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Park chief to attend nat'l conference

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Resident Paul Lavins didn't seek attention when donating \$6,500 for the public safety director and a lieutenant to attend the biggest law enforcement conference of the year.

It was the same in 2003 when he, as a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, donated to build the Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

He didn't attend the July 8 city council meeting during which elected officials accepted his donation for the International Association

of Chiefs of Police Conference.

"(It) is probably the largest and most impactful law enforcement training conference in the world," Chief Jim Bostock said.

More than 16,000 chiefs of police and high-ranking officers are expected to attend the four-day event in October at an exposition hall in Boston.

Bostock and Lt. Colin Connaire will have their picks of more than 200 education sessions and 600 vendors of products and services.

"Anything and everything related to law enforcement," Bostock

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Full moon

From the upper deck of the clubhouse at Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Farms overlooking the water, Grosse Pointer Lauri Read captured this photo Saturday, July 20, of the full moon rising. This moon is called a buck moon, a name that came from the Algonquin tribes and named after the time of year when male deer, or bucks, begin to grow their antlers. This full moon has other nicknames as well, including thunder moon, because of frequent summer storms.

Woods looking to clean up Mack

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While the city is proud of its long-running Tree City USA designation, it isn't necessarily fond of everything that grows.

Toward the end of city council's meeting Monday, July 15, Councilwoman Vicki Granger raised a concern about the condition of property on Mack where vacant businesses sit.

"I see some have weeds getting pretty tall and trash in their back parking lots," she said. "Most look very nice, but others could use some work."

She mentioned in particular the site of the former Boston Market, located on Mack at Norwood. The chain in the last two years has closed hundreds of its restaurants across the county, including all Michigan locations, and faces millions of dollars in court judgments over unpaid rent and vendor

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Starbucks signs lease for Jos. A Bank space

Lucky Detroit coming to The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It's official. With confirmation of a signed lease agreement last week, Starbucks will be swapping street corners in The Village to the old Jos. A Bank space at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

"I know that it's been a poorly kept secret," said Adam Steuer, asset manager with Versa Development, which manages the property, "and I think everyone's excited for it to actually be happening."

Construction on the

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Cleaning up alleys

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — If Councilman Marty McMillan can't squeeze the family "putz-mobile" through residential alleys because they're clogged with overgrown vegetation, a firefighter can't be expected to do it in a pumper truck.

Current model SUVs average seven feet wide and up to 6.5 feet in height. A typical fire truck is more than eight feet wide and typically 12.5 feet tall.

Alleys, designed to accommodate such vehi-



Park residents can expect to hear from the city about privately owned trees and bushes infringing on alley rights-of-way, as here between Mack Avenue and Charlevoix.

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BRAD LINDBERG

cles, can't do so when artificially narrowed and blighted by untrimmed bushes along the sides or low-hanging tree limbs above, or when pavement becomes an obstacle course of piled-up trash, unsecured rubbish and recycling containers, parked vehicles and, in some instances, storage space for home improvement supplies.

McMillan no longer wants alley motorists yielding to encroachments.

"Sometimes I can't get my car through," he said.

Alley work broadened recently from infrastructure-level sewer separa-

tions and repaving to include clearing rights-of-way for the purpose of making transit easier. This is despite public works crews each year being assigned to trim privately owned vegetation spilling into the roadway.

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Let it Rain R&B at K After 6; mayor to get dunked

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Kercheval After 6 is becoming its own headline act.

The free street fair, organized by the city three times per summer in the Kercheval business district, is earning a reputation for being a good gig. Entertainers and vendors are acting accordingly.

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, used to spend umpteenth hours enticing musical acts plus operators of midway rides, food and specialty stands, to participate in the three-block fair between Maryland and Nottingham.

But for the second fair this summer, 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 27, Craig fielded pitches instead of throwing all of them.

“A lot of individuals are reaching out to me that have heard from other vendors how lovely it is and how much they enjoy being part of it,” he said. “It’s becoming easier to market vendors than activities and rides.”

R&B and attractions

This Saturday’s musical act, Laura Rain and the Caesars, lobbied to perform.

“Their lead singer stopped in and spoke to me,” Craig said.

It’s not like Rain lacks an audience.

Her four-musician group won two Detroit Music Awards last year in the Outstanding R&B

and R&B Recording (for the song, “Rise Again”) categories.

“We haven’t really had anything quite like them in some time, so why not?” Craig said.

Among attractions scheduled for the event, a representative of Detroit Putts mobile putting course approached Craig.

“I wanted to bring them in for a little fun activity that families and couples can do together,” he said.

Also lined up are a mechanical bull and ballistic carnival ride.

“The last time we had a mechanical bull was, I believe, at one of the Charlevoix street parties,” Craig said. “We haven’t had one at After 6 for quite a while.”

Playscape dunk tank

Back for a second straight appearance is a dunk tank fundraiser for restoration of the Patterson Park playscape. The sprawling structure — containing walkways, bridges, turrets, ladders and more — was built of wood by volunteers more than 30 years ago.

“Chad offered us the dunk tank again and we could not resist,” said Howard Bouton, co-chairman of the Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission playscape subcommittee. “We are about halfway to our goal (of) \$5,000. Money will be used to repair weathered or broken boards, rusted or sagging chains, the dragon’s

broken nostril and, hopefully, a tire.”

A recruitment drive is on for volunteers to team up on re-staining the playscape Saturday, Aug. 24.

“We will also spread some more pea gravel and repaint some of the colored accents before the season is over,” Bouton said.

Last month, a number of local business and city representatives volunteered as targets of the dunk tank. This time, organizers lassoed the Park’s top dog.

“We got Mayor (Michele) Hodges this time,” Bouton said.

Hodges confirmed it by texting three “tears of joy” emojis.

Food vendors scheduled to attend are A’s

Sweets & Treats, People’s Pierogi Collective, Aruba Freeze and Sno Biz Detroit.

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The third and final After 6 on Kercheval is scheduled 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Woman gets 7 to 20 in Berkshire beating case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In circuit court this week, it could be assumed that admitted felon Essence Lefaye Cross, 34, inherited a lack of self-control from her mother.

Before the hearing began mid-morning Monday, July 22, a bailiff for Wayne County Judge Anne McCarthy repeatedly admonished Cross’ mother for using a cell phone in the courtroom.

Once proceedings

began, McCarthy ejected her from the courtroom for mouthing off from the gallery.

“Out,” McCarthy ordered.

About three minutes later, she let her back in.

“Another outburst, I’ll find you in contempt,” McCarthy warned.

Cross, of Detroit, has been in jail on a \$2 million cash-only bond set by Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe upon arraignment early May 2023, for the nighttime home invasion, robbery and pistol

whipping of then-81-year-old widow Jane Yamazaki in the 1000 block of Berkshire. Police said Cross left Yamazaki bloodied and unconscious and drove off with her car.

But Yamazaki, a retired academician and author of a book about Japanese apologies for World War II, revived.

She called 911 despite “fractures and broken bones all over her body,” police said at the time.

Trying to make sense of the savage beating of

such a defenseless target, the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office added a charge of assault with attempt to murder.

“We were investigating this like it was a homicide because that’s what we thought it was going to be,” said Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman, lead officer on the case.

Yamazaki, initially taken to a hospital under a fake name to help shield her from what authorities feared would be further attack, had to sell her house and move out of

state. She continues convalescing with support from relatives.

“The victim is permanently disabled,” Pittman said. “Physically, she gets around pretty good. She still deals with some memory issues. She suffered a traumatic brain injury. There were multiple surgeries. She was in bad shape.”

The county assigned the case to Elena Rozek, assistant prosecuting attorney specializing in elder abuse crime.

Cross has been repre-

sented for more than a year by defense attorney David Burgess. He said Cross’ mother works two jobs to pay legal fees.

“It’s a sad situation for everybody,” Burgess said.

Cross worked out a plea bargain this week, putting her in prison for seven to 20 years for armed robbery and first-degree home invasion. In exchange, charges of attempted murder, car theft and four weapons violations were dropped.

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Now, elected officials tasked city administrators to enforce a provision of the city code holding accountable owners of overgrown vegetation and related problems.

“We’re ramping up code enforcement,”

Mayor Michele Hodges said. “We’re looking at the alleys. We’ve not been as aggressive as we should have been. That’s happening now.”

“That should be a big focus for our city manager,” McMillan said. “We hate to ticket anybody, but that’s the only way to fix it.”

Hodges encouraged residents to report prob-

lems and not just regarding bushes and bins. She’s also concerned about low-hanging electrical wires.

“Most of them are not live, but any kid I know wants to touch it, right?” she said. “One of these days, it’s going to be a live line. It’s a safety issue. Things like that we can only address if we know about them.

Our code enforcement professionals are out there, but it’s still helpful if we get that.”

Section 44-9 of the city code specifies:

“Any tree, shrub, plant or part thereof growing upon private or public property which is interfering with the use of any public area ... or which endangers the life, health or safety of persons or property is declared a public nuisance.”

Section 44-10, regarding the abatement of nuisances, empowers the city forester to give property owners 30 days’ notice to treat, trim or remove offending growth.

“If the owner of the premises refuses or neglects to comply ... the city forester is authorized to cause the removal, treatment or trimming of said nuisance tree or shrub. The expense thereof shall be

charged to the owner of the property.”

Low-hanging tree limbs overhanging public areas are addressed in Section 44-12:

“No part of any such tree shall be lower than 12 feet above any curb or pavement ... eight feet above any sidewalk (and) shall be trimmed so the foliage does not interfere with the illumination of the street and sidewalk provided by the streetlight.”



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bills.

Granger said she understands it might take longer than normal for the building to get a new tenant because it has a commercial kitchen and would only attract interest from another

food establishment.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said the city has been in touch with the real estate agent who listed the property.

“We usually start with the Realtor because they’re local and can be easier to get in touch with than the owner,” he said. “We’ll send them a notice and give them

some time to get things cleaned up, cut the grass, weed whack, pick up trash — whatever the problem might be. We want to work with them.”

If the work doesn’t get done, the city will step in. It has a contract with Nu Appearance Landscaping of Harper Woods to handle such situations, both for commercial and residential property.

“When we call them in, we’ll send them a bill for the work,” Schulte said. “If that doesn’t get paid, then we put it on their taxes.”

Schulte added that Debbie Reed, the city’s code enforcement officer, spots a lot of the problems early on.

“Summer is a really busy time of year for her,” he added. “She also does our animal control so she keeps pretty busy.”

Local real estate websites show a dozen commercial buildings on Mack for sale or lease.

“There are always ongoing blight issues to deal with,” Schulte said. “It’s not as prevalent though as it was during the housing crash, when people were just walking away from their homes.”



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Executive Chef Joe Paxton, left, hands off donated meals to Food Rescue Detroit volunteer Ken Stubblefield, who will transport them to an area social service agency.



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The War Memorial partners with Food Rescue US-Detroit

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Leading a community center and event space that typically hosts 70 to 80 weddings a year — 2023 saw a record 95 weddings — War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller recognized the importance of becoming a food donor with Food Rescue US-Detroit.

“This has been an initiative of mine — to have a food-waste-related partner at The War Memorial,” she said in a release. “We want to leave a better environmental footprint. Being a food donor is far better than leftover food going into a dumpster.”

Food Rescue Detroit — the local chapter of the national organiza-

tion — has partnered with the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House since October 2022, collecting leftover food from events and distributing it to area social service agencies such as food pantries, shelters and veterans service facilities.

Its partnership with The War Memorial began mid-April and has resulted in an estimated 400 meals donated to date, according to War Memorial Executive Chef Joe Paxton.

Leftover food donated from weddings the past few months has included full cases of mixed greens, cases of avocados and oranges, pans of bread pudding and once, 200 pieces of a whipped feta appetizer — a piece of naan topped with whipped

feta and honey.

“I think we don’t often realize what type of food can be within the charitable food space,” said Darraugh Collins, site director of Food Rescue Detroit, “and to get really fresh, high-quality prepared food like this is so meaningful.”

“Every time we show up with food, whether it’s from Ford House or The War Memorial, the receiving agencies are just overjoyed, because they know what an impact that’s making.”

Because Food Rescue Detroit aims to place the food in as close proximity to the food donor as possible, donations often go to Motor City Mitten Mission in St. Clair Shores and Deo Gratiis Cafe in Detroit.

“As a community center, we try to think about the thoughtfulness of where our food goes and who we deal with and why we deal with them,” Paxton said of the partnership with Food Rescue Detroit. “They’ve been a perfect match for us, so it’s really been great.”

The partnership is anticipated to at some point incorporate donations of flowers, which Food Rescue Detroit would supply to low-income senior housing apartments, senior centers and community fridges.

“Even though we are a food rescue, we feel that flowers are something you typically pick up in a grocery or food setting often,” Collins said, “and who doesn’t love flowers?”

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Yamazaki, not in court, endorsed the terms beforehand.

Judge McCarthy said it was “critical” for victims to approve such arrangements.

Pittman said afterward about Yamazaki, “We kept her in the loop every step of the way. We wouldn’t have made one move without her agreement.”

As part of Cross’ deal this week, she also pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$100,000 from the Yamazaki family more than a year before the break-in and robbery.

In January 2021, Cross, working as a caregiver for Yamazaki’s husband, Russell, a retired Wayne State University pharmacology professor soon to

die of cancer, stole the money by pilfering a debit card and racking up purchases.

An accomplice was deemed guilty about a year ago.

Cross’ armed robbery conviction qualified her for the toughest punishment in Michigan.

“That is a maximum penalty of life,” McCarthy said.

“It’s always difficult to answer if I’m happy with a verdict,” Pittman said. “The defendant was held accountable. I’m happy the victim got a resolution without having to come in and testify. To re-traumatize the victim and force her to testify in a case like this is never good.”

Everyone associated with Cross and her criminal ways came out worse than they went in.

“There’s no winner in this case,” Pittman said,

thinking of Yamazaki’s continued suffering. “The (defendant’s) going to prison. It cost our department and the prosecutor’s office all these resources to investigate and prosecute this case.”

Thinking back to the original crime scene, Pittman said first responders and emer-

gency medical technicians likely saved Yamazaki’s life.

City of Grosse Pointe detectives helped with followup. So did Michigan State Police and representatives of the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

“It was a great effort from everybody,” Pittman said.

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said. “Everything from community policing, leadership, recruiting, retention, dealing with millennials, Gen Zs — everything that’s up-and-coming.”

“The three tenants of the conference are training, networking and exhibit hall education,” according to the association’s event website, thei-acpconference.org.

Bostock attended the conference last year in San Diego with another of his lieutenants.

“This is my way to show leaders how to lead,” Bostock said. “It’s

a great event.”

Lavins, interviewed during the foundation’s ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$400,000 playscape at Windmill, said the charitable group funded part of the department’s attendance last year.

“I felt the chief and the lieutenant learned a lot,” Lavins said. “The foundation isn’t covering things like that anymore, so I did it personally.”

Bostock, who recently completed a 10-week leadership course at the FBI National Academy in Virginia, said the donation lets the department budget training allocations for hands-on projects.

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Sidewalk fix: Pink dot means resident pays directly

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Tripping the light fantastic makes lively lyrics for a song about the sidewalks of New York, but to protect pedestrians from falling head over heels in the Park, the first in a five-year series of sidewalk repairs is scheduled for completion in District 1 by the end of summer.

slabs, called flags, such as those cracked by growth of city-owned trees, will be funded from municipal coffers, homeowners are in many cases directly responsible for sidewalk maintenance.

“The cost of repairs shall be charged against the premises which the sidewalk adjoins,” according to Sec. 38-62 of the city code.

Members of the city council hired Luigi Cement earlier this year to do the work for \$145,368. The figure is \$76,000 less than consulting engineers estimated and, due to economies of scale, is less than if individual homeowners retained contractors on their own.

“By bundling together large quantities of sidewalk flags, the city can achieve more attractive pricing rather than a piecemeal approach,” Tom Jenny, head of pub-

The district is the easternmost of five in the city. It is bordered above Jefferson by Cadieux and Yorkshire from Mack Avenue, plus below Jefferson, Lake Court to Bedford and Bedford Lane.

It’s been 10 years since sidewalks were systematically repaired city-wide.

“We will be revolving each year through every district, including for tree trimming and stop signs,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Although the repair or replacement of sidewalk

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The Week Ahead

- SATURDAY, JULY 27**
- ◆ Streetside Sale-ebraction, Kercheval in The Village.
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- ◆ Streetside Sale-ebraction, Kercheval in The Village.
- THURSDAY, AUG. 1**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY, AUG. 2**
- ◆ Neff Park Outdoor Movie, at dusk. Cost is \$10 per person.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 3**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Fishing Derby, 8 a.m.
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Patriotism, community service are paramount for retired attorney

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Deann Newman says it herself: Boredom does not sit well with her.

If the Grosse Pointe Farms resident, who recently retired after a career as a corporate tax attorney with Deloitte, finds herself with too much time on her hands, “I find something to do.”

That sentiment was a factor long before she retired or before she even started her career.

“I’ve been active in community service my entire life, even as a kid,” she said. “I was raised to know that was an important thing.”

Born and raised in central Ohio, Newman earned an undergraduate degree from Ohio Northern University. There she met her husband, Kurt, at a movie theater after a mutual friend asked her to “come and meet some people” — and bring along a few girlfriends, too.

“It was the Rolling Stones movie,” she laughed, “something I never would have gone to.”

Now married 39 years, she and Kurt lived in Port Huron five years before landing jobs “down here,” she said. “We settled on Grosse Pointe (in 1989) and stayed and raised our kids here.”

Newman earned a law degree from Wayne State



University Law School and spent most of her career with Deloitte traveling the world, “serving some very large clients,” she said. “Corporate taxes was my thing. I recently retired. ... I felt it was time to start giving my experience to the next generation. I took a year, then started teaching at Ohio Northern University, at the business school. It’s my alma mater; I was on the board there and am an active alum.”

Heading into her third year of teaching,

Newman commutes to the college once a week and performs other work remotely. She has taught accounting and business law, and loves being in the classroom.

“Kids have so many questions,” she said. “What’s it like in the real world? What’s it like traveling? What’s it like working with people in other cultures? ... It’s fun to be on campus, especially in the fall.”

Newman also gives of herself locally, particularly with the local chapter of the Daughters of

the American Revolution. She previously served as treasurer and currently is vice regent of the Louisa St. Clair chapter. She also recently was appointed DAR of Michigan state auditor.

“What I love is that we are a women’s service organization that is truly in the community to do good things with education, patriotism and historical preservation — which are all things people generally get behind,” she said.

As part of the organization, Newman actively participates in several ways, but considers being part of the Constitution Week and America 250 committees her favorites.

“We used to just put up a poster,” she said of the Constitution Week Committee, which began to evolve when she got involved with the Bells Across America program. “I had 1,000 bells that we put around the community. People got really excited about that. I still try to get people excited. Every year I try to add something new.”

Some elements of Constitution Week include flag-raising ceremonies at Richard Elementary School and Parcels Middle School. She and her co-chair, Barb Davis, also visit classrooms to teach fifth



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEANN NEWMAN

Above, Deann and Kurt Newman recently funded the renovation and technology updates to create an executive classroom in the business college at Ohio Northern University. Both are alumni of the college, as are their children.

Left, the Newman family, from left, daughter, Abby Newman; Deann Newman; husband, Kurt Newman; son, David Newman; and daughter-in-law, Sami Newman.

graders about the Constitution. Essay and poster contests also are part of the celebration.

“As an attorney, I consider the Constitution very important,” Newman said.

The America 250 Committee, which has been paving the way for the country’s 250th anniversary in 2026, already has literally made its mark in the Pointes with the installation of Revolutionary War Patriot markers. Of eight markers in the state, two of them are in Grosse Pointe Farms — one at The War Memorial and one at Joy Bells Park.

“With the anniversary coming up, we’re planning a number of things to get the community excited,” Newman said. “We hope there will be smaller celebrations, too. We’ve been talking to organizations along the water, with the cities, so we’re in the process of growing that.”

“This is only the beginning,” she added. “We’re still ramping things up. You’ll see buttons that say ‘America 250’ and flags. We’ve got other things up our sleeves to get the community really excited about that.”

Newman takes patriotism seriously and feels like her involvement in the DAR brings it full circle.

“We can’t forget our roots,” she said. “Every country makes mistakes, but we need to learn from them. We need to teach our children so they can develop things the right way. Our patriotic roots are what shaped us as a people to be welcoming and principled.”

She said she also hopes to teach young people the benefits of community service, partly for one’s own enjoyment, but more so to give back.

Newman gives back beyond DAR through her involvement in Christ the King Lutheran Church. She retired after 20 years as the Sunday School supervisor, but still volunteers with Vacation Bible School, as well as planning and running the church’s annual Christmas service.

“Our faith is important to us, as well as to who we are,” she said. “I’ve always been very active in my faith.”

She also has been getting more involved with

The War Memorial and previously served on the board of The Family Center, as well as on the boards of two domestic violence shelters.

Additionally, she and her husband for years have been heavily involved in Boy Scouts of America. Kurt, an engineer, mentors Eagle Scouts and is involved with adult leadership training.

“I was talked into chairing the Southeast Michigan Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace a few years ago,” she said, noting her husband and son both are Eagle Scouts. “Scouts are paired up with professional mentors in the areas they’re interested in. The scouts don’t sit with their families; instead they get to know the mentors. We had been mentors for that for several years and then they asked me to (chair) it. There were 675 Eagle Scouts in Michigan last year and 60 percent of them are from southeast Michigan. You won’t find another state in the union producing as many Eagle Scouts.”

The Newmans also were instrumental in longtime Troop 96 Scoutmaster Adam Prokop earning the Louisa St. Clair chapter DAR’s Community Service Award last December.

“He went beyond his call of duty,” she said. “Most scoutmasters do it for three or four years. He did it almost 10. He did a lot with DAR. ... We felt it was time to recognize him.”

When she’s not educating the community, Newman enjoys educating her family — including her daughter, Abby, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, and son, David, who lives in Armada.

“I’ve spent a fair amount of time educating my family on their roots,” she said. “I’ve connected the roots on one side of the family to the mid-1500s and the other side to the early 1700s, so far.”

She also enjoys being creative.

“Painting, basket weaving — you name it, I’ve probably tried it,” she said. “I learned guitar five years ago. I’ve always been musically inclined. And I love to read.”

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City of Grosse Pointe

Lululemon crackdown

Several juveniles were arrested last week for committing thefts at Lululemon in The Village.

◆ A male juvenile was caught in the act and arrested as he fled at 1:45 p.m. Monday, July 15, after stealing three pairs of pants. He was interviewed, processed and released to his mother.

◆ Three male juveniles last Monday turned themselves in at the station for thefts that occurred June 24 and 29. They were interviewed, processed and released to their parents.

◆ An additional male juvenile was arrested last Thursday for thefts that occurred June 24 and 29. He was interviewed, processed and released to his mother.

Stolen bike

An unlocked brown Impact bike, left near the entrance of a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval, was stolen between 12:30 and 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 16.

Underwater

Three credit cards were stolen from a Grosse Pointe woman’s purse while she swam in the Neff Park pool between 3:30 and 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

An investigation is ongoing.

Porch pirate

An Amazon package containing headphones worth \$150 was stolen off a porch in the 700 block of University at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

Stolen wallet

A woman’s wallet was stolen from her purse, which she momentarily left unattended in a cart

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while shopping at a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 19.

The suspect is described as a black man with short hair and a green shirt, who left on a yellow bike. An investigation is ongoing.

Suspended license

A 59-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving with a suspended license, after he was pulled over for speeding at Jefferson and Fisher at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

Open for business

A vehicle left unlocked with the fob inside was stolen from the 900 block of Lincoln between 10 p.m. Sunday, July 21, and 3 a.m. the next day.

Grosse Pointe officers recovered the vehicle at Nottingham and Britain in Detroit, but missing from it were family passports and credit cards.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Airsoft gun

A cleaning lady found a large airsoft gun in a backyard in the 100 block of Lakeview Monday, July 15, which she left on the back patio for police to collect.

Theft threats

An unlocked 2022 black Dodge Durango was stolen from a driveway in the 200 block of

Merriweather between 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, and 12:40 p.m. the next day.

After publicly accusing her ex-husband and his boss of the theft, the woman leasing the vehicle received threatening phone calls from an unknown caller, who stated, “You messed with the wrong person” and “You’re gonna pay for it.”

Boat rescue

Farms officers used the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office police boat at Pier Park last week to respond to a 911 call from a frantic boater who lost power and was stranded between Pier Park and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and taking on more water than he could bail.

Officers ensured the man’s safety and waited on scene until towboats arrived.

Scene of the crime

After stealing an employee’s bike earlier in the day, a 22-year-old Detroit man returned to the store in the 18000 block of Mack at 12:29 p.m. Saturday, July 20, to wander the aisles in search of an ice cream bar.

The bike was returned to the employee, who did not wish to press charges, and the thief was issued a written warning for trespassing.

Crime of opportunity

An unlocked white 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee with the keys left inside was stolen from Country Club Drive between 2 and 5:30 p.m.

Upcharge

When approached for recklessly doing a “wheelie” on his moped for 200 feet along Webster, an 18-year-old Park man escalated the situation by moving to strike an officer.

The man was arrested for reckless driving, resisting or interfering with police, possession of a false ID, possession of marijuana at 18 to 21 years old and minor in possession of tobacco products.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lawn self-service

A thief or thieves helped themselves to lawn equipment twice last week.

Two weed wackers, a leaf blower and an edger, worth a combined \$2,300, were stolen in the 1300 block of Torrey between 3:35 and 3:45 p.m. Monday, July 15.

Two leaf blowers, worth \$1,400, were stolen in the 2200 block of Stanhope around 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

Breaking and entering

A business in the 20100 block of Mack was broken into overnight Wednesday, July 15. The owner reported the cash register was tampered with but nothing was taken.

— Ted O’Neil
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen and recovered

Park police were four-of-four last week in recovering stolen vehicles.

In the first instance, authorities used a stolen 2024 Ford Explorer’s tracking feature to recover the vehicle, unoccupied, in the neighborhood of Mack and Lakeview, nine blocks beyond the border with Detroit.

The owner told police he learned of the theft upon receiving a tampering alert at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday, July 17. He discovered the SUV missing from where he parked it curbside in the 1100 block of Whitter with ignition keys inside.

Truck back, trailer gone

A landscaper left ignition keys inside his 2013 Chevy Silverado, attached to a 24-foot enclosed trailer containing equipment and tools, while at work. He reported them stolen at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the area of Hampton and Wayburn, one block from city hall.

Park police located the truck in the area of Hazelridge and Laurel, near Gratiot south of Seven Mile in Detroit. The trailer and contents were gone.

Equinox

A 2023 Chevy Equinox was stolen shortly before sunup Friday, July 19, while parked unlocked with the ignition key inside in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Harvard.

Police found it unoccupied in Shelby Township.

Four of four

The fourth and last theft and recovery of a stolen motor vehicle last week in

the Park occurred at 10:09 a.m. Sunday, July 21, in the 1100 block of Balfour.

As in all four cases, the vehicle was stolen while parked unattended with keys inside.

Officers found the vehicle, a 2019 Dodge Ram, in Detroit. They also described the suspect, a black male with short hair wearing glasses and a tank top.

“(A) surveillance camera in the area captured the suspect dropping off the vehicle,” according to police.

Contributing to the series of recoveries, police found a girl’s bicycle that had been stolen about a week earlier at the scene of the vehicle theft. See “Bike thefts,” below.

Bike thefts

Three bicycles were recently reportedly stolen in the city.

◆ Between Friday, July 12, and Tuesday, July 16, a girl’s red, 10-speed was taken from a garage in the 1200 block of Nottingham. Police recovered it at the scene of the theft Sunday, July 21, of a 2019 Dodge Ram in the 1100 block of Balfour.

◆ Between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 20, two bicycles — a red Trek mountain bike with damaged seat and a green mountain bike with a black bell — were stolen while parked on a front porch in the 1400 block of Nottingham.

◆ Around 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 22, a boy’s orange Trek mountain bike was taken from a backyard in the 1200 block of Lakepointe.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Solar system OK’d universally

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — More is proposed in the third and latest draft of the municipal zoning ordinance than regulating short-term rental properties.

Other topical updates fill the 16-article, 121-section, 186-page draft, which is months away

from final form, city council confirmation and enactment.

Of note are provisions about solar energy systems, accessory dwelling units and four-story buildings in the Kercheval commercial district among others.

Warren Rothe, secretary of the planning commission and also the city’s assistant manager,

said during a June 17 meeting that many changes in Draft 3 reflect information obtained during prior public meetings and engagement sessions.

Solar

Newly expanded rules about solar energy systems are especially timely.

“A resident installed a

bunch of solar panels on their property,” Rothe said. “(Now) we have regulations on those, adjusting for setback and quantity, lot coverage size and all those things.”

Solar power equipment — whether located on rooftops or freestanding — is a permitted use everywhere in the city,

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FIX:

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lic works, said at the time.

Residents can piggy-back on the city’s program and have slabs fixed for an estimated \$100 to \$250 each, according to Jenny.

Residents are to be notified where DPW staffers marked flags slated for replacement with pink or white dots.

“If you see a pink dot, that means it’s a homeowner’s responsibility,” Sizeland said. “A white dot means it’s a city responsibility.”

Due for replacement are sidewalks having one or all the following defects:

- ◆ offset at least a half inch between slabs,
- ◆ cracks larger than

- three-eighths of an inch in width,
- ◆ spalling or scaling where the surface is deteriorating more than 75 percent of the flag,
- ◆ holes more than two inches wide and/or a quarter-inch deep and

- ◆ cross slopes exceeding 2 percent.

Although work this year focuses on District 1, Jenny said dangerous slabs elsewhere in the community can be repaired on a piecemeal basis as needed.

Construction is forecast to be finished before the school year starts.

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OUR VIEW

Lock your vehicles

It's a relatively easy task that requires almost no effort. Unlocking your vehicle will add zero time to your routine as you leave the house for your morning commute, be it going to work, dropping off kids at school, running errands or heading to the gym. Of course, that means you would have had to lock your vehicle the previous night. Again, a very simple task. It probably doesn't burn a whole calorie and you can do it walking from the vehicle into your house. You can even get fancy with it. Behind the back, over the shoulder, between the legs. Pretend you're Caitlin Clark dishing out an assist.

Set up a reward system if you must. Couples can lock their vehicles at the same time each evening and give each other a hug and a kiss. Responsible children can do it as one of their routine chores to earn their allowance. Make it a contest with your neighbor — the first one to forget owes the other a six pack. You can even set up a lock jar, sort of like the reverse of a swear jar, and put money in it every time you lock your vehicle. You'll be paying yourself to do something good and when there's enough in the jar, treat yourself to an ice cream cone to beat the summer heat.

But please, in the name of all that is good and holy, LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!

The police are sick of dealing with it. Our reporters are sick of writing about it. And we would have thought people are sick of being victimized. Turn back to page A5 and check out the public safety reports.

Weeks when there are no reports of items being stolen from unlocked vehicles are few and far between. A statistical anomaly one could say.

Apparently there is a segment of our local population that doesn't mind items, some of great value, being pilfered from their vehicles in order to feed some ne'er do well's drug habit.

Many times police reports will indicate a handful of change was taken or that the vehicle was rifled through and nothing was taken. But there have been reports of big ticket items stolen, such as a \$14,000 Rolex watch, laptops and loaded pistols. Leaving a loaded weapon in an unlocked vehicle is the height of irresponsible gun ownership and if the person has a concealed carry permit, it should be revoked immediately.

The next step up on the "they did what?" scale is when we see people reporting that their purse or wallet was stolen from their unlocked vehicle. Credit cards can and have been used before the owner notices them missing and bank fraud always is a possibility. Not to mention the owner's driver's license and other identifying information. One incident this year involved a stolen Social Security card. Can you say identify theft?

At the top of the mind-boggling scale are reports of vehicles stolen because they were unlocked and — wait for it — the key fob was inside. Why not just tape the title to the window with a note reading, "Here, I really don't want this anymore."

The key fob! The very thing you could have used to lock the vehicle. Just think of the headaches a simple press of a button could prevent. Filing the police report, filing the insurance claim — which quite possibly could raise your rates — and having to shop for a replacement vehicle. And given the price of vehicles today, both new and used, you'll most certainly pay more than what the insurance



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

The beach at Pier Park currently is open following what is becoming a common occurrence of closures due to E. coli levels. Last summer, the beach was closed from June 28 through the rest of the warm weather season. Water at Pier Park's beach is tested twice a week and results in closure if bacteria levels exceed a 30-day geometric mean of more than 130 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water. Park staff additionally automatically close the beach after rainfall of a quarter inch or more as a precautionary measure and until the water is next tested. E. coli levels are known to rise when rain produces runoff from land, where contaminants such as animal droppings can gather along the shoreline.

OUR VIEW

Vote 'yes' on City millage

We urge City of Grosse Pointe voters to approve council's request for a 21-year, 1.8894-mill request on the primary ballot Aug. 6.

If it passes, the levy would raise about \$15 million over the next two decades. The money would primarily be used to build the infrastructure necessary to divert stormwater from the lines north of Waterloo between Neff and Fisher directly into Lake St. Clair. Storm sewers south of Waterloo have drained into the lake since the 1960s. The millage would cost the average taxpayer \$332 annually.

We see three main benefits voters would accrue by voting yes.

First and foremost, the millage must pass in order for the city to receive a grant in the amount of \$21.6 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While the total cost of the project is estimated at around \$29 million — with the city's share around \$7.5 million — council decided to seek twice as much to cover cost overruns and to spend \$1.4 million on capital asset needs. Those include purchasing new garbage trucks, dump trucks and a front-end loader.

Money raised from the millage would allow the city to sell bonds to pay for both parts of the equation. Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak is on

record saying the city will not spend the full \$15 million if it does not have to. That is something voters must hold council accountable to moving forward, should the millage pass.

The second benefit could potentially be lower sewer rates in the future. The project would place a stormwater conductor down Lincoln to St. Paul, St. Paul to Washington, Washington to Jefferson and Cameron to the lake. The city estimates it could reduce the amount of stormwater north of Waterloo going to the Neff Road Pump Station by two-thirds to three-fourths. Less outflow going to the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District to be treated — and stormwater is needlessly treated — should give the city a bargaining chip with SMSD for lower rates.

The main benefit, of course, is reducing the threat of flooded basements in the event of heavy rainfall, such as what occurred in 2021. Even though sewers in the area north of Waterloo from Cadieux to Neff will not be disconnected, since it would add \$8 million to the total cost, diverting a majority of stormwater to the lake will help the entire city. Sending that much less water through the Neff Road Pump Station means it is less likely to be overwhelmed.

For these reasons, we support voting "yes" on the millage request.

company gives you for the value of the vehicle you helped make disappear like a magician's assistant.

Being curious like reporters are, it would be fascinating to find out the reasoning of a person who has been on the wrong end of one of the above scenarios. Laziness? Forgetfulness? Habit? A false sense of security?

So far this year, our public safety reports have detailed items stolen from unlocked vehicles or unlocked vehicles stolen — including a smattering of stolen unlocked bikes — to the tune of: Grosse Pointe Park, 46; City, 20; Farms, 18; Woods, nine; and Shores, two. On-street, overnight parking seems to be the common denominator. The Shores, for example, does not allow the

practice between 2 and 5 a.m. In the Park, the streets closest to Alter seem to be targeted most often. Thieves can walk along narrow streets at night and try hundreds of door handles in a short period of time, all while vehicle owners sleep in houses behind, ironically, doors that are most assuredly locked.

Police tell us perpetrators, if caught, share "trade secrets" about areas easy to target, usually while wasting taxpayer dollars in Wayne County's juvenile detention center. Police also say if everyone locked their vehicle doors, the crooks would move on.

So please, lock your vehicles. It's OK with us if there are fewer crime reports to write about.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



The writing on the wall

Last week I was having a second listen through the audio-book version of “Brave by Faith” by Pastor Alistair Begg — an insightful and God-driven study into the fact that the God of Christians in today’s western society is the same God of Daniel and the Israelites who were brought into Babylonian captivity — when I had a bit of an

epiphany about the idiom “the writing on the wall.” It seems it never clicked for me that the phrase suggesting there are clear signs of an unpleasant outcome originated from a biblical story of handwriting quite literally on a wall that declared and predicted an influential figure’s demise. The account is in the fifth chapter of Daniel, when Babylonian King Belshazzar is having a feast celebrating his greatness. He presents, from which to drink wine, gold and silver

cups that had been taken from the temple in Jerusalem, while the partygoers praise false gods. Verses five and six read, “In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.” Daniel, a man of God

who had a history of interpreting messages from God for the former Babylonian king, was brought to the feast to interpret the writing on the wall. He says to King Belshazzar, “You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven, and the vessels of His house have been brought before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which

do not see or hear or understand. But the God who holds in His hand your breath of life and your ways you have not honored and glorified. Then the hand was sent from the presence (of the Most High God) and this inscription was written: ‘mene, mene, tekel, upharsin.’ “This is the interpretation of the message: ‘mene’ — God has numbered the days of your kingdom and put an end to it; ‘tekel’ — you have been weighed on the scales (of righteousness) and found deficient;

‘peres’ (singular for upharsin) — your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.” That same night, Belshazzar was killed and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom. And thus, history gained the phrase “the writing on the wall,” still in use some 2,562 years after the fall of the Babylonian empire. Similar to arguably all great empires of history, for Babylon it was certainly true that “pride comes before the fall.” This phrase too, originated from biblical text. “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall,” Proverbs 16:18.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

ALERT DRIVER SAVES LIVES OF CHILDREN: The quick thinking of J. P. Ameel, 25, probably saved the lives of two small children the evening of July 15, according to Chief Walter Goulette of the Woods Police. The children, Paul DeWitte, 3 1/2, and his sister, Paula, 9, were struck by a car while they were standing in the center of Mack at dusk, and the quick protection of Ameel saved them from possible injury from other traffic. Apparently, the children were standing in the middle of Mack trying to cross the street when they were struck. **ARMY, AIR FORCE RECRUIT STATION OPENED IN PARK:** Grosse Pointe’s first U.S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Station has been opened in the Park municipal building on East Jefferson at

Maryland. The officers in charge are anxious to have an opportunity to explain to eligible Pointe men the many advantages the peace-time army is offering today. **PIGEON OWNER TOLD TO KEEP BIRDS ON FLIGHT SCHEDULE:** Alex Sintebin’s pigeons are on the loose again. A couple of weeks ago complaint was made by neighbors against Sintebin, who lives on Rivard, that his pigeons are a nuisance. The judge ordered that they should be let out only between the hours of 6 to 8 a.m. As well mannered pigeons, they were expected to return to quarters by 8 o’clock.

1974

50 years ago this week

SITE PLAN FOR ESTATE ACCEPTED: By a unanimous vote, the Farms Council approved the site plan for the Rose Terrace

condominium development. The approval does, however, contain some restriction the developers, Superior Lake Enterprises, agreed to at the meeting. **KERBY SCHOOL CROSSWALK SUGGESTIONS OKAYED:** The problem of where to place the crosswalks for Kerby School children surfaced again at the Farms Council meeting, but the council members agreed upon a course of action in shorter time than has been the case in the past. The no left turn signs on the corners of Beaupre and Kerby will be removed. Police Chief Robert Ferber said the signs have caused more confusion than relief and have been inoperative since they apply to days when school is in session and were erected after the summer recess had begun. Additional changes include moving the crosswalk at Kerby and Beaupre on the east side of the street to Belanger and removing parking in the area of Beaupre.

1999

25 years ago this week

WOODS DEVELOPS BIRD’S EYE VIEW: By participating in a Wayne County pilot program that uses Global Positioning System technology and aerial photography, Grosse Pointe Woods officials will be able to create a computer data base, complete with pictures that map out exactly where homes, power lines, sewer lines, telephone lines, catch basins and schools and businesses are located. The city’s computer administrator, Joe Murphy, said that the county has taken aerial photographs of the city. Using a process

called digital ortho, the longitude and the latitude of the various landmarks, streets and buildings in the city are overlaid on the pictures. The program is called Geographic Information System. **LIFEGUARDS’ QUICK ACTION SAVES LIFE:** For Woods resident Richard Murphy, June 23 started off as just another day in the park. For the lifeguards of Lake Front Park, it was the day they were able to use their training and skills to save the life of a man suffering from a heart attack. Doctors credit Mr. Murphy’s quick recovery to the aid he received at the park. Because he had his heart attack outside the main park offices, staff was able to get to him right away.

2014

10 years ago this week

MULLING A HOTEL: Vacant land inside the 1100 Lakeshore curve is tagged for construction of a small hotel. Plans aren’t firm, but the concept’s on paper. “It’s in our site master plan, an inn-type of lodging,” said Kathleen Mullins, president of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The field is part of the Ford estate, most of which is on the lake side of Lakeshore. If a hotel is built, the bedroom community of Grosse Pointe Shores will have a commercial district beyond the tongue-in-cheek version comprised of vending machines at the municipal park.

GUEST VIEW By John Alcorn

Let’s do our part

I read last week’s op-ed piece by Publisher Anne Gryzenia with great interest about the corporate policies of Lululemon and the invitation to thefts that result. I agree, enough is enough. Our communities welcome strong retailers to our shopping districts to help strengthen the experience for our residents. Unfortunately, the lax corporate policies toward theft, which are apparently designed to emphasize the safety of those in the store, have the counter-effect of incentivizing and increasing thefts at these locations. This is true not only in Grosse Pointe, but in these stores throughout the region and the entire country. As the chief of police, there is not a single crime that happens in Grosse Pointe City that I find tolerable, and the thefts at Lululemon are unacceptable and unsettling. That being said, I feel fortunate that there has not been a single theft at the store involving threats, violence or weapons. Additionally, through the tireless work of our detectives, we have apprehended or identified the vast majority of perpetrators that were involved in the initial round of thefts involving Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Clinton Township, Ann Arbor, Novi, Birmingham and Rochester. Regretfully, the void doesn’t last long as the opportunity to walk in and walk out unchallenged with stolen merchandise is quickly replicated with new criminals. While the managers and employees

of the Grosse Pointe Lululemon have been nothing short of fantastic to work with, I imagine they are just as frustrated as the rest of us with corporate policies that embolden criminals. The question initially posed in the original article was to solicit ideas from the community and offer solutions. To this end, I would offer that anyone who shares this concern join me in contacting CEO Calvin McDonald and request he revisit the corporate policies at Lululemon to 1) immediately contact the local police whenever these thefts occur, 2) work with local police on methods to ensure the safety of employees and patrons in the store, 3) work with local police on methods to secure merchandise within the store, 4) employ in-store security personnel and 5) revise their lax return policy. Certainly, more can be done, but these few initial steps can go a long way in discouraging the increasing wave of crimes committed at these stores. We will continue to do our part as local police to protect our communities and ask all of our corporate businesses to avoid policies that invite criminals to our shopping districts. Lululemon CEO Calvin McDonald can be reached at Lululemon Athletica, Attn: Calvin McDonald, 1818 Cornwall Ave., Vancouver, British Columbia, V6J1C7, Canada. We look forward to the continued success of all businesses in the City. John Alcorn is the director of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe.



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Samantha White launched Little Explorers Soft Play to be a luxury party rental service to provide clean inflatables and play spaces for parties for the little explorers in one’s life. Learn more at littleexplorerssoftplay.com. Pictured during a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, owner Samantha White, Nick White holding their two little explorers and Chamber President and Executive Director Jenny Boettcher.



Storybook celebration

Sofia Kirkman, the owner of Part of Your World Princess Co., is bringing fairytale magic to a brick-and-mortar location. The Lon Next Door opened its space at 17904 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe, to Storybook Boutique, a party and event venue that offers a place to put on a favorite princess dress and glitter or glam up any look. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting event for Storybook Boutique on Saturday, June 8. Pictured, are Chamber President and Executive Director Jenny Boettcher, left; an assortment of princesses and fairy godmothers, including owner and 2024 Chamber Small Business Award winner Kirkman, third from left; and Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, right.

Great Lakes Wine & Spirits reinvests in local communities, champions philanthropy

Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, a wholesale alcohol distributor for nearly 80 years, is proud of its top talent and commitment to reinvesting in local communities through outreach and charitable donations. Owners Sydney Ross and Grosse Pointe Farms resident J. Lewis Cooper III collectively bring more than 100 years of sales and distribution experience in the alcohol business. The Garden Party, a Great Lakes Wine & Spirits tradition, stands as one of its largest annual fundraisers, bringing together the distributor’s suppliers and some of the finest restaurants in metro Detroit, with all proceeds supporting local trade schools and fostering the education and development of the future workforce. “From cold winter days to warm summer months, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits remains actively involved in giv-

ing back to enhance the communities in which we are so proud to live, work and serve,” Ross said. “For nearly 80 years, the essence of our success has been family, which includes our business neighbors and partners. We look forward to many more years of expanding our philanthropic footprint in our local communities and inspiring others to do the same.” Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, headquartered in Highland Park, has further demonstrated its commitment to the community by supporting local police and fire departments. The company recently provided a new patrol car for the police department and supplied dress uniforms for the fire department. With more than 1,200 employees and distributing more than 12 million cases of 13,000 wines and spirits to 17,000 retail licensees, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits’ portfolio represents

approximately 60 percent of the wine and 50 percent of the spirits sold in Michigan. As a family-owned company, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits is dedicated to providing exceptional service, fostering community growth and maintaining a family-oriented culture.



New business

Sigrid Peterson recently opened SLiM Body Contour, 21250 Harper in St. Clair Shores, offering a noninvasive approach to weight loss with red-light therapy that targets areas to make them a little slimmer. She welcomes new clients. Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Peterson and Chamber President Jenny Boettcher.



COURTESY RENDERING

Starbucks will occupy the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval. Behind it, a new storefront and entrance will be constructed on St. Clair for the European Wax Center.

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building at 17030 Kercheval could start by the end of month and will subdivide the space into 2,650 square feet for Starbucks and around 1,700 square feet — as well as an entrance and storefront off St. Clair — for new tenant, European Wax Center. The work will take about three months to complete before Starbucks can begin building out its interior design of the space. An opening date, as well as whether there will be an interruption in service during the transition, remains to be seen, as representatives of the

corporation did not respond to interview requests. “We’re excited to welcome a best-in-class retailer to Kercheval Place,” Steuer said. “We’re 100 percent occupied retail-wise and we just have one vacant space on the second floor, so it’s really a nice project that we’ve worked to reposition — battling the Jos. A Bank pending bankruptcy and COVID — Kercheval Place to be a nice retail and office destination.” **Lucky Detroit** Because of fine print complexities with lease agreements soon — but not quite yet — coming to an end, the owner of Lucky Detroit Coffee &

Espresso, Chad Buchanan, cannot currently confirm whether his Grosse Pointe Park location will move into the Starbucks space being vacated in The Village. What he can say is that the cafe concept, specially set to include a walk-up window, is coming to the downtown strip. “We will be in The Village,” Buchanan confirmed. “We have been looking in The Village for a while now, because our little micro location in the Park was just to get our feet wet. We wanted to do a full cafe, so finally a space became available that works for us.” Beyond Lucky Detroit’s normal coffee menu and

pastries, The Village location will include breakfast sandwiches served all day. Buchanan will go before the City’s zoning board to seek approval for the walk-up window concept during the next council meeting Monday, Aug. 19. “We love the walk-up windows and we are hoping that it goes very well there,” he said, “because I think that little downtown is really walkable and very cool.” Ideally, Buchanan would like to see The Village location open before winter. “That’s just all contingent upon when we’ll be able to take over the space that we’re looking at,” he said.

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GPPSS out of deficit spending; contracts settled

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Less than a month after passing a budget that would have taken \$1 million from its fund balance, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education’s 2024-25 fiscal year budget now is expected to be \$1.1 million in the black.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle updated the board at its meeting Tuesday, July 16, regarding the new numbers based on the school aid budget legislators passed last month. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed it Tuesday, July 23.

“The legislature passed

a budget that’s a little bit different from the assumptions we made,” Tuttle said. “School budgeting is very interesting in that you don’t know what the state budget is going to be before you have to pass one in June. Typically you make some assumptions based on the governor’s budget.”

School districts in Michigan are required by law to pass a budget each year by July 1. Schools operate on a fiscal year that runs July 1, through June 30. The state’s fiscal year is Oct. 1, through Sept. 30.

“We based our budget on what we thought was going to be a state aid increase of \$241 per student,” Tuttle said.

“Superintendents in the state were taken aback by what happened.”

The legislature included no per-pupil funding increase in the new budget. It did, however, reduce the amount districts must pay into the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System by 5.75 percent. That will net GPPSS \$1.8 million.

“In essence, we are able to balance the budget, which is great for the 2024-25 school year,” Tuttle said. “There are concerns moving forward though because it’s only a one-time cut.”

The legislature is expected next month to take up House Bill 5803, which would make the

cut permanent.

“Hopefully it would be at 7 percent,” Tuttle added. “That would be \$4 million a year and that would shore up the district for future years.”

With the extra money, the district was able to approve two-year contracts with four of its five bargaining groups that include a 2 percent raise the first year and a 1 percent raise the second year, with step increases in both. The original offers had been 1 percent raises each year. Tuttle said the same offer has been made to the Grosse Pointe Education Association, with which the district still is negotiating. The teachers union’s one-

year contract expires Aug. 17.

If accepted, the total amount of money spent on raises in the upcoming year would be \$752,406, leaving a surplus of \$1.1 million.

“I want to thank the union leadership for working with the district,” Tuttle said. “We’re happy we’re able to give something, understanding it has to stay within what’s available from the revenue we receive.”

Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent for educational services and the district’s lead negotiator, said leaders of the four unions told him the process was “fair and respectful.”

“It took a lot of time

for us to get done, but in the process we did our due diligence,” he said. “We’re happy with the outcome.”

The GPEA did sign off on the 2024-25 school year calendar, which typically is a bargained item. It varies slightly from a previous, tentative calendar and can be found on the district’s Facebook page.

Key highlights include:

- ◆ Sept. 3, 2024, first day of school
- ◆ Dec. 23, 2024, to Jan. 1, 2025, winter break
- ◆ Feb. 17 to 21, 2025, midwinter break
- ◆ March 24 to 28, 2025, spring break
- ◆ June 13, 2025, last day of school

Turn the Paris Olympics into a family learning experience

The Paris 2024 Olympics opening ceremony is tomorrow and we know the Olympic Games will often play on your screens in the background while you manage your families and households. But what if you could turn watching the games into a fun learning experience for your kids, without them even realizing it? Here are some tips to make the most out of this global event and create educational moments that feel like play.

Dive into Olympic music

Did you know the legendary composer John Williams has a special connection to the Olympics? He created the iconic “Olympic Fanfare and Theme” for the Los Angeles 1984 Olympics and “Summon the Heroes” for the Atlanta 1996 Centennial Olympics. His music captures the excitement and grandeur of the games. These pieces are avail-



Academic Pointers

by Glen Hipple

able on many streaming services. Play them for your families before NBC’s coverage begins and see if they can recognize the themes when they’re played again during the games. It’s a great way to introduce young people to classical music in a fun context.

Explore national cultures through the opening ceremony

The opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympics is set to be a spectacular event, taking place on the Seine River instead of a traditional stadium. This is a perfect chance to experience French culture. What cultural elements can you spot in the French cere-

mony and how do they reflect France’s rich history and artistic flair? You also can generate interest in previous host nations because of their opening ceremonies. Remember the jaw-dropping display at the Beijing 2008 Olympics? If you don’t, you can watch it on YouTube. The 1984 Los Angeles ceremony is a great way to show children what America looked like on television 40 years ago, including the quality of the picture before HD!

Understand the Olympic rings

The Olympic rings are more than just colorful symbols. Each ring — blue, yellow, black, green and red — represents a

color found in every national flag around the world. It’s a brilliant way to signify global unity. Can your kids point out when they see the rings’ colors in any flags? This little activity can spark curiosity about different nations and their symbols, turning a simple logo into a lesson about global diversity.

LeBron will lead the USA delegation

Flag bearers have the honor of leading their country’s athletes during the opening ceremony. Ever wondered how they are chosen? It’s often based on their achievements, leadership qualities and the values they represent. For example, the USA has chosen LeBron James as this year’s flag bearer for his impact on basketball both on and off the court. Do your children notice the other flag bearers? Use it as a conversation starter about appearance, culture or whatever

interesting detail your child notices.

Try watching new sports

The Olympics are a fantastic opportunity to watch sports that might be completely new to your family. Have you ever seen fencing, handball or water polo? Watching these events could inspire your kids to explore new activities or sports. Who knows, they might find a new passion or hobby that they never considered before!

Make it interactive

To make the viewing experience even more engaging, consider using a second screen to look up information and have discussions while watching the Games. For instance, when a particular country’s team is competing, you can use Google Earth to “fly” to that country and explore the information available. Parental interest can often inspire the

child to give something a look. Maybe this is a great chance to learn more about Australia during the swimming competitions and plan a family trip! What surprising facts can you discover together about the countries and athletes?

The Paris 2024 Olympics offer an incredible chance to turn watching TV into an interactive, educational experience. By incorporating these tips, you can make the games a fun learning adventure for the whole family. So, gather around the TV, enjoy the competitions and let the learning begin naturally.

Glen Hipple is a former GPPSS teacher. He currently is the academic director for Pointers for Academic Excellence, a community resource dedicated to supporting and endowing academic excellence in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Contact him at glen@pf-ae.org.



Alexandrea McIntyre



Morgan McIntyre



Andrew Schaden

Christian Financial awards scholarships to high school grads

Christian Financial Credit Union named 15 students as recipients of the Bathanti-D’Agostino Memorial Scholarship for 2024, awarding a total of \$15,000 in scholarships. The scholarship, established to honor the early pioneers of the credit union, recognizes academic achievement and community involvement.

Among this year’s recipients are Grosse Pointe North High School graduates Alexandra McIntyre, Morgan McIntyre and Andrew Schaden.

The scholarship program’s goal is to assist recipients in furthering their education with the long-term outcome of a more vibrant, healthy and inclusive society and community. Applicants for this year’s scholarships submitted transcripts, letters of recommendation, a resume and a typed essay explaining how they exemplify the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People.”

“We received an overwhelming amount of thoughtful and conscientious applications this year from some of our region’s brightest and best,” said Christine Quitter, director of business development and community outreach

at Christian Financial. “It made choosing the winners tremendously difficult. I know these students will succeed in whatever path they choose and we wish them the very best.”

Other graduates who received scholarships are:

- ◆ Caroline Cubitt, Athens High School
- ◆ Aiden Evans, Anchor Bay High School
- ◆ CarRyn Gilbert, Cass Technical High School
- ◆ Nnameka Ikechi, De La Salle Collegiate High School
- ◆ Brianna Love, L’Anse Creuse High School North
- ◆ Kyler Maiorana, Parkway Christian High School
- ◆ Corey McKenzie, The School at Marygrove
- ◆ Kennedy Roskopp, Regina High School
- ◆ Audrey Schena, Regina High School
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2024 YNEF scholarship recipients awarded

In 2024, 12 Youth Nautical Education Foundation (formerly the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation) applicants each were awarded a \$2,000 college scholarship.

Since its inception in 2012, a total of 150 YNEF scholarships have been awarded. Twelve of those scholarships have been funded in perpetuity.

College scholarships are awarded based on a summary of sailing experience in the

Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association Club junior programs, high school or college freshman sailing programs and academic credentials.

The 2024 scholarship recipients were awarded during brunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in May.

Applications for 2025 YNEF scholarships may be found at ynez.org/scholarships. Applications must be returned to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club by April 2, 2025.



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Scholarship: Commodore Gary and Christine Gonzalez



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Scholarship: Edwin and Felicia Shaw



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Graduated: Seaholm High School
Attending: College for Creative Studies
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Rodrigo Flores de Oliveira
Graduated: Troy High School
Attending: Michigan State University
Scholarship: Zach Rockwell Scholarship



Fletcher Klaasen
Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: University of Kentucky
Scholarship: Commodore James and Sandra Morrow



Clara LeMoal
Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: Michigan State University
Scholarship: Benno Steinborn



John Moreno
Graduated: University of Detroit Jesuit High School
Attending: University of Alabama
Scholarship: Commodore Ilja and Kelley Vreeken



Gabriel Morreale
Graduated: University of Detroit Jesuit High School
Attending: University of Michigan
Scholarship: Commodore Sean and Kristen Schotthoefer



Gavin Webster
Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: University of Michigan
Scholarship: Commodore Tymon C. and Sheri Totte



Brody Yeloushan
Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: Webb Institute
Scholarship: Commodore John and Marlene Boll



Evelyn Young
Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Scholarship: Manuel J. and Nora Moroun



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Rooftop solar power equipment, such as this on Pemberton, is a permitted use throughout Grosse Pointe Park.

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according to the draft. Regulations are itemized in Section 3.02, “Solar Energy Systems,” of the document.

On rooftops, systems:

- ◆ can’t extend more than 10 feet higher than flat or mansard surfaces,
- ◆ can’t exceed the height of a pitched roof and
- ◆ must not reflect glare toward any inhabited adjacent property.

Freestanding units have their own regulations:

- ◆ units are limited to at

most 15 feet in height and 150 square feet, must be set back at least 20 feet from rear and side property lines, and limited to two per parcel;

- ◆ they must be in rear yards and can’t exceed 25 percent of rear yard area,
- ◆ they must have no intrusive glare, as with rooftop units and
- ◆ equipment must sit on impervious surfaces.

Exceptions are:

- ◆ on waterfront lots, systems may be located in the yard facing the roadway,
- ◆ on through lots, systems may be located on the street side of the main building on the less-traveled road, unless the public services director deems the placement impractical.

“We now have standards for solar energy systems,” Rothe said. “They were previously in (the ordinance), but we didn’t have any regulations on where or how.”

Accessory dwellings

On another matter, the draft eliminates a rule limiting accessory dwelling units to properties having a single-family residence.

“We realized that a lot of accessory dwellings are in the (Cabbage) Patch and we want that to continue,” Rothe said. “They are allowed now, technically, in any residential district.”

“Either the principal dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit shall be owner-occupied,” according to Section 3.07 the draft.

Four stories

Allowing four-story construction in the Kercheval business district is something of a misnomer, but accurate nonetheless, according to Rothe.

Four stories are allowed only if the fourth floor is set back at least 15 feet from the third-floor façade or enclosed in a mansard roof.

“This accommodates a development with a top-floor patio,” Rothe said. “It would look like a four-story building because the patio is set back 15 feet.”

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Donation funds endowed scholarship for Wayne State library science students

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Vivien McDonald was a tremendous lover of books, art and opera, as well as a frequent visitor to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch.

When she passed away in April 2023, at age 95, she left significant gifts to several organizations, among them the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

“It was a wonderful surprise, completely unexpected,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “Any time the library is part of a legacy, it’s an honor to us. It demonstrates the impact the library has had on lives and the faith they have in us.”

Keyser and GPPL Foundation Executive Director Paige Domzalski put their heads together to ensure the gift would be put to good use.

“The foundation in the past has done capital projects,” Domzalski said. “All of the branches have pretty significantly been enhanced over the years. This gift was unexpected and unrestricted, so we were able to be creative with what we thought was the best way



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From left, Grosse Pointe Public Library Director Jessica Keyser; Paul Bracke, dean of Wayne State’s School of Information Sciences and University Libraries; and Paige Domzalski, executive director of the GPPL Foundation.

to put Grosse Pointe Public Library at the forefront.”

The library board and library foundation board agreed to contribute a significant part of the gift to establish the Vivien McDonald and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Endowed Scholarship, to be awarded annually to a graduate student in

Wayne State University’s School of Information Sciences, which Keyser said is the area’s primary source of education in the field.

“The future of the library is in the people,” she said. “We need to continue to remove barriers to higher education in this field and make it more accessible to all.”

GPPL has several

Wayne State graduates in its employ, so Keyser is familiar with the fine education students in the School of Information Sciences receive.

“Wayne State is one of the better library science schools around,” Domzalski agreed.

“I’m very grateful for the generosity of Ms. McDonald and the Grosse Pointe Library



The scholarship was made possible through a generous gift from Vivien McDonald, who was a frequent library visitor.

Foundation,” said Paul Bracke, dean of Wayne State’s School of Information Sciences and University Libraries. “I think this reflects the importance of libraries and also the important relationship between the Wayne State University’s School of Information Sciences and the public libraries of Michigan.”

The scholarship was established through a \$150,000 gift, Keyser said.

“And we’re giving \$6,000, in addition, for the first year,” she added.

Domzalski noted that an average master’s degree in information sciences costs \$31,000 to \$32,000.

“The endowment is disbursing \$6,000 for the year,” she said, noting the endowment fund guarantees 4 percent every year. “That’s a significant amount to contribute to someone’s schooling.”

“We always strive to provide opportunities for students to follow their interests and it’s critical that we find ways to make it as affordable as possible for them to do so,” Bracke said. “Providing this scholarship allows us to support our students and provide more opportunities for them to move from college to career.”

Students who apply must be enrolled and in good academic standing, Bracke noted, “with preference to students who are committed to providing library services to underserved groups. Students will need to submit an essay describing their career goals for the scholarship committee to evaluate.”

Keyser said applicants have to be enrolled full or part time.

“A lot of graduate students have to work while going to school, so we didn’t want to rule them

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Who ya gonna call?

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

The Ring Finders.

That’s who Mike Hulway called when he lost his wedding ring in early June at the new home he and his wife, Becky, were getting ready to move into on Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Shores.

“We hadn’t even moved in yet and I was over there cutting the grass,” Hulway said. “It was a pretty unsettling feeling because we were just about to leave on vacation, so that was stressful.”

The Ring Finders is a directory of metal-detecting specialists who can be found in 43 states and 17 countries across the globe.

“My father-in-law actually suggested contacting them,” Hulway said. “Becky was much calmer than I was. She said, ‘You’ll find it, you just misplaced it.’”

Jonathan Hamill, who said he responds to calls in about a 70-mile radius



COURTESY PHOTO

Jonathan Hamill, left, with Mike Hulway holding his new-found wedding ring.

of metro Detroit, went to Hulway’s house June 8.

He eventually found the ring laying in the grass in the backyard.

“It’s nice to help people find their valuables,” Hamill said. “Sometimes I get three or four calls in a day, sometimes nothing for a month.”

Hamill said he got interested in metal detecting in the mid-1970s and used to respond to lost-and-found ads in newspapers before the internet came

along. He’s been on The Ring Finders website for a decade.

“I do jewelry, property line markers, keys lost in the snow,” he said. “I can also do dives up to 20 feet in the water.”

The weirdest thing he’s ever been asked to find? A dental implant.

“It was at a construction site and I didn’t think I’d be able to find it with all the junk,” he said. “But once the guy told me how much a new one would cost, I under-

stood why he called.”

Hulway had tried going the metal detector route on his own, borrowing one from the Grosse Pointe Public Library tool rental program, but the battery died before he could finish.

“I searched everywhere,” he said. “I even took apart the p-trap on the kitchen sink.”

This isn’t just an ordinary wedding band, either. It has three-inlaid diamonds that belonged to Becky’s grandfather.

“He was a collector and had thought about going into the jewelry business at one point,” Hulway said.

Both Grosse Pointe Woods natives, the pair graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2007, then reconnected at their 10-year reunion before marrying in 2021. Their move from the Woods to the Shores was to find a bigger lot with more privacy.

“I’ve taken my ring off before doing yard work and forgotten where I set it, but this is the first time it’s fallen off,” he said. “I’m definitely going to get it resized.”

Star Summer Choral Institute performs July 27

The Star Summer Choral Institute — a month-long, intensive choral program for volunteers who sing in various organizations — presents a free concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The group will perform two major choral works: Louis Vierne’s “Messe Solennelle in C# Minor for 2 Organs,” and Adolphus Hailstork’s “I Will Lift Up My Eyes,” featuring a solo from Grosse Pointe’s own, soprano Angela Theis.

The core of the ensemble is choir members from Our Lady Star of the Sea, with guest singers from the Grosse Pointe

Community Choir and Detroit Concert Choir, as well as other local church choirs, including members from First English Lutheran, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic, St. Joan of Arc Catholic and St. Lucy Catholic churches.

“We’ve had guest clinicians come in to help prepare and offer the singers a bit of a change in direction at times just to keep things fresh,” said Aaron Kaleniecki, director of music at Star of the Sea. “This was a month-long endeavor with 10 rehearsals at an heroic pace.”

An encore performance of the free concert takes place at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit.



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Book blends cocktails with Motown magic

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Creating thoughtful combinations of his favorite ingredients is nothing new to City of Grosse Pointe resident Dean Champagne. After a career in the adult beverage industry, he knows a thing or two about mixology.

Earlier this year, Champagne combined his love of adult drinks with his love of automobiles to create “Cars and Cocktails,” a coffee table keepsake that combines Motor City history with newly created high-performance cocktails.

“I took my two passions: the adult beverage business and classic cars,” he said, noting he also added a dash of his love of photography to pull the book together.

The book kickstarts with a history of alcohol consumption and prohibition in Detroit, as well as the history of Woodward Avenue and a look at cruising culture.

“There’s a reason Route 66 and Sunset Boulevard are high-profile cruising roads,” he said. “But when all the smoke clears, the origin of cruising is still Detroit. Woodward Avenue was the first true superhighway in

America.

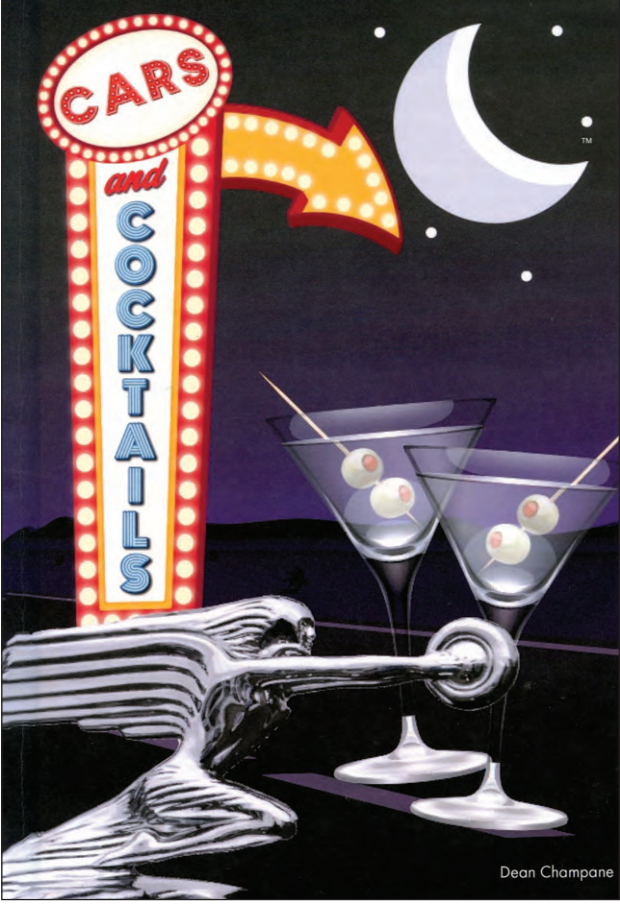
“... Woodward Avenue is the backbone to this whole book,” he added. “Cruising is what we like to do. We’re bringing the glory and the story back to where it all originated.”

From there, the book races into its range of new cocktails, starting with the Woodward Special.

“We tried to be as diverse and inclusive as we could,” Champagne said.

Each aptly named auto-themed cocktail — for instance, Lithium Kick, Last Lap and Finish Line — is contained on a single page, with the facing page featuring one of Champagne’s car-related photographs and a quote from an auto-related celebrity, ranging from John Dodge, Bill Ford and Sergio Marchionne to Elvis Presley and Steve McQueen.

“I’ve always had the hobby of photography,” Champagne said. “I took different shots of different cars, so it doesn’t look like a used car manual. The concept is having a little bit of Detroit culture, Detroit history, and a classic automotive. People in the auto industry who made contributions ... I used quotes I thought were



COURTESY PHOTO

“Cars and Cocktails” combines Dean Champagne’s love of Detroit’s automotive history and adult beverages.

interesting and tied them in with the cocktails.”

While the photos and quotes are eye-catching, the drinks themselves are the star of the book.

“What’s unique about these beverages is they were put together by me and mixologists from metro Detroit,” he said.

“It took time to invest and help concoct these drinks, which may be similar to what’s out there, but different so we could trademark the drinks.”

Every drink in “Cars and Cocktails” is trademarked by the state of Michigan, including a small portion devoted to

nonalcoholic drinks, called “The Dry Way.”

“There are four or five nonalcoholic drinks,” Champagne said. “We did name them to make them feel they’re part of the family.”

As for the author, his favorite is the Zero to 60.

“That sums it up for my life in the fast lane,” he said. “I do like bourbon-based cocktails.”

For those who would rather skip the bourbon, other drink recipes feature tequila, rum, whiskey, vodka, champagne, Prosecco and more.

“Some great cocktails were invented here in Detroit,” Champagne noted. “In the 1930s, Cold Duck was invented in the Pontchartrain Wine Cellars. In the 1950s, the Bullshot was invented at the Caucus Club. The Hummer was invented at Bayview Yacht Club in the 1960s by Jerome Adams. Since that time, there hasn’t been anything that caught the enthusiasm of anyone who enjoys cocktails.”

That’s where Champagne hopes “Cars and Cocktails” makes a difference. So far, he said the book, which took two years to create, has been well received.

“It’s in the early stages, but it’s picking up traction and inter-

est,” he said. “A number of establishments are now serving them in the metro Detroit area.

“... My biggest objective is, if restaurants and bars realize what’s at their fingertips and poured a number of cocktails out of the book, the promotion of cocktails, the enthusiasm of customers, can break the monotony of routine cocktail service at the bar.”

A consultant for Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Champagne has been working on event-focused cocktail menus as well. He has supplied recipe booklets at a number of local events, including the Detroit Grand Prix.

He’s also pulling together a booklet of non-alcoholic “Machtails,” which he plans to make available next year. He’s available to speak with interested groups and organizations about the Machtail wave.

“That should fill a gap for the younger generation who’s not tuned in to the wine industry or hard cocktails,” he said.

“Cars and Cocktails,” created for a 21 and older audience, is available on amazon.com and carsandcocktails.com. Speak to Champagne directly at (586) 504-1099.

DONATION:

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out,” she said. “All different backgrounds are encouraged to apply. There’s definitely a need to diversify the field to better reflect the communities libraries are serving.”

Bracke anticipates the first scholarship will be awarded during the upcoming academic year, though a specific timeline has yet to be developed.

More for GPPL

Additional funds gifted to the library foundation by McDonald will be used to offer paid internships within GPPL for students studying library sciences, Keyser noted.

“We’re looking at ways to create pathways with mentorships,” she said. “We have the best librarians anywhere around. This will be a formal way to mentor up-and-coming library science students.”

And, as McDonald was passionate about art, another portion of her gift will be used for the preservation of artwork

at the library.

Though Keyser and Domzalski never knew McDonald, retired GPPL Assistant Director Peggy Kitchel remembers her fondly.

“Vivien loved coming to the library,” Kitchel said. “She was an active participant in our Great Books group. I can’t remember a time when she missed the discussion. She was very intelligent, quietly tenacious about her opinions and had a quirky sense of humor.”

“We’re pleased that she loved the library so much and wanted to do something like this,” Domzalski said. “... I’m really excited to get to be creative with what we’re using it for.”

Added Keyser, “This is just the beginning. If people are excited about it, they can contribute and help the scholarship grow. That’s an option going forward.”

To contribute to the Vivien McDonald and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Endowed Scholarship fund, contact Domzalski at paiqe@gplf.org or (313) 640-4683.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

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

- ◆ New to Medicare, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, with facilitator Tony Altovilla and Medicare volunteers.
- ◆ Visit, Lunch and Learn, noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Cranberry Park in St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Restorative Evening Yoga, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Aug. 1, with instructor Allie Short. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Field Trip to MGM Grand Detroit Casino, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 to nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie “Anatomy of a Fall” is shown at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ The movie “Book Club: The Next Chapter”

is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Fresh Produce at The Helm, with the Full Circle Farms Market 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, and with Eastern Market at The Helm 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 13 and 27.
- ◆ The Gift of Grief, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, with facilitator Frank Wilberding, psychotherapist.
- ◆ Out to Lunch Bunch heads to the Blue Goose Inn, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Cost to ride the bus is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.
- ◆ Keeping Yourself Safe, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, with Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To

register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Comedy Magician Cameron Zvara, 2 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 29, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ GPPL @ Lake Front Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ STEM Explorers: Travel the World, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ DigiLit Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Teen Volunteer Day, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Teen Movie Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Central, 10 Kercheval,

Grosse Pointe Farms.

GPAA

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

- ◆ Introduction to Digital Art with Chris Zientek, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through July 31.
- ◆ Graffiti Quilting with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27.
- ◆ Triple the Fun: Abstraction and Realism in Watercolor and Ink with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.
- ◆ Combining Pen and Ink with Watercolor, with Paula Fiebich, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 7 to 28.
- ◆ Portraits in the Style of Henri Gervex with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15, 22 and 29.
- ◆ Basic Block Printing on Fabric with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Registration closes Aug. 10, so supplies can be assembled.
- ◆ Something New in Printing: Try Gomuban with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Registration is required by Sept. 6, so supplies can be ordered.
- ◆ Landscapes in the Style of Frederic Church, with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 19 and 26, and Oct. 3.

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.

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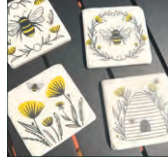
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Early voting begins July 27 for August Primary

With the passage of Proposal 2 of 2022, Michiganders now have the opportunity to vote early before Election Day. Early voting is not the same as absentee voting.

What is early voting?

Early voting is the opportunity to cast a ballot in person before Election Day. For voters, the early voting experience will be similar to the experience of voting at a polling place on Election Day and will include the act of putting your completed ballot into a tabulator.

Where will early voting take place?

Early voting will take place at early voting sites. An early voting site will operate similarly to an Election Day polling place, but can be set up to serve voters from more than one city or township. See locations below for the early voting sites in the community.

When will early voting take place?

Communities are required to offer early voting in each state-wide and federal election for at

least nine consecutive days, beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending the Sunday before the election, for at least eight hours each day. For the Aug. 6 Primary, the schedule for local communities is as follows:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, in city council chambers, 17145 Maumee.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, in council chambers at city hall, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Harper Woods: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to Sunday, Aug. 4, at city hall, 19617 Harper.

How to vote early

If you vote at an early voting site, you will be able to put your ballot into the tabulator, just like on Election Day.

- ◆ Step 1: Go to an early voting site in your community and check in with the poll workers.
- ◆ Step 2: Complete your ballot, place it in a secrecy sleeve and feed it into the tabulator, just like you do at your polling place on Election Day.

You can also bring your absentee ballot to an early voting site and insert it into the tabulator. You must bring your absentee ballot to the early voting site and check in with a poll worker to complete the process.

Remember: You have the right to vote if you are in line when your early voting site closes.

Questions regarding early voting can be directed to your local clerk. The League of Women Voters also is available to answer questions about early voting. Contact the league at lvwgrossepointe@gmail.com.

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- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Guided Tour: Design Through the Decades, 11 a.m. daily, excluding Mondays and Aug. 1. Admission costs vary.
- ◆ Archeology Lecture: What is a House Without its Yard? 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.
- ◆ Family Picnics, all day Tuesdays, Aug. 6 to 20, for Ford House members.
- ◆ Storytime: “What Do You Do With an Idea?” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 6 to 27, for ages 7 and younger.
- ◆ Wellness Series: Tai Chi for Health, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 6 to Sept. 10. Cost is \$10 per session for members, \$12 per session for nonmembers.
- ◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7. Cost is \$35 for members.
- ◆ Shakespeare Stroll with Grosse Pointe Theatre, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. General admission is \$50; VIP tickets are \$75.
- ◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Dave Hamilton Band, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. General seating for members is \$20; general seating for the public is \$25. Reserved seating also is available.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.

Register at redcrossblood.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.

- ◆ 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.

- ◆ SummerFest Concert featuring Thornetta Davis, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Former Detroit Tigers beat writer Tom Gage will speak about his book, “The Enchanted Season.” Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Reunions

- ◆ Grosse Pointe South High School’s Class of 1984 is hosting its 40th reunion 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door, and include a cash bar, appetizers and music from the 1980s. Checks may be mailed to Amy Kish, 1023 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or sent via Venmo to Amy-Kish-2 or Zelle to (313) 770-1772, with the note “GPS 84 Reunion.” For those in town early, a casual get together will occur 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park. For information, call Marianne Stavale Benkoski at (703) 901-0080, Johanna Staub Judson at (313) 580-3813 or Carey Fitzgibbon Baldwin at (828) 318-2628.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of 1984 seeks classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The reunion includes a cash bar, light appetizers and live ’80s music by Lunar Sessions. For those in town early, a casual gathering at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. Cost for the reunion is \$40; Venmo @ [amytrederholland](https://www.venmo.com/amytrederholland). For information, contact Amy Treder Holland at amytholland@live.com or call (313) 790-9667, or Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.
- ◆ Dominican High School will host its “Classes of the ’80s Reunion,” from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. The event will feature ’80s music by Eastside is Alive. There is a \$10 cover at the door. Email suestatic@gmail.com for information.



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Replica for reading

Tricia Hexter, owner of Grosse Pointe Institute for Learning, was gifted a Little Free Library by the Hawasli family last Christmas. The Hawaslis own Pointe Hardware and have donated several Little Free Libraries in the community. The family personalized Hexter’s to be an exact replica of her business as a special touch. The Grosse Pointe Institute for Learning is located at 18164 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe. Hexter’s husband, Craig, said he will 3D print sconces for the outside of the library to match the building’s lighting.

WEDDING

Bauer—MacKethan

Megan Elizabeth Bauer and Alexander Jordan MacKethan were married June 29, 2024, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome. A reception at the Grosse Pointe Club followed.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. David and Beth Bauer of Washington. The groom is the son of Philip MacKethan of Grosse Pointe Park and Jenny Brown of Van Buren Township.

The bride’s friend, Olivia Brown, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride’s sisters, Sarah Bauer, Katie Bauer and Ally Bauer; and friends, Megan Fitzgerald, Dr. Annmarie Craig, Olivia Motzer, Dr. Erin Stone, Hannah Apostolou, Mia Allen and Erika Aro. Ren and Thalia Aro served as flower girls.

The groom’s brother, Benjamin MacKethan, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom’s friends, Nick Warminski, Hans Tepel, Johnny Posada, Nick Allen and Mike Aro; and the groom’s stepbrother, Shane Brown. Nick Warminski also served as ring bearer.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She is a program manager at LinkedIn.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science at the University of Michigan.

The couple honeymooned in Spain and reside in Madison Heights.



Alexander and Megan MacKethan

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Taco ‘bout a BABY SHOWER!

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

Baby showers are a joyful tradition to celebrate the upcoming arrival of a new family member. These gatherings are filled with love, laughter and excitement as loved ones share in the anticipation and prepare to welcome the little one. With delightful decorations, fun games and heartfelt gifts, baby showers create cherished memories and strengthen the bonds of community and support around the expecting parents.

Rachel and Patrick Mahoney’s baby shower on May 5 was all of those things and more. It was a heartwarming celebration, filled with love from a large gathering of family and friends. Held at their local church, the event was catered by a delightful Mexican restaurant, adding a delicious touch to the festivities. A natural green color scheme set a serene backdrop for the day, complemented by a stunning balloon arch that anchored the room and provided a perfect spot for photos. Cactus and Corona centerpieces adorned the tables, and guests were treated to beautiful cactus cookies as keepsakes. Attendees who brought diapers or wipes for the expectant parents could enter their name into a raffle for a special prize, adding an extra layer of fun and generosity to the joyous occasion.

“Taco ‘Bout a Baby” is a perfect theme for a Cinco de Mayo baby shower because it combines the festive spirit of the Mexican holiday with a fun, playful twist on celebrating the upcoming arrival. (It’s also a great theme for expectant moms who might be craving salsa and dads who just love a good taco!) This theme offers vibrant decorations, delicious Mexican cuisine and lively activities, creating a joyful and memorable event for everyone involved.

Thank you to expectant grandma, Melanie Mahoney, our wonderful administrative assistant at the Grosse Pointe News, for sharing these adorable photos and allowing us to share in the family’s celebration!



The happy parents, Rachel and Patrick Mahoney, above, of St. Clair Shores, pose with baby’s big sister, Aria, at left, in front of a cute photo backdrop featuring an adorable flowering balloon cactus.



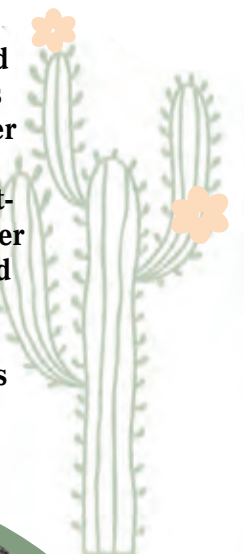
Gold, white and sage green accents create a welcoming room for excited guests to gather, nibble, play games and share in the joy.



A precious nursery lies in wait for the arrival of its inhabitant, “Baby M.” The gorgeous room, decorated in ecru and deep sage green, features a chest of drawers with adorable animal pulls for the drawers.



Tables are filled with live cactus and Corona beer centerpieces, margarita-scented hand sanitizer party favors and address envelopes for the thank you notes to come.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MAHONEY FAMILY



Mamacita and papacito are all smiles as they capture the anticipation and elation of the moment.



Adorable cactus cookies in shades of green are a highlight of the dessert table, laden with cookies, cakes and other sweets.



Abuelitos rule! Spirited bartender grandpas Gary Faszholz, above left, and Denis Mahoney, above right, are on deck and ready to quench the thirst of party guests. These granddads were more than happy to join in the fiesta of fun.



A pretty welcome table greets guests as they arrive to the baby shower, announcing the arrival date of the baby.



A popular shower feature are diaper raffles and games, designed to get the family off to a good start with a stockpile of nappies. The Mahoney shower had a margarita-themed gift basket to raffle for those who brought a package of diapers to the event.



Refreshing alcohol-free “Mom-aritas” and “Dad-quiri” fruit water — infused with strawberries, lemons and herbs — was on tap for partygoers to enjoy. Every aspect of the shower included clever and creative elements to charm guests for whimsical and enjoyable time.



OBITUARIES

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

Joseph Peter Kanan

Joseph Peter Kanan, 77, died peacefully Friday, July 19, 2024, amidst love and prayer. He is survived by his wife, Heidi (nee Mosher); daughter, Amelia; son, C.J.; siblings, Anna May Fowlkes, Peter Kanan (Mary) and Mary Frame (Gary); sister-in-law, Marilyn; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Amelia (nee Matta); and siblings, Oscar Kanan (Pauline), Theresa Jacobs (Al), Linda Peeples (Louis), Ray Kanan, Yvonne Pryzhocki (Vincent), George Kanan and Mabel Felix (Norman).

Joe was a man who lived many chapters and dearly loved many people throughout each one. Born and raised in Detroit's Jefferson

Chalmers neighborhood, Joe was the youngest of 11 siblings. He developed lifelong friendships and attended St. Martin's Catholic School, where he had the first of many epic chapters.

When he turned 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent six months in Vietnam. He found great pride in fighting for his country, his family and all that he cherished. Although Joe's life wasn't easy after he was discharged, his faith in God and love for his family helped him overcome the impossible.

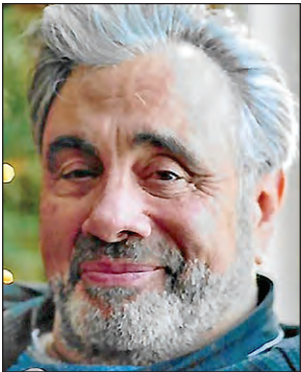
In 1979, Joe met his other half. Joe and Heidi quickly built a life together. They married at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, where they received a blessing for their 40 years of marriage in 2021, with their two children by their side.

Joe joined the

Millwright's Union Local 1102. He rose through the ranks and eventually became director for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights. This chapter of his life gave Joe a great amount of purpose, pride and gratitude.

Joe will always and lovingly be remembered as a husband, father, brother, cousin, uncle and best friend who lit up the world with his laughter, wild stories, singing and prayers for everyone he loved.

Visitation for Joseph takes place from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 26, with a rosary service at 6 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation continues Saturday, July 27, from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Joseph Peter Kanan

Beverly Jean Stone

Beverly Jean Stone, 94, passed away Friday, July 12, 2024, in her home, surrounded by family.

Born May 26, 1930, in Detroit, to Mancel and Kathryn (nee Sears) Kidder, Beverly spent most of her life in Detroit and graduated from Dominican High School in 1948.

Beverly, known as Bev to those close to her, loved music and playing piano. She sang for both the United Service Organization and on local radio.

On Jan. 7, 1950, Beverly married her sweetheart, Ross Belmore Stone, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Beverly and Ross were true soulmates. They met, fell in love and, through-



Beverly Jean Stone

out 73 years of loving marriage, remained steadfast partners and parents. Beverly was a devoted wife and mother, with her children becoming her greatest joy and source of pride. She later became an adoring grandmother to eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Prior to having children, Beverly was an executive secretary at Dodge Motor Co. Later in life, she also worked as an underwriter for an insurance company and owned, with her mother, a Wicker Works store, where she also taught decoupage.

Married to an avid boater, Bev quickly became a fellow lover of boats and being on the water. Proud members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for 42 years, Bev enjoyed spending summers boating on the Great Lakes with friends and family, supported Ross in his passion for boat restoration and worked with him to restore nine wooden boats of award quality. Bev and Ross were especially proud of their "Best in Class" and "Best of Show" awards at the 2012 Antique and Classic Boat Society Michigan Chapter.

Bev's class and elegance translated to all areas of her life. She took great joy in creating and maintaining beautiful homes, boats and her own personal style. An outgoing and vivacious woman who carried great inner strength, Beverly will be remembered for her gentle nature and positive outlook on life.

Beverly is survived by her children, James Stone (Marla) and Karen Oliver (Kevin); grandchildren, David Hammel, Daniel Hammel (Katie), Patrick Oliver (Vannessa), Elizabeth Oliver, Mike Stone (Lauren), Melissa Stone and Rachel Stone; and great-grandchildren, Chase Stone, Liana Oliver, Mila Oliver and Hannah Stone.

Beverly was predeceased by her husband, Ross Stone; son, Ross "Christopher" Stone



David Charles Reed Jr.

(Joanell); daughter, Deborah Stone Hammel; and grandson, Matthew Stone.

A private memorial service will be held for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org/?form=Donate.

David Charles Reed Jr.

David Charles Reed Jr., 72, of Chesterfield, passed away Monday, July 8, 2024. True to his nature, Dave made his wife, Kathy, laugh until the very last moment of his life.

Born April 25, 1952, in Grosse Pointe, but calling Detroit home for his early years, David became a barber, joining his uncle and father at McCubbin's Barber Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods. Though he closed the shop in 2015, he continued working on and entertaining his many loyal customers until the end.

His personality was magnetic and could fill a whole room. He could make fast friends with a perfect stranger. He remembered personal details nobody else could and was well-known for his thoughtful, generous and often unexpected gifts. What his family and friends remember most, though, are the quiet, gentle moments holding his five grandsons.

Dave is survived by his wife of 45 years, Kathy; sons, David (Jill) and Steven (Amy); beloved grandsons, Charlie, Jack, Joshua, Camden and Hudson; and siblings, Janis Matlock (Rex) and Don Reed (Maggie).

His loved ones will miss him terribly and carry him in their hearts daily. He lived fully, gave generously, laughed often and passed quickly, just the way he wanted. His family said it was 72 years well lived.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Sycamore Hills Golf Club, 48787 North Avenue, Macomb.

GP Symphony Orchestra concludes 71st season July 31

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concludes its 71st season with an outdoor concert among sailboats, seagulls and passing freighters at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, on the lakeside lawn of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors in The War Memorial ballroom.

Guest Conductor Alexander Mishnaevski will lead the orchestra in a program of light classics that begins with Rossini's "Barber of



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Guest Conductor Alexander Mishnaevski

Seville Overture" and Mozart's "Symphony no. 29."

Following intermission, the concert continues with works by Shlomo Mintz, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius, and concludes with John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Refreshments are available for purchase and folding chairs will be provided. Audience members are welcome to bring their own picnic food, summer chairs or picnic blankets. No outside beverages are allowed.

Tickets are available at

the door or on the orchestra's website, gpsymphony.com. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free to K-12 students.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra is 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing local professional and accomplished amateur musicians the opportunity to perform the classical symphonic repertory for the community at large.

For more information, call The War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.



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New president

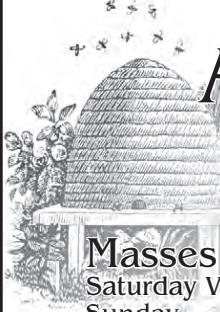
Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with Rotary Assistant District Gov. Ted Everingham at the club's July 9 meeting at Ford House.

Everingham inducted Cobb as president during the meeting. Cobb, a club member since 2018, is an author, speaker, certified forgive-

ness coach and longtime community supporter.

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club members invite residents to join their Tuesday morning breakfast and community presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Email at dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

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Everingham receives high Boy Scout honor

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

It’s probably not often a longtime attorney who was a champion high school debater is left speechless, but that’s exactly what happened to Ted Everingham when he learned of an award he was to receive.

“I was flabbergasted when I got the phone call,” he said. “I tried to tell my wife about it and I could hardly get the words out, I was so choked up.”

He received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association in late May at the Michigan Crossroads Council Eagle Recognition Dinner, an annual event that honors

all Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle in the previous year.

Everingham, 85, called being in Boy Scouts “transformative,” including attending the 1953 National Jamboree in California.

“Scouting took me from an introverted, bashful kid at 11 or 12 to being an Eagle Scout,” he said. “It taught me I could do things I never dreamed I could do.”

An attorney, Everingham said he decided to go to law school based on an aptitude test he took in high school and after meeting with a lawyer in his hometown of Jackson.

“He was well-respected around town and as a first-generation college student the only thing I

knew about attorneys was from watching ‘Perry Mason,’” he laughed. “Plus I was on the debate team so I thought that would help.”

As an undergraduate at Albion College, Everingham served as a junior assistant scoutmaster for his troop, returning to Jackson once a week for meetings. He then went on to get his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan.

“Before deciding on the law, I wanted to be a forest ranger,” he said. “I love being outdoors. Being in a forest is a spiritual experience.”

The program from the May event said the award was created in 2010 to mark the 100th anniversary of BSA to honor



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Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe members Judy Masserang and Phil MacKethan with Everingham after he received the National Eagle Scout Association’s Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

“notable Eagle Scouts who had either performed distinguished service at the local, state or regional level or were known nationally,” and “have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, advocacy, community and beliefs, at a sacrifice to themselves and their families.”

Aside from his law practice, Everingham has served on boards for several area groups, including The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Public Library Millage Committee and Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe.

He also is a past president of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

He currently is president of the Albion College National Alumni Association.

“There was a reception before the awards dinner and just as we were

entering the dining hall I looked up and saw the president of Albion College walk in,” Everingham said. “He drove all the way from Albion to be there. Some of my fellow Rotarians were there, too. It was overwhelming.”

Everingham said he wishes more youth would get involved in scouting.

“There are so many more opportunities for young people today than when I was growing up,” he said. “But scouting helped make me who I am today.”



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Board installed

The 2024-2026 board members of Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe were installed at its June meeting. Seated from left are Assistant Secretary/Public Awareness Chair Lillian Frazier, Past President Karrie Blankenship, President Bette Lepouttre, Director Carolyn Barth and Vice President/Membership Chair Katherine Baetz. Standing from left are Assistant Treasurer/Fundraiser Roseanne Horne, Director Diana Langlois, Secretary Mary Bryk and Treasurer Mary Ellen Burke.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. There are nearly 65,000 club members in 118 countries. For more information visit grossepointesoroptimist.net. Those interested in talking to someone about the club or becoming a member may contact Bette Lepouttre at (586) 557-3287. The club includes members who live within the Grosse Pointes and the surrounding area.

Rotary donation to Kids on the Go

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe recently made a donation to the summer program of Kids on the Go, paying the tuition for four children to attend. Pictured from left are Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation Past President Judy Masserang, Grosse Pointe Rotary Club President Neil Sroka and Kids on the Go Development Manager Katie Shubnell.



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— Sports Rookie

for some or all of the cost of these teams they are dying to join. You may find they will pause at the thought of spending their own money and make a more thoughtful decision.

— Gabby

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Boyfriend won’t step up

DEAR ANNIE: I am a single mother of two teenage girls. After a series of abusive relationships, I hadn’t dated for two years until recently. A few months ago, I met a man, and we’ve been seeing each other and sharing intimate moments. But the way he acts has me very confused. He says that marriage is something he’s simply not

interested in. I’ve told him that I am interested in building a healthy, long-lasting partnership with someone who will become my husband — even though to me, after such bad prior relationships, the very possibility of such a thing seems far-fetched. I think on some level I believe that I deserve to be mistreated. Now, even though I

know our relationship can’t go anywhere, I continue to date this man. What do you think I should do? I’m not sure whether I really like him or I’m just lonely. — Lost and lonely

DEAR LOST AND LONELY: Finding a loving, caring relationship begins with loving and caring for yourself. End

things with this noncommittal man, and turn your focus inward. You’ve yet to process the abuse you suffered in your previous relationships. For help in doing so and referrals to local resources, I urge you to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. I’d also encourage you to try making some new friends or reconnecting with old ones. (<https://www.meetup.com/> can be a good tool for people



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

looking to make friends.) Having a healthy social life will help you stay grounded and feel less dependent on a romantic partner. Once you believe with all your heart that you are worthy of love and respect, you’ll be ready to date. Until then, be patient with yourself.

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

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GP Historical Society host Soirée at the Stone Manor

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosted its 20th annual gala, this year called Soirée at the Stone Manor. A strolling supper was served under a tent; classic and new cars were there to view; music entertained on the back patio and a special afterglow benefited Gianna House, a pregnancy and parenting residence.



Jason Hyde and his wife, Robyn Hyde. Jason Hyde is the Ford Bronco brand manager for Ford Motor Co. The Bronco on the left is one of 1,966 Broncos painted in the limited color of Robin’s Egg Blue. There are two other colors, Yellowstone and Peak Blue, that also are a limited edition with only 1,966 of them made. The reason for that number is 1966 was the year the Bronco came out. Behind the Hydies are a 2023 Bronco in Robin’s Egg Blue and a 1970 vintage Bronco in Peak Blue.



Above, from left, Jeanne Lizza, Allison Liddane and Maria Liddane pose near a 1955 Thunderbird.



Right, a vintage 1966 Red Mustang sits in the yard of the stone manor for viewing.



Left, Joella Bush, executive director of Gianna House, with Ruth and Seth Krueger, homeowners.



From left, Stuart Grigg, Grosse Pointe Historical Society president; Gina Tecos, Grosse Pointe Historical Society archivist; Molly MacKethan, Grosse Pointe Historical Society bookkeeper; Patti Timmins, Grosse Pointe Historical Society administrative manager; Valerie Dodenhoff, Grosse Pointe Historical Society events chair; and Thomas Jones, Grosse Pointe Historical Society trustee.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



For a company that is 130 years old, Frownies really did it right by marketing on all of the social media platforms. Because I will buy almost anything that promises to make me less wrinkled or skinnier, I had to try it.

Frownies promises to soften and smooth wrinkles naturally — mostly on the forehead and frown lines between the eyebrows.

The concept is pretty simple. You are basically isolating your forehead and not causing your face to move for the entire time

you sleep, therefore smoothing out the wrinkles.

It is a water-activated, starch-based adhesive that you cut to size and apply to clean skin by wetting it with warm water or with Frownies rose water that is available to purchase.

The whole thing is easy, yet somewhat annoying to do. It's definitely a stretch for my minimal tolerance for more "self-care" before I flop into bed at the end of a

long day. That said, it's mindless and only takes a few minutes.

Frownies claims that

with consistent use — at least 30 days — you can avoid injectables like Botox. This would be wonderful, but you truly need to be consistent — and it wasn't something I could keep up with.

The first few days I diligently washed and massaged and cut the patches to fit my wrinkled forehead with gusto. But after that it went downhill.

So for me personally, this is not sustainable. However, if

you can add this to your routine, I think it's a great product that has been proven to work.

You can easily purchase Frownies for about \$25 on Amazon. It is a great deal because it comes with tons of them and will last at least a month or two.

Frownies has more than 35,000 four-star or higher reviews, so it definitely has a following. In addition, I think it's cool that a woman started this company more than 130 years ago — what an innovator!

I am giving them 4 alligators because I know they

work and it's a great, natural way to get rid of (and prevent) wrinkles. I wish I had the patience to continue. Maybe someday!

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.



Chicken Club Pasta Salad

By Lisa Monette, Donna Grabner and Sarah Grabner
Guest Writers

When cooking for a large group, I am a big fan of keeping things simple.

Every weekend, we end up hosting lots of family members and friends at our cottage in Lexington.

On hot weekends, there's nothing everyone loves more than a nice, refreshing pasta salad. This recipe was so incred-

ibly easy to prepare and was a crowd-favorite with the entire group.

Chicken Club Pasta Salad:

- 8 oz Ditalini pasta or your favorite pasta
- ¾ cup Italian-style salad dressing
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups shredded, cooked chicken

- 12 slices bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled
- 8 oz cherry tomatoes, halved
- 6 oz cubed Swiss cheese
- 3 small stalks of celery
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 1 avocado, chopped

Cook pasta in lightly salted water until al dente. Rinse under cold water and drain.

Whisk together dressing, mayonnaise and black pepper in a large bowl. Stir in pasta, chicken, bacon, tomatoes, cheese, celery, bell pepper and avocado until evenly coated.

Garnish with additional black pepper, celery leaves and avocado.

Serve immediately or chill, covered, for up to four hours.



PHOTO BY LISA MONETTE



Diffuse character

Millennial wine drinkers, we were told, love to try different things. But by contrast, many California winemakers are still trying to make red wines that fit the standard model: soft and plush.

This model is what wine marketing people say consumers want, based on the scores that historically have been given to red wines of dark color and weight. But are

such wines selling?

It is risky to make a red wine with "wimpy" color these days, even if the result is a lot better but lighter wine. I reached this conclusion after California's somewhat clumsy, very dark 1997 cabernets came out. A few were OK, but in time, many of them faded.

Dark color, in and of itself, is not a great predictor of quality. To me, dark

color is optional. I have tasted light red wines that carried superb flavors and nearly black wines that were so clumsy, I couldn't drink them.

I believe that today, many winemakers have been told by their owners to make a style of wine that is weight-driven. This is being done to create wines that get high scores. Some critics love dark-colored wines.

From what I am tasting, some winemakers are using legal additives to boost color. This includes the use of the concentrate Mega Purple. This product can make red wines much darker, almost to the point of looking black. But the flavors that are achieved are unappealing to me.

That includes some

lower-priced pinot noirs.

At one competition where I was asked to judge, I was served 30 pinot noirs. The colors were all similar to what cabernet sauvignon used to be.

I guessed that some of these wines had petite sirah or more likely sirah added to them to darken them. Then I got 30 cabernets to judge. All of them were as dark as sirah.

Among the best wines I tasted at this competition were two that had significantly lighter colors -- along with lovely aromatic components that the darker wines lacked.

Shortly after this episode, I had a brief chat with a famed Napa Valley winemaker. He said something distressing: "Winemakers all over

Napa are rushing to buy potassium bicarbonate," a chemical that raises the pH of wine and makes it softer by compromising acidity.

He added that the type of wine many wineries have made in the last decade or more were routinely softened by similar tactics.

Wine lovers are at a crossroads. At a time when the scoring of wines by numbers is fast losing favor in the market, we face some wines that are so big and unctuous but don't taste very interesting.

At the very same time, wine sales throughout the United States are declining rapidly. It's easy to draw the conclusion that the big and concentrated wines of the past are partly to blame.

A tablemate at a wine

judging recently was an East Coast wine columnist who is savvy about wine trends. We chatted briefly about the lack of distinction in the wines we were being asked to evaluate.

"I wondered about this a few years ago," she said, suggesting that the style of many domestic wines has become so homogeneous that varietal aromas have been rooted out of most wines.

As a result, she said, she began asking herself, "Wouldn't I rather have the French version?"

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

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Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

Meads, stouts, lagers ... cold beer. Someday, you might want to try one of those. Someday you can sip on one of those. Somedays, now you can grab one of those while enjoying a walk down Mack Avenue.

But from where, you ask? Well, Someday Brewing of course!

On April 1, 2023, there were no "fools day" jokes to be had for the dream team of Anthony Kilimas and Janell O'Keefe, as they finally opened the doors of their long-awaited vision. After patiently waiting for specific permits and licensing, their vision came to life and the first meadery and microbrewery came to Mack Avenue.

Both Grosse Pointe Woods natives and graduates of Grosse Pointe North, they knew being on

the avenue was their main goal. They knew they wanted a walkable, bikeable destination for everyone in the neighborhood, with parking and food options close by.



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Someday Brewing front entry.

Their search began in late 2019. When the building at 20746 Mack became available, it checked all the boxes.

With major renovations

imminent, their landlord was gracious in allowing them to make the significant changes needed to establish the environment they required — one where they could brew beer on site. They signed the lease in the summer 2020, and started gutting the space immediately, straight down to the studs, to add all new electrical, HVAC, plumbing and lighting, returning to the original cement floor and even adding a few new walls.

From the outside the space looks small, but once you step inside, you quickly realize there is seating for approximately 40 guests. Barstools and tables at the front of the house lead toward the back, which includes a view of where the magic happens, aka the brewing area.

There's also a fully stocked game cabinet for fun table entertainment for all ages and two television, great for Detroit Lions Sunday funday and even watching the ball drop on New Year's Eve.

By the time this article is published, guests should be able to sit out back on

the newly added patio.



New back patio.

With more than 15 years in the industry, including being general manager of a craft beer bar inside Metro Airport, a decade worth of homebrewing experience and helping friends open their own places, Anthony explained the whole brewing process. It is "currently a super small-batch, with just a one-barrel system, which means each batch of beers is a six- to eight-hour process, only making two kegs," he said.

There are pros and cons to being small batch. Pros: Can offer a lot of variety. Cons: Hard to keep up with the volume. This is the main reason they do not offer growlers. With the recent new addition of some larger fermenting tanks, this allows them to double or triple a batch to have more volume of a par-

ticular beer, which is normally a lager. Their goal by the end of the year is to obtain a larger brew system and a canning line of

their own. They're aiming for "cans to go" by 2025.

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Left, Kwayedza Kureya as Jacob, Alex Etel as Tolly and Eliza Bennett as Susan, starring in the 2009 movie “From Time to Time.” Written by Lucy M. Boston and Julian Fellowes and directed by Julian Fellowes.

MOVIE REVIEW
“From Time to Time”
2009 - Rated PG
1 hr 32 min
★★★★☆

There’s nothing like a good, old-fashioned ghost story. But rest assured, this is not one of those bloody scare-fests designed to terrify the daylights out of you. It’s a heartfelt drama suitable for the whole family. And with a frightfully good cast that includes Dame Maggie Smith, Timothy Spall and Hugh Bonneville, you know you’re in for a treat.

“From Time to Time” is from writer/director Julian Fellowes (“Gosford Park,” “Downton Abbey”) and is based in the 1950s YA book “The Chimneys of Green Knowle,” by Lucy M. Boston. It deals with family, honor and loss.

The story takes place during WWII. A young boy Tolly (Alex Etel) is dropped off at his family’s ancestral manse, to spend time with his paternal grandmother (Smith). Meanwhile, his mother travels to London to

search for information about his father, a soldier who’s missing in action. He doesn’t really know his grandmother at all and the beginning of the film deals with him getting acquainted with her.

He also meets and is befriended by the estate’s long time gardener Boggis (Spall). He’s a gruff old codger with a heart of gold.

Just as Tolly is getting used to the daily routines around the place, something quite out of the ordinary occurs — he spots a couple of ghosts, which naturally shocks him. He’s reassured by both his grandmother and Boggis that this is nothing out of the ordinary and seeing ghosts is rather a common experience.

We eventually learn that the ghosts he encounters are, in fact, his ancestors. What surprises him is that he’s visible to and can interact with a couple of his long deceased relatives.

One of the things that make this film so refreshing is the way the ghosts are handled. They’re literally ghost images,

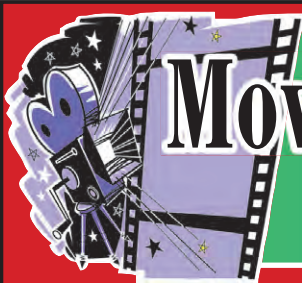
much like you’d see in older movies. This is the total opposite of the current trend of sophisticated CGI techniques so prevalent in modern movies of its ilk, such as the “Harry Potter” and “Lord of the Rings” films.

The actions young Tolly witnesses actually take place in the early 1800s.

Captain Oldknow (Bonneville) is the head of the household, that is, when he isn’t off fighting in some distant war. He’s married to a beautiful wife Maria (Carise van Houten) and has two children — the mean-spirited Sefton (Douglas Booth) and his kindly blind daughter Susan (Eliza Bennet).

When he brings home an escaped slave boy Jacob (Kwayedza Kureya) to look after and be a companion to his daughter, it throws the family into turmoil. It especially rankles the household butler Caxton (Dominic West).

Along the way, it’s revealed why Tolly is estranged from his grandmother. In typical



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



British fashion, she is quite the snob and feels her son married below the family’s station. But she warms up to the grandson she’s only heard about.

We also learn about a couple of unresolved mysteries pertaining to Greene Knowle. First, there’s an unexplained fire that destroyed a wing of the mansion that was added by Maria. The wing was designed to accommodate her elaborate parties. Another secret is what happened to the collection of priceless jewels Maria owned? Were they destroyed in the fire or did someone steal them?

As Tolly jumps back and forth in time, he develops a relationship with both Susan and Jacob, both of whom are roughly the same age as him. They have great fun frolicking on the elaborate grounds of the estate. And while all this takes place, we’re left wondering if he’ll solve the age-old mysteries.

I really enjoyed this finely crafted film. The sets are picture perfect as are the elaborate Regency-era costumes, as you’d expect from a fine filmmaker like Julian Fellowes.

If you’re a fan of British TV shows and movies, I think you’ll especially appreciate “From Time to Time.” As I mentioned earlier, it’s a film the whole family will like.

Watch for free on Hoopla (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Prime Video and 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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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



The Captain (Bonneville) and his wife Maria (van Houten).



Grandma (Dame Maggie Smith).



Sefton played by Douglas Booth.



Captain Oldknow (Hugh Bonneville).



Tolly (Etel) with the gardner and caretaker Boggis, played by Timothy Spall.



The Captain (Bonneville) introduces Jacob (Kureya) to his daughter Susan (Bennet).



The family estate Green Knowle.

Gatsby’s Ghost

I know where Jay Gatsby’s ghost is living.
He lives in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.
I know, because I saw him last week.

He walked out the front door of his mansion and
down the great lawn in front of his house.
He crossed over Lakeshore Road, walked down to the
docks and got into his boat.

He rode his boat across Lake St. Clair to Canada, then
across the lake to the yacht club where he had a few
drinks with the boys.
Then he left the club, went back to his boat and re-
turned to his dock.

He got out of his boat, walked up the great lawn,
opened his front door and went into his mansion.
I know where Jay Gatsby’s ghost is living; he lives in
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

— By Maxine Hillman

Maxine Hillman is a resident of Henderson, Nev., whose family lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. She writes, “When I visit them, I have stepped into a time warp. It’s like living in 1924 instead of 2024. When I walk down Kercheval Avenue or go to the docks, I’m sure I am going to run into Jay Gatsby. I am not the only one who thinks Gatsby is going to show up. When I was down at the docks with friends, one of them had to leave our group to go to a Gatsby costume party. I decided to have some fun and write a story about the ghost of Jay Gatsby. I hope you enjoy it.”

FOOD:

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of the business. Mead is a honey wine and is the oldest alcoholic beverage known to man. The fermenting of honey, fruits, spices, nuts and other flavors provides ranges from 4 to 18 percent ABV, or alcohol by volume. The honey portion replaces grapes as the sugar that turns into alcohol. While a very similar process to wine making, mead often is non-carbonated. They do their best to always have a couple flavors available and every once in a while they might surprise you with a rare sparkling mead on draft.

When asked what the most popular choice is, Anthony said their Daily Grind is always a regular favorite. It’s a blonde ale with coffee, provided by their friends at New Order Coffee Roasters in St. Clair

Midwest IPA making a return this fall with the always popular Octoberfest. They always aim to have something for everyone and currently have anywhere between eight and 16 beers on tap at a time. Their tap list is regularly updated on their website — somedaybrewing.com — under “Current Offerings.” There’s also always a variety of nonalcoholic canned options available, as well as house-maid root beer, which is a big plus for the kids.

Like most local breweries, they do not serve food. However, they do welcome guests to bring whatever they’d like or have food delivered. They encourage everyone to support surrounding neighbors — which also played a role in their location — like pizzas from Ferlito’s, burgers from Telly’s Place, sandwiches from Big Boy, gyros from Zestia, even sweets from Chocolate Bar Cafe

just to name a few. Someday Brewing is participating in the Woods Social District, so grab some Crispelli’s or Bucharest, hop on the shuttle and head on down for some cold hops with a meal. I hear New Zealand hops are being featured in the Haze IPA line, a Someday Brewing recommendation.

When the news broke that they were coming to the neighborhood, the anticipation continued to rise. I can honestly say they’ve been a great addition to Mack Avenue and this end of town. Speaking from experience, I promise you will always be greeted by smiling faces who are beyond helpful in answering every beer and mead question. I’m happy the Someday crew is here!

Hours of operation are 3 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, 3 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 to 7 p.m. Sundays. These hours coincide with the social district hours as well. As a bonus, if there are five Mondays in a month, Someday Brewing’s open sign will be on.

Follow along with everything happening at the brewery on Facebook: Someday Brewing, and Instagram: @somedaybrew.

Fun Fact: When trying to come up with a name, Anthony recalled when people would ask “When are you going to open a brewery?” His answer: “I don’t know, maybe someday.” And there you have it; Someday Brewing was made official. Cheers!

Stay tuned. Stay thirsty.



Daily Grind & Hazy IPA.

Shores. Talk about small businesses supporting each other! This comes as no surprise to me as it’s also my Someday go to! Anthony also anticipates the release of their first barrel-aged stout, BA Vanilla Midnight, will be a hit.

“Our English Brown is also a staple and we’re even bringing back the winter version where we add cinnamon and vanilla, for Christmas in July this month,” he said.

He also hinted at the return of their Chez Pilsner and Out of the Woods



Nectar Haze.



Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. EDT today (7 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 25, 2024:

You have principles and a strong code of honor. You like to do the right thing. You are motivated to succeed. This is a year of work, building and construction to create solid foundations in your life, both externally and internally.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you’ll see ways to make improvements in your immediate environment or improvements to your image. Admittedly, you have strong feelings, which could lead to sudden outbursts. However, social occasions, sports events and fun activities with kids will appeal to you — along with romance! Tonight: Socialize! Romance!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

You might prefer to be low-key or do things behind the scenes today. Nevertheless, this is a feel-good day! Interactions with family members will be positive. Redecorating your home and entertaining are good choices if you feel up to it. Tonight: Entertain!

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

This is a fun-loving, sociable day! Get out and enjoy the company of others. Take a short trip, talk to neighbors, relatives and siblings, or run errands. You feel upbeat and friendly today! You might meet a potential romantic partner. Tonight: Exciting conversations.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

People notice you more than usual today, but this is a good thing, because you look attractive and capable! This is why discussions about earnings, moneymaking ideas and possible expenditures will go well with authority figures. However, you will have strong feelings about shared property. Tonight: Money ideas.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a lovely day to expand your world in any way. Travel is an obvious choice. Go someplace you haven’t been before, if possible. Talk to people from other cultures. Learn new things. Take a course. People will be attracted to you because you’re charming and entertaining! Tonight: You’re in the zone!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is an excellent day for financial discussions. You might want to ask for a loan or a mortgage, or your share of something. Discussions about inheritances will go well. Nevertheless, you might do all of this from a behind-the-scenes position. Ultimately, you want to improve something. Tonight: Privacy.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a lovely day! People will be friendly to you, especially creative, artistic types. Nevertheless, keep in mind that you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Be prepared to compromise. Ultimately, this is a warm, romantic day! Tonight: Friendships.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is perhaps the best day of the week, so do get out and enjoy yourself! For starters, you make an excellent impression on everyone. Co-workers will be helpful, especially because

you see ways to introduce improvements. Tonight: You are admired!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are the traveler of the zodiac, and today is a fabulous day to travel. Of course, you might not be able to do so. If this is the case, then be a tourist in your own town. Do something to expand your experience of life. Learn something new! Be open to romance with someone different. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a passionate day! Family discussions, especially with female relatives, might be intense. Emotional outbursts might take place. Nevertheless, you will see ways to introduce improvements, especially because you’re prepared to work hard. It’s a work hard, party hard day! Tonight: Check your finances..

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might have an intense discussion with a partner or close friend today. Certainly, relations with those who are close to you will be positive, intense and emotional! Social outings will be promising. It’s a great date day and wonderful for romance! Tonight: Be friendly!

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is the best day of the week, so enjoy yourself! You can accomplish a lot at work or with whatever you want to achieve, and you can also enjoy fun, saucy flirtations with someone. You might see new ways to earn money. Others will see new uses for something you own. Tonight: Be productive!

BORN TODAY

Actor Matt LeBlanc (1967), actress Miriam Shor (1971), actor David Denman (1973).

Contract Bridge

A STATE OF BELEAGUERMENT

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 6 3
♥ K 7 3
♦ A Q 5 2
♣ A 7 5

WEST

♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 6
♣ 10 8 4 2

EAST

♠ 9 7 5
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ J 10 7 3
♣ J 9

SOUTH

♠ K Q J
♥ A Q J
♦ K 8 4
♣ K Q 6 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 NT	Pass	7 NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Assume you’re in seven notrump and West leads a heart. Certainly, the contract is sound, since you have 12 tricks on top and several chances for a 13th. For starters, either minor suit could be divided 3-3, in which case you are already certain to get home safely.

Or you could make the grand slam by a squeeze if one defender had four or more cards in both minor suits. In that case, when you cashed three

hearts and three spades, your unhappy victim would have to relinquish his stopper in one minor suit or the other.

There is, however, another possibility. The opposition might make a mistake if given the opportunity, and this possibility should not be ignored. The best way to begin, after winning the heart with the jack, is to cash the A-K-Q of diamonds. Since dummy has four diamonds in plain view, this can do no harm, as neither defender holding four diamonds would part with one of them if forced to discard on another suit.

In the actual case, West would show out on the third diamond and discard a heart. But when you next cashed the A-K of hearts, West would find himself in an excruciating position. He would have to choose between discarding a spade or a club, holding the 10-8-4-2 of each suit.

West might find the right discard — he has essentially a 50-50 chance of guessing right — but at least you have given yourself an additional chance to make the contract.

Note also that this method of play maintains the possibility of a squeeze if either defender started with four or more cards in both minor suits.

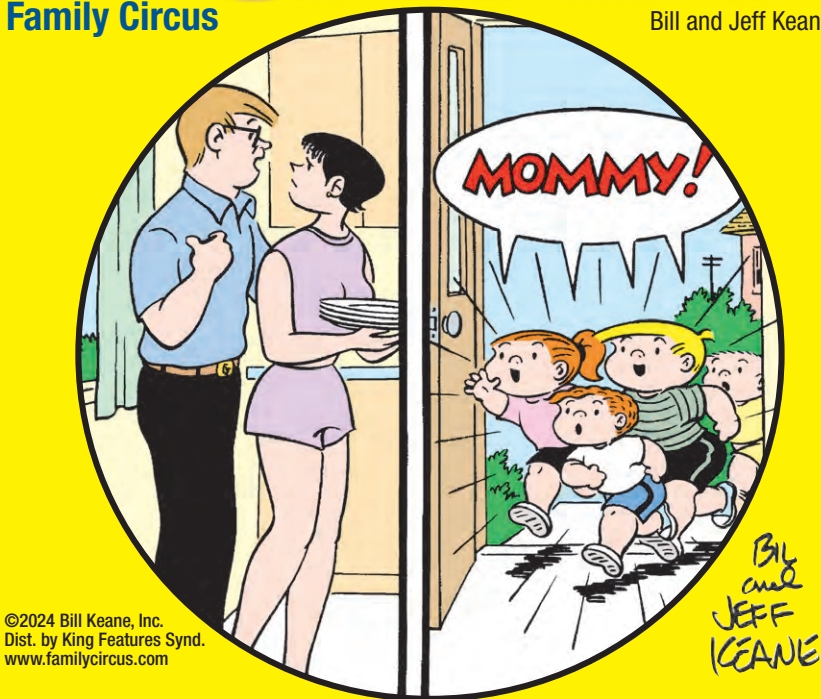
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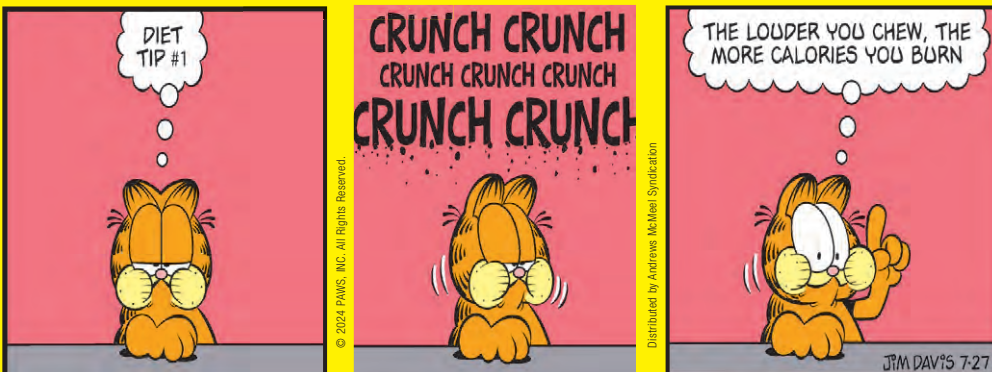


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“Brace yourself. I heard the ice cream truck.”

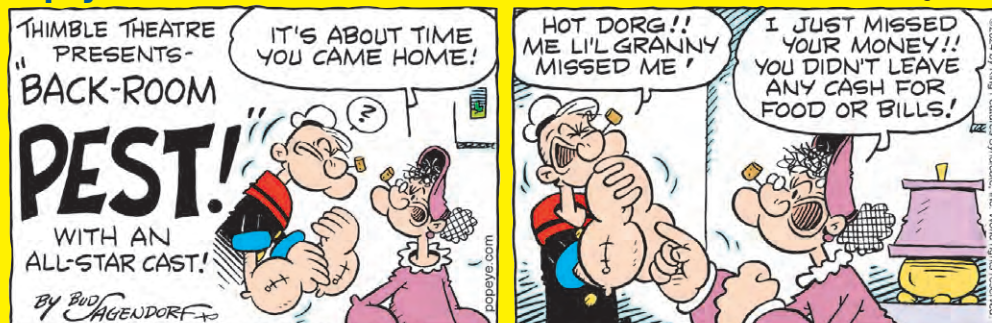
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Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



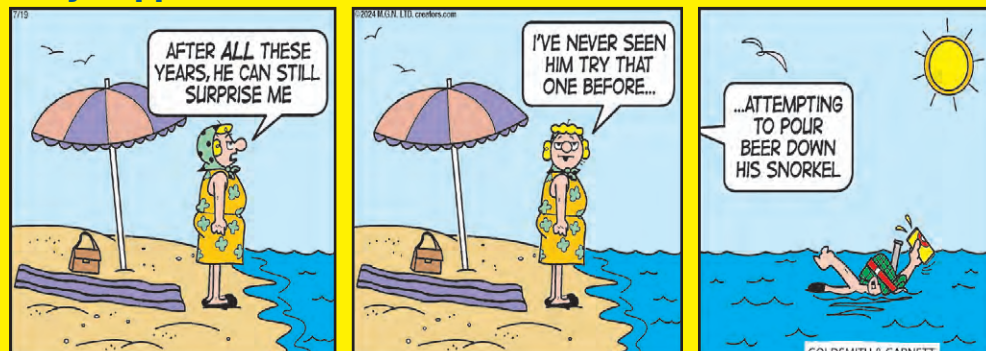
Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

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



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Tony Carrilo



Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

2		4		9				
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7/25

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

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

7/18 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 25, 2024

ACROSS

- Makers of spam
- Clay and charcoal, e.g., to an artist
- Place to pick up a kitten
- Largest fencing sword
- "That's not possible for me"
- Tel. ____
- "It's ____ too long!"
- Sergeant Seeger?
- Christmas tree decoration
- Motorsport org., whose third letter stands for "stock"
- Angel hair, for example
- Expel
- Cook- ____ (food competitions)
- Brought (in)
- Blushing McKellen?
- Indian flatbread
- ____-eared rabbit
- Architectural style for Rockefeller Center
- Loo
- Swedish furniture and metalball retailer
- Whistle-blowing Fitzgerald?
- High wind?

DOWN

- Common PC ports
- Settles
- Slanted columns?
- Modifying word in a sentence
- "Wanna play?"
- Scuba-diving
- Bone next to the radius
- Citrus shaving
- "There is no greater ____ than bearing an untold story inside you" (Maya Angelou)
- Ooze
- CPR pros
- Taboo
- Acts like a human, in an idiom
- Up-tempo jazz genre
- Met offering
- Target audience for young adult literature
- Member of Congress
- Gold (metaphoric treasure trove)
- Future MBA's subj.
- "Divine Comedy" poet
- Business abbr.
- Makes amends
- Early MP3-sharing service that anagrams to "parents"

ACROSS

- With, in French
- Pocket bread often paired with hummus
- At all
- ____ 1 (speed of sound)
- Crime family
- Capital of Alaska
- New Deal prez
- "Friends" or "Cheers"
- Sushi serving
- Bibliography abbr.
- Prima donna
- Turn over, as a pancake
- Norse trickster god
- Big oil grp.
- Commotion
- Loops in via email
- "Goody!"
- Chooses to believe

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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7/18 Solution

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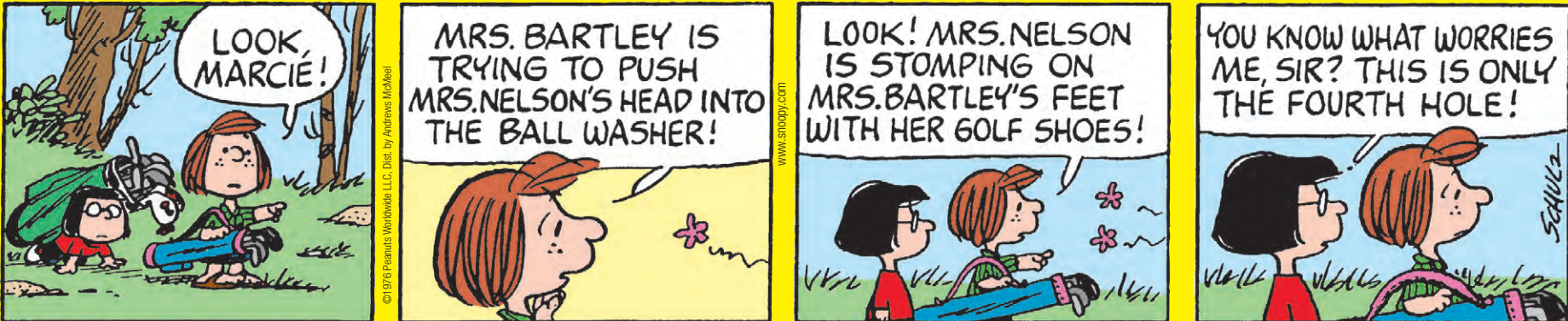
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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



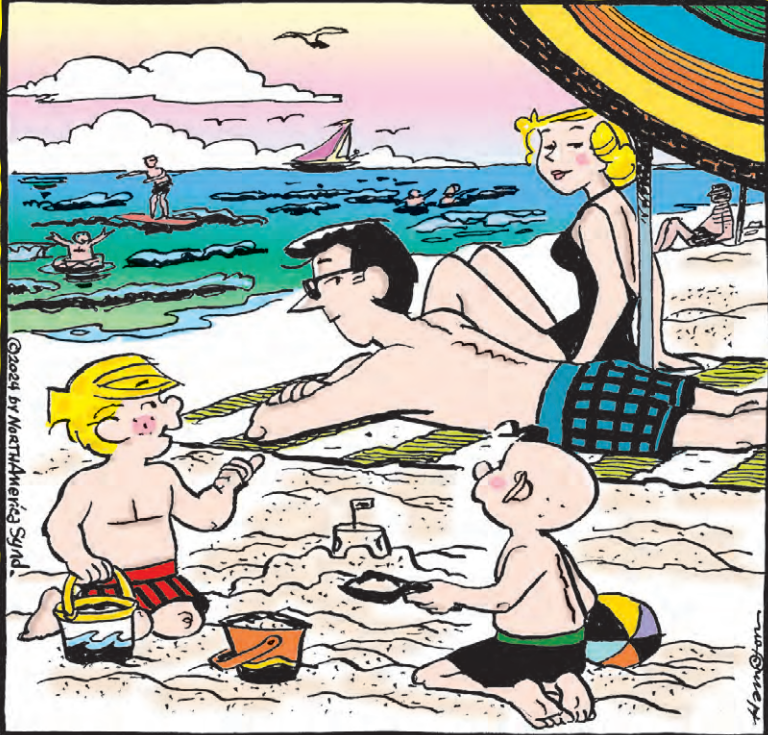
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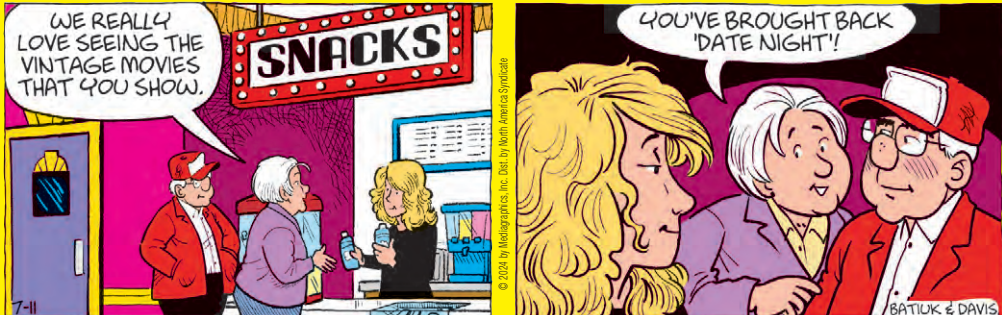
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Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



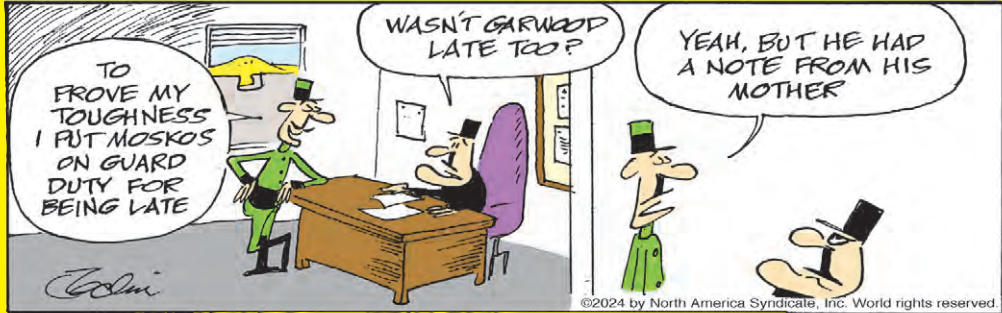
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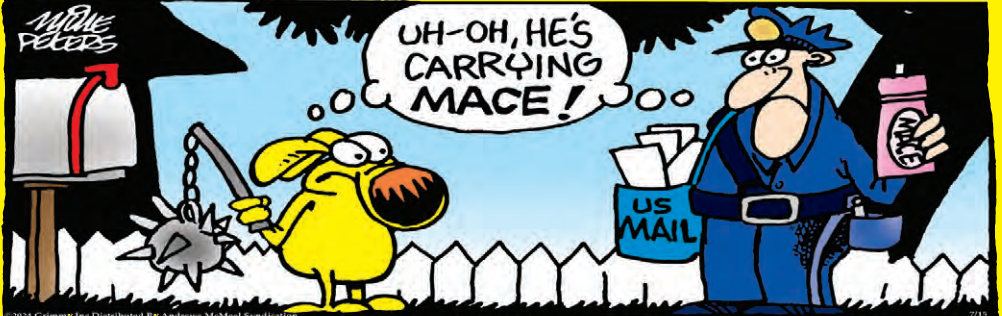
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Mother Goose and Grim

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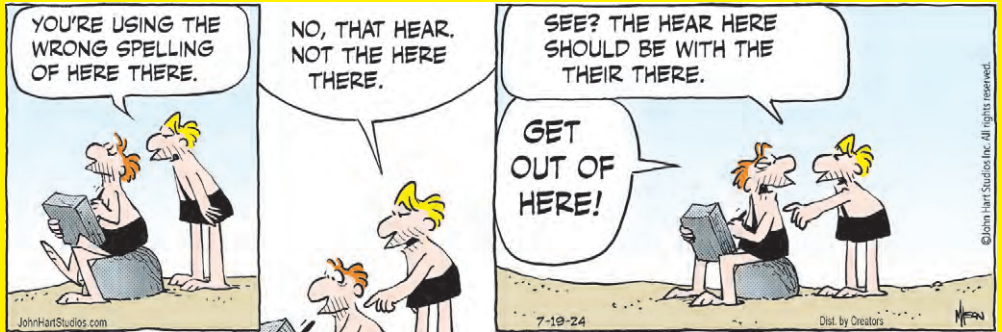
Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



Bizarro

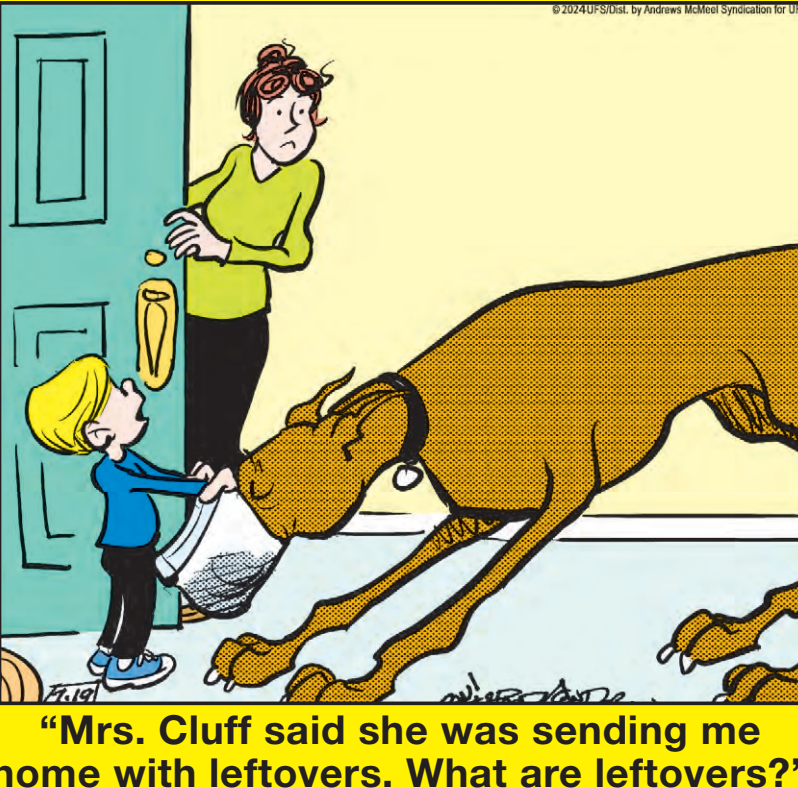
Dan Piraro and Wayne



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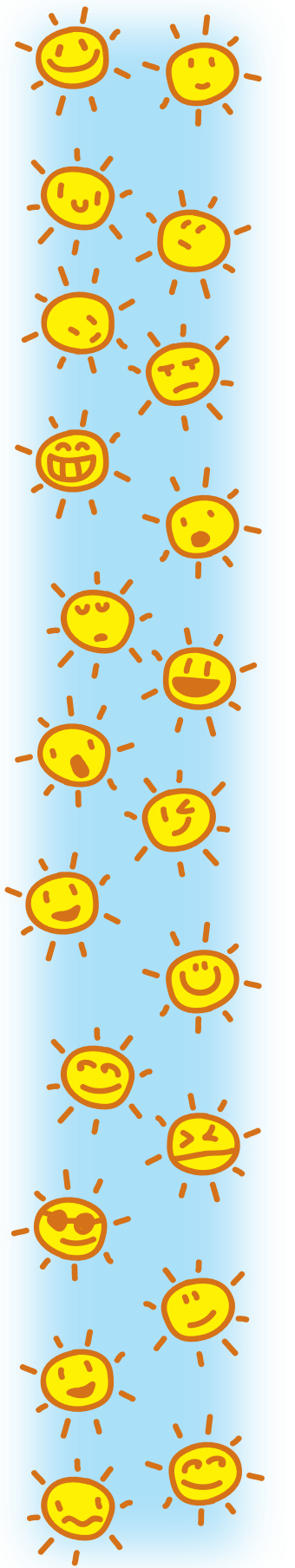
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Fun in the Sun
Look closely. Only two of these suns are exactly alike. How quickly can you find them? Have a friend try.



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INTERNATIONAL**
The adjective **international** means relating to two or more nations.

An **international** group of students came on an exchange program during the summer.

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

Write On!

Friends

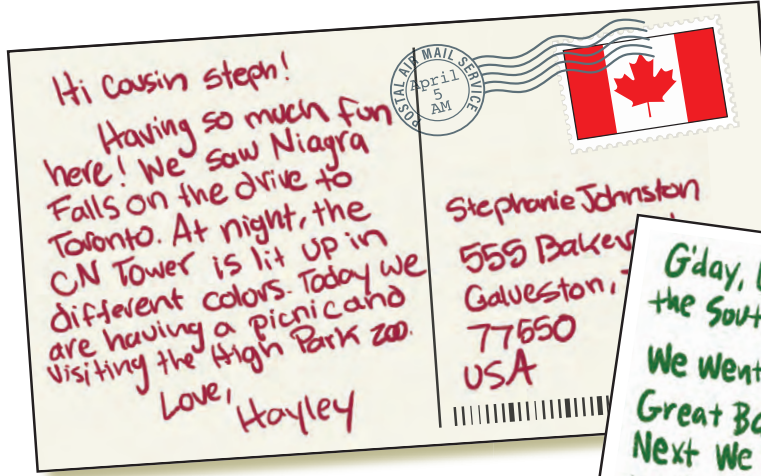
What makes a good friend?

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

International Day of Friendship July 30

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship can make the world a more peaceful place.

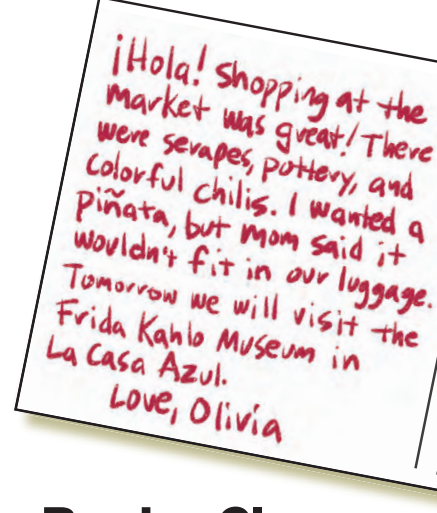
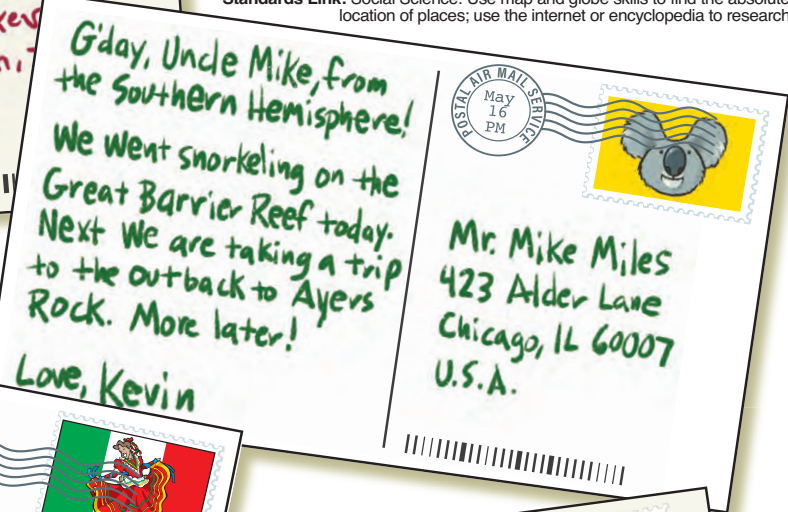
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Mystery Postcards

Some young travelers have sent postcards home to family in the United States, but the senders forgot to say which country they were visiting. Can you use the geography clues to determine which country each postcard was sent from?

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map and globe skills to find the absolute location of places; use the internet or encyclopedia to research.



Border Clues

The names of the four countries where these postcards came from are hidden in the letters that form the border at left and right. To find out the names, circle every third letter—starting with the starred one in each row of letters.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Cities Search

Look through the newspaper for names of 10 different cities. Arrange these words in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange letters in alphabetical order.

Activities on today's page were adapted from the National Geographic Society's educational materials.

How to Say "Hello!"

Follow the maze to find out how to say hello in each country.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions; Physical Education: Develop eye-hand coordination.

Polish Poland
Masai in Kenya
Lebanese Lebanon
Vietnamese Vietnam
Mandarin China
"Cześć" (chests)
"Sopa Sopa" (soh-puh soh-puh)
"Chào" (chow)
"Nǐ hǎo" (Nee-how)
"Marhaba" (Mar-ha-ba)

Fido Phrases

What do dogs "say"? In English we imitate them by saying, "Bow wow!" People in other countries have their own ways to copy the sound a dog makes. Can you find each of the dog sounds in the word puzzle?



HINT: One of them is spelled around a corner.

- English:** Bow wow!
- Chinese:** Wang wang!
- Russian:** Gav gav!
- German:** Vow vow!
- Swahili:** Wow wow!
- Hebrew:** How how!
- Japanese:** Wan wan!
- Swedish:** Voff voff!
- Spanish:** Gwow gwow!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

F	G	A	V	G	A	V	O
O	W	A	N	W	A	N	O
V	O	F	F	V	O	F	F
O	W	O	W	W	O	W	W
W	G	H	O	W	B	N	A
G	W	O	V	W	O	V	N
W	O	V	G	N	A	W	G
O	W	O	H	W	O	H	O
B	O	W	W	O	W	O	B

Double Double Word Search

- REEF
- CHINA
- POLAND
- VIETNAM
- KENYA
- LEBANON
- METRO
- SALSA
- HELLO
- WORLD
- NILE
- LEFT
- CHAO
- GOT
- LINKS
- TRIP

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

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Griesbaum to be honored by ABCA

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In more than 40 seasons as the head coach of Grosse Pointe South’s varsity baseball program, Dan Griesbaum has collected plenty of accolades. Now, he is being honored with perhaps one of the biggest, as it was announced last week that Griesbaum will receive an American Baseball Coaches Association’s (ABCA) 2025 Dave Keilitz Ethics in Coaching Award.

“What the award means is extremely important to me,” Griesbaum said. “When I got the word, I was really speechless. It really validates what you’re trying to do when it’s not just about winning. You can do things the right way and still be successful.”

The award is given each year to a pair of coaches at any level of baseball who embody the ABCA’s code of ethics to teach life lessons and model the characteristics of honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility.

The namesake of the award, Dave Keilitz, also has a personal connection to Griesbaum. Keilitz was the head coach of the Central Michigan University baseball program when Griesbaum was a player



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Longtime Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball coach Dan Griesbaum has been named a recipient of the American Baseball Coaches Association’s 2025 Dave Keilitz Ethics in Coaching Award.

for the Chippewas in the 1970s. To this day, Griesbaum still considers his former college coach to be one of his biggest mentors and influences, making this award even more special.

“I have so much respect for him,” Griesbaum said. “I played for him at Central and think the world of him. It’s the nicest award I think I could ever receive in terms of coaching.”

Receiving the 2025 award alongside Griesbaum is Tom Meyer. Meyer is a for-

mer Division I collegiate coach at Northern Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also known for being the longtime coach of the varsity baseball program at Riverside University High School in Milwaukee, Wis.

Griesbaum and Meyer will accept the award at the 2025 ABCA Convention in Washington, D.C., in January. When he steps onstage to receive his honor, Griesbaum knows he will give thanks to all those who have been alongside

him for the journey, including the entire Grosse Pointe baseball community.

“When you have great kids to work with and great families and a great baseball community, it’s a community that values the game and playing the right way,” he said. “It really means a lot and I’ll accept the award for everyone involved. The community, the players, the parents, the administration and, of course, my family.”

That family includes his son, Dan Griesbaum Jr., who has been in the

dugout with Griesbaum as an assistant coach for several years. Griesbaum Jr., along with fellow longtime assistant John Hackett and friend Tony Braun, were among those who helped to nominate Griesbaum for the award and wrote letters of support to the ABCA.

“My father has accumulated a lot of accolades over his career and sometimes it’s hard to remember them all, even for a chronic bookworm like me,” Griesbaum Jr. said. “But, if I were to hope and pray that his grand-

children remember one of his awards, I hope it’s this one.

“As a South assistant coach, I can tell you with absolute confidence and certainty that our most common topic of discussion in our coaches meetings is ‘Are we doing the right thing here?’ My father is obsessed with being fair and the idea of doing the right thing by his players, families and the whole community. His moral principles are first in line when it comes to the decision-making in our program.”

While his son and others campaigned for South’s legendary coach to receive the recognition, Griesbaum believes the honor he is receiving belongs just as much to them and all of the coaches who are or have been on his staff with the Blue Devils over the years.

“I’m very proud of what the South program has become,” Griesbaum said. “It’s not just me. I owe so much to my longtime assistants, John Hackett, Matt Reno and my son. Having them with me for over 75 combined years, and all the assistants that I’ve had over the years, they certainly deserve to share this with me because they’ve taught me as well as I hope I’ve taught them.”

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Ancona reflects on monumental senior year before embarking on college hockey career

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Around this time last year, Sofie Ancona was still recovering from an ACL injury that sidelined her for the majority of her junior hockey and soccer seasons. She was, of course, able to come back — and quite successfully. Ancona’s senior year was defined by records and accolades, including being one of four winners of this year’s Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest.

“My whole support system has been great,” Ancona said about being named Athlete of the Year. “It’s a nice touch to round out the year and I definitely want to thank my family, all of my friends and my teammates, and the teachers and administrators because they all supported me and wanted me to be my best.”

Ancona, who was selected by the Grosse Pointe News staff as the editors’ choice for female Athlete of the Year, came back from her ACL injury to perform stronger than ever her senior year. During the winter season with University Liggett’s varsity girls hockey team, she scored 48 goals in

25 games and was named Miss Hockey by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League. While the Knights came just short of winning the 2024 Division 1 girls hockey state championship, Ancona still leaves her Liggett career as a three-time state champion.

When the ground thawed and winter turned into spring, Ancona laced up her cleats for a final season on the pitch with Liggett’s varsity girls soccer team. She was named first team All-State in Division 4 at the end of spring to finish her senior year with what she thinks was a much more successful season than she was expecting.

“I didn’t expect to do so well myself because I had been away from the game for a while,” Ancona said. “It was nice when I got out there that I was comfortable with it and wasn’t scared or anything. It was really nice to be back actually playing and not on the bench, because last year that’s all I did, so it was good to be back on the field where the action is.”

Looking back on her senior seasons both on the ice and on the pitch,



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

University Liggett School girls hockey captain Sofie Ancona, pictured in a game against Ann Arbor Skyron, earned honors as the editors’ choice female Athlete of the Year winner by the Grosse Pointe News.

Ancona credits the year she spent on the sidelines with an injury for giving her a new perspective on both sports. Being able to come back from injury and have another successful season proves Ancona can be an inspiration for athletes who might go through the same experience.

“Don’t give up on yourself because if you do, you aren’t going to get anywhere,” she said. “If I didn’t come back to play soccer, I feel like I would’ve been incomplete in some way. And the same thing with hockey, because I wouldn’t be going to the

college I’m going to. You have to put all that work in just to be where you want to be. Having that outside perspective I got when I was injured, it elevated my game because I saw it differently and it helped me understand both hockey and soccer a bit more.”

Coming back for

another successful season on the ice helped set Ancona on the path for her future. Her senior year stats for Liggett and earning the title of Miss Hockey put her on the radar for college hockey programs, ultimately earning her a

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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

North’s Beal looks ahead to senior season after stellar junior campaign

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Avery Beal added a lot to her trophy case during her junior season with Grosse Pointe North’s varsity girls swim and dive team. Winning multiple MAC Red championships, earning All-State honors in four events and having two podium finishes at the Division 2 state finals were among her biggest achievements in the fall 2023 season. Now, as she prepares to head into her senior season this coming fall, Beal is adding one more junior year award to the mantle: the title of Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year after winning the readers’ choice female athlete vote.

“A big supporter was my family. ... They were really excited for me and I feel like they contributed a lot to that,” Beal said. “My teammates from over the years were excited for me, too, so I’m glad I had their support.”

Her two podiums and two of her All-State finishes at the 2023 Division 2 MHSAA girls swim & dive finals came in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.



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Grosse Pointe North’s Avery Beal will return to the pool for the Norsemen in the fall of 2024 with her sights set on capturing a state title.

The other two All-State events were the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, helping her North team achieve top-eight finishes in both events. Earning All-State in relay events really helped Beal learn possibly the biggest lesson of her junior year; the power of teamwork. While swimming is a sport that largely depends on individual performance, Beal thinks she ended her junior season with a

greater appreciation for how much it means to be part of an overall team. “I definitely improved in the team aspect,” she said. “Swimming is sometimes a more individual sport, but last season at states really showed how coming together as a team can help improve everyone’s spirits and their outcomes. I was having a really good time at states and I think it helped to boost everyone. ...

Learning more about teamwork and being part of a team really helped connect us as well.” Beal’s performances in some of the biggest meets last season helped her set a new standard for herself. Along with all she achieved at the state finals, she also was named Swimmer of the Meet at the MAC Red League finals as well. With her senior season with the Norsemen already on the horizon,

Beal is looking forward to maintaining the standard of success she created for herself and continuing to surpass expectations. “I’m expecting a big drop in my times in senior season,” Beal said. “I definitely expect a lot more from myself. Going from sophomore year to junior year, I went from sixth or seventh in the 100 free to being second. ... It showed me that I can achieve some big goals and definitely a big

goal that I have for my senior season is to win a state title.” Senior year has been on Beal’s mind since the end of last season’s high school state finals in the fall. It has especially been a focus this summer as she swims with her club team, the Grosse Pointe Gators, competing and training with them and even getting some practice in at the Olympic-size swimming pool at Windmill Pointe Park. Overall, Beal is heading into her senior season with optimism for herself and her entire team. She also will be joined by her sister, Hadley Beal, who is joining the team at North as a freshman this fall. With her sister as a teammate and many other friends back to compete together again, Beal has high hopes not only for her own achievements but for the Norsemen as a whole. “I’m excited to see what our team has in store for us,” she said. “... I know we don’t have big numbers, but I think we have some really good skill factors that can help us. I’m excited to hopefully go out with a bang this senior season.”

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Racers cross finish line in 100th Bayview Mackinac

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Sailors from around North America took to the water on Lake Huron starting Saturday, July 20, in the 100th edition of the Bayview Mackinac Race. With boats crossing the finish line Sunday and Monday, the top finishers in the different racing divisions and classes are set. These results are a reflection of those posted on the official Bayview Mackinac Race website. For more information and a full race results leaderboard, visit BYCMack.com.

Division I — 1925 Course

Class A

1. Mockingbird — Chris Duhon, Key Largo, Fla.

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Class C

1. Padawan4 — Chris & Autumn Lamb, Traverse City

2. Nosurprise — Scott & Meritt Sellers, Larkspur, Calif.

3. Wildcat — George Edward Kriese, Grosse Pointe Shores

Class D

1. FUNTECH Racing — Charles Hess, Birmingham

2. Kairos — Greg Baker, Chesterfield

3. Sleeping Tiger — John Harvey & Rick Titsworth, Novi

Class E

1. Eagle One — Timothy LaRiviere, Detroit

2. Chico 2 — Jim Weyand, Livonia

3. Katana — James K r e s s w e l l , Harrison Township

Class F

1. Smoke Show — Jake Thomas, Fremont, Ohio

2. Rowdy — Val Saph, Armada

3. Kinsail — Douglas Blackburn, Port Clinton, Ohio

Class G

1. Falcon — Mike W e l c h , Birmingham

2. Snipe — Dennis Meagher, Clinton Township

3. Redline — Kim & M. Linus Isabell, Waterford

Class H

1. Zingara — Richard Reid, Port Credit, Ontario, Canada

2. Huzzah — Greg Chamberlain, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

3. Gail Force — Robert Ducker, Grosse Pointe Park

Class I

1. Synchronicity — Chris Mallett, Vermillion, Ohio

2. Consig — Brad D’Arcangelo,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

11U softball wins state title

The Grosse Pointe Little League Softball 11U All-Stars team was crowned state champion on Monday, July 22, after a 4-3 win over AMC Little League in the championship game in St. Clair.

SAILING:

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- Maumee, Ohio

3. Whistler — Ethan Taylor, Toledo, Ohio

Division II — 1925 Course

Class J

1. Fast Tango — Tim Prophit, St. Clair Shores

2. Eliminator — Paul Van Tol & Bruce Vandevusse, Grosse Pointe Park

3. 50/50 — Tom Vigrass & Steve Beeler, Port Huron

Class K

1. Underdog — Cameron Paine, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

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3. Shamrock — David Keys, Detroit

Class L

1. Shape — Everett & Cameron Benedict, Plymouth

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Class M

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- Pointe Park

2. Zubenelgenubi — Eric & Conrad Keydel, Brighton

3. Albacore — Richard Marsh, Beverly Hills, Mich.

Class N

1. American Flyer — Chris Cyrul, East Lansing

2. Harmony — Joey Baker, Clinton Township

3. Legacy — Scott Sorbie, Clinton Township

Class O

1. Whitehawk — Peter Thornton, Key Largo, Fla.

2. Eagle One — Timothy LaRiviere, City of Grosse Pointe

3. Comfortably Numb — Mark Miller, Lake Orion

Class P

1. Merak — Adnan Medic, Grosse Pointe Woods

2. Lake Effect — Bill Brusilow, City of Grosse Pointe

3. Just Chill — David Greene, West Bloomfield

Class Q

1. KatieAnn — Dan Noetzel, Plymouth

2. ZAO — Frank Kunick, Howell

3. Boreas — Donald Maxwell, Grosse Pointe Park

ANCONA:

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chance to play at the next level.

Ancona will continue her academic and athletic career this fall in NCAA Division III with the women's hockey program at Hood

College in Frederick, Md.

“After the season, I had a few colleges interested in me, small Division III colleges in the Northeast mostly,” Ancona said about her recruitment process. “After I won Miss Hockey, the coach from Hood College reached

out to me. I was going to visit schools during spring break and added that one to my list and I really liked it. ... They really liked me and offered me a spot. I was deciding between a couple, but I felt like that’s where my future could be.”

As she gets ready to

compete at the college level, Ancona has been using the summer to continue improving upon the skills she built over her years on the ice with Liggett. Whether she is in the gym or on the ice working with coaches and trainers, or just in her backyard shooting

pucks, Ancona is doing everything she can to help herself become the best overall athlete she can before taking the ice in college.

“I’m really training everything and not focusing on specifics,” she said. “I just want to make sure I’m well rounded and keep

improving. If I see something I need to work on, I’ll pay more attention to that. I’m on the ice a couple of times a week practicing skills and shooting. I’ve been working with a few coaches who have really helped improve my game since the start of the summer.”

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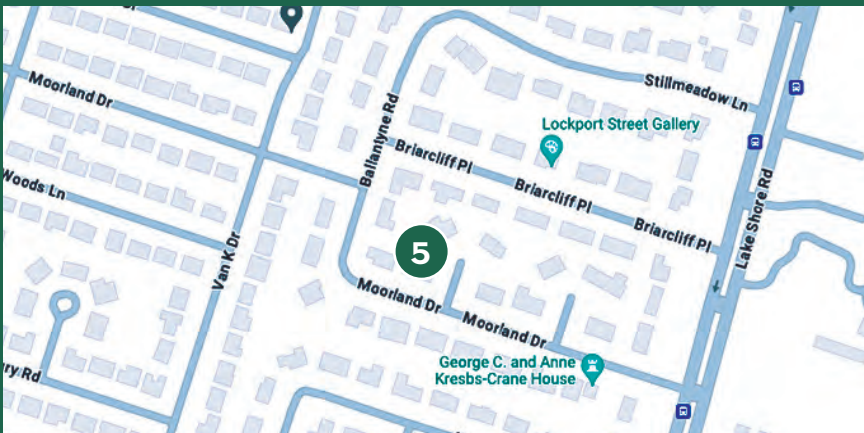
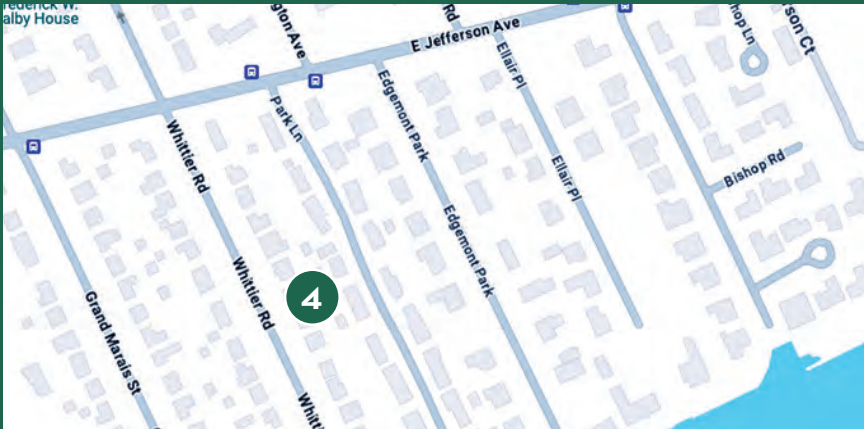
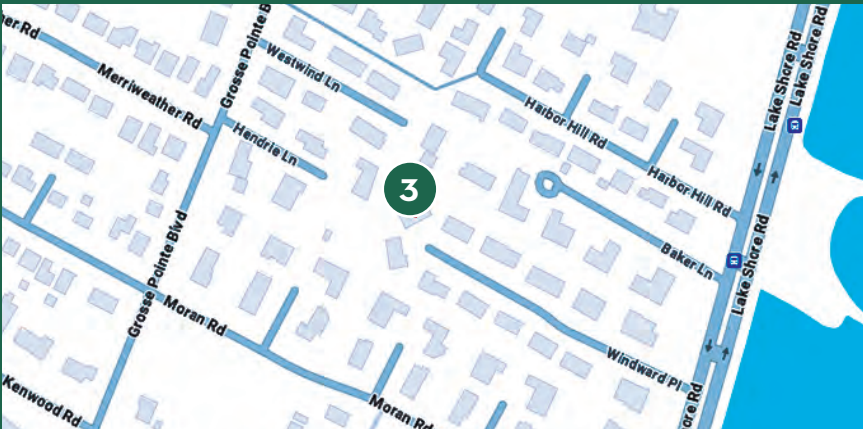
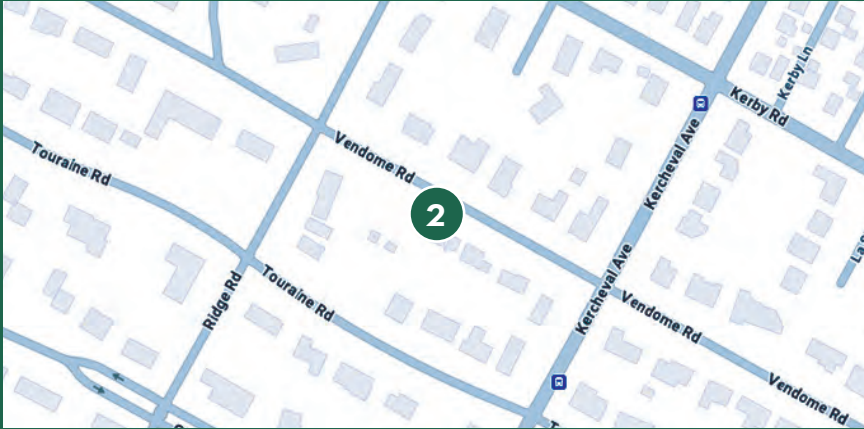
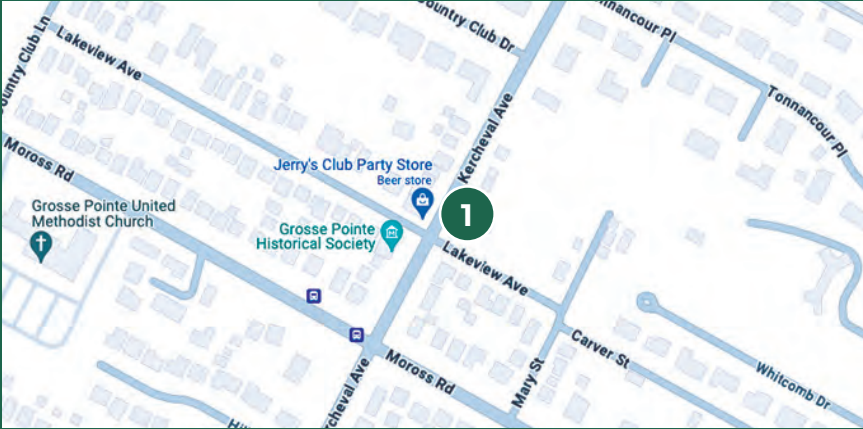
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