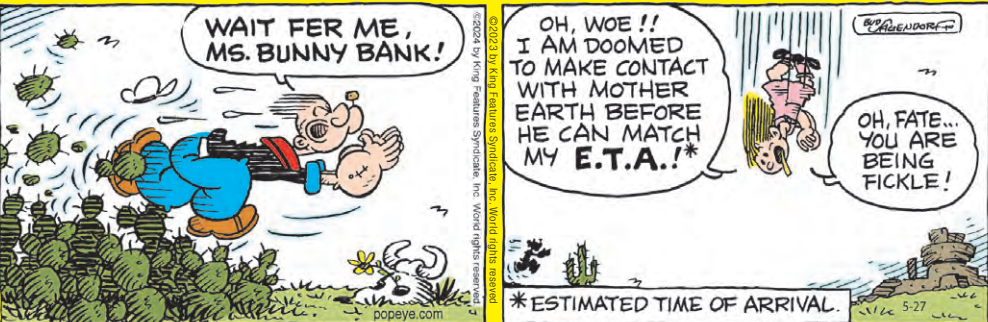
Garfield

Jim Davis



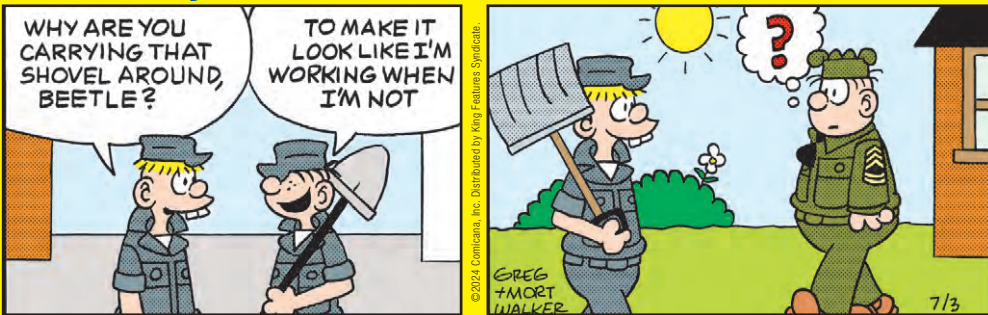
Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



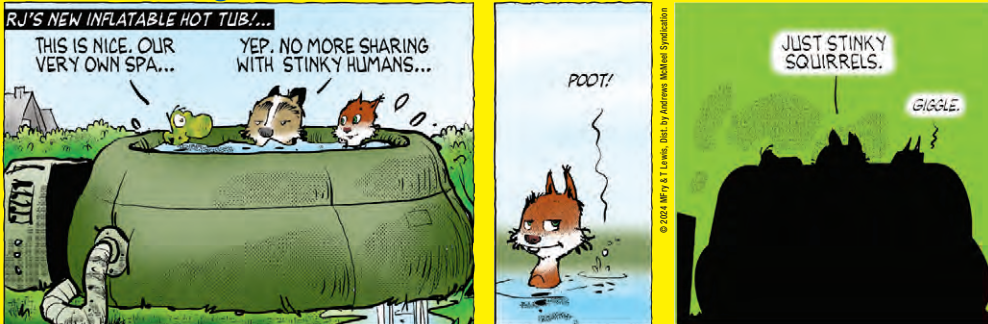
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Chris and Dean Young



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Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



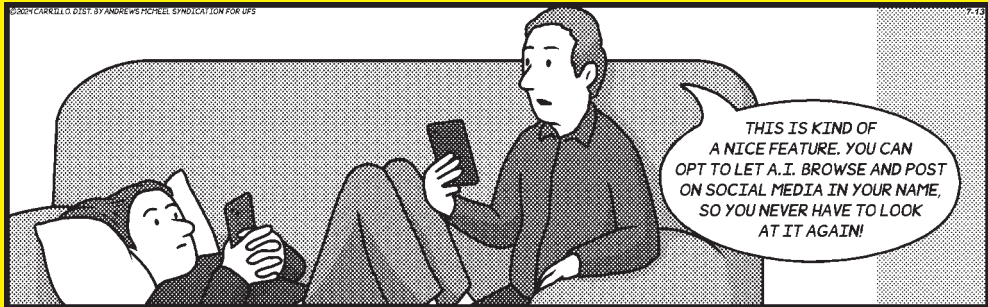
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F Minus

Tony Carrilo

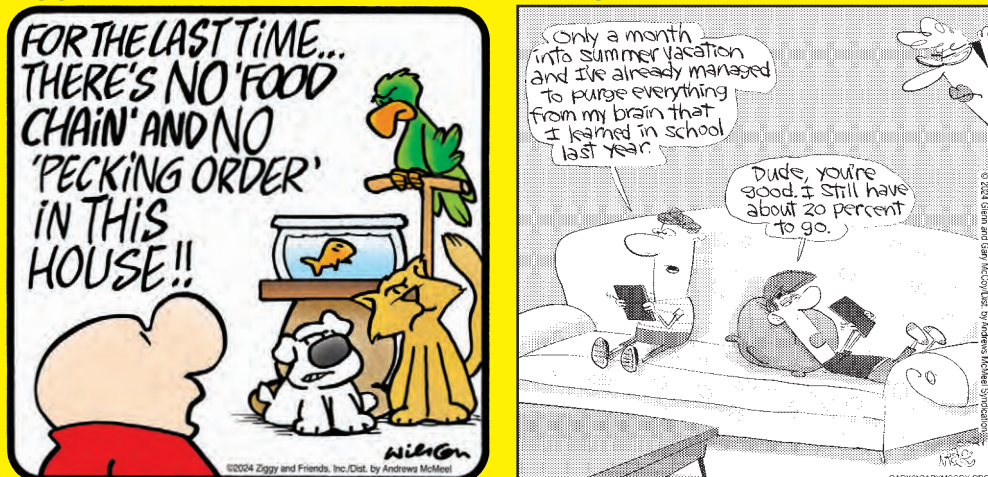


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	8	6					3

7/11

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

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

7/4 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 11, 2024

ACROSS

- Speech therapist's focus, perhaps
- Eclipse effect
- Homes, in Havana
- Poker stake
- Tandoor or kiln
- Blackjack request
- Where Curiosity roams
- Word before "block" or "work"
- Change to suit
- Tow truck in need of a tow?
- 43rd U.S. president, informally
- Mangy mutt
- Boy
- Consumed
- Punch someone's abs, say?
- Aired again
- Buying binge
- Where Bruins have reunions
- "Let the battle begin!"
- Leading man of Genesis
- Famed Greek philosopher
- Microsoft work app, or work groups
- Bring to a certain whis-key tasting?
- Earth: Prefix
- Tribute poem
- Govt. mortgage backer

DOWN

- Letter between kappa and mu
- Stuck, literally or figuratively
- Flashing light
- Bothersome
- It may be made of bone or brass
- Declare
- Titular Shakespearean king
- Where all hands go in a pinch?
- Tantric centers
- Capitol Hill helper
- Guardian of the Galaxy
- Peter Quill's alias

ACROSS

- Halibut habitat
- Figure-skating flourish's finale?
- Parts of hearts
- Mare's baby
- Sparkling Italian wine
- Like dis-appointing vacation weather
- Microscope component
- "More Words" (1990 Extreme song)
- Lets loose
- Limit
- Seasoning for brown butter or butternut squash

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7/4 Solution

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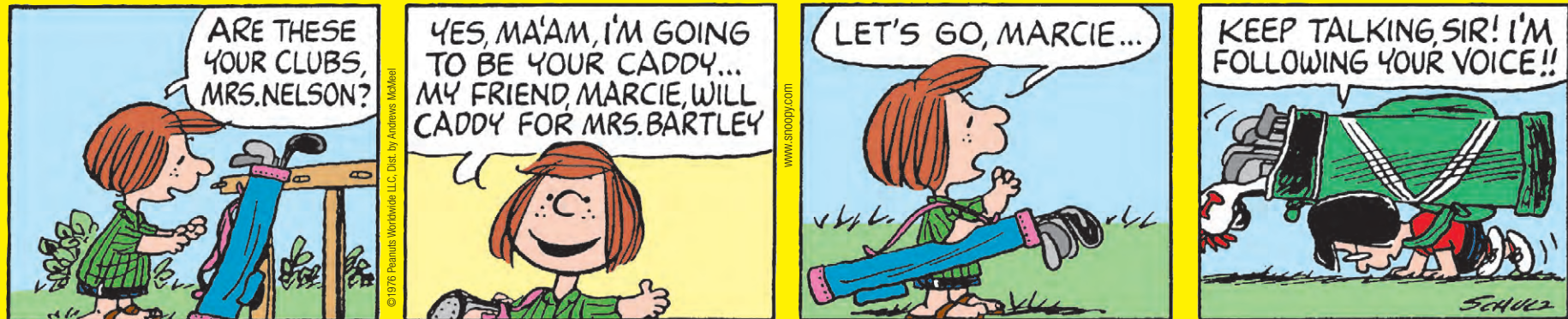
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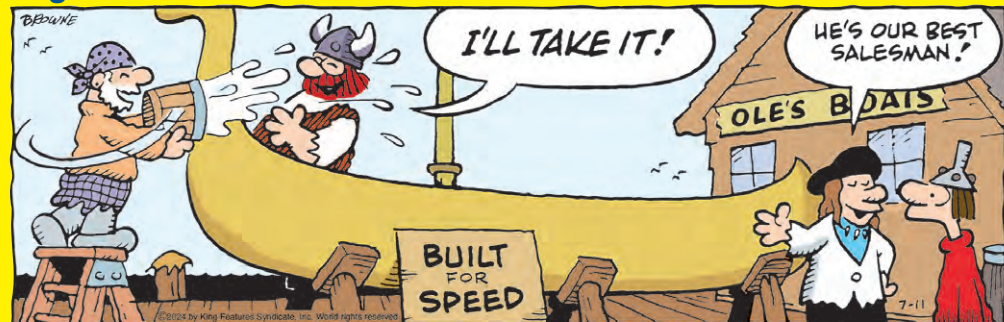
Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



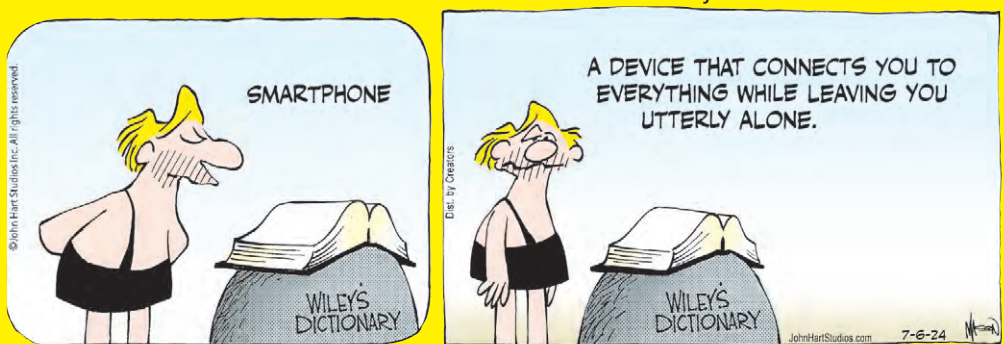
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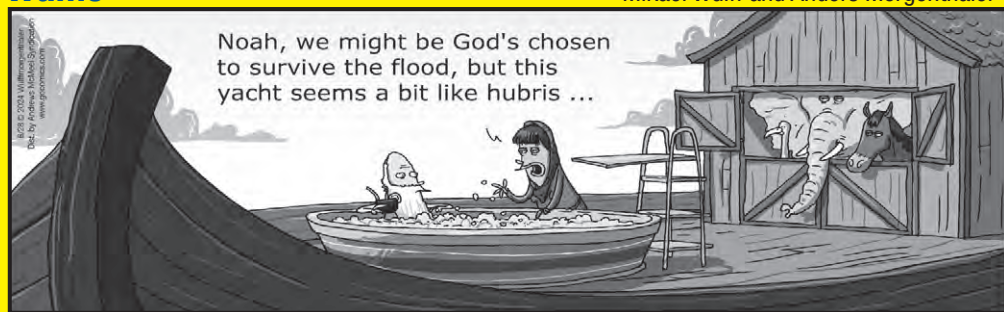
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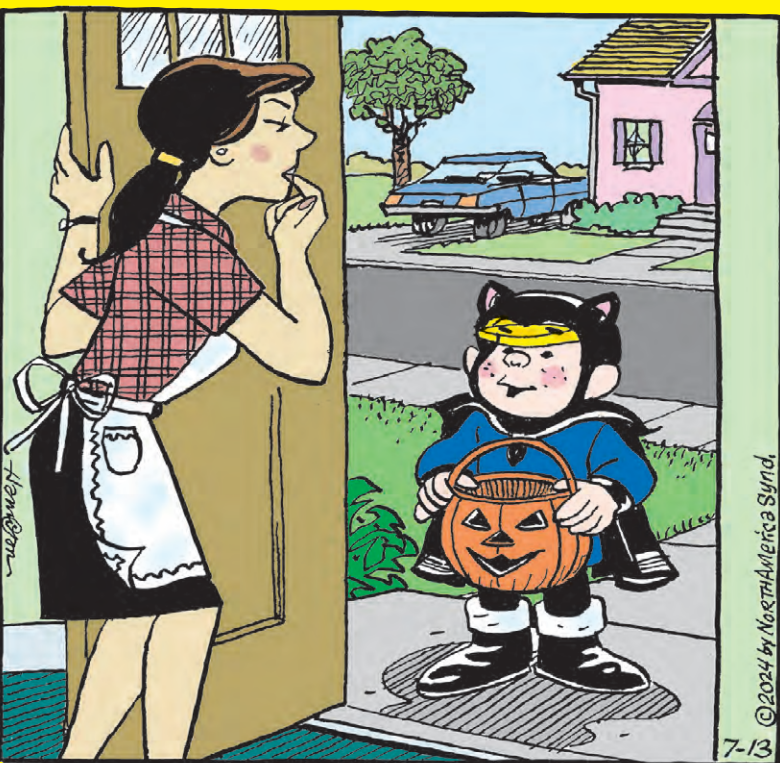
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Dennis the Menace

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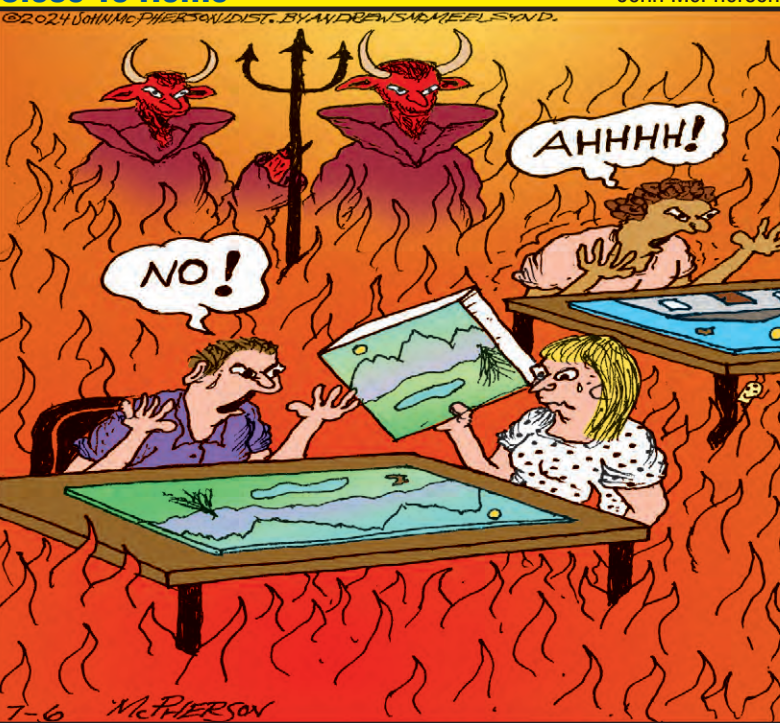
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

John McPherson



"I make sure that all jigsaw puzzles are missing a piece."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Stop right there. This is not a shortcut to anywhere."



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AMUSEMENT PARK MYSTERY

Mystery News Story

Historians Discover Early Roller Coaster

Historians know that people found ways to have thrilling, high-speed rides long before the invention of the roller coaster. But the thing that people rode was not originally designed for playing around. It was designed to help people do hard, dangerous work.

One of these early thrill rides was “Gravity Road” in the mountains of Pennsylvania. It was really designed to help people do hard, dangerous work.

Oh no! The end of this article has been torn off!

Use the **Kid Scoop Wonderland Amusement Park** map to find the letters for each of the code numbers to complete the mystery news story.

How? Just follow the **Decoder Directions** below for clues.



Decoder Directions

Figure out what mystery letter each number stands for by following the clues in order using the **Kid Scoop Wonderland** map.

- From the Main Entrance Gate, go to the first ride just **north** of the entrance. This mystery letter is the sixth letter of the second word of the ride's name.
- Head to the **southwest** corner of the park. The mystery letter is the one that's first in both words of this ride's name.
- From that ride, head **north** to Tia's Tacos. This mystery letter is the last letter of the ride's name located just east of Tia's.
- From there, head **east** to Timber Games. This mystery letter is the third letter of the attraction north of Timber Games.
- Now, head **west**. The mystery letter is the fifth letter in that spinning ride's name.
- Head **north** to Pizza Plaza. Then, head **northeast** to have a refreshing drink. The mystery letter is the first letter of this stand's name.
- Go **northwest** and take the Sky Tram to the **northeast** corner of the park. Get a scoop at the spot just **south** of the tram station. The next mystery letter is the first letter of the second word in this stand's name.

8 = Next, go **west** of that stand and ride this coaster. The mystery letter is the last letter of the first word in its name.

9 = Head **southeast** to the theater. The next mystery letter is the first letter in the theater's name.

10 = Go **south** to the shop. The mystery letter is the first letter of both words in the name of the ride to the **west** of the shop.

11 = The last mystery letter is the first letter of both words in the name of the ride just to the **south**.

Now, use the code to reveal the solution to the mystery!

It was really $\frac{2}{5} \frac{9}{5} \frac{9}{4} \frac{7}{6} \frac{11}{8} \frac{3}{3}$ designed to deliver $\frac{0}{7} \frac{0}{6} \frac{10}{10}$ from the $\frac{2}{5} \frac{9}{9} \frac{E}{3}$ down a steep mountainside to $\frac{0}{1} \frac{0}{6} \frac{8}{8} \frac{3}{3}$ waiting in a $\frac{7}{6} \frac{9}{9} \frac{6}{6} \frac{10}{10}$.

Extra! Extra! Before and After

Cut out a number from the newspaper that comes before and after each number on these balloons:



Kid Scoop Together CRUNCH THE NUMBERS

Look over the Snack Shack menu. Add up the total price of all the items in each group below and figure out which order belongs to which person. Have a family member check your answers.

SNACK SHACK	
JUMBO CORN DOG	\$5.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$4.25
WATERMELON	\$2.00
FROZEN BANANA	\$3.00
CHERRY PIE	\$4.75
SNOW CONE	\$3.50
LEMONADE	... small \$2.25 ... large \$3.25

Kevin spent \$9.75 on snacks. Madison spent \$8.75. Emily spent \$11.00 and Ethan spent \$13.25.

ORDER A BELONGS TO:



ORDER B BELONGS TO:



ORDER C BELONGS TO:



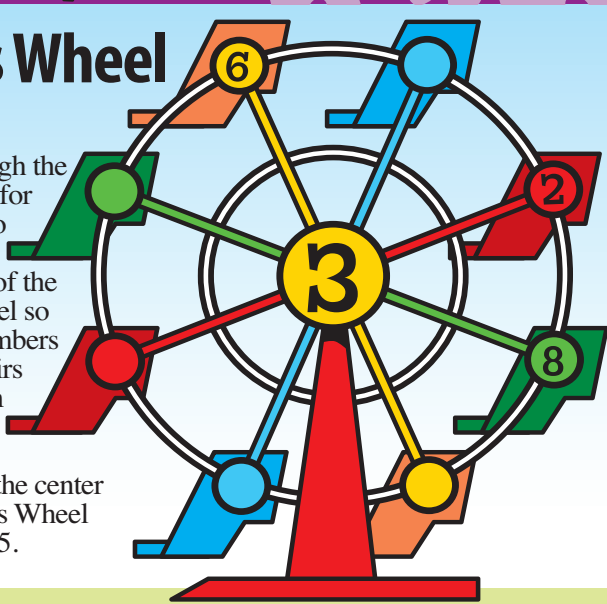
ORDER D BELONGS TO:



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ferris Wheel Fun!

Look through the newspaper for a number to place on each chair of the Ferris Wheel so that the numbers on two chairs across from each other and the number in the center of the Ferris Wheel add up to 15.



Standards Link: Use main idea and supporting details in writing.

Double Double Word Search

AMUSEMENT CLUES

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

J	L	O	F	T	Y	K	C	O	R
P	M	L	N	W	V	M	U	Z	O
B	Y	P	Y	T	I	V	A	R	G
S	S	P	A	C	E	U	K	P	L
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U	E	Y	O	B	K	R	O	D	E
L	R	G	S	R	W	I	W	R	L
C	Y	Z	G	Q	Y	K	S	Y	N
X	A	M	U	S	E	M	E	N	T

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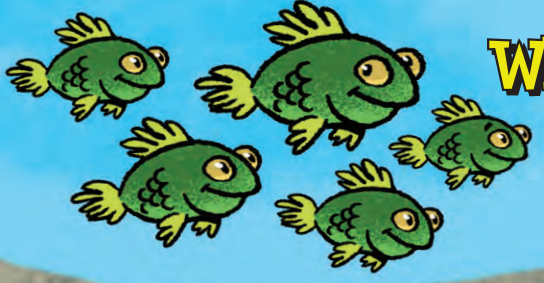
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Detroit City FC women’s team on historic run with Liggett’s Dwaihy at helm

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Soccer fans around Grosse Pointe are probably familiar with seeing David Dwaihy on the sidelines coaching the boys and girls varsity soccer teams at University Liggett School. However, some

may not know his coaching also goes beyond the high school ranks.

Dwaihy currently is in his second year of coaching the Detroit City FC women’s team and is helping lead the squad on its most successful season in the USL W League yet. The team has gone undefeated throughout

this spring and summer and on Sunday, July 7, won the USL W League Central Conference championship with a 3-1 win over the Indy Eleven. “Our chemistry is about as close to optimal as you can get and they’re putting together their best stuff in the big games,” Dwaihy said

about the season. “We’ve gotten to the point where we get to keep playing here and we’re just enjoying every minute of it. ... Everyone has bought into the team concept. There’s no resentment or ego or any of that stuff that can drag a team down. ... It’s such a quality group.”

Sunday’s win over Indy Eleven secured Detroit City FC’s spot in the USL W League national semifinals. The team hosts the Colorado Storm at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13, with a spot in the USL W League championship on the line.

This season’s success has brought the spotlight to Detroit City FC’s women’s team. The fans who have been supporting the men’s squad for more than a decade also have made sure the women’s team is receiving its deserved praise. That’s been the goal for Dwaihy and Detroit City ever since the club started a women’s team in 2020. The hope is that a successful season like this



PHOTO BY NICK FINN

Detroit City FC “Northern Guard” supporters shower Dwaihy with water to celebrate the team’s 3-1 win over Indy Eleven in the USL W League Central Conference championship.



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Grosse Pointe’s David Dwaihy is in his second season as head coach of the Detroit City FC women’s team, leading them to an appearance in the USL W League national semifinals this season.

will continue to boost the club’s profile.

“When we started a women’s team, we wanted to make sure that when we started it, we could commit all of our resources to it just like

the men’s team,” Dwaihy said. “From the top down, the women’s team has always been valued and supported and there’s a lot of consideration with

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Pointer-owned training facility determined to put athletes first

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For many athletes, the dog days of summer mean it is the off-season, but this time of year is also when champions can be made. At least, that is what Matt Thomas, lifelong Grosse Pointer and co-owner of Synergy Sports Performance Training, believes.

Thomas, who also co-owns Ashby’s Ice Cream in Grosse Pointe Woods, bought the training facility in Clinton Township along with a few other investors a couple of years ago, but has been working there since 2019. While the facility is not in the Pointes, many of Thomas’ clients are some of the best young athletes the Pointes have to offer. With many of the athletes Thomas trains being high school student-athletes or younger, his philosophy is to help them become better all-around athletes and not just specialists in a single sport.

“Especially in the hockey world, people emphasize skill, but skill



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

In 2022, Grosse Pointe native Matt Thomas became a co-owner of Synergy Sports Performance Training in Clinton Township, where he helps train youth and high school athletes from around Grosse Pointe and metro Detroit.

is built on a foundation of athleticism,” Thomas said. “... So when I train athletes, I try to train them to be athletes, not just hockey players or baseball players, at least at a youth level. They’re just athletes. They need to run and jump and

coordinate their bodies dynamically.”

While Synergy does train athletes across all different sports, Thomas’ hockey background has helped him become one of the top trainers for future hockey stars from Grosse Pointe and

around metro Detroit. He grew up playing the sport and, in addition to being a trainer, currently coaches the 2009 and 2012 St. Clair Shores Saints youth hockey squads.

Thomas trains hockey players on the ice, but

also emphasizes off-ice training as well. It all goes back to the philosophy of helping young athletes become well-rounded and focus on their athleticism. In his eyes, making training seem more fun and less like a workout is the big-

gest thing.

“Exercise is the key to becoming a better athlete, it’s not a punishment,” he said. “It’s how you unlock your athletic potential. It’s not a bad thing. We want our athletes to look forward to coming in and have a good time during training.”

While located in Clinton Township, Synergy has deep roots within the Pointes. Thomas and several other trainers and staff members are Grosse Pointe natives and the number of Grosse Pointe athletes who come to them for training continues to grow.

“There isn’t something like our facility in Grosse Pointe and people are seeing that it’s worth the 15- or 20-minute drive,” Thomas said. “It’s a joy because sports are extremely important to Grosse Pointe and it’s not just one sport. A lot of communities are like, ‘Oh, we’re a hockey community’ or ‘Oh, we’re a football community,’ but

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how we can keep things equitable. ... The club has a steadfast commitment to supporting the women's program and the fans do the same."

and the players have received this season perhaps means more than all the success they have experienced on the pitch. As someone who coaches girls soccer at the youth and high school levels, Dwaihy knows a season like this will only help to grow the game and show

young female athletes that there can be a bright future when it comes to playing high-level soccer. "In my lifetime, I've seen a real shift in the popularity of soccer in general in this country, but also with how the women's game has gotten on the map," Dwaihy

said. "... I think it's absolutely vital for the future of the game, especially on the women's side, that young players can have role models. Representation matters because, for a young girl who's just getting started or a high school player getting ready to go to col-

lege, being able to come to these games and watch these women play at such a high level and yet taking time to sign autographs and stuff, that connection is really meaningful for young players. It can help them on the path to playing at a higher level."

For more information or to buy tickets to Saturday's USL W League national semifinal, visit detroitcityfc.com. Tickets for the women's game also include admission to the Detroit City FC men's game against Memphis 901 at 4 p.m.



Athlete of the Year Contest winners to be announced July 18

Voting has concluded for the 2023-24 Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year Contest, and the time has almost come for this year's winners to be announced. Four athletes, two male and two female, will receive honors as Athletes of the Year in the editors' choice and readers' choice categories. The winners will be announced on Thursday, July 18, in the Grosse Pointe News and on the Grosse Pointe News' social media channels. Be sure to come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week and check out our social media to see if your favorite local sports star will be named Athlete of the Year.

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Local coaches help grow field hockey across Michigan

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Field hockey always has felt like a staple in the Grosse Pointes. University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North all have prominent programs in the sport at the high school level, and that has been bolstered by more opportunities for young athletes to learn field hockey early on.

Creating more of those opportunities is exactly what Great Lakes Regional Field Hockey (GLRFH) is trying to achieve not just in Grosse Pointe, but across the state of Michigan. The nonprofit organization started in 2019, and continues to grow through its outreach programs of introducing field hockey to young athletes in different communities.

“It’s opportunities that would bring play back to the local level,” said Jessie Rouleau, public relations specialist for GLRFH and member of the varsity field hockey coaching staff at South. “We all know how club sports have taken off and it puts a lot of different things into play, but mostly financially it limits the accessibility. ... We wanted to figure out

a way to help, through our sport, bring more local and accessible opportunities to southeast Michigan.”

This summer, GLRFH is continuing its efforts of introducing the sport of field hockey and helping different communities build programs and create opportunities. Through partnerships with other organizations like the Project Play Coalition and 360 Detroit Kids at the Park, where GLRFH helps introduce field hockey to kids at Virginia Park in Detroit every Wednesday in the summer, it is working to get athletes interested in field hockey at an early age.

While GLRFH is helping to teach the fundamentals and rules of the game, the biggest thing it likes to emphasize to new athletes is just how much fun field hockey can be.

“The most important thing in any sport as a coach and former player of multiple sports is just energy and enthusiasm,” Rouleau said. “Especially in a sports sampling environment, these kids didn’t necessarily sign up for field hockey, so you have to sell the fun of sports and sell participation and teamwork. ... Then you get into basic skills like holding a stick

and dribbling and passing, and then we play a small game and it lets people feel that excitement.”

Rouleau also helped begin the youth field hockey program at the Neighborhood Club. One of the goals of GLRFH is to help more communities begin local field hockey programs to get young athletes to experience playing the sport before high school.

“The most important thing when it comes to getting field hockey into a community is early exposure,” Margi Whittingham, development program director for GLRFH and a member of the South varsity field hockey coaching staff said. “It’s hard for a freshman in high school to pick up field hockey when they’ve never seen field hockey before.”

The Grosse Pointes having programs like the Neighborhood Club and three local high school varsity teams is an example of how field hockey can be a community sport. With Rouleau and Whittingham both working closely with the organization and having Grosse Pointe connections, they want to inspire more communities to become like Grosse Pointe as they grow the game.



Detroit Pistons mascot Hooper participates in field hockey drills during a 360 Detroit Kids at the Park event with Great Lakes Regional Field Hockey.

One thing that should create more interest in field hockey is the MHSAA’s announcement that field hockey will officially become a sponsored sport beginning in fall 2025. With field hockey soon being sponsored by the MHSAA, it has GLRFH optimistic that more high schools will create their own programs and in turn look for youth pro-

grams to start helping athletes learn the game.

“Now it will be a sponsored sport so schools will be looking to add it to the programming,” Whittingham said. “It’s a female sport in Michigan, but more of a co-ed sport nationwide, and it’s the only field sport available in the fall for female athletes. ... It’s a sport where there’s a lot of potential for participation because the average field hockey team has 20 to 25 players.”

Before summer is over, GLRFH has opportunities for young athletes to start learning field hockey. Grosse Pointe is home to one of the organization’s Youth Learn and Play programs, which is hosted at University Liggett School with remaining dates July 16, July 23 and July 30.

Liggett also will host the organization’s Learn and Play Youth Festival at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1. Admission is \$25 and is open to all athletes interested in participating and learning about field hockey.

“We’re going to have competitions and seven-on-seven scrimmages and just celebrate field hockey,” Whittingham said. “We’re opening it up to the public as well, to come try field hockey. ... We also run our southeast Michigan high

school summer league on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. so we hope that the younger participants can stay after and watch some higher-level field hockey being played.”

Events like this, along with GLRFH’s middle and high school summer leagues and sports sampling programs, continue to help young athletes learn more about field hockey and fall in love with the sport. As the summer season rolls on, the organization hopes more athletes will come to the events and programs and show their communities how important field hockey can be.

“We really want to inspire more people to bring programs to their community,” Rouleau said. “We’re ready and willing to bring field hockey anywhere and support new coaches who are interested in forming new, backyard leagues in their communities. ... We can go to a local high school field and have the girls in the community play. We want to grow these local pockets of field hockey that are locally supported and serving the communities all over the state.”

For more information on GLRFH and a schedule of events, visit GLRFieldhockey.org/ Michigan.



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Great Lakes Regional Field Hockey has various instructional programs for youth athletes of different skill levels to introduce athletes to the sport and grow the presence of field hockey in different communities across Michigan.

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not in Grosse Pointe. There’s football, there’s lacrosse, there’s track, there’s hockey, there’s swimming and sailing. Every sport you can think of, Grosse Pointe has a community for it and the more we grow, the more I hope we can help athletes in more of those communities.”

Growth is definitely on Thomas’ mind when it comes to Synergy’s continued success, but he knows it might have to go slow to happen the right way. Thomas and his team want to make sure personal development is front and center for all the athletes they work with. They empha-

size that being a good trainer is not always enough if they want Synergy to become the go-to place for athletes from the Pointes and beyond.

“Even if you train a lot of athletes, you still want it to feel like personal training,” he said. “There’s a personal side and a training side. Especially with young athletes. They need there to be a personal side. You could be the best trainer in the world, but if you really don’t understand young athletes, then you won’t be able to work with them well.”

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Thomas helps youth hockey players work on their speed and skills on Synergy Sports Performance Training’s state-of-the-art skating treadmill.