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Savvy cast hooks big catch

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — TIFA representatives charted a course to land a Charlevoix streetscape grant \$400,000 greater than hoped.

“They key is to have a good strategy and plan,” John Hughes said.

He chaired the Tax Increment Finance Authority while planning the streetscape and grant opportunities.

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See what the Pointes have to offer in our Best of the Best special section, inserted in this issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

Village Streetside Sale-ebration is next weekend

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Off the heels of the final Music on the Plaza concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25 — featuring Planet D Nonet, which will have just released its newest CD — the annual Village sidewalk sale runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28.

Although the sale, dubbed Streetside Sale-ebration, has shifted this year based on community feedback to no longer include Friday, Kercheval will be closed beginning Friday evening to accommodate tent set up and coincide with the launch of a public art installation on Kressbach Fountain.

“We want to get the message out there that although Kercheval’s closed, The Village is not closed, so come down (and) hang out,” Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said, adding the aim is for Friday evening

to feel like a community block party. “Select businesses will be open and starting things early. The restaurants are open, it’s opening ceremonies for the Olympics and we have these two new cool patios right out on Kercheval.”

The Streetside Sale-ebration, taking place on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff, will feature special sales pricing, exclusive deals and giveaways at local businesses, as well as more than a dozen local crafters and vendors offering gluten-free treats, jewelry, handmade items and more.

DJ La Dynasty will play music in front of Ridge Crest Outfitters, while a Sunday jazz brunch concert will round out the festivities.

Attendees also can expect streetside tasty treats offered from almost every Village restaurant. And The Loop Social District invites those 21 and older to sip and stroll

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Another crowded BoE race

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Some nine people filed all or parts of the necessary paperwork to run for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education by the time the Grosse Pointe News went

to press.

The filing deadline for four open seats is Tuesday, July 23. There were 10 candidates who ran for three open seats in 2022.

Incumbents Ahmed Ismail, Colleen Worden and Terry Collins are among those who have

filed. The fourth incumbent, Lisa Papas, said she intends to file before the deadline.

Ismail, currently the board’s vice president and local businessman, has been elected four times, in 2004, 2008, 2014

See RACE, page 10A

Foundation gives fun time for all

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city’s newest playscape came with a prescription for fun.

Two consultants from the world of child kinesiology — one, a health system professional; the other, a community center youth activities director — helped plan the structure which, since its unofficial installation last winter near the kiddies pool at Windmill Pointe Park, began fulfilling its donors’ goal.

“It will provide years of enjoyment to the children of our community,” said Bob Lucas, a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.



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Wesley and Jack Gruenwald hang out on the rope gym after the dedication.

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Mason student honored as future firefighter

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE & HARPER WOODS — A rising fifth-grader headed to Parcels Middle School is credited with handling a house fire better than most adults, according to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn.

Ten-year-old Oliver Scott passed the credit right along to the Grosse Pointe Fire Prevention Team, which he said prepared him for what to do when he woke at 3:30 a.m. April 10, to smoke detectors sounding in his Harper Woods home.

“We try to share information without scaring the kids,” Alcorn said of the team of officers who volunteer to lead presentations at local elementary schools on an annual basis. “We remind them that we use fire every day for warming our water, cooking our food and to heat our homes.

“But if any of you have seen a house fire, it can be chaotic, confusing and scary, so when you hear about a child who deals with a house fire with a quick wit and bravery, it’s



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Oliver Scott is honored as a future firefighter before City of Grosse Pointe City Council Monday, July 8, for his quick thinking and bravery during an April fire that broke out in the middle of the night in his Harper Woods home. From left are Park Sgt. Tom Card, City Public Safety Director John Alcorn, Shores Officer Jeff Roybal, Oliver Scott, City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, Farms Fire Specialist Larry Stocking and Oliver Scott’s little brother, Marshall.

noteworthy.”

Oliver Scott was honored with a future firefighter award trophy—the first of its kind—Monday, July 8, before the City of Grosse Pointe City Council.

He was sleeping in his room on the main level of the home in April, when

an electrical fire broke out in the basement, filling the main floor with smoke so thick his parents—coming from the upstairs master bedroom—said they couldn’t see or breathe as soon as they reached the bottom of the stairs.

In accordance with

what he had learned from the Fire Prevention Team, the then fourth-grader at Mason Elementary School was sleeping with his bedroom door shut—“Although we teach that because we keep the door shut for extra safety, he did clue me in that he’s got a little brother who

can sometimes make some noise,” Alcorn joked—tested the door-knob for heat before opening it and calmly began calling for his parents to get down and crawl out of the house.

“Oliver was incredible and calm the entire time,” his mom, Chelsea Scott said. “As we made our way to the front door he was yelling to us, ‘Hit the floor! Stay low!’ He was telling us to check the door knobs and to get out. He kept making sure his baby brother was OK.”

Oliver Scott even managed to grab one of the family’s dogs on his way out; in the end, both dogs were saved.

“After the fire was out he absolutely loved chatting up the firefighters and telling them about how strong he is, because he has been working out,” Chelsea Scott added.

The fire damage was localized to the basement, but because of what burned—plastic, leather, carpet—smoke damage was so extensive and toxic that everything in the home was a total loss.

The family is staying in

a Grosse Pointe Woods rental home while it’s repaired, but are expected to remain out of their home through December.

“Oliver has been great through it all,” Chelsea Scott said. “He told us it was ‘awesomely cool’ to do that and receive the award. When he was younger he was fortunate enough to take a private tour of a fire house and meet a couple of the firefighters. He absolutely loved it. He told us receiving the award made him feel like he did something really good and that maybe he is just supposed to be a firefighter one day.”

After receiving his future firefighter award last Monday, Oliver Scott also had the honor of presenting the Fire Prevention Team with commendations from State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier that also were signed by Mason Principal Anita Hassan.

“To explain (Sehlmeier’s) position in our industry, he’s like the LeBron James of the NBA,” Alcorn said. “He’s been around for a long time, kind of runs the

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Harper Woods is final city to approve senior millage proposal for ballot

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — With Harper Woods City Council last week approving the placement of a six-year, 0.35-mill proposal for senior services on its November ballot, the outcome now rests in the hands of voters within the six communities served by The Helm at the Boll Life Center.

Respective councils in the five Grosse Pointes last month approved the ballot initiative, which, if passed in all six cities, would bring in around

\$1.3 million annually. Harper Woods’ tax base would provide an estimated \$362,110 of that total, which equates to about \$16 annually from the average homeowner.

Comparatively, Grosse Pointe homeowners would be shouldering \$42 per year in the Woods; \$64.70 per year in the City; \$65 per year in the Park; \$82 per year in the Farms; and \$126 per year in the Shores.

“Your millage dollars will be used to fund expansion of important essential health services,

wellness services, as well as many new services that we hope to provide for the aging population, including, but not limited to, adult daycare, off-site programming, home visitation programs and expanded evidence-based programs,” The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall told Harper Woods City Council. “The millage will also shore up the PAATS (Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service) program, of which Harper Woods is a mega user.”

In 2023, Harper Woods was provided with 2,776

PAATS rides.

The Helm’s Meals on Wheels program, medical equipment loan closet and Medicare/Medicaid assistance also are heavily used by Harper Woods residents, Siddall said, of which 34 percent are over the age of 50.

“Even though I really don’t want to increase taxes, because our taxes are too high, I do feel like this is a good value for our dollar in Harper Woods,” Councilwoman Cheryl Costantino said, “because so many of our

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 22

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

THURSDAY, JULY 25

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

FRIDAY, JULY 26

◆ Music on the Lawn, featuring Entourage Dance Band, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

◆ Early voting begins, 8:30 a.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission Adopt-a-Garden group gardening event, 9 a.m.
◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Park.

SALE:

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with beverages from participating licensees — SideStreet Diner, Old Pony Martini Pub, Village Grille, The Whiskey Six, Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen & Cocktails.

“We’re really excited that almost all of our restaurants have committed to coming outside to offer food,” Willcock said, “so we don’t need to bring in outside food or food trucks and we can really make this a Village-wide event that celebrates all our unique businesses.”

New this year for the Pointes’ younger residents to enjoy while parents browse and shop is the kid-centric Little Village, which will include arts and crafts, sensory bins, water tables, board games, soft play spaces and family-friendly entertainment.

“Main Street’s Little Village is a family-friendly space that is intended to be a safe, welcoming and fun space where families with children of all ages can gather with their community while enjoying the festivities put on by

Main Street,” Willcock explained. “We’re starting small so that we can continue to engage the families in the community for feedback on what they want to see in the space. This project is being led by an awesome resident volunteer, Kristin Belisle. It really does take a village.”

The annual Paint the Windows, which in years past has coincided with the sidewalk sale, is being revamped and

postponed until the fall.

Streetside Sale- ebration participating businesses, vendors and community groups include Apple Blossom Baby, The Campus Shop, Dawood Boutique, El’s Boutique, Glitter & Scotch, J. McLaughlin, JoliBump, Licavoli’s Cucina, Lululemon (inside only), Newport, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Old Pony Martini Pub, Panera Bread, Pet Supplies Plus, Ridge

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Aggravated stalking

A 38-year-old Harper Woods woman was arrested on an active felony warrant for aggravated stalking out of Wayne County, after being reported for causing a disturbance in the 17000 block of Mack at 11 a.m. Monday, July 8.

Razor theft

An electric razor and an additional unknown item were stolen from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 6:07 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.

Bank fraud

Fraudulent charges of \$42.29 and \$325 were made to a Grosse Pointer’s Chase Bank account Wednesday, July 10.

Stolen car

An unlocked 2020 Ford Escape was stolen from the 700 block of Notre Dame overnight into Friday, July 12. The vehicle was recovered by the Detroit Police Department the next day.

Unlocked theft

Costa sunglasses worth \$200 were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Neff between 8:40 and 9:40 a.m. Friday, July 12.

Failed getaway

A 39-year-old Detroit man stole an unlocked bike from the 16000 block of Kercheval at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14, and was arrested at Maryland and Vernor as he attempted to flee. The man appears to be the same suspect from a bike theft in The Village July 4, while the owner shopped inside a store.

— Laurel Kraus
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Grosse Pointe Park

Homo scelestus

A homeless man, 33, had nothing to lose and three hots and a cot in the pokey to gain by admitting he committed numerous thefts early Thursday, July 11, in the Park. Police were on to him by at least the next day. “We have video of the suspect and are in the process of trying to identify him,” Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said at the time.

By Sunday, July 11, police solved the spree. “(He was) located by Park officers (and) arrested,” according to police. “(He) confessed to all incidents.” Police said they received several reports of unlocked cars that were entered and searched between 3 and 8 a.m. Thursday, July 11, on Maryland, Audubon and Grand Marais.

“One resident reported his garage was accessed with his garage door opener from his vehicle and a bicycle was taken from inside,” police said. “We don’t have any reason to believe he went inside the house,” Pittman said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

was reported stolen at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, July 11.

Asleep at wheel

It’s a case of too little sleep, too much alcohol or both for a 37-year-old Park man, arrested at 8:02 a.m. Saturday, July 13.

A public safety officer found him asleep behind the wheel of a car that rear-ended a parked vehicle on Nottingham at Fairfax. “The driver was intoxicated,” according to police.

Bike thief

At 10:48 a.m. Friday, July 12, a black man wearing an orange shirt was seen stealing a bicycle parked in the front yard in the 900 block of Pemberton and riding westbound on Jefferson.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Threats

A hospice doctor at a local hospital received several threatening phone calls from an unknown number this month, suspected to be from the father of a patient who recently passed away under quality-of-life hospice care.

Close call

An 18-year-old Detroit man with schizophrenia and who has never

acquired a license was pulled over at 2:04 p.m. Monday, July 8, after driving through a red light on Mack and almost striking a garbage truck.

The man was in possession of his grandmother’s vehicle after his father took it to be serviced and never returned it.

Long game

A 67-year-old Farms woman was scammed into making six money transfers totaling \$1.28 million since late October, when a pop-up on her computer indicated she had a virus and needed to contact the number provided for Apple Support.

After being transferred to an alleged Federal Trade Commission officer, the woman was told child pornography was found on her computer and she could prove her innocence by sending payments to a government account.

Stolen and recovered

A white 2022 Cadillac XT6 was stolen from a Merriweather driveway between 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, and 6 a.m. the next morning. The owner accidentally left her purse with the key fob inside the vehicle when grabbing other bags.

OnStar located the vehicle in Detroit and shut off all services to it so it could not be started until officers were able to make the location and retrieve it.

The contents of the woman’s purse were missing and she received fraud alerts for

debit and credit card purchases.

Jellied?

Homeowners in the 200 block of Ridge woke Thursday, July 11, to find a red jelly-like substance smeared on windows all around the home, as well as on the patio furniture, siding and cement patio.

Numbers written on the windows indicate the incident may be related to the couple’s son, who is a known musical artist.

Arriving in style

A 43-year-old Detroit woman told officers she was late for a wedding when pulled over for speeding 61 mph and changing lanes to pass other motorists on Lakeshore at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

She was cited for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was impounded, before an officer provided her a courtesy conveyance to the wedding venue on Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Slow down

A 21-year-old Shores man was ticketed for driving 50 mph, 15 over the speed limit, on southbound Lakeshore near Webber around 3:15 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

One for two

One vehicle was stolen and there was an attempt to steal a second in the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital Friday, July 12.

A Chrysler 300, which was locked, was taken between 10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.

Security footage showed a black male trying to steal a Dodge Ram between 8:30 and 9 a.m. The passenger side window was damaged and the rear window was shattered.

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OUR VIEW

Vote yes on GPPSS operating millage

We wholeheartedly support a “yes” vote on the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s five-year, 20-mill operating millage request that will appear on the primary ballot Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The results of our reader poll (right), however, make two things abundantly clear. GPPSS must do a better job educating people on the issue in the next two-plus weeks and voters must do a better job educating themselves.

We do not claim our reader polls adhere to the methods in which formal, professional polls are done, but we think our readers represent a pretty good cross-section of the Pointes. With just 19 days until Election Day, it is disconcerting that the millage has less than a majority of support (48 percent) among our respondents. Even more worrisome is almost as many people who plan to vote for the millage say they don’t know what the issue is about (43 percent).

To put it bluntly, failure to pass this millage would put the very existence of GPPSS at risk. If it does fail, the district will have three more chances to put the matter before voters, but we hope that won’t be the case. The current operating millage, set to expire in December, passed handily 70 percent to 30 percent in 2019.

But glitches do occur. Taxpayers in Saginaw County’s Hemlock Public Schools rejected by 86 votes an operating millage renewal on the February presidential primary ballot. They will vote again on it next month.

At the heart of the matter is a state law — part of 1994’s Proposal A that overhauled school funding in particular — that requires school districts to levy the maximum 18-mill operating millage in order to receive their full amount of state aid, also known as per-pupil funding.

Below is the official ballot language voters will be presented.

This proposal would reauthorize the Grosse Pointe Public School System to levy up to the statutory limit of 18 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy, protect the School District against the impact of Headlee rollbacks of up to 2 mills, and restrict the levy on principal residences (owner-occupied homes) to no more than 7.5337 mills. This authorization would allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non-homestead (principally industrial and commercial real estate property and residential rental property) which expires with the School District’s 2024 tax levy. Under existing law, the School District would levy on principal residence property only that portion of the mills necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 20 mills (\$20.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, for five (5) years, the years 2025 to 2029, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district? Of the 20 mills, no more than 7.5337 (\$7.5337 per \$1,000 of taxable value) would be levied on principal residences. This millage would raise approximately \$22,396,039 in the first year of levy.

During an editorial board interview with the Grosse Pointe News, GPPSS Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said there are portions of the ballot language that could confuse voters, but the district is bound by law as to how it is worded. We’ll offer some explanations here.

The district is asking for approval to levy 20 mills but plans to only levy the required 18 mills. The 2-mill cushion is needed to protect the district’s finances



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

against what are known as Headlee rollbacks. The 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution protects property owners from increases in taxes by rolling back the tax rate of millages so that growth will not exceed the rate of inflation from the current tax base.

As Tuttle explained, if the district asked voters to approve just the 18 mills and a Headlee rollback pushed it down to say, 17.5 mills, the district would not get its full amount of state aid.

“At 20 mills, if Headlee rolls it back to 19.5 mills, we can still collect the full 18 mills,” she said.

The tax on owner-occupied homes, also known as homestead properties, would be capped at 7.5337 mills. The district currently levies less than that, at 3.7113 mills. We encourage the district not to exceed that amount.

The most confusing part of the ballot language, however, comes toward the end where it states: *Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased (emphasis ours) by 20 mills (\$20.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, for five (5) years, the years 2025 to 2029, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district?*

This is in no way, shape or form a tax increase. Again, the district’s hands are tied by state law when it comes to the wording. Since the current levy will expire, the state considers a new levy to be an increase. Perhaps our legislators are aware of some secret nano-second between 11:59:59 p.m. Dec. 31, 2024, and midnight Jan. 1, 2025, that our clocks don’t know about.

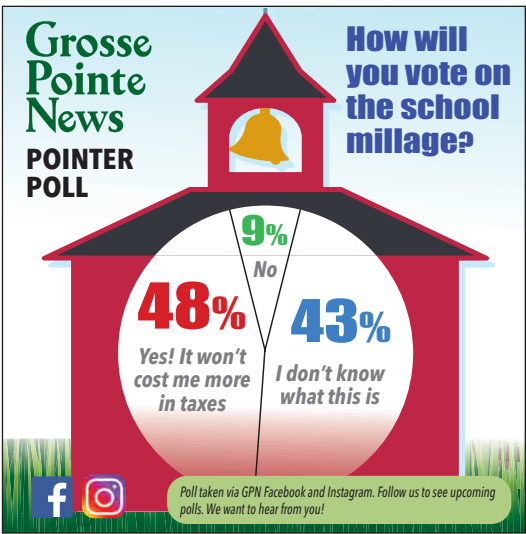
That same explanation applies to those who ask why a vote is necessary when there is no increase in taxes.

As the name says, an operating millage does just that, it allows the district to operate. The money pays for the salaries and benefits of some 800 employees, the purchase of classroom supplies, extracurricular activities and the day-to-day maintenance of buildings and grounds, among other things.

We commend GPPSS for steadfastly adhering to the letter of the law on campaign finance regulations. They can educate, using taxpayer dollars, but not advocate. The district has produced informational sheets, FAQs and a letter from Tuttle, all of which can be found at gpschools.org/millage. The district also had the foresight to mail postcards to more than 7,660 absentee voters to coincide with the timing of them getting their ballots. But as our poll numbers indicate, there is more work to be done.

As Tuttle’s letter states, “Many would say that public schools play a critical role in the social, economic and cultural vitality of a community, making them an integral part of its fabric. As such, it is important for school leaders to inform the community about ways to sustain and enhance these valuable assets.”

We agree and again urge a “yes” vote on the GPPSS operating millage Tuesday, Aug. 6.



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To the Editor:

Thank you to the mayors and city council members of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods for voting to include a millage for senior services on this November’s ballot.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the dedicated support of the city managers with whom we met numerous times to understand our needs and determine a proposed millage rate that will generate the minimum amount needed for senior services without overtaxing the community. The city managers went on to draft an interlocal agreement to resolve the issues of a joint city initiative and universal ballot language. Their help and guidance have been invaluable.

A special heartfelt thank you to Prudence Cole-Klimisch, our immediate past president, for her dedication to this cause. With dogged determination and boundless energy, she has met with aforementioned city officials numerous times over the last several months to explain the importance and need for senior services in our community. Our current board president, Dr. Cheryl Wesen, and vice president, Carol Klenow, as well as other board, advisory board and community supporters, continue to share the importance of supporting older adults in our community.

Thank you to this newspaper for your honest and thoughtful coverage of the millage at the council meetings, as well as ongoing coverage of The Helm’s services and activities.

The proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” refers to needing an entire community of people to provide and interact positively with children for those children to grow in a safe and healthy environment. A big part of that community is our elders. While we expect them to help raise our children, we can’t forget about them afterward. Every member of our society is relevant. It’s up to all of us to make sure everyone has the resources they need to not only grow up but also grow older in this most wonderful of communities.

I truly believe as we see the tremendous growth in our over 60 population, The Helm

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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia

Enough is enough with Lululemon thefts



A week or so ago my 12-year-old was shopping with some friends at Lululemon in The Village. He called to tell me that while there, a group of three men wearing full-face ski masks rushed into the store and stole piles of clothing right in front of him and his

friends. This is only one of many incidents at our Grosse Pointe location. This is not the Grosse Pointe I have come to expect. Part of what I think makes Grosse Pointe so wonderful is that our children can walk or ride bikes to the shopping districts and parks on the daily — so much freedom in a safe town full of people who look out for each other. Look, I love Lululemon clothes. Nobody makes better pants and they had me at hello about 20 years ago when I first tried them on. But this is just bad for the community. Now we have to worry

about our children watching crimes happen as they're trying to spend their lawn-mowing money? Most or all of this is thanks to Lululemon's invitation to thieves via their shoplifting response policy. As its CEO Calvin McDonald said: "We have a zero-tolerance policy that we train our educators (employees) on around engaging during a theft. Why? Because we put the safety of our team, of our guests, front and center. It's only merchandise," McDonald said. Though I appreciate the thought process they have to keep their

employees "safe," this protocol has backfired. How many thefts have there been at Lululemon stores in the nation? I bet they don't want you to know. It's not safe to leave your employees as sitting ducks either, when thieves know they can just walk in the store and take what they want. And what about the safety and reputation of the shopping district, residents and the greater community? How much are we paying as customers to cover the shrinkage Lululemon has to deal with? In the last year alone, overall retail shrinkage nation-

wide (mostly due to theft), has increased yet again by over 13 percent from 2022 to 2023 in the United States. Stores are losing so much money they have altered their businesses to accommodate and try to alleviate the situation. Forty-five percent of stores have reported they have reduced their hours, almost 30 percent have cut back their in-store inventory and 28 percent have closed locations.* Why are our police having to use their resources to constantly monitor and deal with Lululemon's mess? And why should the other Village stores have to put up with this? I

cannot understand why Lululemon hasn't come up with a better solution by now. I haven't come up with a perfect way to fix it either, but I wonder if they should be required to have a security guard present to deter these events. "It's only merchandise"? I beg to differ. I would love to hear from the community to get your thoughts. Is there a better solution? Feel free to drop me a line agryzenia@grossepointe-news.com.

* Statistics obtained from the National Retail Federation.

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is going to be instrumental in providing essential services and vital programming for the community. We look forward to continuing to share what we do and its importance to help voters make an informed decision in November.

KRISTA SIDDALL
Executive Director
The Helm Life Center
Grosse Pointe Farms

Re: Hall passes

To the Editor:

In her July 11 Letter to the Editor, Elisa Wagner alleges the Grosse Pointe Education Association, former superintendent Jon Dean and board members Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John were given "hall passes" from scrutiny. To support this

assertion, she asks several questions. I have paraphrased her questions and provided my responses below.
Why did the GPEA deviate from the norm of waiting until after the filing deadline to endorse candidates? This is not unique to Grosse Pointe. In fact, it is a recommended practice across the state due to the fact that while the filing deadline has not changed, voting practices have. In other words, voters have the option to cast their ballots much earlier than in the past. Waiting until after the filing deadline to endorse candidates is viewed by many as too late.
Why did The Tower not investigate Trustee St. John's resignation from the Grosse Pointe Woods Branch Library? The Tower, to my knowledge, does not make it a practice to report on trustees' employment

activities outside their roles on the school board.
Why did the lawsuit against four board members not name "the superintendent that terminated" the plaintiff? The simple answer is that Dr. Dean did not include the plaintiff's position on the administration's list of recommended cuts, nor did he support the cut on the trustee compilation of cuts. This fact is publicly documented.
Any more questions, Ms. Wagner?
MARY GARLOUGH
Grosse Pointe Farms

Editor's note: The deadline for candidates to file to run for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education on the November ballot is Tuesday, July 23. Absentee voting for the November election begins more than two months later, on Thursday, Sept. 26.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949
75 years ago this week

WOODS MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL IN THE MAKING: What is confidently expected to be the first municipally owned swimming pool in the Pointe area is in the final stages of construction at the Woods lakefront park. Circular in shape, the pool has been closed off from the lake by erecting a semi-circular mole, 600 feet long, of broken concrete. A pumping and chlorinating system has been installed which will enable the Woods to empty the pool into Milk River and bring in fresh lake water, which will be purified with chlorine as it enters.
MEMORIAL CENTER'S FIRST PARTY SUCCESSFUL: The first dance to be held in the War Memorial Center was a highly

successful affair. On Saturday evening, July 9, the teen-aged group to the number of 137 couples enjoyed dancing from 9 to 12 to music furnished by Tommy Welton's Orchestra. The young people were most enthusiastic in their appreciation of the dance, enjoying the lovely property and particularly the tables set out on the lakefront terrace where the refreshments were served.

1974
50 years ago this week

50TH BAYVIEW-MACKINAC SAILING RACE CALLS MANY BOATS FROM POINTE: There are no long, drawn-out speeches or special festivities scheduled to commemorate its 50th anniversary

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Back to the drawing board

Village Lululemon again targeted in string of thefts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “We’ve been busy,” Detective Mike Narduzzi said Monday morning, following two more grab-and-go thefts over the weekend from The Village Lululemon totalling nearly \$8,000. Narduzzi was recognized by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel last December, for heading the investigation and arrests of a Lululemon theft crew, which targeted The

Village location immediately upon its opening and was responsible for at least 49 thefts throughout metro Detroit. There have been few incidents at the location since, until it became a renewed hotbed for theft in late June. To date: ♦ A man and woman ran out of the store with \$1,078 worth of clothing at 5:07 p.m. Sunday, June 23. ♦ Three juvenile boys ran out of the store with approximately \$2,500 worth of clothing at 3:20

p.m. Monday, June 24. ♦ Five juvenile boys ran out of the store with approximately \$3,500 worth of clothing at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, June 29. ♦ Three juvenile boys ran out of the store with \$2,124.24 worth of clothing at 5 p.m. Monday, July 8. ♦ Two men stole approximately \$4,700 worth of clothing at 6:40 p.m. Friday, July 12. ♦ Three women in their late 30s walked out with approximately \$3,000 worth of clothing at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, July

14. “There’s a couple crews going on,” Narduzzi said, adding they’re also targeting the Detroit Lululemon location. “One of the crews is a bunch of juveniles all going to the same high school.” He suspects there are 10 to 15 juveniles involved. Among the majority identified, four

already have turned themselves in and will be charged as juveniles through the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. “Eventually we will get them all and this crew will get stopped, but there’ll be another crew,” Narduzzi said, adding The Village store has been given special attention by the department

for a while. “One of the problems is their corporate policies are just garbage. They don’t let the people who work inside the location call 911 until after (the thieves) leave — even when they know it’s happening, they see the same people coming in there — then they want the people who monitor the cameras offsite to do it, but by then they’re gone. “... Then they expect us to follow up after and catch these people.” Nevertheless, “We’re on this and we will bring every single one of them to justice,” he said.

BALLOT:

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residents do use the services probably at a higher rate than the Grosse Pointers.” With The Helm’s 2023 fiscal budget at just below \$1.2 million, the senior millage essentially would double it. “The Helm — Services for Older Citizens — has been in existence for more than 45 years, funded mainly through philanthropic efforts,” Siddall said. “I can assure you, as the executive director, that these efforts will and must continue to meet the needs of our community, but philanthropic efforts will not allow us to grow and will not allow us to expand and continue to provide the services that you’re used to receiving.”

At least four of the six communities will need to pass the millage for it to take effect. The 0.35 mills, reduced from an initial 0.5-mill proposal, will “generate the minimum amount that will allow us to achieve our purpose without overburdening your community,” Siddall said. Ballot language is as follows: “Do you approve of the addition of a new 0.35-mill levy to collect approximately \$362,110 in revenue in the first year, to be disbursed to the Grosse Pointe Active Adult Commission, for the purpose of supporting services to older citizens, including transportation, activities and facilities directed toward improvement of the overall health and welfare of older per-

sons?” Harper Woods City Council Monday, July 8, approved the ballot language 6-0, with Councilwoman Vivian Sawicki absent. In an identical vote during the same meeting, it also approved an interlocal agreement for joint senior services in partnership with the five Grosse Pointes — subject to the passage of the millage — which would establish an Active Adult Commission, comprised of appointees from each community, who would serve as the policymaking body for how the funds are spent. “Harper Woods definitely, for the \$16 a year that it would cost, is getting a real bang for their buck as far as the amount of services we’re able to provide at The Helm,” Siddall said.

A swing and a score

Views of the lake — the No. 1 concern among residents who were on the fence about the project — remain unobstructed following the recent completion of the four new Pier Park pickleball courts. The upgrade to the park, which also included resurfacing the tennis courts, new fencing and relocation of the asphalt pathway to create more usable greenspace along Lake St. Clair, cost \$262,225, of which the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation covered \$100,000. City Manager Shane Reeside and city administration “deserve a lot of credit for a project that was done at budget, under the time limits,” Councilman John Gillooly said. “It looks great. The views were not destroyed in any way, shape or form. If there’s a place in America where you want to play pickleball on tennis, if you do, it’s at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.” — Laurel Kraus



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The four new pickleball courts replaced the city’s third tennis court, which the last two years served as temporary pickleball courts.



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Best of Show

University Liggett School middle school students Sophia Carson and Amelie Duhaime’s short story, “Starry Night,” was selected as Best of Show at the Digital Arts, Film and Television 56th Michigan Student Film Festival. As a Best of Show honoree, their film was screened at the Detroit Institute of Arts Saturday, June 1. “Starry Night” tells a story of friendship. Pictured are Amelie Duhaime, left, and Sophia Carson.

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Na’Zir McFadden, DSO assistant conductor and Phillip & Lauren Fisher community ambassador, also serves as music director of the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra.



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Hitting all the right notes

Parcells Middle School was chosen to host one of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra’s two in-school concerts. The DSO performed at Parcells Tuesday, May 14. “The DSO’s Community & Learning team is connected with leaders at Parcells, including Assistant Principal Samantha McGrath and Band Director Tom Torrento,” said Hannah Engwall, DSO public relations manager. “Through these relationships, the DSO understood that there was a large contingency of students at the school who play instruments and felt it would be fantastic for the kids to have the opportunity to experience the DSO and gain exposure to the orchestra, as well as Civic Youth Ensembles, the DSO’s music education training program.”



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and 2020. Worden, an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County, was first elected in 2020. Collins, board treasurer and a finance manager at General Motors, was appointed to the board last fall to fill the unexpired term of David Brumbaugh, who moved out of state for job reasons. Papas, a teacher

and board secretary, was elected in 2020. The field also includes two candidates who ran in 2022, Clint Derringer, a procurement operations manager with Stelantis, and Tim Klepp, a partner at IBM. Klepp finished fourth two years ago, 15 votes behind Ginny Jeup. A recount showed Jeup winning the seat by four votes. Also running are two people who have served on the district’s Finance and Facilities Committee, Melissa Fradenburg, a financial advisor, and Heath Roberts, a chief administrative officer at Henry Ford Health. Kate Hopper, who has served on the district’s Community Engagement Committee, is a marketing consultant who owns her own firm. Rounding out the field is Laura Hull, a former GPPSS teacher who is now at Lakeview Public Schools.

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Julie Hudson of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2024 semester.

Maria Evola of Grosse Pointe Shores recently received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama.

Cassidy Kline and **Rachel Rybicki** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the President's List for the spring semester at the University of Alabama.

Rebecca Moin and **Baili Summerville** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Allie Lowenthal** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Alabama.

Matthew Valente of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Bridget Clark**, **Jack Michaud** and

Sarah Rogers of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester at Marquette University.

Matthew Valente of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

Jack Michaud of Grosse Pointe Park recently graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

Amelia Fly of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science degree in physiological sciences.

Cameron Kaess of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the College of Charleston spring 2024 President's List. Kaess is majoring

in chemistry.

Patrick Kuchta of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the inaugural President's List in June 2024 at University of Maryland Global Campus. Students who qualified for the list must have graduated with a bachelor's or master's degree and a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0. Kuchta earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer networks and cybersecurity.

Will Strickler of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Ben Sheffield** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Bucknell University. Strickler also graduated from Bucknell with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering.

Zoe Bessert of Grosse Pointe Woods recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in enterprise leadership from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Iowa.

John Huskin of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and **Justin Schaaf** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Kettering University.

Julia Hudson of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated



Cassidy Kline



Jack Michaud



Nicholas Miller

from the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Mason Tibbitts of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester. Tibbitts is in the cybersecurity program.

The following students were named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at Albion College: **Dylan Cardinale**, **Christopher Marshall** and **Katherine Flynn** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Nicholas Miller** of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Dylan Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms is one of 29 Lebanon Valley College ice hockey players named to the United Collegiate Hockey Conference All-Academic Team for the 2023-24 season. He also was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference's winter/spring Academic Honor Roll. Miller, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is pursu-



Alex Pinter



Mia Eugenio

ing a Bachelor of Science degree in digital communications.

Clarice Fisher of Grosse Pointe Farms is graduating summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree from the School of Nursing.

Leslie Briscoe of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Missouri State University with a Master of Science degree in early childhood and family development.

Tommy Daudlin and **Alex Pinter** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Mia**

Eugenio of Grosse Pointe Shores and **Lilly Hall** of Grosse Pointe Farms recently were awarded degrees from Miami University.

Ryan Warezak of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Eleanor Bernas** of Grosse Pointe Woods, **Olivia Roncone** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Lilly Cleland** and **James Dailey** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Kalamazoo College.

Anna Andrews of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at Seton Hall University.

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Ms. Marella Piazza was an Award winning student at Grosse Pointe South High School and has continued her studies by attending Hope College. The Scholarship is payable to Hope College and to be applied directly to her Academic Expenses.

In 2023, Marella Piazza continued her vocal relationship with the Ralph F. Sommer Endodontic Symposium. During that time our Primary Symposium Sponsor, Dr. Charles Goodis, pledged to generously match and provide additional financial support to Marella Piazza in the amount of \$4,000. This making a total Donation on her behalf to Hope College of \$8,000.

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Farms invests \$1.5 million into city upgrades

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — During its July meeting, Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved just north of \$1.5 million in several investments to the city’s infrastructure and services. These include \$637,802.90 toward a Muir Road water main replacement, \$320,826.45 toward installation of a new generator at the water filtration plant, \$507,730.58 to purchase a new Vactor truck combination sewer cleaner and \$50,212 to purchase a Ford F-250 for the public works department.

Muir water main replacement
Before the city commences repavement of Muir in the fall, it first will replace the water

main running alongside the curb between McMillan and St. James Way — the alley behind The Hill — as the city’s sole water main project for the year. “That section is an older section of main from the 1940s, but more problematic than that is that the size of the main is four inches and six inches,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “It supports the hospital, it supports some of our local businesses and really the standard for proper pressure for fire suppression and so forth would be to elevate that to an eight-inch main.” Council approved Bidigare Contractors to do the work for an amount not to exceed \$637,802.90. Bidigare is the same contractor which completed the city’s water

main projects the last four years — Kercheval and Fisher in 2020; Kerby in 2021; Fisher, Pine and Elm in 2022; and Colonial, Mack and Lexington in 2023.

Water plant generator installation
The city last summer purchased a 550-kilowatt natural gas generator for \$390,400 and, following a 52-week lead time, now will have it installed for a similar price point of \$320,826.45. Installation, granted to low bidder Rauhorn Electric, is a costly project because it includes excavation and pouring a new concrete pad behind the water filtration plant, electrical conduit and a new gas line trenched to the generator pad, connecting the generator to the electrical transfer

switch and adding telemetry so the generator is in sync with the water plant. The new generator replaces a 1969 Waukesha generator, should last three to four decades, includes a sound-dampening enclosure with a sound rating of 76 decibels at 25 feet and has the ability to produce 8 million gallons of water a day separate from the electrical grid. “Right now we rely on primary feeds from DTE,” Reeside said. “There’s actually two primary lines that we have to the generator. In the unlikely event, but potential event — and it’s happened before — where we’ve lost dual feeds, we can rely on the backup generator. “When we had that major electrical outage

that hit the Midwest close to 20 years ago now, we lost power for at least a couple days and where other water plants were no longer able to produce water, (we were),” he added, referring to the blackout in 2003.

Vactor truck purchase
While the average life of a Vactor truck — also known as a vacuum truck which cleans sewers — is about 15 years, the city is shelling out \$507,730.58 to replace one that is 22 years old. The equipment is used at least every week, Reeside said, whether to vacuum out debris that collects in the city’s more than 1,600 catch basins; to clean on a regular basis miles and miles of storm, sanitary and combined sewers; or to assist

with pumping and clearing areas during emergency water main breaks. “It’s important that we keep the sewer lines clean as part of our stormwater management,” Reeside said. “I know Grosse Pointe Park actually contracted a lot of that sewer cleaning out over the last year, year and a half, and they literally spent in excess of a million dollars to do that.” To rent a Vactor truck can cost \$2,600 for four hours, Councilman Joe Ricci noted. “I do know that other communities are starving for this type of equipment, so to speak,” Councilman John Gillooly said. “They wish they had the money in their budget — some

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Park covers its assets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Everybody in the world has their thing and, for Councilman Tom Caulfield, its insurance. He loves it. Maybe not as much as sailing, but a lot more than most other topics. “I work in the industry,” he said. Caulfield makes a living by assessing risks for an insurance broker. He liked what he saw in the city’s latest property and casualty insurance policy, renewed for

the third consecutive year with the Nickel & Saph agency, but underwritten by new provider Trident Public Risk Solutions. “It’s a great package,” Caulfield said. “I’m glad we changed companies.” “Not a single deductible was increased,” John Johnson, an agent of Nickel & Saph, told the city council July 8. Renewal came with a 9.75 percent (\$29,671) premium increase, boosting the annual premium to \$334,802. “The increase is largely driven by the 21 percent

increase in property values as determined by the appraiser,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “Property protection is covered on a blanket replacement cost. This ensures covered properties are insured to their full replacement value without the need for separate limits for each item.” “You were under insured,” Johnson told the council. “Now, you’re properly insured.” “We expanded coverage under this new car-

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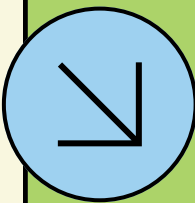




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rier,” Sizeland said. “We now have the full value of Grosse Pointe Park property with blanket coverage. If, God forbid, something happens, we are completely covered for the full value of the city’s properties and assets.”

New to the policy is zero-dollar deductible for general liability and auto liability claims, according to Sizeland. Both had \$10,000 deductibles under last year’s policy with another underwriter.

“The city will continue to receive \$10 million in sewer backup coverage,” Sizeland said.

“One of the things that is very important is the \$10 million sewer backup

coverage,” Caulfield said.

“This is a critical protection for our residents,” Sizeland said. “This coverage level is not offered by our previous insurer or the two Michigan municipal insurance pools.”

“This is a major improvement from the insurance company we used before,” Councilman Marty McMillan said.

“One of the things you’re seeing in this policy is an in-depth evaluation of properties,” Johnson said. “You are seeing an increase in general liability, but are fully covered.”

Sizeland said the renewal reflects Nickel & Saph’s comprehensive, no-cost appraisal of all city properties.

“(It) was the first such

appraisal in many years, down to vehicle identification numbers on our vehicles,” Sizeland said.

According to the appraisal, the top seven most valuable city structures are:

- ◆ city hall, \$9,913,100, with contents worth an additional \$2,719,600;
- ◆ Lavins Activity Center, \$8,416,500, contents \$2,172,500;
- ◆ lift station, \$7,268,900, contents \$0;
- ◆ water treatment plant, \$4,494,600, contents \$40,000;
- ◆ public works building, \$4,446,500, contents \$1,407,000
- ◆ Windmill Pointe Park swimming pool and fountain, \$2,405,800, contents \$0 and
- ◆ Tompkins Community Center, \$1,238,000; contents \$225,300.

New Woods parks and rec director a familiar face

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The new parks and recreation director is no stranger to the area, or the facilities he’ll be overseeing.

The city hired Woods native Owen Gafa last month in an overhaul of the department.

“So far, so good,” he said of his first few weeks on the job. “I’m pretty familiar with everything, so it’s been a smooth transition.”

City Administrator Frank Schulte said he saw an opportunity to restructure the department when Nicole Gehrhart stepped down as parks supervisor due to her husband’s job in Ann Arbor.

“This is something I thought about even back when I was director of public works,” he said. “Our parks program is so big, I thought

it needed its own director like the Farms and Park have. I think it will better enhance overall service.”

Gafa now reports to Schulte, whereas the previous supervisor reported to DPW Director Jim Kowalski.

Gafa, a 2017 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, joined the Woods Warriors swim team at age 7. He was a lifeguard at Lake Front Pool 2014 to 2017, and recreation assistant 2017 to 2021.

“I fell in love with everything about recreation and decided this is where I belong,” he said.

Gafa said he took parks and recreation classes in college for two years but decided he wanted to get moving with his career. He was aquatics manager of the water park at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant from

September 2021 to March 2023.

“I realized I wasn’t built for the private sector,” he said of his return to the Pointes. “I prefer serving the public.”

It’s in his blood. His dad, Kenn Gafa, is in his second term on the Woods City Council and his mother, Judy Gafa, previously served on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

Kenn Gafa abstained when council voted to receive and file Owen Gafa’s resume, although earlier discussion noted there was no conflict of interest as he was hired by Schulte and not by council.

“I have some ideas about new programming, but that can wait while I get settled and get to know the staff better,” Gafa said. “Then we can look at where to go and how we can evolve.”

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very, very close to us.

“With the city of Grosse Pointe Farms

having been confronted with at least three class action lawsuits in the last decade arising out of basement flooding litigation, with a fourth ready to be served on the city in

the next several days,” he added, “this piece of equipment is vital to protecting the interests of the city and shielding us, in part, from any potential liability.”

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“We know how much money we want to put into water mains, but this helps us prioritize

where these needs are going to be. This is far-reaching.”

Having an updated study also improves the city’s eligibility for water-related grants, according to Sizeland.

“It helps our eligibility,” Sizeland said. “It’s going to assist public safety as well as public works,” he said.

“This is going to be integral to applying for grants,” Wiener said.



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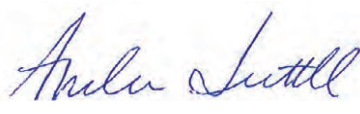
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Please mark your calendars for the vote on August 6, and remember, your participation in this process is vital. For more information, frequently asked questions, and a sample ballot please visit www.gpschools.org/millage

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Above, Kate Weber cuts a board on a wheelchairs ramp that was built at 941 Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park. Right, Jason Wellendorf uses a drill to widen the opening of holes on a bracket that will help secure the new back porch at 1745 Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Building ramps and relationships Workcamp makes positive impact in the Pointes and beyond

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When a team of students showed up at Maureen Maurice's Grosse Pointe Woods home last week, they all were smiling wide and brimming with enthusiasm.

"The first day, these beautiful smiling faces showed up — bright smiles, genuine smiles — ready to work," Maurice said. "They looked like they were here for a party, not to work. It makes my head spin for them to do all this, to give up a week of their summer, to come with servant hearts to help total strangers."

But work they did and when they returned home at the end of last week, Maurice was outfitted with a newly painted front door, siding and shutters, as well as repaired concrete steps and a new handrail at the front of her house and a new deck and stairway in back.

The job was the work of Group Mission Trips' Workcamp, during which more than 180 campers representing nine churches — from Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio and Kansas — completed repairs on 24 metro Detroit houses.

Thirty-one teams of six youths with adult chaperones worked on 13 Detroit homes, as well as four in Harper Woods, three in Grosse Pointe, two in Eastpointe and two in St. Clair Shores.

Volunteers from First English Lutheran Church, which hosted the program, also completed work at 21 additional sites. Projects largely included building



COURTESY PHOTO

Last Wednesday's downpour didn't stop Workcampers at Maureen Maurice's Roslyn Road home from work nor play. "That playscape has been in my yard for at least 25 years and is beyond sturdy, but the house that I live in has been falling apart at the seams," Maurice said. "What a blessing for me that First English Evangelical Lutheran Church put two years into planning to come alongside those of us in need with a sense of solidarity and purpose and determination to care for repairs which we are not able to complete."

wheelchair ramps and porches, as well as exterior and interior painting. The experience was well-received all around.

"We've gotten so many great comments," said Renata Conger, parish education and youth ministry coordinator at First English. "I've heard over and over, 'I've never been to a Workcamp like this,' 'We've never been welcomed this way,' 'People are so eager to see us.' They're all kind of in awe to be here, which is exactly what I'd

hoped for. It's been amazing."

While Group Mission Trips was responsible for recruiting volunteers, First English raised funds to alleviate labor and material costs so every home repair was free to those in need. Lodging was secured thanks to a partnership with Grosse Pointe North High School and residents seeking help applied for the program.

Maurice said her involvement was a God thing. Her late husband

for years directed a fundraising performance for the First English music

program. He passed away from COVID three years ago.

"Now I'm on my own, walking with a cane," Maurice said. "I can't do my grass, I can't do my snow. One day I turned down a street I don't normally turn down and saw a kid cutting grass. I asked if he's taking on new clients and he said yes."

Through their business relationship, he ended up convincing Maurice to apply for the Workcamp program.

"It came full circle," she said. "I really felt like my husband was involved, why I went down a street I don't normally go down. ... These kids give up the best days of their lives — their youth — helping others. This has really lifted my heart."

Repairs were coordinated by 15 Group Mission Trip staff members, with support from more than 50 First English volunteers. Church members organized snacks, ice cream, games and more "to make sure every guest leaves with a positive view of the community," Conger said.

"I've been floored by God's abundance here," she added. "We asked people to donate cookies,

thinking maybe we'd get one per person, but we had over 1,000 homemade cookies dropped off. That's the theme of the whole thing. You expect, you envision, but then you see people who are willing to do so much more."

Not only did church volunteers go the extra mile, but Workcampers did, too. At Maurice's Roslyn Road home, they also fixed a loose handrail, hung art on a wall and took out the trash.

"They're not sticking to just the list," the happy homeowner said. "They're wanting to help in any way they can, even when they were sidelined by rain."

Wednesday's downpour brought out the youthfulness of the volunteers, who Maurice said took work breaks to play in the rain. Wednesday also traditionally is a half day for Workcampers; typically they get time off to enjoy what the community has to offer.

"Wednesday they do fun things in town, but it rained," Maurice said. "They were supposed to go to the beach (and play miniature golf). ... But not one of them complained. They were just

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Matt Cassidy and Will Huber put new boards over the hole in the front porch of 1753 Roslyn.

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Segments of six of Shakespeare’s iconic plays will be performed on the grounds of Ford House.

Ford House, Grosse Pointe Theatre pair up for Shakespeare Stroll Aug. 8

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Devotees of William Shakespeare, those less familiar with the Bard’s work and those who may be a bit intimidated to take in an entire production are in for a treat this summer at Ford House. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Grosse Pointe Theatre are teaming up to present a Shakespeare Stroll at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. Scenes from six Shakespearean plays will be performed throughout the grounds of Ford House, offering a glimpse of the playwright’s greatness in an idyllic setting. “For those not sure they can appreciate Shakespeare or understand it, this is an oppor-

tunity to see smaller scenes, to experience it in a different way,” said Linda Zublick, GPT executive director. “This will fulfill that yearning to understand Shakespeare a little more.” “It can be daunting sitting through a three-hour show or even driving to Stratford,” added Nick Marinello, GPT board vice president and a seasoned GPT actor and director. “These are very digestible pieces of theater and this is a really beautiful setting.” The stroll comes after years of renovation caused a gap in the partnership between Ford House and Grosse Pointe Theatre. It was a reconnection Ford House Director of Communication and

Engagement Tommy Karr was excited to make. “We have a history with the theater,” said Karr, whose background includes marketing for Broadway and off-Broadway productions in New York. “We’re a strolling, walking estate, so we thought we’d bring Grosse Pointe Theatre here for a stroll and to create something different and unique.” Though the selections will be familiar — think “Romeo and Juliet,” “The Taming of the Shrew” and “Hamlet” — the performances will be offered in a unique way. Gates open at 6 p.m. and guests will have some time to mingle before performances start at 6:30 p.m. There are two starting locations — the main house and the playhouse. “We’ll give audiences a chance to meet Shakespeare’s plays they’re not familiar with,” Karr said. “You can experience them in the order you choose. There will be a couple of light hors d’oeuvres spots, so you can snack while you wander around, and there will a bar by the house and by the playhouse.” “The actors in two hours will do the same scene six different

times,” Zublick noted. “These are seven-minute performances. That gives guests 13 minutes to go to the next spot, so they can easily get to the next location without rushing.” Volunteers throughout the grounds will help people find the different locations. Marinello coordinated the stroll through his role as committee chairman of GPT’s Purdon Studio Theatre. Not only did he organize the directors and pieces selected, but he’ll also perform, on repeat, a scene from “The Taming of the Shrew.” The idea for the stroll came about after GPT members expressed interest in forming a Shakespeare reading group a few years back. Looking for something new, the group took off in popularity, Zublick said. The stroll, she added, was a “perfect way to put the two together.” The Purdon Studio committee, made up of actors and theatergoers, many of whom have Shakespeare experience, created a list of the Bard’s most iconic pieces, then narrowed it down to six to be performed. “The directors are all

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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.

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:

- ◆ 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.

Blood drives

- The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
- ◆ 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.

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.
 - ◆ 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.

- ◆ 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.

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
- ◆ War Memorial Family Picnic, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Includes a bounce house, music, games, a caricature artist and more.
 - ◆ SummerFest Concert featuring Cancel Monday!, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 24.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra outdoor summer concert, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for college students. K-12 students are admitted free.

Library

- The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.
- ◆ Craft-To-Go, all day Monday, July 22, at all three branches.
 - ◆ Adventures of Drawing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 22, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
 - ◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 - ◆ Youth Coding, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 - ◆ Afternoon Drop-In Kids Craft, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 - ◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 - ◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.
 - ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 - ◆ 1,000 Hours Moth Walk & Talk, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
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A summer of art in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is hard at work spreading beauty throughout the community with its latest street art project, as well as its upcoming Grosse Pointe Art Festival.

The chamber got the ball rolling on its street art project in March when it announced its “Have a Ball in Grosse Pointe” campaign. Artists submitted renderings, sponsors selected their favorite designs and while the creative work took place this spring, the heavy lifting occurred last week when completed spheres were delivered to their resting spots.

“They’ll be displayed throughout the summer,” said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president and executive director, “until September, when they’ll go up for auction.”

A total of 31 variously decorated two-foot spheres dot the landscape of every city in the Pointes, Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull said, including one at every public school.

“Some of them have been purchased by sponsors, so the sponsors will keep them at their businesses,” Turnbull noted. “The others will go to auction so people will have a chance to purchase them and have them at their homes.”

Around half of the



Glitter & Scotch, left, and Henry Ford Cottage are among the locations where spheres decorate the community.



Michigan Home Builders is among 31 sphere sponsors that participated in the street art project.

spheres will be on the auction block during the Sept. 18 event at The War Memorial.

“Our initial goal was 25, so we’re happy with 31,” Boettcher added. “The funds that were raised through sponsorship will be reinvested into the business community, promoting and marketing to shop local, dine local and play.”

Added Turnbull, “Because this was done through the chamber foundation, we can do scholarships for youth entrepreneurs and our small business grants, too. We hope to get more in front of schools to encourage students to apply.”

Those interested in checking out the spheres throughout the commu-

nity are invited to stop by the chamber office, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, or any of the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches, to pick up a map. Maps also may be downloaded from the chamber website, grossepointechamber.com.

“This is part of our whole initiative to get people out to see the local businesses we have and increase foot traffic, to get people through the front door and shop,” Boettcher said.

Added Turnbull, “It’s something fun, so take advantage of the nice weather and see what’s out there.”

Visitors to the spheres are encouraged to take photos or videos of their visits, which they may submit to the chamber to be entered into a drawing for Chamber Change gift cards. Two drawings will take place, Boettcher said, one for those who provide proof they visited every sphere and a second for the most creative photo or video.



The sphere at Buscemi’s in Grosse Pointe Park.

“We do this every three years,” Boettcher said of the street art project, noting she’s open to suggestions. “We want to hear what people would like to see for our next street art project.”

On the streets

Next up for the chamber is its fourth annual Grosse Pointe Art Festival, slated from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch hosts this sphere.

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Kercheval will be closed from McMillan to Hall Place on The Hill for the festival, which features artists and vendors, live entertainment and other family fun.

“It’s going to be bigger and better than last year,” Turnbull said. “Moving it to the street was a huge success.”

Added Boettcher, “It was a game changer; we can accommodate more artists.”

Seventy-five artists and vendors are on tap for the festival and will be selling products ranging from paintings and woodwork to pottery, clothing and jewelry. Some vendors will sell baked goods as well.

Maps featuring vendors and their locations will be provided.

Live music is in store throughout the day. The lineup includes Hannah Francis from 10 a.m. to noon; Grosse Pointe Theatre from noon to 1 p.m.; The Reason You Came from 1 to 4 p.m. and Nolan Eszes from 4 to 6 p.m.

Activities are planned throughout the day as well, including a children’s area featuring crafts, coloring and other activities, courtesy of Posterity Gallery; visits from Moana and Elsa, as well as glitter tattoos, courtesy of Part of Your World Princess Co. and Storybook Boutique; Glitterlites hair tinsel, courtesy of The Lon Next Door; and a craft



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The chamber’s Grosse Pointe Art Festival returns to Kercheval on The Hill Aug. 3.

station, courtesy of Ascension’s art therapy program.

A photo booth and a beer and wine tent round out the offerings.

“We encourage local restaurants to participate, too, by offering grab-and-go items or special menus,” Boettcher said. “We purposely don’t have food trucks because we want to promote our local businesses.”

The Grosse Pointe Art Festival is made possible thanks to its sponsors,

including its Gold Sponsor, The War Memorial. Silver Sponsors include Davey Tree, Dream Vacations, Floor Coverings International, Ford House, Grosse Pointe News, Mercer Agency, Pet Supplies Plus, Pointe Cabinets and Design, Pointe Capital Management, Real Estate One and Tower Therapeutic Fitness & Wellness.

“It’s going to be a fun-packed day,” Boettcher said.

Gianna House hosts baby shower event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Gianna House in Eastpointe will host a community baby shower for young mothers in need, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

This second annual event is sponsored by Gianna House, in collaboration with Lift Up a Child, Let Me See Your Hands and The Bettye Harris Foundation.

“This community event benefits moms in the tri-county region,” said Jamie Spriet, president emeritus of Gianna House and a Grosse Pointe resident. “We have been on fire with this. The event has capacity for 125 women to register and walk-ins are welcome.”

The event includes

refreshments, resources and necessities for attendees.

“As long as you have a child who is 1 or younger, you qualify,” said Joella Bush, Gianna House executive director.

“We’ll have wonderful gifts for needy families in our region,” Spriet added.

A variety of event sponsors will host resource tables for attendees; each table also will include a gift for participants.

“Everything is brand new; we’re not giving away anything used,” Bush said. “Fifteen sponsors have committed and each will have a items for participants to take.”

Gianna House, for example, will have a baby measuring spoon featuring the nonprofit’s

logo.

Registrants also receive a raffle ticket to enter a drawing. Several large items — like strollers and car seats — will be raffled off, as will \$25 gift cards to various businesses.

“For walk-ins, you will be able to get all the items provided by the vendors and also participate in the raffle,” Bush noted.

“The idea is to provide young ladies with community resource,” she continued. “They’ll get a punch card and get it punched (at tables they visit) and at the end, they’ll either get an additional raffle ticket or other gift. The idea is for them to get resources from the vendors and

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Slime Friendship Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ DigiLit Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July

25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Travel the World with Jessica Nabongo, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Mystery Party,

6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Former Grosse Pointer Casey Kempton speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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members or committee members,” Marinello said. “Twenty-eight people auditioned. Lots of new people were selected. Some of them have done Shakespeare locally and some have never done Shakespeare before, but this seemed accessible. We hope everybody who came out will be part of our (GPT) future.”

A total of 15 actors will perform during the stroll. “We’re doing six different scenes, which allows us to have more actors involved,” Zublick said. “This allows more opportunities for people to stretch their acting skills and participate instead of casting for one show.”

“You don’t see a lot of opportunities to perform Shakespeare at the community level,” Marinello added. “If you don’t have professional or collegiate training, Shakespeare can be scary. This is a

way to introduce it to the community.”

Both organizations stressed how excited they are to reconnect through the Shakespeare Stroll.

“I love the idea of cross-overs,” Karr said. “This is a great opportunity for us to remind our Ford House audience of Grosse Pointe Theatre and vice versa.

“... Ford House is very excited to dip its toes back in the water and reconnect this relationship with Grosse Pointe Theatre,” he added. “It’s important to us because we’re a part of the community and Grosse Pointe Theatre is part of the community. This is what community is about — supporting each other and welcoming the people to a new experience.”

Zublick agreed. “We are so excited about collaborating with Ford House,” she said. “The staff has been amazing. They’re very welcoming of new ideas. They’re great to get along with. I’m looking forward

to a longtime relationship with them and exploring new ideas for the community.”

Added Marinello, “This is a great two-for event. You get to see good theater and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Ford House. It’s a nice way to showcase what the community has to offer: great cultural and artistic opportunities.”

A limited number of tickets are available. Cost is \$50 for general admission to the stroll, one drink ticket and light bites. VIP tickets are \$75 and include admission to the stroll, two drink tickets, light bites and an exclusive afterglow in the Lake Shore Room with desserts and an “encore piece” from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“It’s a piece that will tie the idea back together for guests that attend the afterglow,” Karr said.

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Stay on top of diet for your pet’s optimal health and well-being

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

At times, pet owners can be in a quandary about what to feed their pets, even needing to consult their veterinarians about options. Some pets seem to like a particular food, then suddenly do a 180 (usually as soon as you have stocked up on that brand!) When a pet stops enjoying meals or seems not to respond well to a certain types of food, we may ultimately need to change our furry friends’ diets. Weight fluctuations, hair loss, itching or other health issues may be diet-related. Here are some instances when a dietary overhaul may be necessary.

Lethargy and weakness

A pet who is suddenly acting lethargic and weak may need a change of diet. Certain foods high in antioxidants can help boost immune system response

and help pets fight illnesses or recover from surgeries, while others may cause nutritional deficiencies. Consult with a vet for an evaluation before making any changes.

Illness diagnosis

Vets often recommend certain diets based on the presence of disease or illness. A cat that is diabetic may need a food that helps manage that disease. A dog with kidney disease or the presence of crystals in its urine may require a food that helps treat urinary issues.

Allergies

Pets may experience allergic reactions to environmental triggers or ingredients in food. If a vet has ruled out other causes for itchy skin, loss of fur/feathers or other allergic symptoms, a new food may help alleviate symptoms.

Weight control

Concern over a pet’s weight gain or weight loss could warrant a change to its diet. There are special foods designed to help animals maintain healthy weights.

Loss of interest

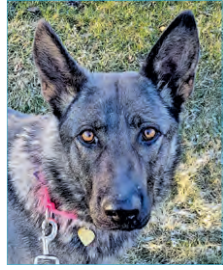
Sometimes pets no longer enjoy eating the food they have been consuming for a while. Subtle changes in the formulation may be off-putting or boredom with a diet could set in. While owners shouldn’t change pets’ diets every time an animal turns up its nose at feeding time, a different flavor or food could add some welcome variety.

A new diet may make all the difference in a pet’s well-being. Always seek the advice of a veterinarian before changing their diet and do it gradually.



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Thomas George Johnston

Thomas George Johnston, 85, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away with his family by his side Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

He was born March 6, 1939, in Detroit, the son of John Wesley and Sophie Rose Johnston. He graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Tom received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit in 1961, and an MBA in 1970.

Tom donated endless hours to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. He was the head of the athletic booster club for five years and held multiple positions at the annual St. Joan of Arc Fair. He made many lifelong friends throughout his years there.

Tom was an avid sports fan. He loved supporting his grandchildren with everything they did. He was a true competitor in everything, from playing the train game with his family to various euchre clubs and playing golf, bowling, softball and more.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna Marie. He was proud of his daughters, Trisha Stander (Jeff) and Tammy Eugenio (Greg). He adored his grandchildren, Olivia Dallaire (Mike), Jack Stander (Mike), Jack Stander (Faith), Annie Eugenio,

Ava Stander and Nick Eugenio. He was the great-grandfather of Vivienne and Michael Dallaire. He will be missed by his brothers, Richard (the late Mary Jane) and Dave Johnston (Debra). He leaves behind numerous nephews and nieces, and two cousins who were like brothers, Ken and Greg Burek.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Solanus Guild, solanuscasy.org/about/father-solanus-guild/.

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Charles "Chuck" Winship MacKinnon Jr.

Charles "Chuck" Winship MacKinnon Jr., 82, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at home in Cedar, Mich., with his wife, Leslie, by his side.

Chuck was born Oct. 27, 1941, in Detroit, to Charles and Marjorie (nee Nettleton) MacKinnon, and raised in Grosse Pointe. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1959, then attending Michigan State University, he began a long career in finance in 1961. His next stop was at Smith, Hague & Co., Inc., where eventually he

was named CFO and became an associate NYSE member. Chuck advanced to senior vice president, cashier and COO after the merger of SH & Co., with First of Michigan Corp. He later joined Beacon Investment Co., as COO.

After Chuck retired from Beacon Investment in 2003, he moved to Cedar with Leslie and his youngest daughter, Saralyn. There, he joined the TBA Credit Union in a part-time role and worked another 14 years before retiring a second and final time in 2017.

Chuck enjoyed camping with his daughters when they were young, as well as fishing and boating. He was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan and lifelong Spartans fan.

Chuck had a philanthropic soul. He became a member of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit in 1985, served as president in 1993, and remained active until his death. He also volunteered with the Leelanau Christian Neighbors Food Pantry and Blessings in a Backpack Program.

Chuck was predeceased by his parents; sister, Julie Siewinski; aunt, Jane MacKinnon; and mother-in-law, Judy Galloway. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 33 years, Leslie; daughters, Laurie Murray, Cheryl Shrader, Kristen Ifkovits (Todd) and Saralyn (Jesse Perkins); eight grand-



Thomas G. Johnston



Charles MacKinnon Jr.



Santa Ann Miserendino

children, Joe (Taylor) and Sean Murray, Cody, Amanda and Lindsey Shrader, and Brennan, Kaitlin and Corbin Ifkovits; sister, Nancy Brys (Dan); and dear uncle, Ted MacKinnon.

A private burial was held in May at St. Mary Cemetery in Leelanau, followed by a memorial service in Suttons Bay.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, detroitgoodfellows.org/shop/donate/.

Santa Ann "Sally" Miserendino

Santa Ann "Sally" Miserendino, 99, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in St. Clair Shores.

Sally was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Detroit, to Gandolfo and Stephanie Carmella (nee DiMartino) Lipuma, both now deceased. Sally's life was one of love, devotion, kindness and joy that resonated with all who knew her. She was an inspiration to many and her gentle demeanor and unwavering love made her a cherished community figure. She navigated life's challenges with a steadfast heart, always placing others before herself and spreading love in her wake.

Sally's early years in Detroit were filled with the warmth of a close-knit family. She was the oldest of five children, including her siblings, Rose Regner, Mary Jankowski, the late Bill Lipuma and Josephine McLauchlan. Her life was a testament to values instilled in her from a young age, which she carried with grace throughout her more than 99 years. Sally adored her parents and continued to praise them and mention often how much she missed them.

Sally was predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years, Luciano "Leo" Joseph Miserendino. She was the loving mother of Leo Joseph (Catherine), Mary Jo Miserendino-VanNatter (Joseph Colosi), Gerard Joseph (Cathy) and Anthony Joseph (Tamara). Sally's legacy is reflected in the lives of her children, each bearing the name

"Joseph" in honor of her special devotion to St. Joseph. Her faith was the cornerstone of her existence and she lived it daily, attending daily Mass and finding solace and strength in her spiritual life.

Sally's love extended to her grandchildren, Geoffrey, Tina, Daniel, Michael, Cara, Jonathan and Emily; and great-grandchildren, Betsy, Molly, Cecily, Desi, Noah, Audi and Bennett. Each of them was touched by Sally's loving spirit, her stories and the lessons she imparted, which will guide them through their own journeys.

Sally was an active member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and loved being an active member of Our Lady of the Lake Legion of Mary at St. Paul as well.

Sally's zest for life was evident in her passions. She was an extraordinary Italian cook. Friends and family loved to gather at her home to enjoy her lasagna, Italian wedding soup, eggplant parmesan, antipasto salad, minestrone and Apple Jacks, to name a few.

Sally and her husband wintered in Florida for many years and found joy in the rhythm of jazz, often visiting a cherished jazz club in Florida where they reveled in the performances of professional musicians. Sally's love for music was paralleled only by her enthusiasm for games, as she was an avid player of pinochle, bunco, Rummikub and other card games. Her competitive yet cheerful nature made her a delightful companion at any game table.

Sally also was an active participant in sports, enjoying both tennis and golf. She created memories on the courts and greens that will be cherished by all who were lucky enough to join her.

As her family and friends say their earthly goodbyes to Santa Ann, her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched. Her life was a beautiful reflection of her beliefs and she leaves behind a legacy of love, faith and joy that will endure for generations to come. Sally's



Dorothy Gale Abel

passing is not an end, but a transition to eternal life, where she will be warmly welcomed by those she so devoutly revered. Her memory will be a guiding light and her presence deeply missed.

A memorial Mass for Sally will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are invited to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for a memorial gathering.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, or thecapuchins.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Dorothy Gale Abel

Dorothy Gale (nee Aberlin) Abel, 79, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Dorothy was born Feb. 8, 1945, in Boston, to Isadore Aberlin and Selma Arafe. She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked in Yellow Pages sales at Ameritek. Dorothy was a U.S. Marine, serving as captain from 1966 to 1972.

Dorothy enjoyed traveling, including numerous trips to Europe and trips to Barbados every year for 37 years. She also enjoyed gardening, tending to and remodeling her home and reading.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Gerald L. Abel.

She will be interred at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, with Marine Honors.

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SHOWER:

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sign up for classes."

Those interested in contributing to the baby shower may send monetary gifts to Gianna House through its website — giannahouse.org — or donors can mail checks to the organization. Donors using either method should note the contribution is for the community baby shower.

Gianna House is located at 21357 Redmond, Eastpointe.

Register for the baby shower online at bettyeharrisfoundation.net.

Looking back and ahead

The community baby shower is among several events benefitting clients of Gianna House. The nonprofit, which provides education and life skills programming to young pregnant women and mothers who are at-

risk or lack safe housing — also recently was the recipient of a portion of the proceeds raised through the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Soiree at Stone Manor.

"It was quite the success," Spriet said of the gala. "We received over \$4,000 from Soiree at Stone Manor. It was well attended; the fellowship was remarkable. The genesis of it was (event host) the Krueger family, who was introduced to Gianna House through Lamia & Lamia Salon. It's such a cool segue to building the Grosse Pointe community."

Up next for Gianna House is its 11th annual Sr. Diane Golf Outing fundraiser, which takes place Monday, Aug. 19, at Greystone Golf Club in Washington Township. Cost for an individual golfer is \$175; foursomes cost \$700. Dinner-only tickets are \$60. Sponsorships also are available. Register on the Gianna House website, giannahouse.org.

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as joyful with how they spent their day. That’s a lesson I’ll carry with me.”

Maurice, whose neighbor next door also was selected for the program, said the group also invited her to join their lunchtime devotions each day.

“They talk about what they’re learning, how God is showing up, lessons they’ll carry with them for life, having God’s guidance and provision,” she said. “How wonderfully fortunate to be with a group of people like this.

“I think it’s absolutely amazing,” she added. “They didn’t know what to expect coming here. They set off confidently with servant hearts and put their shoulder into anything that came up.

“Now my stairs are not crumbling anymore, I’m not falling backwards off my steps,” she added. “I can take my trash out and carry my groceries into the house.”

Chaperoning the team at Maurice’s house was Bobby Thompson of Kansas who said he most enjoyed getting to know new people. Teams were randomly put together, so students and adults

Makenzie Wolf and Caroline Curtis give the porch at 1753 Roslyn a new coat of paint.



Sydney Hottovy, Cadence Whited and Chloe Dirks touch up the paint on the siding at 1745 Roslyn.



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The crew working on a handicap ramp at 941 Bedford signed a two-by-four for homeowner, Janet McConkey, to remember them by. The board became part of the ramp. McConkey, seated in her wheelchair near the post, said she was grateful for their help.

spent the week working with people they didn’t know.

“It’s very rewarding, very enjoyable,” Thompson said. “It starts off chaotic. We learn skills and weaknesses, then by Tuesday afternoon, it’s smooth. They understand the projects and are ready to roll.”

He said the experience is rewarding in three ways: meeting the resident, making new friends and completing the proj-

ect.

“It’s about making memories with the kids,” he said, noting his daughter was part of this year’s mission, though she served on another team. “It strengthens my faith a little bit. Every year I hear from residents, ‘I have faith in our kids again.’”

Workers at Janet McConkey’s house on Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park largely focused on building a new wheel-

chair ramp. The metal ramp she’d been using was deemed unsafe, so a new wooden ramp was paramount.

“It was scary before; it wasn’t anything supportive,” she said. “This will be much safer.”

Youth also pulled weeds and did some work inside the house after a shower pan leak.

“They re-plastered the living room ceiling and repainted the room,” said McConkey, who was made aware of the Workcamp program through The Helm. “I’m impressed with their skill and charm. They’re delightful to be around. They know what they’re doing.”

McConkey said she is grateful for the work the team completed.

“I want to thank them with all my heart,” she said. “I feel comfortable that they know what’s best and safest.”

Chaperone Cindy Gerstbauer from Indiana served her first Workcamp mission last



Lizzy Rennekamp and Abby Raab use screwdrivers to dig up weeds from the driveway at 941 Bedford.

week at McConkey’s house, with her 14-year-old son on a different site.

“I love the group dynamic, how they interact,” she said. “You see the ones who are leaders and help others find their way. ... And the knowledge of the chaperones has been awesome.”

Dan Wellendorf, a chaperone from Nebraska, agreed.

“This is a little more complex construction project, so they chose an individual with the right experience,” he said. “We had a rain delay, but we’re scheduled to be finished on time.”

Of the homeowner’s list of projects, building the new ramp was a priority.

“Gaining access or exit from the home is a lifesaving freedom for her,” he said. “The greatest joy is sharing the

love of God in the world. We all have gifts. If we choose to use them wisely as the creator intended, we give glory.”

Conger said she was overwhelmingly grateful to all involved, especially the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

“They had to trust an organization that said, ‘We’re going to show up with 200 strangers and sleep in the school,’ and they said yes,” she said. “The support staff has been wonderful. The new administration, this sort of fell into their laps, but they’ve been supportive and wonderful.”

“And the community,” she continued. “I have so much gratitude. I have seen all the good that’s been done, not just for the people getting repairs, but for the community. All the churches that have been praying for us, too, it all means so much.”



Homeowner Maureen Maurice, left, holds a sign she plans to hang on her front door, which was freshly painted by Workcamper Felicity Brelage.

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Farms man a lifesaver

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Peter T. Maxwell Jr. calls it a Fourth of July he’ll never forget. Instead of enjoying a beer and a bite to eat at a restaurant along the Nautical Mile, he ended up helping save the life of a man who was suffering a cardiac episode.

“I had just gotten there and went upstairs when I heard a really loud thud,” he said. “Then I heard my dad’s voice and my brother’s voice saying, ‘PT, go downstairs,’ because that’s my nickname.

“I ignored it at first but then I heard it again,” he said. “I went downstairs and there were some people tending to a man on the floor whose head was bleeding. I asked if anyone had checked for a pulse because he had a certain glaze in his eyes people get when they’re in cardiac arrest.”

Maxwell’s father, Peter T. Maxwell Sr., died of a heart attack in February 2020. His younger brother, Meade, who was known for wanting to help people, died of cancer in September 2020.

“He wasn’t breathing, so I started chest compressions and there was a nurse there who started



Peter Maxwell

giving him mouth-to-mouth,” he continued. “He came to and arched his back, took a deep breath and then went back into cardiac arrest.

“I asked the nurse to take over CPR and went to go find an AED (automated external defibrillator) but they didn’t have one,” Maxwell said. “I ran out to my car and grabbed a bunch of gauze from my first-aid kit because the guy hit his head when he fell and had several cuts.”

By the time he got back inside, St. Clair Shores police had arrived with an AED and revived the man.

“I asked him if he knew what time of year it was and he said summer,” Maxwell said, getting choked up. “Then I asked him what his name was and he said ... Peter.”

Maxwell, a reporter for

WXYZ-TV7, said he learned CPR 23 years ago as a student at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

“I just did what I hope anyone would do for me if I was in that position,” he said. “I’d like to find the guy and give him a hug. All I know is that he has a boat he docks at Jefferson Beach Marina.”

Maxwell has since bought a portable AED and downloaded an app on his phone called PulsePoint AED that can find the equipment in a given area.

“I was surprised how few there are in the Pointes other than fire stations and fitness clubs,” he said. “There should be a state law mandating every restaurant over a certain seating capacity have one. I’m going to do a story on that and the idea came to me as I was performing CPR and yelling for someone to get an AED.”

Maxwell said the main takeaway is that everyone should learn CPR.

“And if you know CPR, take charge in that kind of situation, don’t stand around,” he said. “You can give that person an extra day, extra week, even years. And you can give that life back to their family.”



Drive for Life Invitational raises more than \$250K

Sponsors and participants in the June 17 Drive for Life Invitational at Oakland Hills Country Club raised more than \$250,000 to support programs and services at the Walter & Marilyn Wolpin Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital in Royal Oak and the Wilson Cancer Resource Center at Corewell Health Troy Hospital. The afternoon, presented by AHEAD, hosted approximately 200 golfers and guests. In addition to golf on world-class championship courses, guests enjoyed meals, a cocktail reception and pro tips by golf pro Rick Smith.

From left, Todd Flood of Grosse Pointe Shores, Link Bessert of Grosse Pointe Woods, Ron Alexander of Shelby Township and Aaron Alexander of Macomb, enjoyed golfing at the 2024 Drive For Life Invitational.

Skincare for summertime

When the summer sun shines, board-certified dermatologists Dr. Richard Ferrara and Dr. Katie Caretti observe a noticeable rise in rosacea cases at their practice. Fortunately, the Skin & Laser Center at Ferrara Dermatology offers a variety of effective treatments for this common issue.

This prevalent skin condition primarily affects fair-complected individuals, manifesting as redness and pimple-like bumps on the face. Its subtypes range from general skin redness to more severe cases with pustules and papules.

“Rosacea has medical and cosmetic dynamics,” Ferrara said. “Some people experience redness in the skin, some experience redness with pimple-like bumps. We have patients come into the office in their 40s, 50s and 60s confused why they are developing acne later in life, but it’s actually rosacea.”

Summer can be an especially challenging time for patients with rosacea. It often flares up in the summer due to increased sun exposure, which can trigger inflammation, and higher temperatures that cause sweating, both of which exacerbate the condition. Additionally, summer activities often involve more outdoor time and consumption of

alcoholic beverages, further contributing to flare ups.

Effective treatment of rosacea typically involves a combination of topical and oral medications, as well as lifestyle adjustments. Topical creams can reduce inflammation and redness, while vasoconstricting creams specifically target the redness component. For more persistent cases, low-dose oral antibiotics may be prescribed. Managing rosacea also involves avoiding known triggers, such as retinols and exfoliating products, and using gentle skincare routines.

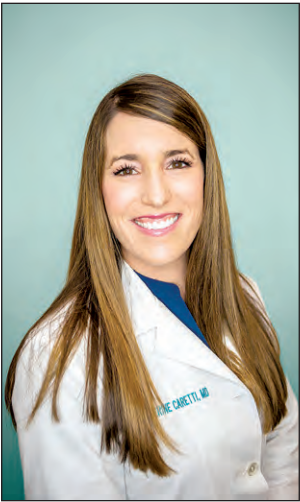
“We offer vascular lasers if patients want to explore other treatment options,” Caretti said. “These address diffuse redness and broken blood vessels. We can blend multiple modalities to find the treatment plan that works best for that specific person.”

Sun protection is crucial for those with rosacea and zinc-based sunscreens like Elta MD Clear are recommended for their effectiveness and suitability for acne-prone skin. Neutrogena’s tinted sunscreens can adapt to different skin pigments and provide an additional cosmetic benefit. Both products are good options for rosacea-prone skin.

While rosacea is a year-round condition,



Dr. Richard Ferrara



Dr. Katie Caretti

patients should be particularly vigilant during the summer months and employ a multifaceted treatment approach to manage their symptoms effectively. By blending topical treatments, lifestyle modifications and advanced therapies like lasers, individuals with rosacea can achieve better control over their condition and improve their quality of life.

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GROSSE POINTE WALKING PATHS

Where to go to get your steps in

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Walking just may be man’s best medicine. It’s something most everyone is already doing each day and provides a low-impact way to keep moving while taking in fresh oxygen for the body.

Hippocrates, widely known as the father of Western medicine, had it right — walking is truly a wonderful way to stay healthy while getting some fresh air. It is standard knowledge that exercise has preventative and therapeutic effects on health.

From physical fitness, to socializing (when you walk with a friend), to mental health — a walk is a wonderful way to start or end your day. Heck, even lunch-time power walks are a great way to work exercise into your daily routine.

And what better backdrop could one ask for than the Grosse Pointes — namely, our stunningly beautiful public parks?

Here we will take a look at some of the loops around town. Just grab your park pass, lace up your shoes and get going. Remember, there’s no shame in starting small, that’s actually smart if you are just beginning. Try for one loop and gradually increase your steps each week. Just keep moving — and taking in all the natural beauty the Pointes have to offer.



Windmill Point Park
The jewel of Grosse Pointe Park, Windmill Point Park is a gathering spot for the community with activities from walking paths to theaters and more.

Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Point Park

This stunning park is located at 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr. The walking surface includes the sidewalk from inside the gatehouse to the end of the main pier and back, at a total of 3,620 feet. That’s over three-fifths of a mile of scenic Grosse Pointe.

After you enjoy your walk, the park also offers a fishing pier, an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and barbecue grills for amping up your exercise game and having a healthy snack.

Matthew C. Patterson Park

Within Windmill Point Park, the walking path here includes the sidewalk from the parking lot to the end of the boardwalk and back. This walk in the park provides a lakefront vista and a total of 2,558 feet of path both ways.

Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park

Located at 800 Lake Shore Rd., Osius Park has both a small loop and a bigger loop. The smaller path is 1/6th of a mile and the larger one is approximately one-third of a mile. Neither of these path lengths include the frontage of the lake, where the marina pier adds another 850 feet of walking distance to enjoy.



Osius Park
This beautiful waterside park, left and above, offers two walking paths, plus a length of breathtaking marina frontage for even more healthy inspiration.

Walking pretty
Look sharp as you move in the Beach Riot Zena top and Daria skort in Garden Isle colors. Both from Corner Active & Leisure at corneractiveandleisure.com.





Grosse Pointe City
Neff Park:

Neff Park is located at 17350 E Jefferson Ave. in the City of Grosse Pointe. Seasoned walkers will want to know that the outer loop of this park is the longest path at 0.36 miles. The inner loop of the park is 0.28 miles. These lengths exclude the marina. Walking all the way to the end of the main pier of the marina and back adds an additional 0.3 miles to either walking path.

In addition to great walking areas Neff Park features an event pavilion, swimming pool, picnic tables, tennis/pickleball courts, a kayak dock, soccer field and ball diamonds as well as the marina. For more information on Neff Park, call (313) 343-5257.



Neff Park
This gorgeous city park offers beautiful walking trails and lots of scenery. The RED loop, shown on map above, is 0.36 miles long. The YELLOW loop is 0.28 miles in length.



Grosse Pointe
Farms Pier Park:

Located at 350 Lake Shore Rd. in Grosse Pointe Farms. The outer loop of the park is 0.81 miles. There are two other loops, one at 0.53 miles and another smaller loop at 0.34 miles. There are markers at every eighth mile along each path for measuring your distance.

In addition to the walking paths, this park also offers a beach, fishing area, a large summer pool, marina, play-scapes, tennis courts, pickleball courts and shuffleboard courts.

Contact the park at (313) 343-2405. Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.



Yellow path - 0.81 miles
Blue path - 0.53 miles
Red path - 0.34 miles

Pier Park
With three different lengths of walking paths, Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms offers walking options for every time constraint and fitness level. The map, at left, outlines the three options.

Above, the park is beautifully landscaped to help walkers take in natural beauty as they strengthen muscle.

Right: Lots to enjoy, like the park's newly-replaced gazebo, shown with supporters on its dedication day.





Lake Front Park
Scenic paths and year-round use make this walking option great. Residents take advantage of the paths for walking, jogging, skating and more.

Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park

Located at 23000 Jefferson Ave., this park consists of 55 acres of green lawn and is the largest of the Grosse Pointe municipal parks. With a 1.4 mile lighted, paved path for walking, jogging, biking, in-line and roller skating, residents can keep moving year-round. The park also has an Olympic-sized pool, tennis/pickleball courts, a marina, gazebo and event pavilion.

Lake Front Park Fitness Trail

The fitness trail at Lake Front Park has fitness equipment donated by the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation. The equipment is permanently installed at nine scenic locations along the park’s 1.4-mile paved path. Included are a squat press, chest/back press, tai chi wheels, and a cardio stepper. Stations are spaced 100 to 200 yards apart, encouraging people to walk or run as they move between them. New for 2024, Grosse Pointe Woods residents with dog park passes are allowed to walk their leashed dogs on the walking path. Dog park passes are available at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.



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Hackett Homecare: ‘Our family caring for your family’

PGS Dentistry, Growing Smiles provide care from ages 1 to 99

At Hackett Homecare, clients always receive top-of-the-line service. Hackett has core values of trust, honesty, integrity and compassion. Their slogan, “Our family, caring for yours,” demonstrates the personal touch clients will receive.

Founder and owner John Hackett is a Grosse Pointe Farms native who grew up in the Grosse Pointes. John has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing – BSN. After playing professional baseball he moved back to Grosse Pointe and raised his family here. He has worked in the medical field his entire life.

The business, Hackett Homecare, began as he took care of his own parents, who struggled with issues related to Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s disease. He decided to create a homecare business for other elderly people like his parents.

“I knew that I could help a lot of people in their later years providing them with an extremely high quality of care along with loving, compassionate and honest caregivers,” he said.

Hackett Homecare specializes in companion care, personal care, Alzheimer’s/dementia and Parkinson’s care, traumatic brain injury, ALS and catastrophic injury care.

“If you or a loved one is growing increasingly dependent on others with everyday activities,” the company’s brochure says,



“Hackett Homecare can help regain and restore your quality of life.”

“I’m just very blessed to have some outstanding caregivers who are hard-working, loving and caring and that’s what makes it work seamlessly,” he said.

Many of his caregivers have been with him for 15-plus years and embody the company’s core values. They are the best, the heartbeat of the company and the reason why the company has had success. Robyn, Megan, Crystal, Jeff, Sheryl, Cathy, Tracy, Roberta, Kathleen, Jenn, Pam, Jose, Necole, Natalie, Juanita, Sue, Jamika, Allison and John are some of the phenomenal caregivers that make up Hackett Homecare. His staff consists of registered nurses (RNs), certified nursing assistants (CNAs) and companion aids, and provide care from a few hours at a time to 24/7 around-the-clock care.

“Robyn is one of the kindest and most loving individuals there is with a heart of gold and has a

passion to help seniors. Megan provides a wealth of knowledge with her RN care and is a leader in the industry. They work tirelessly to make sure everything runs smoothly.”

Above all, Hackett prides himself on the depth and quality of service the company provides, which sets them apart. Hackett states, “I wouldn’t place a caregiver into any client’s home unless I felt comfortable enough to have them in my parents’ home. Having caregivers for my own parents, I completely understand the importance of going the extra mile to only hire high-quality caregivers who have a passion for caring for those in need. If they don’t meet the most stringent qualities, we will not place them in any client’s home. We are so blessed and I don’t take that for granted.”

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“We have the goal to be a seamless transition from children to adults and a one-stop shop for the entire family, so that they don’t have to go anywhere else,” said Amber Sharpley, DDS, a general dentist with PGS Dentistry. “Being able to provide care from ages 1 to 99 in different aspects of comprehensive care as well drew me to this office.”

Sharpley has worked as a dental hygienist since 2012, but upon growing her love for the field, returned to school and graduated with a doctorate in dental surgery in May 2023.

She was drawn to PGS Dentistry because of its



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Amber Sharpley, DDS, a general dentist with PGS Dentistry, is all smiles with a patient.

uniqueness as an established pediatric office now growing to serve the whole family.

“It’s always been important to me to make sure that I’m able to give back to the community,” Sharpley said. “So for me, it’s special — because I live in this community — to be able to provide for my neighbors and their families.”

As part of its commitment to patient care, PGS Dentistry has the latest technology, including a state-of-the-art scanner which offers a smoother and more efficient process for crowns, partials, bite guards and more.

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sion material, which makes the patient a little bit uncomfortable,” Sharpley explained. “The scanner makes it more comfortable for the patient and is actually a quicker turnaround too.”

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Kressbach Fountain to transform into community art installation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Main Street Grosse Pointe doesn't have readily available the estimated \$36,000 needed to replace the pump and fix leaks within Kressbach Fountain at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village.

Perhaps until now, it also has yet to crack the

magic formula to keep kids from climbing all over the stone.

"It was like an a-ha moment," said Michelle Boggess-Nunley, MSGP board member and owner of Posterity Art Gallery, of the idea to temporarily transform the fountain into a public art installation. "Like wait, there's this fountain here and we can't use it currently.

Let's plant flowers on top and install artwork and make it pretty."

The "It Takes a Village" public art display will showcase 18 pieces by local artists — each in cohesive 14-by-14-inch outdoor-appropriate frames — revolving around the artists' interpretation of the meaning of community and what it takes to create a welcoming, inclusive and cultural downtown district.

Jurors Miles Fradeneck and Cassidy Woolums, who this year were featured in the Grosse Pointe Artist Association's eighth annual Promising Artists Exhibition, selected the 18 designs out of 40 submissions.

"We thought it was important to get the youth involved," Boggess-Nunley said. "They're both extremely talented.

"... They were asked to select the artists based on how they felt the proposed designs aligned with the theme of the show."

Artist Sue Majewski will contribute a mosaic collage depicting her favorite parts of The Village throughout childhood.

"I grew up around the

corner, walking the three blocks of The Village almost daily," she wrote in her submission to the open call for art. "I have fabulous memories of the Sanders lunch counter with my grandma, the escalator at Jacobson's leading up to the Miss J Shop, the Valente family and their friendly jewelry store, 31 Flavors ice cream, Notre Dame Pharmacy and Stahls bread."

A piece by Angelo Sherman will be a nod to sports bringing individuals together in the same way community does; artist Alyssa Schuetz, who recently moved to the Park, will paint a scene from an After 6 on Kercheval event; and "Bodies in Harmony" by Amanda Koss will use abstract, colorful figures to represent diverse individuals who make up a community.

"The overlapping and interacting figures symbolize the connections and relationships that create a strong, unified community," she described in her submission. "The sweeping lines and connecting shapes illustrate the dynamic energy and bonds within



COURTESY PHOTOS

Aimee Tomlinson drops off her artwork at Posterity Art Gallery before it is installed on Kressbach Fountain later this month. "Peace is always a subject I try to interpret into my art," she wrote in a description of the piece, "whether through color, graffiti-like words, graphic elements or intentional mark making that tends to pull all elements together like one tribe and one community."

the community, while the textured elements add depth, reflecting the multifaceted nature of communal life."

Artists, who each received a \$75 creator's stipend, will deliver the finished pieces to Posterity by Tuesday,

July 16, where they will be sealed on weather-treated panels.

The team hopes installation of the "It Takes a Village" public art display will be complete prior to this year's Sidewalk Sale-cebration Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28.

ASK THE EXPERTS By GBC Autism Services

6 strengths of individuals with autism

As a parent, one of your goals is to help your child maximize their strengths so they can lead a happy, productive life. This is especially crucial for children with autism. The key is to understand the differences between autistic and neurotypical children can be qualities that allow them to shine.

Like any child, children with autism need to feel accepted to thrive. Therefore, the best thing you can do for your child is to embrace them, quirks and all.

Here are some characteristics of people with autism that translate into strengths throughout their lives:

♦ **Special interests or talents:** People with autism are often extremely passionate and knowledgeable in areas of intense, solitary interest. These interests can help reduce other autism traits and build self-confidence. For example, children with autism often become more animated when discussing their passions. Some people with autism even highlight these special interests within very successful careers.

♦ **Detail-oriented:** When motivated to pay attention, children with autism can be hyper-focused. This attention to the tiniest of details means they tend to make fewer mistakes than those with neurotypical minds. This allows them to excel in detail-oriented schoolwork or future careers and even notice things that others may overlook.

♦ **Structured:** Children with autism thrive on routine, crave consistency and are adept rule followers. This translates to reliability, which is an asset in both professional and social situations. What can be perceived as inflexibility or rigidity allows children with autism to grow into punctual, organized and dependable

adults who follow workplace rules and strive to complete their work accurately.

♦ **Unique communication:** Children with autism are more likely to speak their minds with "no filter" regardless of the social context. They seldom lie and usually say exactly what they think. This straightforward manner of communicating means they grow into sincere, genuine and honest adults.

♦ **Excellent recall of facts:** People with autism often have an excellent rote memory, which enables them to recall large amounts of information, such as dialogue from movies. This exceptional memory can be a significant strength when it comes to academic skills, such as recalling and solving complex math formulas.

♦ **Authenticity:** Children with autism are often perceived as "quirky," which means they also are nonconforming and not afraid to be themselves. This authenticity allows them to be more creative and questioning. Because they do not feel obliged to conform, they are less likely to fall prey to peer pressure and often bring openness and freshness to social interactions.

Embracing your child's interests and strengths will help them navigate the world better and open the door to opportunities that incorporate their unique abilities.

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Managing children’s fear
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Dear Gabby: My daughter has a horrible fear of shots. What can I do to help her?

— Doctor’s Office Disaster

Dear Doctor’s Office Disaster,

There’s really nothing you can do, other than calmly support while they suffer through it. Don’t make a huge deal about it — period.

If your daughter tends to pass out or feel ill, have the doctor lie her down and ask her to “make a fist with her toes” or flex and point her feet before the whole thing starts.

It won’t stop the fear, but it can stop her from fainting and sometimes get her mind off of it enough to make it bearable.

The long and the

short of it is, you can’t feed the fear.

Also, I’m a big fan of rewarding good behavior. An ice cream cone for bravery seems appropriate.

— Gabby

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Promotion shifts dynamics of friendship

DEAR ANNIE: My friend “Emily” and I go way back to our college days, when we used to share absolutely everything with each other — the good, the bad and the ugly.

She recently got a promotion at work (she works for a well-known accounting firm), something I know she’s been dreaming of for a while. Of course, I’m super

happy for her, but things between us have kind of shifted since then.

Now it’s all about her job and her new responsibilities and her added stress, and whenever I try to bring up something about my work or what’s going on with me, it feels like she doesn’t care. It’s like suddenly, she’s in the spotlight and I’m just on the sidelines.

I’m feeling a bit jealous and overlooked, which is totally not us. I want to talk to her about this without making her feel bad about her success or risking messing up our friend-

ship. How can I bring this up without coming off as jealous or small-minded?

— Feeling on the Sidelines

DEAR FEELING ON THE SIDELINES: Try setting aside some time to share your feelings with Emily privately. Start with how happy you are for her success, and then gently express that you’ve been feeling a bit disconnected from her lately. Highlight your desire to support each other equally, and avoid framing it as a complaint about her behavior. Focus instead on your feelings and the things that you need from a friendship right now. This approach encourages open communication without placing blame.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

The conversation could reinforce your friendship’s foundation, reminding both of you why it’s lasted this long.

DEAR ANNIE: A year ago, I had a relationship with a much younger woman. We were both single and developed deep feelings for each other. In spite of the age difference, we had a connection. We were never “official,” but we shared a closeness. The relationship lasted about five months when out of the blue, she couldn’t see me anymore. She said

there wasn’t another man, but who knows. She then ghosted me, cut me off completely and blocked me on social media but not by phone number.

I reached out to her a few times via text, but she never replied. Although I accept that she is no longer interested, I am bothered by how it ended. I have seen her a few times around town, but she acts as if we never knew each other and does not speak to me. She basically just erased me from her life, but it still makes me wonder why. Any advice? — Bewildered

DEAR BEWILDERED: When we don’t get closure in situations like this, all we’re left with are unanswered questions and wandering minds. Your confusion and pain are totally warranted.

Perhaps why this woman cut you off is unimportant; someone who doesn’t even acknowledge you isn’t worthy of your love and attention. Remember that the right person for you is still out there — and when you find each other, you’ll never have to question where you stand.

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By Sonny Randazzo
Guest Writer

With its roots in Southern Italy, linguine alle vongole (linguine with clam sauce) is an amazing summer pasta dish. Any seafood lover would stop in their tracks for a dish of fresh, briny littleneck clams over linguine, giving it the flavors of the sea — light and fresh, perfect for a summer evening on the patio with family and friends. Don’t forget a great pinot grigio!

My journey with linguine alle vongole begins with my father, Nino Randazzo. He truly loved to cook and made it so good. It’s one of the great flavors of my childhood. It’s amazing how a flavor, a song or a smell can bring you right back in time.

The kitchen was always the lifeblood of the house and where the family congregated. I grew up listening and learning how to cook with family. My mother and father often would bicker about how to make certain things better and would critique with love and humor.

I’m sure many can relate. It was always fun. There are many ways

to make this dish and everyone loves to think they make it the best. I will share my father’s recipe. I hope you love it as much as my family and I do.

The first thing you need to do is take your time. Open a bottle of pinot grigio you love, put on some Frank Sinatra and get ready to have fun eating good!

Lingine alle Vongole (generously feeds four):

1-pound package of high-quality linguine pasta (I prefer the Delallo). High-quality pasta is always lighter in color and has a rough finish. Yellow and smooth are not as high quality.

4 to 6 ounces — or enough to generously coat the whole bottom of a large frying pan — high-quality extra virgin olive oil (I prefer Partana Sicilian olive oil in the red can. You’ll love it!)

Three fresh cloves garlic. Never use the pre-chopped jarred stuff.

Three strips of Sicilian

anchovy from a glass jar are always the best.

1 green onion (scallion)

1 10 oz. can whole-shelled baby clams (I prefer Cento)

1 8 oz. bottle clam juice (I prefer Cento)

2 pounds fresh littleneck pasta clams. Make sure they are all closed. If they open before they are cooked, they are not good.

Sea salt

Black pepper

1 large pinch of Italian flat parsley. Make sure it’s flat parsley; never get curly for Italian cooking.

One-third bottle of pinot grigio wine that you love to drink. Always cook with wine you love to drink.

Two to three ladles of pasta water

Finely grated imported pecorino romano or Parmigiano Reggiano cheese (whatever you prefer)

Cooking the pasta:

First, start to boil your water for a one-pound package of pasta. Add a generous amount of sea salt when the water begins to boil — about six to seven turns on a salt mill. The water needs to be like the sea.

Next, add your linguine and let it cook for about eight minutes. Don’t overcook it. You want to take it out of the boiling water while al dente. Important note: Just before you take the pasta out of the water, save two to three ladles of the pasta water and set aside.

Clam sauce:

Have all your ingredients prepped and ready because this sauce is very quick to make. Get a large frying pan, add medium to high heat and add olive oil to generously coat the bottom of the pan.

Let the oil heat for two to three minutes, then add the anchovy. Stir and smash the anchovy with a large cooking spoon. I like an old-fashioned wooden spoon.

The anchovy will melt in the oil and give incredible flavor.

Add your chopped or sliced garlic. Be careful that the oil doesn’t get too hot. Adjust the heat. Don’t be scared to take the pan off the heat. If you burn the garlic, just start over because it will never be right.

Fry the garlic and anchovies in the oil for two minutes. Add the can of clams and clam juice. Adjust the heat back up.

After a few minutes, add one chopped green onion and two pounds of littleneck clams. Make sure you rinse them well first.

Add the one-third bottle of pinot grigio wine. Keep stirring and incorporate everything.

Add the two to three ladles of pasta water you held to the side. Stir.

Add one large pinch of coarsely chopped flat parsley. Stir.

Your littleneck clams should all be opened at this time. If not, give it a little more time. If you have a few that won’t open, pull them out and discard them.

Get your spoon and

taste. Add salt and pepper to your taste.

The sauce should have a very liquid-like consistency. If you want it more, add wine and pasta water. Don’t worry if it looks too watery because the linguine will soak some of it up.

Turn the heat on high and add the linguine to the frying pan. Stir and let the magic happen.

Once all is incorporated, turn off the heat and plate up.

If you like, top with one of the two grated cheeses I listed above and add a few crushed red pepper flakes.

Pour yourself a fresh glass of pinot grigio and buon appetito!

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Italian white wines

Most Americans who grew up in the 1970s or 1980s who hear the phrase “Italian wine” might immediately conjure up red wines that are somewhat tart and made to go with pastas and tomato sauces.

And at that time, that definition fit rather neatly. Most Italian wines sold in the United States were Chiantis, and most were designed to go with meat dishes or pastas, particularly those in which there were also tomatoes. The acidity in tomatoes pair

nically with the same element in the wine.

But that phrase “Italian wine” does not conjure up only red anymore, and part of the reason is that Italy today produces a vast array of slightly different white wines that might be considered some of the most chic and fascinating that you can possibly imagine.

However, the names might be slightly confusing simply because there are so many of them. When I began to write this column, I was going

to discuss two or three of them. But I realized that there are at least 15 popular white wines coming from Italy, each of them delivering unique flavors that appeal to most Americans seeking alternative aromas and tastes.

There are good reasons why Italy didn’t develop a reputation for white wines until recently. One was a lack of the equipment necessary to capture the delicate aromatics from some of the most fascinating white wine grapes grown by grape-growing experts such as the Italians.

One look at a map of Italy shows that the country is long and nar-

row and surrounded by seas. Most of its vineyards are within proximity to major bodies of water that produce cool breezes that lower nighttime temperatures.

Such weather patterns help retain natural acidity in grapes, and not only in hilly vineyards on the mainland, but also in places such as Sicily and Sardinia and other island areas in which many of these

grapes flourish.

One of the most easily visible Italian white wines is pinot grigio, the popular but simplistic grape that grows successfully in Friuli and four other Italian regions.



Pinot grigio.

It also grows well in at least 20 other areas of the world, where it makes slightly more distinctive white wines.

Soave is a wine from Veneto that was popular here in the 1960s because of its somewhat neutral aromatics and its low price. It is made from the tart grape garganega.

One Italian white grape that has become popular with Americans over the last few years is vermentino, which is widely planted in Sardinia as well as Piemonte, where it is occasionally referred to as “favorita.”

Vermentino makes a delightful, fresh, slightly spicy white wine with aromatics of tropical fruit and citrus. It has a bit more body than many other white wine grapes.

Vernaccia also offers

a slight spice element in its aroma, particularly when it is young. It is the most popular wine by far in the Tuscan hill town of San Gimignano.

Heat-tolerant grillo makes a delicate white wine that’s tasty in Sicily. Grechetto and trebbiano both grow well in Umbria and combine to make a crisp white that often is seen as Orvieto, for the region it grows in.

Other whites worth trying are fallanghina, pecorino (not the cheeses of the same name!), verdicchio, verduzzo, cortese, moscato, malvasia and fiano.

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

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We Tried It!

As usual, I have been captivated by brilliant marketing on social media.

This week, it was all about the “bougie” vibe of Salt & Stone body wash — specifically the Santal & Vetiver scent. They’ll have you believing this is the most amazing body wash you have ever known — all for the great price of \$36 for one bottle. I’m not sure how they hook me so quickly. It’s a body wash, how special can it be?

I ordered it online and — poof! — the bougie body wash was on my front porch.

The bottle looks upscale and, weighing in at more than 15 ounces, it looks like a very generous amount. The smell reminds me of the newish, high-end hotel vibe people are after these days. I would say it’s most certainly a smell for either men or women and it is very appealing — the level of appealing where you nearly sniff it up your nose trying to get more of the scent.

As far as the ingredients, it’s a major positive that it does not include the “bad” ingredients we’ve all come to avoid, like parabens, sulfates

and phthalates. As far as the “good” stuff, there are some interesting ingredients, such as seaweed extracts and spirulina (antioxidant-rich ocean botanicals that soothe and regenerate skin), blueberry extract and vitamin C (antioxidants), Niacinamide (B3), hyaluronic acid (moisturizing) and pro-



vetiver; a gentle wave of car-

biotics (fortifying the skin barrier).

Some of the ways Salt & Stone use to describe the scent are “Soft earth shifts underfoot as you move into the heart of the woods. An open fire crackles. Warm. Enveloping. Grounded. Engulfed in a wash of amber, a hit of Australian sandalwood, cedar,

damom carrying across the breeze.” This is some kind of drama — and I kind of love it. They aren’t wrong.

I have enjoyed using the body wash since the day it arrived. It’s a nice departure from the citrus, coconut and tropical washes that have been popular as of late. Yes, it’s pricey, but it lives up to the hype (Well, maybe not the Telenovela-level drama they portray, but close!) Essentially it smells delicious, the body wash itself does its job and did I mention it smells amazing?

I’m giving Salt & Stone 5

alligators and have ordered the mega-popular Salt & Stone deodorant to try out next.

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.



by Anna Lizer



FISHING CONTEST



Bobby Milne, age 4, left, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught himself a nice 12-inch smallmouth bass at Pier Park.



FINISH LINE!

It’s a wrap: Another “Classic” season of fishing, family and fun

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

The 2024 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic has wrapped up for another year, amid lots of whopper stories and hopefully not too many tales of the ones that got away. We have the closing tallies and couldn’t be prouder of each and every contestant who threw a line in the water — and threw their hat in the ring — to win amazing prizes from our sponsors. The final biggest fish of the Classic, which closed June 27, was caught by young angler Camden Kensora, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods. His 39-inch muskie took top overall prize and was one of the few muskies caught over the course of the competition this year. Camden also takes the muskie category for

on-shore Division A. Other category winners for A Division were Tommy Luxton, 8, from Grosse Pointe Shores, with a 24-inch pike, caught in the Shores. The Division A bass winner was Finn Ezop, 9, with a 20.5-inch smallmouth. Christian Phillips scored the top walleye, snaring a 15-inch fish. Repeat winner Tom Kolojeski lead the 13 and over age division for overall longest fish with a 22-inch walleye, also topping the boating division for the same fish category. Other familiar Division D names popped up in the prize circle for the final week. Ben Jacob and Skip Moody tied for top bass, each nabbing a 19.5-inch fish — a largemouth for Jacob and a smallmouth for Moody.

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Top winner, top sponsor: Camden Kensora, 12, above left, took the competition by storm with his 39-inch muskie. Camden, of Grosse Pointe Woods, receives his trophy from the top sponsor of the Fishing Classic, Kyle Hecht, above right, of Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe.

TOP FISH

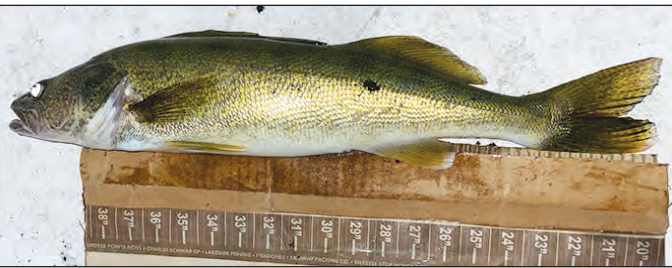


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Camden Kensora’s whopping 39-inch muskie, above, was the big winner this week. Camden, age 12, from Grosse Pointe Woods, caught the fish in Grosse Pointe Shores, under Division A.



Holding his prize catch, one of two 33.5-inch pike, is George Ellis II, 9, above, of Grosse Pointe Park. George took the category for Division C, catching this beautiful fish by boat on Lake St. Clair.



Tom Kolojeski, from Grosse Pointe Farms, bagged this 22-inch walleye to take the category for boating Division D, plus largest fish overall for 13 and over. Great catch!



Reid McGuckin, of Grosse Pointe, above, reeled in a huge 21” largemouth bass at Pier Park. The hefty fish made him the category winner for Division B.



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DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	CAMDEN KENSORA	39" MUSKIE	★ ★
2	TOMMY LUXTON	24" PIKE	★
3	FINN EZOP	20" SM BASS	★
4	RICHIE BERRI	17" LM BASS	
4	RICHIE BERRI	17" LM BASS	
6	ANDREW BARR	16.5" SM BASS	
7	JACK GRYZENIA	16" SM BASS	
7	TROY PEABODY	16" SM BASS	
7	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	16" LM BASS	
10	NICO BERRI	15" LM BASS	
10	CAMDEN KENSORA	15" SM BASS	
10	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	15" WALLEYE	★
13	RICHIE BERRI	13" LM BASS	
13	CAMDEN KENSORA	13" SM BASS	
15	BOBBY MILLER	12" SM BASS	
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DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	REID MCGUCKIN	21" LM BASS	★
2	ALEX BLYTH	19.5" PIKE	★
2	DANE MCGUCKIN	19" MUSKIE	★
4	DAVIS GRYZENIA	18" PIKE	
5	ANDERSON WILCOX	17.25" LM BASS	
6	MALCOM RICHARDS	17" LM BASS	
6	ANDERSON WILCOX	17" SM BASS	
8	JOHN LEVERENZ	16.5" SM BASS	
9	REID MCGUCKIN	15" SM BASS	
10	RYAN HURD	14" LM BASS	
10	REID MCGUCKIN	14" SM BASS	

DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	GEORGE ELLIS II	33.5" PIKE	★
1	GEORGE ELLIS II	33.5" PIKE	
3	DAVID FIKANY	20.5" SM BASS	★
4	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	15" WALLEYE	★
5	GEORGE ELLIS II	14" LM BASS	

33.5" PIKE

DIVISION D BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	TOM KOLOJESKI	22" WALLEYE	★ ★
2	BEN JACOB	19.5" LM BASS (TIE)	★
3	SKIP MOODY	19.5" SM BASS (TIE)	★
4	TOM KOLOJESKI	19.25" SM BASS	
5	SKIP MOODY	17" SM BASS	
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Brian Owen, above left, and crew know that sometimes a casual day of fishing produces the best results.

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

The idea of a fishing course came to me a while back, most likely as a result of my love for golf combined with fishing competitive tournaments over the years. While I haven’t fished competitively for a long time, I’ve always held on to that competitive spirit. I weigh or measure most of the fish I catch, especially the bigger ones. I keep track in my head what my results for the day would be if I was fishing in a tournament.

If there is one thing I have learned fishing Lake St. Clair the last 20 years, it is that the lake is always changing. You can fish the same spot every day, but that spot will never be the same as it was the year before or even the day before. Something will always be different — the wind, waves, water clarity, depth, water temperature and, most importantly, presence of fish.

This is why it is important to have a variety of fishing spots. Some of the spots I’ve shared have weeds, some have boulders, some have sand and some have all three. Some spots are shallow and some are deep and some have a little of both. The one thing they all have in common is I have caught fish on all of them. I choose which spots I fish based on what the conditions are when I’m out on the lake and my level of confidence in the spot given those conditions.

Here are the final three holes to round out the front nine of the fictitious Grosse Pointe Municipal. I hope you get a chance to fish them all!

Hole No. 7 — Rocky Ridge
42.35060° N, 82.91590° W

From the Pointes, head toward the tallest channel marker by Peche Island. You’ll need a Canadian fishing license for this hole, but I just couldn’t leave it off this list. It’s one of my newest spots, but also one of my favorites. This giant, rocky flat always

holds smallmouth bass. There are dramatic depth changes and a very shallow rocky ridge that snakes its way along the flat. You can typically find fish on the shallowest part of the flat or cruising the deeper waters just along the drop.

Tip: Use a heavier weight if you’re using soft plastics as the current here is extremely fast!

Hole No. 8 — Grand Marais
42.37294° N, 82.91266° W

I discovered this shallow, sandy area last August on a casual boating day with my family. We stopped to drift and of course I had my rod with me, so I figured I’d cast the spinner bait a few times while we were there. There are some rocks and boulders but they are pretty spread out. I wasn’t expecting to catch anything when all of a sudden — wham! — a nice smallie. Then another and another and yet another, the last one being the biggest and probably over 4 pounds.

Tip: This is a vast flat, so explore it in all directions.

Hole No. 9 — St. Paul
42.39401° N, 82.89030° W

At this waypoint you’ll be directly in front of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church on a sandy flat. If you’re lucky, the bells will be ringing. If you’re even more lucky, the smallmouth will be here. There is a long, narrow weed bed that runs toward The War Memorial with sandy flats on either side. It’s surprisingly deep here considering its proximity to the shoreline.

Tip: Be sure to cast near the shoreline. The concrete breakwall often holds fish. Just don’t get too close.



Hole No. 7 is just a few hundred yards past this tall channel marker, above, near Peche Island.



Ryan Hurd caught this pretty 14-inch largemouth bass, above, at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Andrew Barr, 11, of Grosse Pointe Shores, got this great 16.5-inch smallmouth bass, above, at Shores Park.

FISH

Continued from Page 4C

Reid McGuckin, 13, of Grosse Pointe, was bass category winner for Division B with a 21-inch largemouth caught at Pier Park. Alex Blyth was tops in the pike category for the division with a 19.5-incher. Dane McGuckin, 13, secured the muskie win with his 19-inch fish.

In Division C, the youngsters showed up in a mighty way for the final stretch with impressive fish in three categories. George Ellis II, age 9, of Grosse Pointe Park, caught not one — but two — 33.5-inch pike, taking that category for the division. David Fikany, 11, of the Farms, was the bass winner — getting a 20.5-inch smallmouth. Christian Phillips, 10, of Grosse Pointe Woods, took the walleye honors with his 15-inch catch.

It was a strong finish across all divisions with remarkable fishing skills displayed all around.

The last raffle drawing of the year made additional contestants winners, ending the

season on a happy note for even more fishers.

The final Fishbone’s \$100 gift card went to Anderson Wilcox of Grosse Pointe Farms. John Leverenz, of Grosse Pointe Park, won the gift card from Fairway Packing’s The Steak Shop.

The Wally’s Frozen Custard gift card was awarded to 10-year old Nico Berri of Grosse Pointe Farms. Andrew Barr, age 11, of Grosse Pointe Shores, had his name drawn for the Chocolate Bar Cafe gift card. Troy Peabody, 12, of the Farms, won a Logitech electronic prize, donated by an anonymous local fisherman.

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Have a great summer — and happy fishing!

Fishin’ KIDS of summer

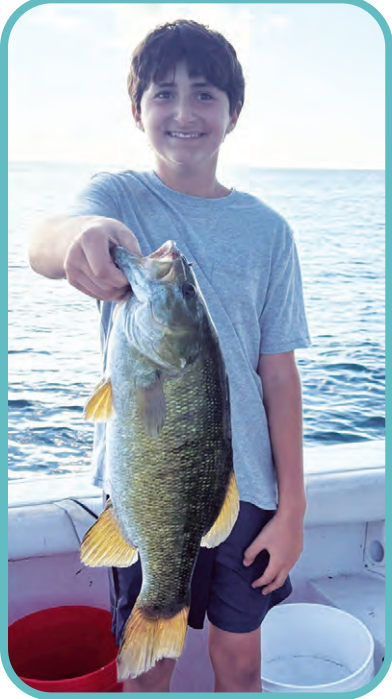
One of the reasons the Grosse Pointe News is so passionate about presenting the Fishing Classic each year is that we believe in opportunities for kids to enjoy the outdoors with a family-friendly activity. Learning a skill while enjoying camaraderie, nature and family – with a little competition thrown in – is one way for kids to experience a happy community.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Three-year-old Mackenzie, above, of the Hurd family in Grosse Pointe Woods, has been a repeat entrant and past winner of the Fishing Classic. This little lass already knows how to reel ‘em in!

Nico Berri, 10, left, strikes a fine fisherman’s pose with his 18-inch largemouth bass, caught off of the Blossom Heath Pier. Nico competed in Division A, for age 12 and under, fishing from on shore.



David Fikany, 11, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught this 20.5-inch smallmouth bass for Division C.



Finn Ezop, 9, above, from Grosse Pointe Farms, caught his winning 20-inch smallmouth bass at Farms Park.

Teddy Leverenz, 5, above, of Grosse Pointe Park, nabbed a cool 10-inch smallmouth bass at Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

Richie Berri, 12, right, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 13-inch largemouth bass at Blossom Heath Pier.



At right: Hunter, dad Kyle Hecht and 1-year-old Piper fish off the shore of Lake St. Clair. Kyle is an Independent Branch Leader and Financial Consultant at Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, underwriting sponsor of the Fishing Classic.





PHOTOS COURTESY OF BORDERLINE FILMS
Christine played by Rebecca Hall, starring in the 2016 movie "Christine."
Written by Craig Shilowich and directed by Antonio Campos.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Christine"
2016 - Rated R
1 hr 59 min
★★★★☆

Not to be confused with the John Carpenter horror classic with the same name, this "Christine," is also a horror story in its own way. It's a very intense character study and features an Oscar-worthy performance by the gifted actor Rebecca Hall ("Vicky Cristina Barcelona"). Here, the telling of the story is as important, if not more important than the story itself. If you're in the mood for a serious two hours of cutting edge movie viewing, I think you'll be richly rewarded. In this 2016 film, Director Antonio Campos ("Afterschool," "Simon Kills"), tells the story of 29-year old broadcast journalist Christine Chubbuck. Chubbuck was an ambitious reporter working for the television station WXLT-TV in Sarasota,



Christine (Hall) with co-workers George (Michael C. Hall) and Jean (Maria Dizzia).

Fla., in the early 1970s. She was a perfectionist, totally dedicated to her job and spent hours working on how she presented herself and fine-tuning every subtle nuance to her on-air appearance. She also suffered from depression. Rebecca Hall delivers a riveting and thoroughly believable performance. She plays the part to perfection, with subtle facial expressions, nervous mannerisms and even



The real Christine Chubbuck.



from various angles including behind the TV camera on set and following her through the newsroom. The film is presented in washed out tones reminiscent of old color photos, which help further depict the era. I have a vague recollection of this story back when it happened. I've also heard the film "Network" was loosely based on the Chubbuck incident. I thought this was quite a powerful retelling of the affair, and well worth watching. Sensitive content warning: The film deals with depression and suicide, which some viewers may find disturbing. Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also on Tubi, Plex, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

- ★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.
- ★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
- ★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.
- ★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.
- ★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well. For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

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Christine gets a tongue-lashing from her boss Michael (Tracy Letts).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 18, 2024: You're dynamic, enthusiastic and often unconventional. You throw yourself energetically into whatever you're doing. This is a year of service for you, especially service to family. Therefore, it's important to take care of your mind, body and spirit. Enroll in courses. Perhaps it's time for a personal makeover.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you want the freedom to call the shots at home. This might apply to your dealings with a parent or an older family member. Alternatively, a family member might surprise you at home today. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything, because food and drink always help. Tonight: Socialize!

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Your daily routine might change today. Expect detours and surprises; anything might happen. New faces, new places, new ideas and unexpected encounters will make this day a stimulating experience for you! It's a good day for discussions about family finances, inheritances and bills. Tonight: Discussions.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

This is a positive day for you. You have a lot of mental energy. It's a good day for discussions, writing, sales, marketing, teaching and acting. Be open to new and exciting ways to boost your income. Be ready to act fast, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Tonight: Learn.!

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Today the Sun is in your sign dancing with Uranus, which will give you greater insight into everything around you. Your mind will be curious, quick-witted and lively! However, you want to be free of restrictions, because you want to do your own thing at your own pace. Tonight: Check your belongings.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Your nervous system is finely tuned today, which means you're alive, alert and sensitive to all your surroundings. You will also be more intuitive because your Spidey sense is heightened. (The wise one sees all, knows all, tells nothing.) This is also why you might feel a bit restless today. Tonight: Listen.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is an interesting day! In one way, you're happy to cocoon at home today. However, a friend or a member of a group might surprise you. Someone might show up at your door, or they might give you unexpected news. Stay tuned, because you won't be bored. Tonight: Solitude.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Strong feelings of independence, even rebellion, are rising up within you today. This is why you want to call your own shots. You don't want anyone else telling you what to do. You might even suddenly quit your job so you can strike out on your own. Tonight: Friendships.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Unexpected opportunities to travel might drop in your lap today. Likewise, surprise opportunities related to publishing, the media, medicine or the law also might exist for you.

Yes, this is an exciting day full of fresh possibilities! Tonight: Show respect.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Mercury, which creates a positive relationship between your mind and your emotions. Your common sense will be heightened. You'll have practical ideas. Certainly, others will listen to you. You have something to say. Tonight: Explore!

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A partner or close friend might say or do something that surprises you or catches you off guard. Possibly, they want a new arrangement in the relationship. Or they might want more freedom. Meanwhile, research and secrets are areas that will intrigue you today. Tonight: Check your finances.

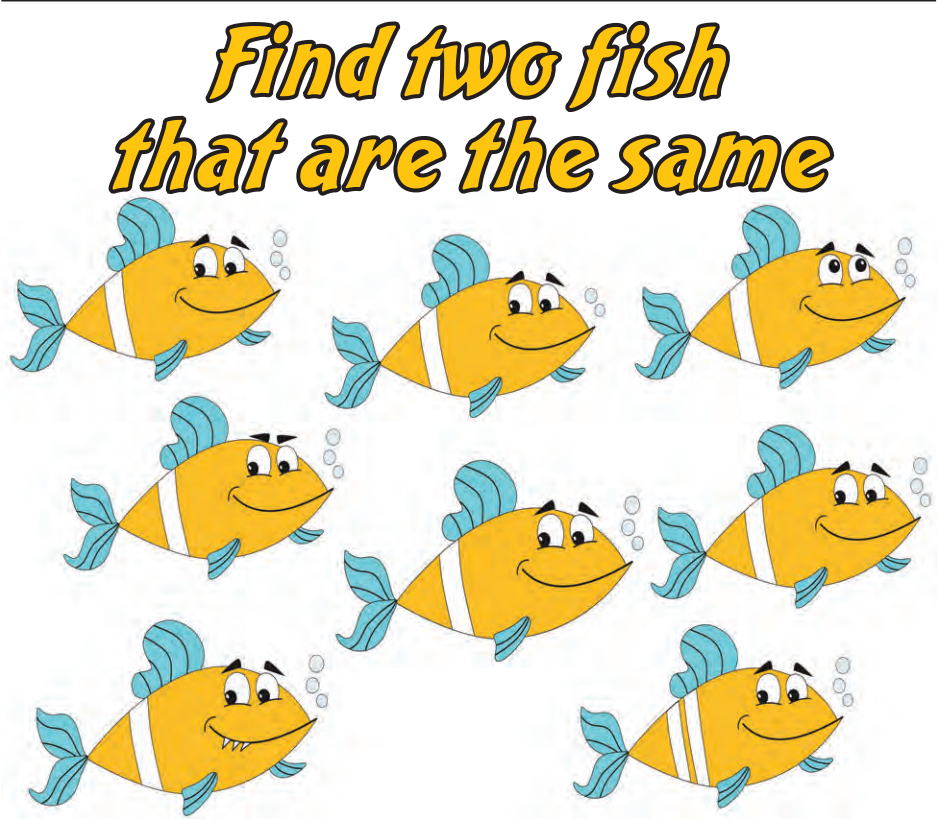
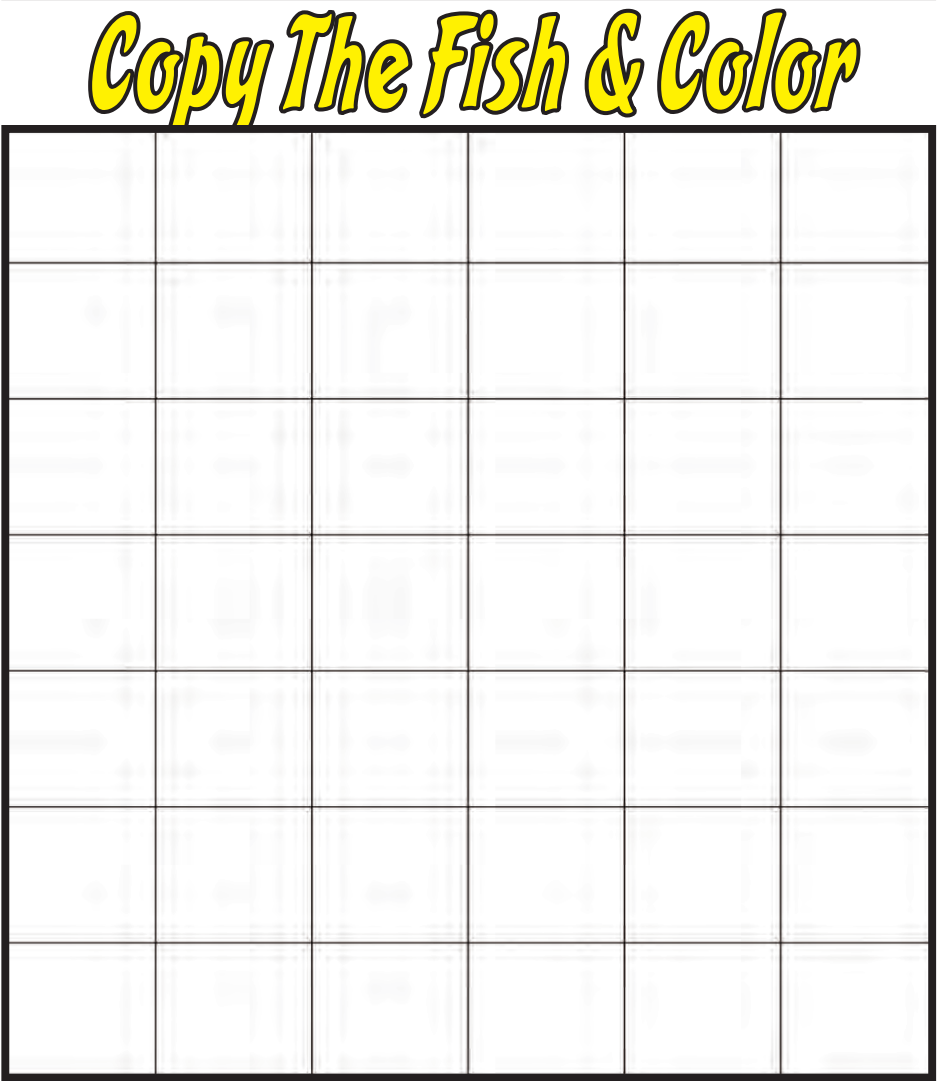
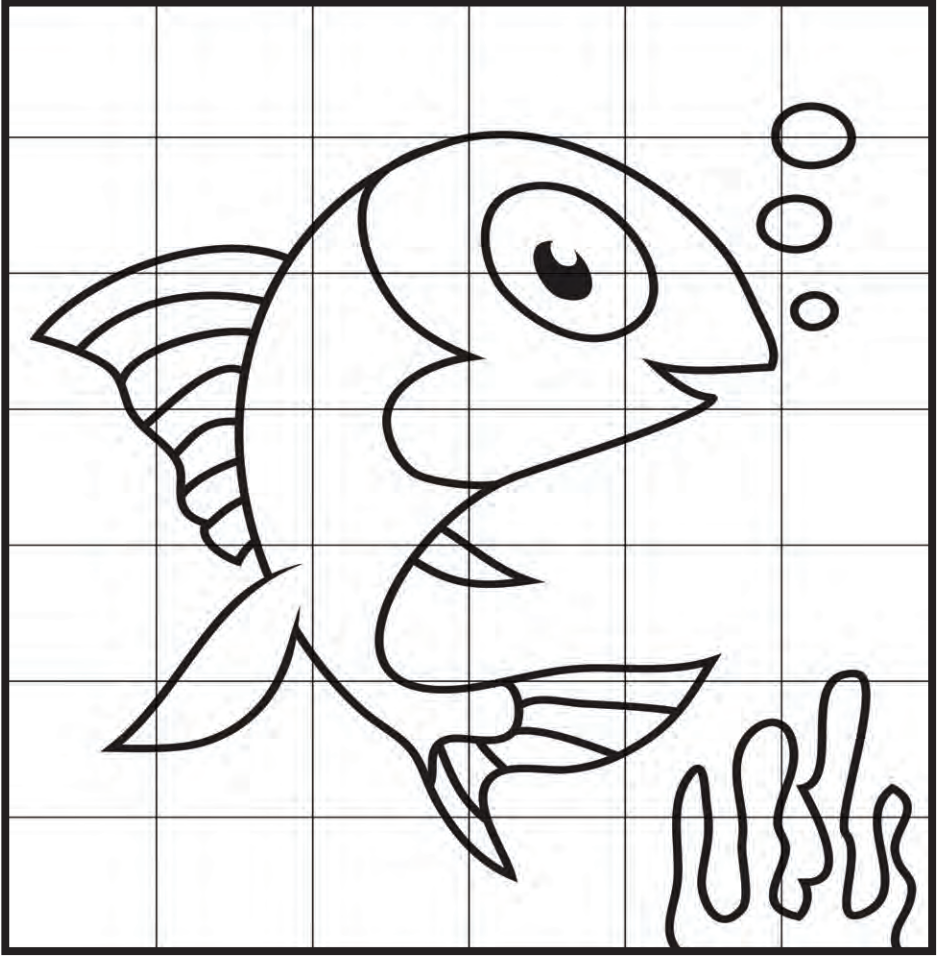
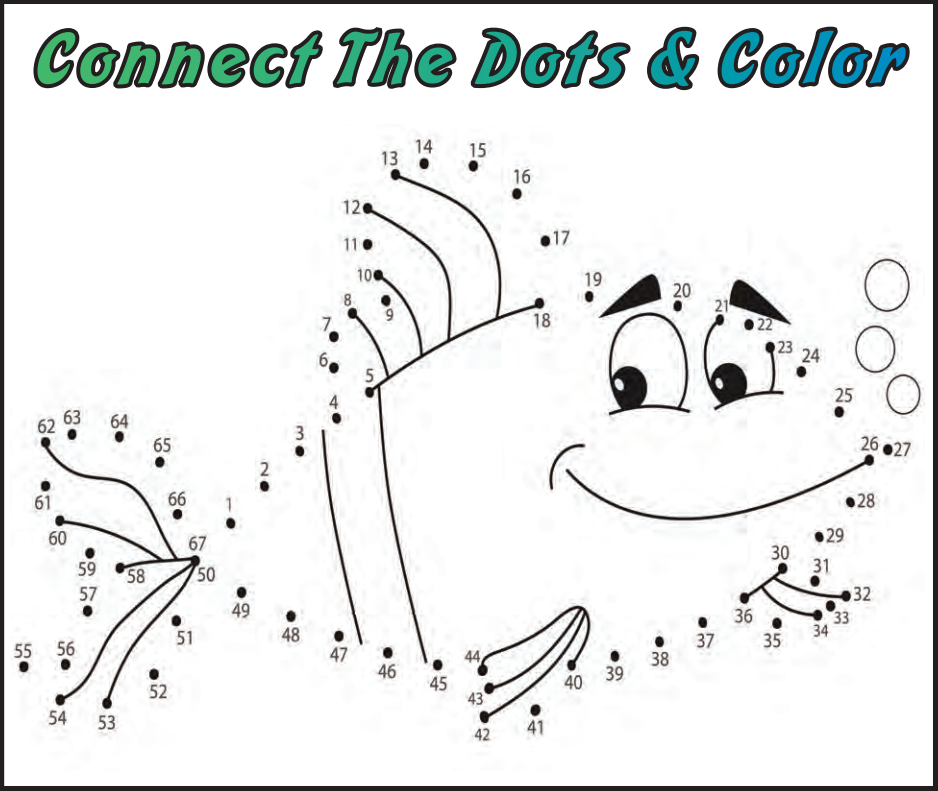
♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your work routine will be interrupted today due to staff shortages, power outages, late deliveries, equipment breakdowns or health issues. Pet owners should be vigilant, because something unexpected could affect your pet. Meanwhile, discussions with friends and groups will be supportive. Tonight: Agreement.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Do take note: Parents should be vigilant about their kids today because this is an accident-prone day for them. Meanwhile, vacations might be interrupted. Guard against sports accidents. However, surprise invitations might delight you. People notice you today. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY
Actress Kristen Bell (1980), actress Elizabeth McGovern (1961), actress Kelly Reilly (1977).



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.

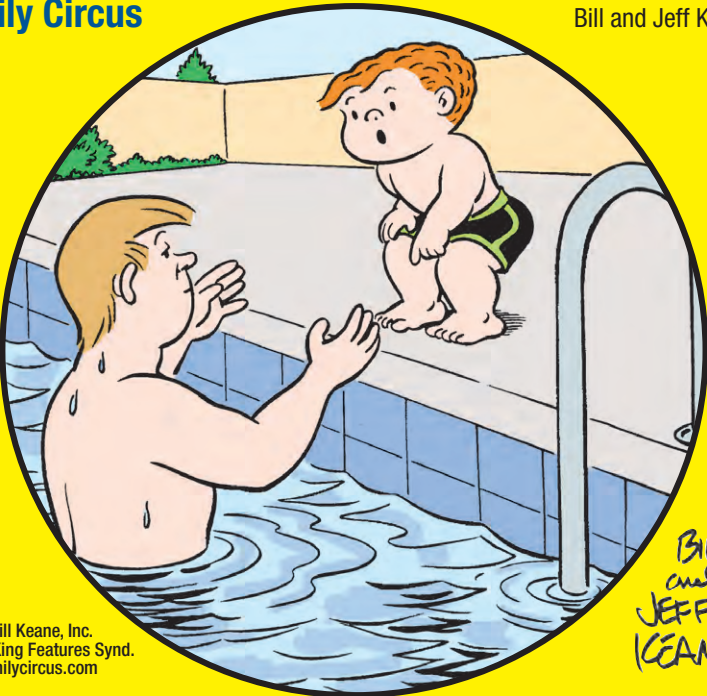
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“Couldn’t we wait till the tide goes out
so it won’t be so deep?”

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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7/18

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

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7/11 Solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 18, 2024

ACROSS

- Apt word found in “instrument”
- Slender
- Pack (down)
- Country on the western side of Hispaniola
- Solitary
- “Now it makes sense”
- “me”
- “Play along”
- MLB grand slam record holder
- “Gimme!”
- “Found to be helpful”
- out (distribute)
- Egyptian goddess of healing and magic
- “Clean up after dinner, say
- Tax pro
- Like grapefruits or lemons
- Norse god who wields Gungnir
- (I’d like to speak now)
- Highest quality grade for beef
- “High” or “low” ocean occurrence
- Intense anger
- Sugar source
- Up to, informally

DOWN

- Type of academic establishment in the United Kingdom
- “See ya!”
- American military grp.
- Terrestrial bodies closest to the sun ... or what you’ll find in the starred clues’ answers
- Word before “chain” or “pyramid”
- Fashionably
- Lion king of “The Chronicles of Narnia”
- Drifting sheet of ice
- Greek god of love
- Instant replay speed
- Rambles on and on
- Nine-digit IDs
- Puppy’s protests
- “Quiet down!”
- T, in Thebes
- Salty part of a margarita glass
- Perfect place
- Copies
- Serb or Slovak
- Folktales
- Privy to a plot
- Mythical monster with snakes for hair

ACROSS

- TV schedule spot
- “Fat chance!”
- Diner handout
- Remove, as a rind
- In the lead
- Bro or sis
- Electronic toy vehicle, briefly
- Pack leader
- Hard-boiled Chinese snack
- “Ben-”
- “Fear of Flying” author Jong
- One who makes the cut?
- “Break the ice,” for example
- “I’m Like a Bird” singer
- Furtado

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7/11 Solution

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Watch This Space by Dennis McCartney

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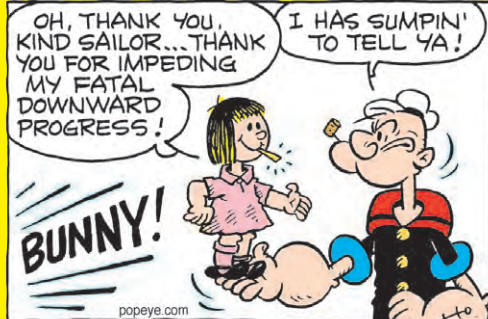
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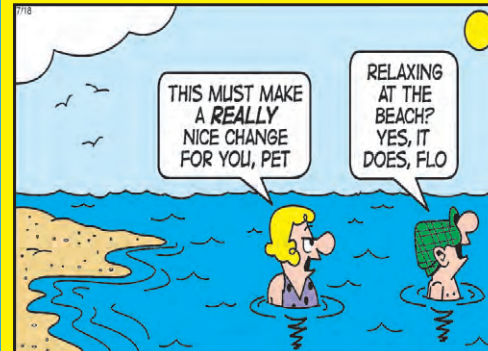
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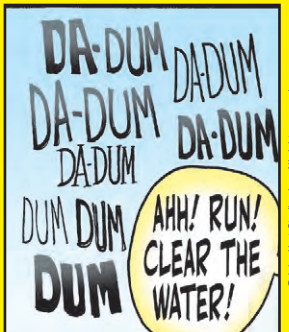
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Reg Smythe



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



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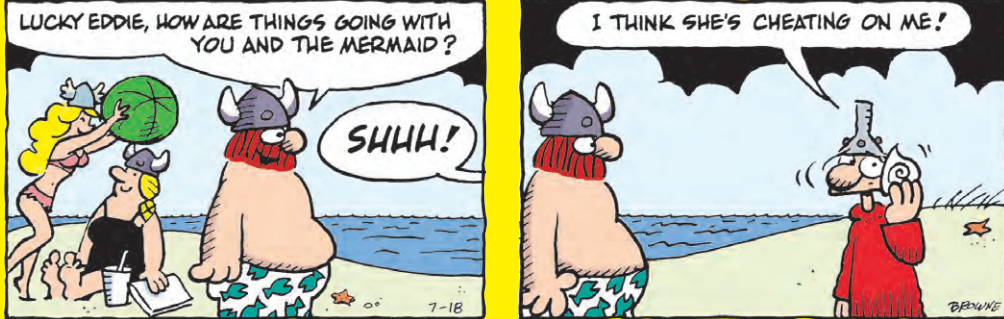
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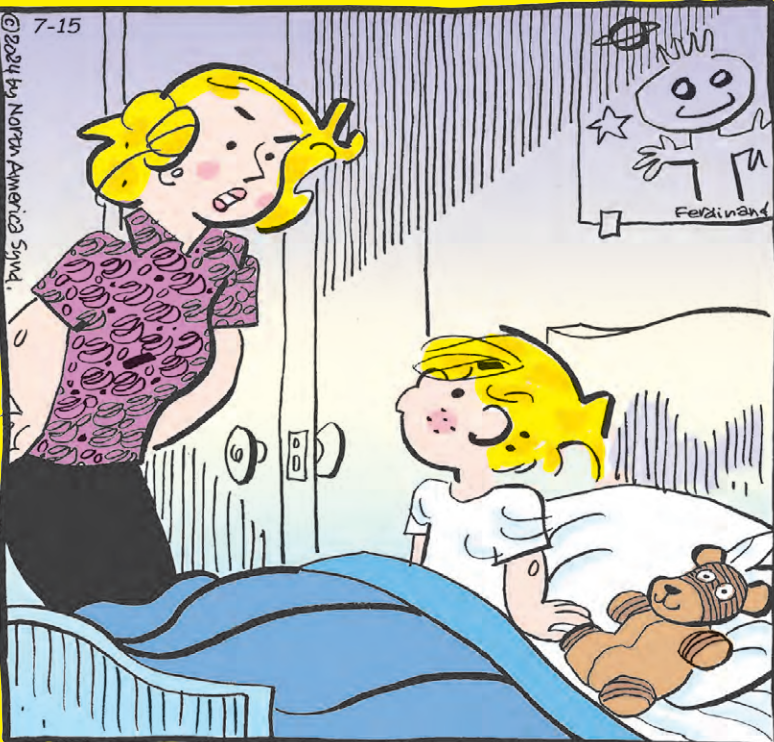
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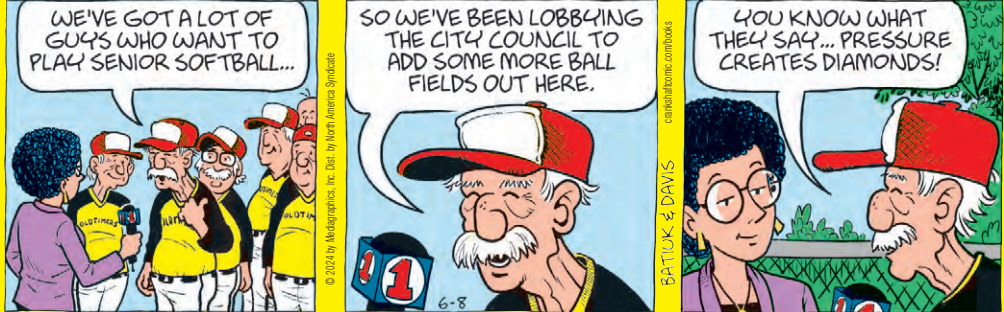
Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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Mother Goose and Grim

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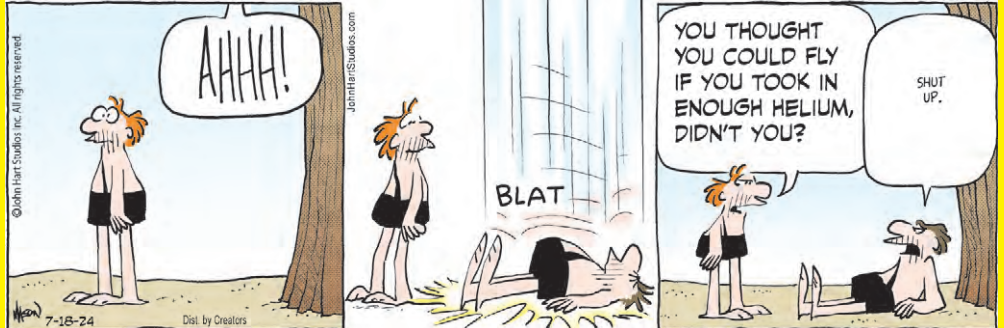
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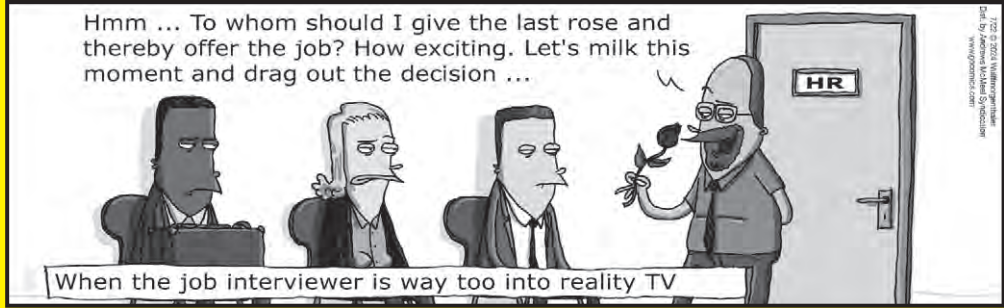
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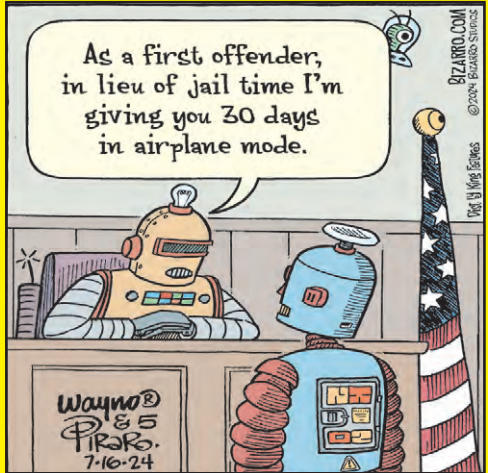
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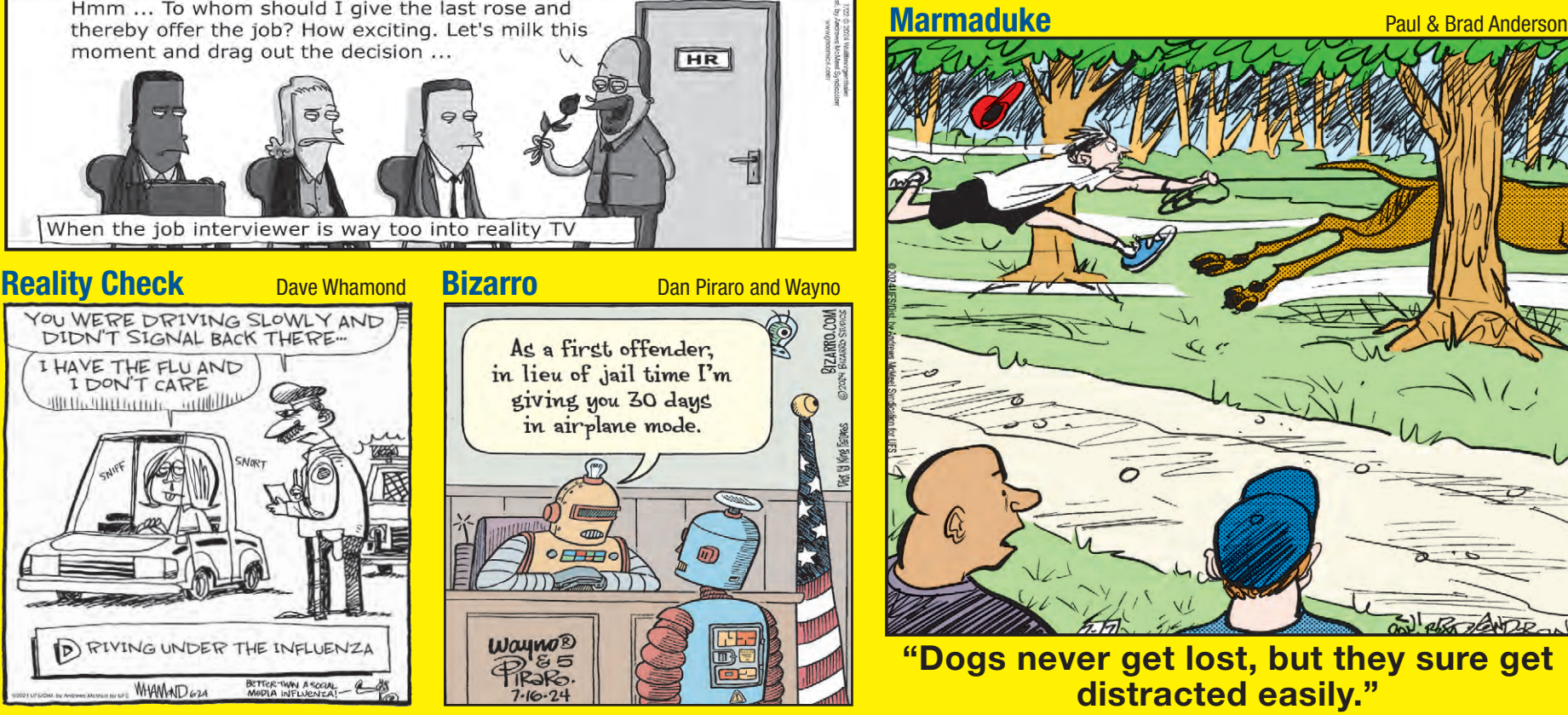
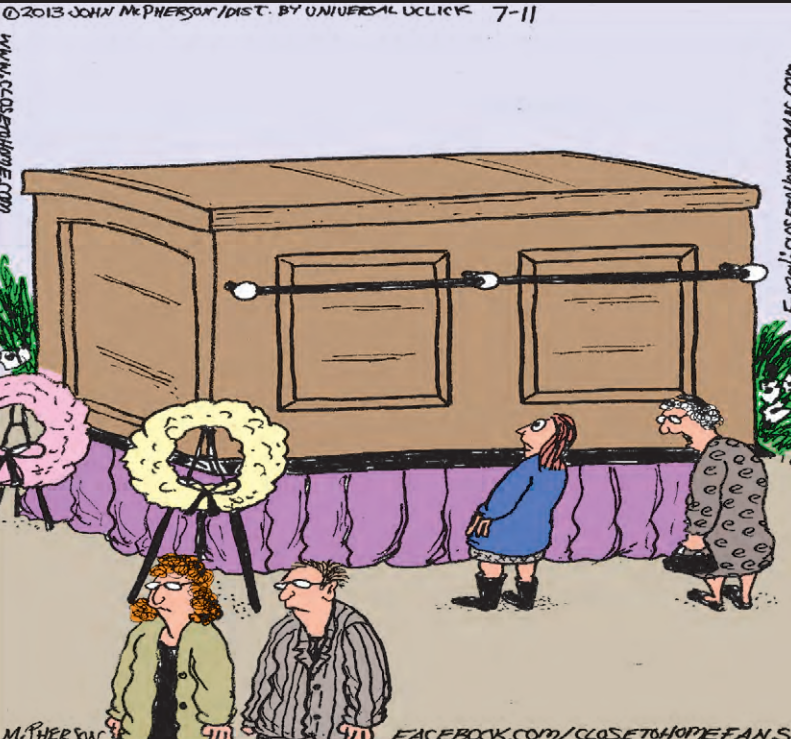
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Dan Piraro and Wayno



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Introducing the STAR of today's Kid Scoop page... YOU!

This week's *Kid Scoop* page stars the one and only **YOU!** Complete the page and then hang it in your room so that you can remind yourself every day of how wonderful you are!

You're the Star!

Paste a photograph or drawing of yourself in this star.

How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most stars?

Your Name in Lights!

Cut out letters from today's newspaper to spell your name on the theater sign.

THIS WEEK'S STAR:

Step Into Stardom

For many decades, famous movie stars have put their handprints and footprints in wet cement in front of Hollywood's Chinese Theater in California. After the cement dries, the prints are left for visitors to see.

Wait! Who got in the wet cement? Match these prints to the silly star wannabes.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences.

The Amazing ME!

Look through the newspaper for adjectives that describe you. Paste them under your name on the sign.

Give Yourself a Hand!

Trace one of your hands on a piece of paper. Cut it out and ask friends and family to write something on the hand that says what's special about **YOU!** Paste it on this page.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

When You Depend Upon a Star

Wishes made on stars may not always come true. But when you look at what you do every day, you'll find that you are a star who can be depended upon.

Fill in this calendar to show your weekly responsibilities. The idea stars at right can help.

Make my bed.

Walk the dog.

Bring in the mail.

Clean my room.

Take out the trash.

Pay attention in class.

Get to school on time.

Set the table.

Before and After

Look through the newspaper for words that start with each letter in your name. Use the words to write a poem about **YOU!** Start each line of the poem with a letter in your name. Example:

M magical
I intelligent
A awesome

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

The Star Facts

On each arm of the star, fill in facts about yourself.

My age

My favorite color

My favorite sport

My favorite movie

My favorite thing to read

Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

Double Double Word Search

CALENDAR
CEMENT
HAND
HELP
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Four winners crowned in the third annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

This past school year, sports fans across Grosse Pointe witnessed incredible moments and performances by some of the community's most outstanding athletes. The Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest is a way to highlight several of those amaz-

ing student-athletes and the time has come for four of them to be honored as Athletes of the Year. This year's winners include an All-State star baseball pitcher, an elite ice hockey talent, a force on the gridiron and a swimmer with a collection of medals. The winners came from a group of 38 ath-

letes from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School who were showcased individually in our Athlete of the Week features throughout the school year. These athletes were nominated by family, coaches and the Grosse Pointe News staff to highlight their strong performances,

amazing leadership and incredible achievements in their respective sports. Two winners, one male and one female athlete, were chosen by Grosse Pointe News readers. The community made its voice heard with more than 10,000 votes cast over two weeks. An additional male and female athlete

also were chosen as winners by the Grosse Pointe News staff in the editors' choice category. Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship courtesy of the Grosse Pointe News to put toward their respective college or university. Our Athlete of the Week sponsors from throughout the year also help make the scholar-

ship possible. This year's sponsors include Expert Heating & Cooling, Village Grille, Pointe Capital Management LLC and Shana Sine-Cameron and Sine & Monaghan Real Estate. Finally, to see who earned this year's crowns as Athletes of the Year, see pages 2-3D.

Farms-City 12U dominates on way to Little League district title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League team continued its reign of success in District 6 last week by once again claiming the district championship crown in the 12U division. Farms-City won the title Friday, July 12, with a 9-1 win over Macomb Area Little League in the championship game. In last Friday's championship, the scoring got underway in the third inning when Drew Hathaway hit an RBI double to break the scoreless tie. Farms-City's offense got rolling after that, with home runs from Conrad Casby and Julian Wade helping to extend the lead and fuel the team to victory. Tournament host Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League was eliminated in the final game of the double elimination bracket, losing to Macomb Area 5-4 with a spot in the tournament championship

on the line. Grosse Pointe Park Little League was ousted in the quarterfinals of the double elimination bracket. Farms-City dominated throughout the entire tournament, going undefeated at 4-0 on its path to a title. In its four victories, the team outscored its opponents by a total of 51-7. The players on this year's Farms-City championship team include Will Krall, Julian Wade, Nico Brennan, Drew Hathaway, Michael Agnone, Will Kowal, Conrad Casby, Graham Ferrell, Carter Tourangeau, Charlie Bunch, Brady Lamb and Ben Biondo. The Farms-City Little League now moves on to the state tournament beginning Friday, July 19. Victory there will put the team one step closer to earning a trip to Williamsport, Pa., and the Little League World Series. Farms-City Little League is the host of this



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 12U team won the district championship last Friday, July 12 with a 9-1 win against Macomb Area Little League. year's 12U state tournament, with all games taking place at Kerby Field. For more information and a full state tournament schedule, go to MichiganLittleLeague.org.

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By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter



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GROSSE POINTE NORTH | SWIM & DIVE

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on Nov. 30, 2023

Earned All-State honors in four
different events at the 2023
Division 2 girls swim and dive
state finals

Had two podium finishes at the
state finals, finishing second in the
100 freestyle and third in the 50
freestyle

Was named “Swimmer of the
Meet” at the 2023 MAC Red
championships

Won MAC Red championships
in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle
and 200 free relay

Hunter Belanger

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH | FOOTBALL

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on Nov. 2, 2023

Grosse Pointe South
varsity football co-captain
for 2023 season

Had 261 yards and two
touchdown catches at
tight end in 2023

Helped lead the Blue
Devils to a MAC White
Division championship

Spent three years on
the varsity rosters for
both South football and
baseball

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Brennan Hill
GROSSE POINTE NORTH | BASEBALL

*Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on April 25, 2024*

Finished 2024 season with a 1.09 ERA, 81 strikeouts and a 5-2 record as a pitcher for the Norsemen

Named first team All-State for 2024 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association

Helped lead North baseball to an appearance in the 2024 Division 1 state semifinals

Was a member of North varsity baseball, basketball and football teams during his high school career

Will play Division I NCAA baseball with the University of Michigan Wolverines next spring



Sofie Ancona
UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL | HOCKEY

*Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on Feb. 15, 2024*

Named 2023-24 Miss Hockey for the state of Michigan by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League

Finished the 2023-24 season with 48 goals and 25 assists in 25 games for the Knights

Served as senior captain for Liggett's varsity girls hockey team in 2023-24, helping lead the team to an appearance in the 2024 Division 1 state championship game

Won three state titles in four years during her career with Liggett varsity girls hockey

In addition to her stellar winter season on the ice, she was also named first team All-State in Division 4 for girls soccer in the spring

This coming winter, she will take the ice for the Hood College Blazers in Maryland, joining the team for its inaugural season in NCAA Division III



PHOTOS OF BRENNAN HILL BY MIKE ADZIMA • PHOTOS OF SOFIE ANCONA BY LEON HALIP

2024 Bayview Mackinac race marks special anniversaries for competitors and race itself

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Saturday, July 20, dozens of boats, including several owned and manned by Grosse Pointers, will embark on the 100th Bayview Mackinac race. Among them will be the many members of the Bunn family, who are celebrating a special anniversary of their own, racing Bayview Mackinac for the 50th time in their boat, Wind Toy IV.

Wind Toy IV is a Morgan 42, built in 1970, and designed by Charles Morgan. The Bunns bought the boat when it was brand new more than five decades ago and it has been manned by generations of family sailors ever since.

“Wind Toy IV was on display at the boat show at Cobo Hall and my

mother said, ‘That’s what a boat’s supposed to look like,’” said Bob Bunn, one of the sailing patriarchs of the family. “We bought it directly from Charlie Morgan and have had it ever since.”

While this will be the 50th Bayview Mackinac race for Wind Toy IV, this year also marks the 53rd race for Bunn. He, his children, their spouses and their spouses’ families have been part of nine race wins on Wind Toy IV, including a Shore Course overall victory in 2009.

One of those fellow sailing family members is Bunn’s daughter-in-law, Laurie Bunn. She married Bob Bunn’s son, Rob, 20 years ago and used her own sailing background to jump right in and help the crew of Wind Toy IV.

“I raced with my dad and my grandpa also sailed,” Laurie Bunn said. “... I met Rob through sailing on the sister ships of the boats he sailed. It wasn’t until we got married in 2004 that I really started sailing on Wind Toy. ... The first year I was on the boat, we won.”

Laurie Bunn also is one of the founders of High Winds Graphix, a business the family started in 2014. The business helps to design and make crew shirts for the sailing community and has been an official collaborator with the Bayview Mackinac race in recent years. This year, High Winds Graphix will be selling special commemorative 100th anniversary shirts for the race.

“We’re really proud of the business and volunteers that it’s going to



In 2009, the Bunn family and the rest of the Wind Toy IV crew finished first overall on the Shore Course, adding another title to their list of accolades.

take to sell these shirts on the island to almost double the amount of boats and people that we’re used to,” Laurie Bunn said.

This year marks Laurie Bunn’s 24th time competing in the race. Her husband, Rob Bunn, is sailing in his 32nd, and her father, Bill Henderson, also is part of the crew with more than 50 races under his belt.

Joining them is Rob and Laurie’s son, Charlie Bunn, who joined the crew a few years ago and marks the fourth generation of sailors in the family. Laurie’s niece and Bob Bunn’s granddaughter, Lauren Reno, also is joining the boat for this year’s race for the first time.

“It’s wonderful, it’s absolutely great,” Bob Bunn said about having three generations of family in the same race. “It’s going to be great having two of the grandkids in the race this year. It’s hard to describe the feeling, but

Charlie did great in his first Mackinac and I’m sure that my granddaughter, Lauren, is really looking forward to it, so hopefully we’ll have a really good race.”

With multiple generations of Bunns taking part in Wind Toy IV’s 50th race, it has not always been smooth sailing to get the boat to this point. The boat has gone through multiple restorations, including repainting the interior, hull and deck, as well as engine and rigging replacements.

Despite all the work it takes to keep a more than half-century-old boat running in championship condition, the family considers it all a labor of love. After all, it is done to ensure memories get passed down through the generations. Winning the race is always nice, but it often is more about having moments the Bunns can look back on and smile — or even laugh at — like one particular favorite from Bob Bunn’s

decades of racing.

“Back before all the electronics ... they used to have Frank McBride from WJR fly over the fleet and he would relay on the radio race reports,” Bunn said. “Everybody was listening to what the situation was and who was where. ... That was the only way you had, other than just looking around you, to see where the leaders were and if you were doing great or terrible.”

“One year, we were doing really well and we got up to the north end of the lake with a 54-footer ahead of us. I don’t know why we were doing that good, we just hit the right spots in the wind. McBride got on the radio and said, ‘Wind Toy is really out in front this year; he could get home with all the marbles.’ He got that out of his mouth and we absolutely stopped dead in the water. The wind turned off and we watched all our competition sail right past us to the south.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

Wind Toy IV sails past the Round Island lighthouse.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS 2023 CONSUMER’S ANNUAL REPORT ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

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Leslie M. Frank,
City Clerk

Posted: 07/15/2024
Published: 07/18/2024

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK’S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a State Primary will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on August 6, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices: **PARTISAN:** United States Senator (1), Representative in Congress 13th District (1), Representative in State Legislature 10th District (1), Prosecuting Attorney (1), Sheriff (1), County Clerk (1), County Treasurer (1), Register of Deeds (1), County Commissioner 1st District (1), Delegates to County Convention, **NON-PARTISAN:** Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (1) **PROPOSALS:** Wayne County Parks Millage Renewal of .2442 mills for the years (2026-2030); Wayne County Auditor Selection Amendment for 3 years. Grosse Pointe Public School System Operating Millage Restoration and Extension 7.5337 mills for 5 years (2025-2029 inclusive)

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#6	Triumph Middle School	19800 Anita

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK
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The crew of Wind Toy IV celebrate their most recent finish of 2nd place in Class H in 2023.

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Woods-Shores takes 10U district title

The 10U Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League squad battled its way to a district championship last week, with a victory over Grosse Pointe Farms-City 7-1 in the championship game on Saturday, July 13. This marks the first time in the history of the district that a team won back-to-back championships at the 9U and 10U levels. The Woods-Shores team heads to Ishpeming for the state tournament beginning on July 25. The team’s roster includes: Liam Kozlowski, Luke Miko, Easton Reck, Jackson Gouin, Gabe Ahee, Kellen Dobija, Oskar Moreno-Elst, Mathis Smith, Sam Pierce, Rigo Foka, Blake Griesbaum and Drew Perlin. Coaches include Brad Reck, Phil Kozlowski and Dan Griesbaum Jr.

FAASTest on the diamond



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The 9U Lakeside Knights were champions of the FAAST Baseball Tournament last weekend hosted at University Liggett School. The team defeated the Garden City Cougars 13-11 in extra innings to take home the trophy. The team’s roster includes: Jackson Donnellon, Boomer Inger, George Dakmak, Ryan Donnellon, Nicholas Amori, Kyle Dilodovico, Julian Augustyn, Cameron Mannino, Harrison Cavanagh, Tyler Vandenberghe and Bennett Rubio.

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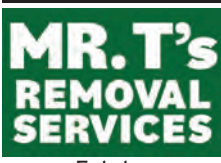


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1. 357 Roosevelt Place, GPC

2. 254 Lothrop, GPF

3. Balfour, GPP

4. 1244 Three Mile, GPP

5. 804 Trombley, GPP

6. 1023 Yorkshire, GPP

7. 835 Lakeshore Rd., GPS

8. 2017 Hawthorne, GPW

See Classifieds for more details

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Champions of the west: South wins Hope 7-on-7 tourney

The Grosse Pointe South varsity football team traveled to the west side of the state last weekend to play in the Hope Football 7-on-7 tournament and are coming back east as champions. The Blue Devils went a perfect 7-0 throughout the tournament Saturday, July 13, and defeated West Ottawa 28-21 in the championship game.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE BROUYETTE

Ava Martusiewicz, Madison O'Neil and Molly VanNetter on the pool deck for the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailfish.

Summer swimmers rule the pool

The Lakefront Swimming Association and club swimming summer seasons are here, and the Grosse Pointe News asked subscribers to send in their favorite pictures from the pool deck so far this summer. Here are some of the best, and if you have great summer swimming photos that you would like to see featured before the season is over, contact media@grossepointenews.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGAN BESKANGE

Rowan Beskange gets ready for a meet in her first year of swimming with the Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANE WINBIGLER

Family and friends enjoy the summer at a Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors meet against Grosse Pointe Shores. From left, Owen Johnston, Thomas Kezhaya, Eli Kociha, Brady Winbigler, Caden Wettstein, Joe Lamberti, Eliana Orlando, Mila Orlando and Adriana Bogner.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 8, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL:All Councilpersons were present, except Councilperson Vivian Sawicki
MOTIONS PASSED
1) to excuse Council member Vivian Sawicki from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 10, 2024, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Harper Woods Library Board meeting held on May 16, 2024 and the Planning Commission meeting held on June 26, 2024.
3) To open the Public Hearing on the proposed designation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.
4) to close the Public Hearing.
5) to acknowledge receipt of and approve the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2024.
6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED
1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 130191 through 130376 in the amount of \$812,419.22 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of July 2024. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,557.80 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of June 2024 and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a laptop and accessories. (4) approve payment to Honigman LLP in the amount of \$5,873.75 for professional services in conjunction with the redevelopment of Poupard school. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$50,363.45 for professional services during the month of June 2024 for the following projects: Community Center, #180-348; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Pavement Striping, #180-342; Concrete Repairs, #180-338; Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-341; Sidewalk Program, #180-349; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Roscommon Park, #180-329; Mr. C’s ROW Survey, #180-352; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP project, #180-339; Emergency Water/Sewer repair, #180-351; Storm Sewer repair, #180-337; Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-340; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303; Harper/Van Antwerp Development, #180-313; Miss Digs, #180-255 and Comcast Review, #180-353. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$8,209.00 to Drive Creative Services, LLC for the production of the July/September Newsletter. (7) approve payment in the amount of \$25,750.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, a hydrant replacement and re-location of stop boxes, storm drain cabling and a service line repair. (8) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$26,540.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs at several locations and also for chipping and stumping of trees and disposal of debris. (9) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$43,253.38 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2024.
2) BE IT RESOLVED to approve the placement of a .35 mill ballot initiative for senior services on the November 5, 2024 ballot.
3) BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Inter-Local Agreement for Joint Senior Services between Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park, subject to the passage of the millage request by the voters of each community.
4) BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid submitted by Nationwide Construction Group in the amount of \$8,437.50 for the repair of the guardrail on SB Harper.
5) BE IT RESOLVED to accept the proposal submitted by Trane Technologies in the amount of \$42,410.00 for the purchase and installation of two mini split ductless air conditioning units in the dispatch area of the police department.
6) BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$110,792.00 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-338.
7) BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions LLC in the amount of \$71,674.01 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the Storm Sewer Open Cut Repair Project, #180-337.
8) BE IT RESOLVED to approve the two-year extension of the Cross Connection Control Program with HydroCorp, Inc. in the amount of \$12,960 to be paid in 24 equal monthly payments of \$540.00, and further that the acting City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement.
9) BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid submitted by A & R Sealcoating in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the seal coating of the Salter Park parking lot.
10) BE IT RESOLVED to approve the agreement between Wayne County and the City of Harper Woods for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$289,630.00 for the City’s Sidewalk Repair Program

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk