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City millage approved

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Residents in the City of Grosse Pointe passed overwhelmingly — by 83.93 percent of votes cast — the 21-year, 1.8894-mill stormwater sewer separation and improvements bond proposal in last Tuesday’s primary election, solidifying a \$332 annual tax increase for the average taxpayer.

Not only does this mean a major project to divert stormwater north of Waterloo between Neff and Fisher directly to the lake is all but guaranteed to move forward, it also enables the city to accept an unprecedented \$21.6 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Section C



Whimsical details punctuate the playscape at Patterson Park.

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Playscape volunteers in name only

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Scores of people who petitioned to save the Patterson Park playscape are all hat and no cattle. They aren’t matching their signatures with muscle.

Only a few volunteers

have shown up this summer to help restore the sprawling wood structure.

This is happening despite self-appointed supporters effortlessly endowing it in an online petition as a cherished reminder of innocence past and a symbol of unbounded civic potential or, in the current catch-all of nebulousness, “community.”

Some 33 years ago, 1,200 volunteers banded together to build the playscape at no cost to the city.

But a new and downgraded restoration schedule makes it less consequential that fewer

volunteers than Hemmingway’s cats have toes are stepping up to put the playscape back in shape.

“We haven’t had a whole lot (of participation),” said James Ceuninck, co-chairman of the recreation commission playscape subcommittee. “I think we’ve

had six.”

Playscape restorers were pushing for a big turnout of volunteers Saturday, Aug. 24, to seal and stain the structure’s 27,000 linear feet of boards fashioned into walkways, a treehouse, ladders, towers, a pirate ship, spaceship, maze, suspension bridge, big-toothed dragon slide and

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School operating millage passes

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Results show the operating millage for the Grosse Pointe Public School System passed in the primary election, Tuesday, Aug. 6, with 72 percent of the vote.

The results are expected to be certified in the coming weeks by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers.

Of 12,719 votes cast, final totals were 9,158 in favor and 3,561 opposed. The approval margin was higher than the 70 percent “yes” vote the district received on the same millage in 2019.

The district asked voters to approve a 20-mill levy for five years. A mill

is \$1 dollar in taxes on every \$1,000 of a property’s taxable value. State law requires school districts to levy 18 mills of operating millage to receive the full amount possible of per-pupil funding.

For GPPSS, that equates to roughly \$22 million a year, or nearly 25 percent of its budget.

“Today, our community reaffirmed its commitment to education and the well-being of our youth,” Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said in a statement released after the polls closed Tuesday. “I extend my sincere gratitude to all who dedicated their time and effort to the operating

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Cracked and missing Pewabic tiles typify broken steps at the Patterson Park gazebo.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Gazebo could become sound stage

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The persistently dilapidated state of the lakeside gazebo at Patterson Park prompted a city department head this month to ask members of the recreation commission what to do about it.

“What do we want to

see as the future of the gazebo?” Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, asked commissioners. “How many funds do we want to put into it for repairs or renovation?”

Part of the concern is maintaining the gazebo’s role in the municipal revenue stream.

Although the structure

is open to the public, guaranteeing exclusive access requires purchasing a \$30 to \$75 picnic permit depending on the day of the week.

“Right now, it’s typically used for banquet-type items, smaller weddings, quite a few (high school) senior and

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Shores fishing derby

More than 24 anglers participated in the 12th annual Grosse Pointe Shores fishing derby at Osius Park Sunday, July 21. Here are the winners: Biggest fish, Daniel Shanle; second biggest fish, Patrick Sharp; most fish, Vinko Ivanaj; second most fish, Boomer Inger; first fish, Daniel Shanle; last fish, Lino Ivanaj; most exotic fish, Leo Kitcherman; best dressed male, George Sagga; best dressed female, Viv Ahee; youngest, Peter Ahee; oldest, Robert Lee.

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Street parties on tap in Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — This month’s third and final summertime soiree on Kercheval is trending toward having the highest attendance of the year.

“The June and July events used to be the busiest of the series,” said Chad Craig, organizer. “I’ve noticed over the last two to three years that August is becoming the most popular.”

Craig, director of the parks and recreation department, attributed the attendance shift in part to rescheduling the August Kercheval After 6 street party one week later in the month.

“A lot of people are coming back from vacation and this is the last hurrah before school starts,” he said.

The next After 6 is 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, on three blocks of Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham.

“That will be the finale of the summer,” Craig said. “We are looking at having a local band, Funky Diesel, some bumper cars and another carnival ride. The Grosse Pointe South (High School) Dance Team will be hosting the fundraiser dunk tank. There will be street markets and a performance by the Mack Avenue game center (Mums Arcade).”

Charlevoix party

The Charlevoix Street Party resumes 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, the day before the official end of summer. Activities center on the intersection of Maryland.

“In years past, we typically ran three of those parties per season,” Craig said. “We cut it last year to just one. It’s going to rotate each year to a different area on Charlevoix. That way, it can be in front of different business areas. It’s a nice way to showcase some of the other restaurants and businesses by rotating it.”

The theme is a 1980s throwback. Attractions include vintage arcade games, food trucks and beverage options throughout the social district.

“This event is geared toward those who are 18 and older, but we never turn anyone away if they want to bring their family down to enjoy it,” Craig said. “The focus is date night or groups of friends while the kids are home with a babysitter.”

Weighing the benefits of street parties

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Everything must pay its way.

Even street parties are subject to cost-benefit analysis, especially when they are funded and staffed in part by municipal resources.

Members of the recreation commission want an accounting of the cost of presenting three Kercheval After 6 and one Charlevoix Street Party per summer.

“If these are costing us a huge amount of money, perhaps we need to rein them in or modify them,” Chairman Michael Hindelang said. “On the other hand, if they almost break even or turn a profit, it’s all the more reason to continue.”

All the parties are free and open to the public. City officials and members of the business community organize the affairs to show

off restaurants, night spots and shopping opportunities in the Kercheval and Charlevoix commercial districts.

“Have we been able to come up with a plan to help track some of those costs?” Hindelang asked Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, during a commission meeting Aug. 8.

“Yes,” Craig answered. “I’ve already discussed with (Public Safety) Chief (Jim) Bostock what it costs for public safety on those events. I know, working with (Public Works Director) Tom (Jenny) and the public works staff, the amount of staff members they have on those nights and how many hours they’re putting in.”

Although a cost-benefit plan has been the goal for months, the figures aren’t in.

“The way we’re working with (Finance Director) Ginger (Moriarty) on the current budget,

we’ll have exact costs of all revenues and expenditures for entertainment and other items along with the amount of sponsorships and things we bring in,” Craig said. “We’ll have a detailed statement.”

“We want to see those numbers,” Hindelang said. “As we plan for next year, that’s one of the items we’re looking at, to have a year-to-year trend.”

He wants the subcommittee to use financial statements to review how the street parties are structured.

“They can look at whether we should get other groups involved to help run them,” Hindelang said. “Part of the (commission’s) role is going to be to talk about what the structure is, the frequency and what we’re spending. That’s one of the things we’d like to do during the winter part of the year so as we plan for next year, Chad has a little more advance

notice and it allows us to weigh in on how these things look going forward.”

As the parties grow in popularity, it is easier for Craig to organize them, lure attractions, performers and food vendors.

“They know about this event and they’re coming to me,” he said. “The word is out. They want to be part of it.”

Sponsors also are easier to find, even from outside local business districts.

“We have a lot of visitors to the Park for the After 6 events,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “So, we took it upon ourselves to reach out to businesses outside of Grosse Pointe Park to see if they’d be willing to donate some money. We’re very appreciative of donations from our Park business district and longstanding business in the Park, but expanding upon our reach has been the biggest advantage.”

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family photos,” Craig said. “But is it something we want to look at adding concrete and picnic tables? Or, you could utilize it as another type of space that allows shelter from the elements.”

Costlier rental revenue is possible were the gazebo upgraded into more of a year-round facility.

Such rentals cost \$200 to \$300.

“We have the potential to turn it into whatever we want,” Craig said. “I was envisioning turning it into an area where we have a small sound stage, a concert area with a food truck on certain nights — ‘Monday night music’ or something like that.”

“I would love to see that,” Chairman Micheal Hindelang said.

He assigned the commission’s Patterson Park subcommittee to present options during the Oct. 10 recreation commis-

sion meeting.

“Report back with at least preliminary thoughts,” he said.

The condition of the gazebo has been an intermittent topic of discussion for more than a year.

Many Pewabic tiles on the gazebo’s steps are cracked or missing.

Dense, mature vines coat the structure to such an extent Commissioner Howard Bouton worried there might be an issue of structural safety.

“It’s hard to imagine there’s much demand for

it the way it looks, unfortunately,” Commissioner Mike Bannon said. “Have we looked at any fundraising mechanisms to fix it?”

“Not at this time,” Craig said.

He suggested salvaging or restoring some of the gazebo’s cracked and deteriorating Pewabic tiles and selling them as coasters to raise funds for overall repairs.

“We’re repairing 15 to 20 tiles every year,” Craig said. “I was hoping you guys would weigh in and see how much we want to

put into that.”

“It’s like the cart before the horse,” Bouton said. “We have to make it look right so people will rent it. But if it doesn’t have amenities ... how much money do we want to spend in advance?”

It was agreed something must be done.

“One something could be to remove it,” Bouton said. “Another something could be improvement. Another something could be to just make it look better but stay the same. Improvements have to lead to more usage.”

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Kiddie pool to be fixed next week

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In the center of the city’s kiddie pool is a water fountain that shares the cynical attribute of a pleasure boat. Both are holes in water into which owners pour money.

The two-tiered, circular, cement fountain with a sculpture of boy and girl children on top, is prone to malfunction and a constant visual impediment to lifeguards and parents on the pool deck intending to monitor waders in the zero-to-18-inch-deep circular pool.

The fountain has become such a white elephant that Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig gained concurrence this month when telling members of the recreation commission of plans to replace it with a combination splashpad-pool designed for adults to interact with children.

He told commissioners he’ll provide details at a future meeting of the group.

“There is an opportunity we can consider for removal of the fountain and use water sources we have for it to create water-type features I think would be more popular and useful,” Craig told commissioners Aug. 8.

“And less of a visual obstruction,” Commissioner Howard Bouton added.

“Not only for parents, but for lifeguards,” Craig said.

The fountain was installed during the summer of 2008 at Windmill Pointe Park with help



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Windmill Pointe Park fountain, shut down due to leaking, is criticized as a visual obstruction to lifeguards and parents trying to monitor waders at the kiddie pool. The pool is temporarily drained and closed due a pair of broken filters for which city officials this week contracted a company to fix in time for the pool to reopen before the end of summer.

from a \$175,000 donation from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Due to leaks, the fountain has been turned off.

“We believe it is an internal plumbing (problem),” Craig said. “That’s what’s caused the issue with the walls heaving and cracking. Water is coming out the sides.”

The kiddie pool also is shut

down due to cracked sand filters installed at about the time the fountain was dedicated.

“One had a small crack and pin-sized hole that was leaking,” Craig said. “That is when a little bit of water was noticed (on the floor of the mechanical room).”

“Upon further inspection,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said, “cracks were identified on the second filter, but no leaks. Park maintenance was forced to shut the system down due to water pressure and to prevent any damage to the system or injury to the staff.”

Craig obtained a \$29,689 bid from the city’s pool company, Aquatic Source, to make repairs and install a new pump. Recreation commissioners on Aug. 8 unanimously recommended the city council approve the contract during its meeting Aug. 13, which council members did.

“They (Aquatic Source) are 99 percent sure they’ll have it done by Aug. 19, which will give us two or three weeks for the end of the season,” Craig said.

He prioritized pool repairs over those to the fountain.

“Can’t we put that statue somewhere else?” Bouton said of the fountain.

“It will require funds to remove (and relocate) it,” Craig said.

He doesn’t think money could be budgeted until the 2026-27 fiscal year.

“Aquatic Source has a few ideas for stuff we could put in there that would be quite popular,” Craig said.

Settlement encouraged ahead of Ridge Rd. trial

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A settlement conference has been scheduled for one month prior to a jury trial for a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe boy charged with second-degree murder for the death of Flynn Mackrell.

Mackrell was the only passenger in a vehicle being driven by the defendant last November that crashed on Ridge Road after reaching speeds up to 105 mph.

During a pretrial hearing Thursday, Aug. 8, Wayne County Family Juvenile Judge Christopher Dingell encouraged the prosecutor’s office to offer a settlement rather than proceed to trial.

“The supreme court wants me to try and settle everything I can,” he said.

A settlement conference is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Should the case proceed to trial, Dingell said a demand has been made for a jury to be the finder of fact.

The jury trial is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3, Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 5.

The defendant — who was 16 at the time of the crash — is not being charged as an adult, but has been adult-designated.

If found guilty, Dingell told the 17-year-old, “I am allowed under Michigan law to delay the adult sentencing and proceed first with an attempt to rehabilitate you through the delinquency system. If I can rehabilitate you, I can dismiss the adult sentence.”

He has ruled to do so in every case before him the last 20 years, he added.

In the meantime, Dingell encouraged the defendant to, “Go to school, try to get good grades, do everything your mother tells you to do, don’t do anything she tells you not to do.”

— Laurel Kraus

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the limitless potential of what a child’s imagination can make of it all.

It turns out that the low participation rate is a good thing, at least for now.

“As a point of clarification, we are not planning to stain on that date, as we originally thought,” said Howard Boulton, the other co-chair. “So, we need fewer volunteers, which is good.”

Still scheduled for the volunteer day is replacing boards, putting down pea gravel and sand, and

repairing the dragon’s nose and a smiley face.

The structure hasn’t been prepared sufficiently — not enough volunteers — for staining and painting.

Hence, plan B.

“We’ve approached a company,” Ceuninck said. “They may be able to donate the cleaning and sealing of that. It’s too early to tell where we sit with that, but painting would need to be done after we clean and seal it. That would be, tentatively, toward the end of the season. We would probably do that work in fall after school is in session (and there) is less park usage.”

Volunteers can sign up, for what it’s worth, at pattersonplayscape.org.

Commissioner Mike Bannon said he was stunned by how many people he talked with during last month’s Kercheval After 6 street fair who didn’t know about the restoration effort.

“The target audience, in some measure, are people already using that park,” Bannon said.

He suggested an old-school way of getting the word out.

“I wonder if we should put a sign up at the entrance to the park,” Bannon said. “If we had a sign at the entrance to the park with the date.”

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was dependent on the tax increase, which allows the city to issue an up to \$15 million bond to cover the remainder of the estimated \$29 million project.

“I am pleased that our residents recognized the importance of this and voted to do something positive and proactive to help mitigate flooding,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

She, alongside a united council, championed the effort.

“The next step is we’re going to need final approval from the feds,” Tomkowiak explained. “That still has not happened yet, but this gets us one step closer. So it’s not fait accompli yet. We still have a ways to go, but this was a very, very important step.”

Passage of the proposal — proof the city could hold up its end of the match requirement — was needed before final approval from FEMA could be secured.

“Our next steps now will be to finalize the grant with FEMA and begin designing the new system, so bids can (come in) early next year,” City Manager Joe Valentine said via email. “We will have a dedicated section on our website to provide updates as we advance in this process. We are

thrilled we will be able to capitalize on this FEMA funding, given it only comes following an emergency and no one wants to live through these types of flooding disasters any longer.”

Engineering work is expected to take approximately six months, followed by bidding in early 2025. Construction of the up-to-two-year project could commence in May or June of next year, depending on the availability of materials and contractors.

The most significant portion of the work will place a stormwater conductor down Lincoln to St. Paul, St. Paul to Washington, Washington

to Jefferson and Cameron to the lake.

“This project would eliminate roughly two-thirds or three-quarters of the stormwater north of Waterloo that’s going to the Neff pump station and take that water down to the lake,” City Engineer Steve Pangori said previously.

The City’s overall levy now will increase to 18.7284, which still is lower than rates in the Park and Woods.

“We are grateful to our residents for their support of this bond proposal for the matching funds needed to advance our FEMA grant,” Valentine said. “This critical infrastructure project has

many benefits, including separation of stormwater from most of the remaining sanitary lines in the city, reducing the volumes flowing into our pump station and alleviating the opportunity for street and basement flooding that result from significant rain events, which are clearly more prevalent.”

Passage of the proposal also secured approximately \$1.4 million toward capital needs, including the purchase of new garbage trucks, dump trucks and a front-end loader.

Of registered voters in the City, 32.5 percent turned out to vote in the primary election.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, AUG. 19**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 20**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, AUG. 23**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Music on the Lawn, featuring Vavoom, 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 24**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kercheval and Lakepointe.
 - ◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m.



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Keeping up with Karwowski

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Michael Karwowski is no stranger to giving it his all, whether scaling Mount Rainier or bicycling from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic. He wears a broad smile when he tells tales of his adventures — even the ones he'd just as soon forget.

During an Appalachian Trail hike in 2018, for example, he was a few days into the trip when he and a friend encountered an unwelcome guest.

“Hurricane Florence came along,” the Grosse Pointe Shores resident said. “We were in Shenandoah National Park and the rangers came by and told us to get out; they were shutting down the park.”

The 76-year-old retiree’s activity level has slowed since his grandchildren arrived, but not much. He still cycles — sometimes for charity — and enjoys archery, bow hunting with his son in the Upper Peninsula and playing pickleball and chess.

Karwowski, who grew up in California, then settled in Michigan as a teen, graduated from Denby High School and then earned an MBA from Wayne State

University.

After he married Diana, they moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised their son, Kyle, and daughter, Michelle. He spent his career in the automotive industry, as a senior executive for ThyssenKrupp.

After retiring, he did some consulting, “but now with three grandkids, they’ve evolved into our focus a good deal of our lives,” he said.

As much as Karwowski enjoys riding bikes with his 5-year-old grandson, Solomon — the son of Michelle and Joey Scherba and brother of 3-year-old twins, Owen and Eva — he has welcomed the challenge of cycling for decades.

“When I was a young guy, I did a lot of cycling,” he said. “In the ’80s on Belle Isle they had an event called the Wolverine 200, where 2,000 cyclists would get together and ride 200 miles in 24 hours. I did that a few times. But as our kids came into the picture, I biked less.

“I got back into it 15 years ago with the goal of a cross-country bike ride,” he said. “In 2012, 18 of us rode from Manhattan Beach in Los Angeles to Riviera Beach

in Boston. What an adventure that was, crossing mountain ranges and deserts through 15 states — 34,050 miles in six weeks.”

Karwowski also pedaled along the Pacific Coast in 2013, has completed numerous Rails to Trails rides, cycled with Diana from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., in 2015, and biked across Missouri in 2018.

“I’ve done other rides around Michigan and the Midwest, too,” he added. “I did a Make a Wish charity ride 10 days ago, 100 miles in western Michigan.”

Not all of Karwowski’s expeditions are of the two-wheeled variety. He also enjoys hiking — twice he completed a rim-to-rim hike across the Grand Canyon — as well as mountaineering, a hobby he picked up in 2006.

“My last one was in 2014,” he said of the latter. “Among them were Mount Kilimanjaro, Grand Teton — that was a challenge — Mount Rainier, Mount Whitney, Mount Shasta. Those were the big ones. My wife swore me to quitting. After Mount Rainier, she printed a photo of me at the summit and inscribed it with ‘The Finale.’”

Nor are his feats confined to land.

“Diana and I took a four-day rafting trip on the Colorado River, from Moab, Utah, to Lake Powell, Arizona,” he said, noting the couple also enjoyed 20 years of sailing on Lake St. Clair.

“Our son, Kyle, and I took a four-day river trip on the Missouri River, retracing part of the

Lewis and Clark expedition during the bicentennial year, 2004.”

If cycling, hiking, mountaineering and boating weren’t enough, running is another of Karwowski’s favorite pastimes.

“I ran in high school — track and cross country,” he said. “I got out of running for years and years. In my late 40s, my daughter was at Ferry Elementary School. Ferry was having a 5K. ... That got me back into the running game.

“I set a goal of the Detroit Free Press Marathon,” he continued. “I ran it in 1999, and qualified for the Boston Marathon. I ran that in 2000 and got hooked on it; it’s a terrific event that draws people from every state and from countries around the world. It’s been in existence since 1897.”

Karwowski was so hooked, he marathoned in Boston 10 times. He’s also run marathons in Detroit, Chicago, New York and Tucson, among others.

“I run a couple 5K races every year,” he said, noting he’s run several 5Ks with his daughter and son-in-law. “I’ve done the Grosse Pointe Run 10 times. I’ve done some half-marathons in recent years. I ran the Free Press half-marathon in 2021, and won my division. Last year I won my division in Fenton.”

Karwowski runs 15 to 20 miles a week to stay in shape, which also helps him stay fit for other activities — namely pickleball, cycling and his favorite pastime, playing with his grandchildren.

“I like the feeling that



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Michael Karwowski stands in Polignano a Mare, Italy, overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

comes with being fit,” he said. “I like that endorphin rush. I like to know I’m not limited by being out of shape. And with three grandchildren, I love to be able to stay up with them.”

Karwowski, who said he likes setting goals and meeting challenges, has the tremendous support of his wife, even when she’s not rowing or biking beside him.

“She was not only present for all of the marathons and half-marathons, but she also cheered me on all along the routes, frequently transporting friends and other family members,” he said. “These were no small logistical feats.

“When I was doing the cross-country bike ride, she met me at various points along the way: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Marysville, Ohio; Little Falls, New York; and Boston. I can’t tell you how wonderful it was seeing her in all of those places. Finally, she flew, by herself, to Tanzania, to meet me when I came down from the Kilimanjaro summit. After the climb we took a six-day safari, followed by a much-needed beach vacation in Zanzibar. The bottom line is Diana has been a key part of all these adventures.”

The couple continues to travel, recently returning from a trip to Italy. Since his retirement, they’ve reached six continents. It’s a passion they’ve shared for decades.

“When Diana and I were first married, we said, ‘We’re young. Let’s do something crazy,’ so we went to Europe, which wasn’t terribly uncommon then, and we stayed for a year,” Karwowski said.

The couple started in Amsterdam, traveling in their 1967 Volkswagen van, and headed north to Scandinavia, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. When the weather turned, they went south to Germany, France, Spain and Portugal.

“When we got to the bottom of Spain, to

Malaga, we rented an apartment,” he recalled. “We went to school to study Spanish.”

Next they shipped the van to Morocco and camped in Marrakesh, Casablanca and Fez before heading back through France and Italy and finally Greece. They lived on the Greek Islands for a month before heading back to Amsterdam, selling their van and coming back to America.

“We met all kinds of great people,” he said. “We met dear friends we see regularly. They live in California and really are lifelong friends.”

Among his favorite travels have been hiking the national parks with Diana. He’s also fond of Patagonia, “an isolated, unique place; you’re not going to find a place like that in the world,” he said, as well as Iguazu Falls in Argentina.

With as much passion as he exhibits for traveling and staying active, Karwowski also is passionate about giving back. Volunteering has played a key role throughout his life. When his children were young, he coached soccer, T-ball and basketball at the Neighborhood Club.

“When I was working, I was a mentor in the Detroit Public Schools,” he added. “Then I retired and was an adult literacy mentor out of Macomb Community College.”

He also has delivered Meals on Wheels, driven patients to treatment appointments through the American Cancer Society’s Road to Recovery program and served as a Medicare counselor through the Area Agency on Aging.

Determined to stay active, Karwowski’s upcoming goals include running an annual 5K and the occasional half-marathon, as well as hiking the Pacific Crest Trail.

Of course, after Hurricane Florence doused his last Appalachian Trail trip, he has that to make up — which he plans to do next month.



Karwowski and his grandchildren — from left, Owen, Solomon and Eva — during last fall’s Grosse Pointe Shores Boo Fest at Osius Park.

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Karwowski takes a break at the Provencal-Weir House while doing some volunteer work for the Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club.



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Karwowski stands in front of his 1967 Volkswagen van near the North Sea, Denmark — one of several sights he saw while he and his wife, Diana, traveled Europe after their wedding.

City of Grosse Pointe

Child endangerment

A 56-year-old Detroit woman was reported for driving intoxicated with a child in the car at Mack and St. Clair at 7:23 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

She was arrested for a third offense of operating while intoxicated.

Fraud

A Blue Ridge Communications account fraudulently was created in a Grosse Pointe resident's name Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Flat out intoxicated

A 31-year-old Park man was arrested for a third offense of operating while intoxicated after he was pulled over at Jefferson and Notre Dame for driving with a flat tire at 2:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9.

Pickpocket

While shopping at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, a woman's wallet was stolen and her credit cards then were attempted to be used at Lululemon.

Speeding

For speeding 51 mph at Mack and Fisher, a 29-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and cited at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Priceless

A green leather box containing Bayview Yacht Club medals, a gold cross, military pin and tie clips was discovered missing from a home on Lakecrest in late June.

Child pornography

A criminal complaint in July was filed against a 44-year-old Farms man, who is accused of receiving and possessing child pornography.

FBI agents tracked him via his cryptocurrency payments and executed a warrant to seize multiple devices, including the man's laptop, which was found to contain approximately 690,000 images and 32,000 videos.

A preliminary examination hearing is scheduled for later this month.

Wayward

A 33-year-old Texas man was cited for driving while license suspended and disobeying a traffic control device after he passed a patrol car on Mack by continuing straight in a right-turn-only lane at 12:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5.

Leaving the scene

For speeding 50 mph at Moross and Piche at 5:14 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, a 41-year-old Park man was pulled over and found to have a warrant out of the City of Grosse Pointe for leaving the scene of an accident.

He was arrested and turned over to the neighboring Pointe.

Terror threat

A 52-year-old Ferndale man with a business in the Pointes was arrested for raising a false active shooter alarm in a public place at 3:46 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, when he was denied a business loan at an area bank and stated, "I better get a card or a loan to save my business or I will go on a killing spree in Grosse Pointe."

When officers caught up with the man at his business, he said the bank branch manager must have misunderstood him and he instead said most people would want to go on a killing spree if they were denied.

Trying their luck

Three men were spotted trying vehicle door handles in the 300 block of McKinley at 5:05 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. Officers identified the suspects' vehicle as it fled but terminated pursuit for safety.

A vehicle in the 200 block of McKinley was found rummaged through, but nothing was stolen.

Unlocked

The proof of insurance,

vehicle registration and owner's manual were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of Moran between 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

Jeep stolen

A black 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 100 block of Touraine between 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

Detroit officers attempted to pull over the vehicle at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, and noted the driver was an approximately 130-pound black man with dreadlocks.

Unlocked spree

A number of vehicles in the Farms were rummaged through into the morning of Saturday, Aug. 10. Most, if not all, were unlocked.

Approximately \$15 in change and a SOG fixed-blade knife were stolen from a vehicle in the 200 block of Cloverly. Expensive fishing equipment inside the vehicle was left undisturbed and the owner was unsure if the vehicle was locked.

A wallet with four credit cards, a driver's license and \$100 in cash was stolen from one of two unlocked vehicles that were rummaged through in a driveway on Moross.

Nothing was taken from an unlocked vehicle rummaged through in the 300 block of Ridge.

A Milwaukee hammer and pry bar, as well as two two-ton jack stands were stolen from the cab of an unlocked truck in the 300 block of Ridgemon.

Approximately \$2 in assorted coins were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Cloverly.

Alcohol thieves

Two men stole a \$70 bottle of Patron Cristalino from the counter of a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 2:46 p.m. Sunday,

Aug. 11.

The suspect who grabbed the bottle is described as a black man with long, braided hair and glasses, and was wearing a denim jacket and denim pants.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft from locker

Detectives are reviewing security video to learn the identity of a thief who broke into a woman's locker at Windmill Pointe Park between 5:40 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, and stole credit cards used thereafter at local businesses.

Charges of larceny and illegal use of a financial transaction device await the thief.

Park bike theft

Also at Windmill Pointe Park last week, a Specialized Stumpjumper mountain bike was stolen between 4 and 5:50 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, while parked at the bike rack.

Van found across creek

Stolen and recovered last week was a 2007 Chrysler Town & Country van.

Someone took it while parked unlocked with the ignition key inside in

front of a house in the 1200 block of Berkshire between 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, and 1:30 p.m. the next day.

Park police found it unoccupied in Detroit's Angel Park, across Wayburn and Fox Creek from Windmill Pointe Park.

Car theft perps

Stolen and not recovered overnight Friday, Aug. 9, was a silver 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked curbside in the 1300 block of Maryland.

As is the custom with a lot of these cases, the vehicle was unlocked with the ignition key inside.

"Surveillance video shows two unknown subjects check car doors, entering the vehicle and driving away," police said.

Two cars entered

During roughly the same timeframe overnight Friday, Aug. 9, during which two perpetrators stole a vehicle in the 1300 block of Maryland (see "Car theft perps") someone, or two, entered a pair of unlocked vehicles—one in the 1300 block of Wayburn, the other 16 blocks and nearly one mile away in the 1300 block of Audubon.

Taken were sunglasses, credit cards, a Swiss army knife, keys and a garage door opener.

Fire put out

Public safety officers doused the burning contents of a garbage can in the 1300 block of Maryland last weekend before flames ate too far into a nearby garage.

The incident happened at 2:17 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

False alarm

Officers responded to a house on Fontana around 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, after the resident reported that her Ring camera activated and she thought someone was in her garage.

After reviewing the video, officers determined a bug set off the camera.

Unlocked vehicle

A wallet containing a school ID badge found lying in the street led officers to a house on Oxford around 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, where they discovered a woman at the residence had left her purse in her unlocked vehicle the previous night.

More than \$170 was charged to her credit card.

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OUR VIEW

Kudos, voters

Voters approved two important millages in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 6, including one in the City of Grosse Pointe and one for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Grosse Pointe News previously endorsed both measures.

Although no one likes paying taxes, the majority of those who cast their ballots saw the necessity in both cases. We were, however, disappointed with voter turnout, which ranged in the low to mid 30s percent level, other than Grosse Pointe Shores, which saw 27 percent of registered voters participating.

In the City, nearly 84 percent of voters approved a levy of 1.8894 mills for 21 years. It will cost the average taxpayer an additional \$332 per year and raise about \$15 million.

The money will 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.

The millage needed to pass 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. Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak is on record saying the city will not spend the full \$15 million if it does not have to. We continue to want voters to hold the city council accountable on that front moving forward.

Once the project is completed, we urge council to negotiate with the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District to get residents a lower sewer rate. 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 SMSD to be treated — and stormwater is needlessly treated — should give the city a bargaining chip on rates.

The second successful campaign saw 72 percent of voters approve the GPPSS operating millage at 20 mills for five years. The maximum the district can levy is 18 mills, which is required by state law in order to receive the full amount of per-pupil funding. The district was smart to ask for 20 mills so it can still levy the full 18 mills and receive the necessary funding in the event of a Headlee rollback.

If the millage had failed, GPPSS risked losing \$22 million, or almost a quarter of its budget, putting the district’s future at risk. Had that occurred, the question could have been put before voters on the November ballot.

Getting a millage passed is never a sure thing. Voters in Whitmore Lake Public Schools, north of Ann Arbor, defeated a \$53 million bond proposal last week by some 400 votes. The money would have been used for things such as security upgrades and parking lot repairs, much like the 10-year, 3-mill sinking fund millage GPPSS will ask voters to approve in November. Voters in Saginaw County’s Hemlock Public Schools passed its operating millage last week by 51 votes after having voted it down by 86 votes in February.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Pure GP

Even though the sign says “Free Dog Library,” there are no free dogs, only treats, bags and toys for dogs or their humans to use during a walk. In the 1000 block of Fairholme in Grosse Pointe Woods, walkers can use this dog library and help themselves to anything in the containers — a water dish, dog treats, waste bags, dog toys and sticks. The mastermind behind the idea, Kara Gee, said, “We see the little free libraries around and my kids love and use them. We’re also big dog lovers and we have a 1 1/2-year-old rescue dog named Milly. ... Putting this up has helped us get to know not only the neighbors, but the neighborhood dogs too.”

Above, rescue dog Milly, with Kara Gee and her children, Tessa and Colin. Left, Milly demonstrates how easy it is to open the toy container.

A reader poll conducted by the Grosse Pointe News a month ago gave us cause for concern about the local millage. Although unscientific, just 48 percent of respondents at the time said they planned to vote in favor. Another 9 percent said they would vote against it, but an astounding 43 percent said they knew nothing about the issue.

But give credit where credit is due. Superintendent Andrea Tuttle, the administration and the Board of Education devoted a great deal of time and resources to educating voters. That included fliers, mailings, FAQs and a flurry of activity on social media. The district had to walk a fine line, however, as campaign finance laws allow tax dollars to be spent to educate on a ballot measure but can’t be used to advocate.

Before the election, Tuttle said she was concerned about potential confusion among voters because the official ballot language referred to an “increase” of 20 mills. That language is required by state law because one levy technically expires and the next one starts. In actuality, this was a renewal, at the same 20 mills, with no tax increase. The full 18 mills will only be levied on non-homestead, commercial

and rental property. Owner-occupied homes will pay 3.7113 mills. The maximum they could pay is 7.5337 mills, but we reiterate our earlier position that the district should not go higher than the current amount.

In taking a closer look at the final results, we are puzzled by a few factors. Of the 3,561 no votes, more than one-third — 1,251 — came from Grosse Pointe Woods. The Woods also, however, contributed 34 percent of the yes votes, 3,108 out of 9,158.

The Shores, with the smallest population among the Pointes, saw 326 voters in favor compared to 266 opposed, a 55 to 45 percent margin.

Voters in the Park and the GPPSS portion of Harper Woods, who are still understandably upset over the closure of Trombly and Poupard elementary schools, gave higher support at 74 percent and 65 percent, respectively.

So give yourself a hand. Even if you voted against either proposal, you still got out and voted. But there’s no time to rest on your laurels. Come November, voters will be asked to approve the school sinking fund millage, another millage to support The Helm and for Farms voters, a renewal of a road millage.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



Water, water, everywhere

All this rain and flooding lately has me remembering a time when I lived in Colorado and was in my senior year of college. This particular night was unforgettable. I lived in a small northern town that did not have any kind of emergency alert system at that time. I was in school full time and worked two jobs. One of those jobs was at a brew pub, one of the first ones before they began popping up everywhere. Ironically, on this particular evening, I was waiting on a table full of first responders and a search-and-rescue crew. It had been raining all day but increased in intensity that evening. When you're inside and working, you don't pay that much attention to the weather, but when I noticed it was still raining a few hours later, I looked at the TV in the bar and didn't see any-

thing about flooding so I just kept working and taking care of customers. The town got their news out of Denver, which was about 50 miles south, and I found out the next day they didn't have the same storm we did and didn't know at the time what was happening to our little town so we had no warning. When one of my co-workers and I left that night at 10 p.m., we tried to walk across the street to the parking garage and to our surprise, the road had turned into a rushing river with knee-deep water and a swift current. The curb was nowhere in sight and we had to slide our feet slowly along the ground so we could find the curb because neither one of us wanted to fall. The rain was still coming down at an intense pace and we got soaked. By the time we got to our cars, we couldn't believe the amount of water the rain had dumped. I found out later we got almost 14 inches from a slow-moving storm cell that stalled over our town in the

heaviest rain ever recorded in a Colorado urban area at that time. What normally would have taken me 5 minutes to get home that night took about an hour and a half. I turned down street after street, not able to find one that wasn't flooded. Turning onto a road that dipped down a bit going into town, I saw a group of cars. Some were stuck in the rising water and a few were trying to back up and retreat. At one point the police had to guide us off of that road to safety. "Please get me home safely" was the thought that kept running through my mind. Thankfully, I was driving a truck at that time, so I had a higher view and clearance. As the search for a road with the least amount of water to get home on grew longer and longer, the more concerned I got. It was very stressful and quite a bit scary. It was late at night, dark and no one had cell phones. There was no one to ask what was happening. I wondered about the

first responders I had waited on earlier that evening and I figured they were hard at work now because I was certain they got called in to help. I didn't understand the entirety of what was happening or the damage that was being done other than the flooding I was in the middle of and was witnessing. The next morning a friend from down South called and woke me up and asked me if I was OK. "What are you talking about?" I said. She said, "It's all over the national news. You had a 100-year flood and it swept through town leaving lots of damage." I was shocked so I turned on the news and found out the water had washed out a section of train tracks, derailling train cars and wiping out a trailer park, causing fire and water damage at the same time. Most major intersections were clogged with stalled cars. There was severe flooding all over town and most of the college campus was partially under water, ruining a half

million library books, textbooks and the new section of the library they had just built. According to the news, the flooding turned a creek on the edge of town into a torrent filled with the debris of cars, trailers and rubble. It was a horrible combination of flood and fire. It was the deadliest natural disaster at that point in the town's 124-year history. I was floored by what I was reading and seeing. People hanging on to telephone poles waiting for rescuers, "Help! Help me!" being yelled into the dark night. The fires couldn't be put out right away because of the number of people who needed to be rescued first. The news later reported a fire that was burning in the middle of the water was thought to be caused by gas lines that broke when the trailers floated and a spark set off an explosion. Firefighters had to hook a hose to a submerged hydrant before they could get water on top of the fire. The scene the next day of the aftermath

was devastating. Many people lost everything they owned. Five people lost their lives. According to the Colorado History Encyclopedia, Steve Fleming, captain of the Poudre Fire Authority, was one of the first responders to the flood. Fleming told the Fort Collins Coloradoan, "We had campers and propane cylinders; there was a trailer on fire, explosions at the laundromat, train derailment, people yelling for help, oil in the water, electricity shocking me in houses, water up within one foot of the ceilings and all of it happened within 30 minutes." To this day I'm unnerved when I drive through heavy rain that hinders me from seeing the road clearly, seeing what parts of the streets are flooded and my windshield wipers not being able to go any faster than they are going. Especially in the dark. Every time that happens, the same thought runs through my mind: "Please, just get me home safely."

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

THREE POINTE POLIO CASES: The report of a 9-year-old boy being stricken with polio on Monday, Aug. 8, brought to three the number of cases of the disease in all the Grosse Pointes this year. According to Dr. Thomas S. Davies of the Grosse Pointe Board of Health, no cases had been reported in Grosse Pointe by this time last year. After about Aug. 20 of last year, a total of seven cases were contracted in Grosse Pointe.

NEW POLICE RADIO SYSTEM PLACED IN FULL OPERATION: The Grosse Pointe Inter-Municipal Police Radio Station has taken over the police radio work of the Pointe and is now attending to that job for all of the Pointes. The official date of the change was Aug. 4.

START MOVE TO ABOLISH RENT CONTROL: The movement to abolish rent control in Grosse Pointe Park is underway. Attorney Orville F. Sherwood, who lives on Lakepointe, has prepared petitions addressed to the Board of Village Commissioners asking that controls be abolished and these petitions are already in circulation.

include a new swimming pool, asphalt paving, a concrete deck area, lighting, fencing, a new bath house, alterations of the activity center, the filling and landscaping of the existing pool and eight new tennis courts.

OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY ADOPTED BY SCHOOL BOARD: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education formally adopted a policy of open enrollment at its regular meeting Aug. 12. This action makes it possible for certain elementary students to take advantage of special instructional programs that may not be offered in their home-based schools. Before the move was made, Superintendent of Schools James A. Adams reminded the trustees and people in attendance that although students have been required to attend the school located within their own district, certain exceptions have been made in the past.

1999

25 years ago this week

LOCAL DRIVERS HANDLE CURVES IN GRAND PRIX

WARMUP EVENT: Two Grosse Pointe drivers left their marks on the Grand Prix track last weekend, but not in the way they'd hoped. In the first of two races in the PPG Neon Charity Challenge on Belle Isle, Joe Ricci's weekend ended Saturday afternoon with a 65 mph crash into an 8,000 pound cement barrier. Likewise, Stephen Freitas "traded paint" with the wall in both races, according to the track announcer, but was able to cross the finish line after making up for lost time.

CLOCKTOWER TO RING IN NEW POCKET PARK: The arrival of the limestone for the clock tower being built for the pocket park in Grosse Pointe Park signals the beginning of the final stage of construction for the project that is across Jefferson from the city hall. The clock that will go in the 16-foot tall tower comes from the Verdin Clock Co., of Ohio. The greenery was planted during late spring and early summer months. It was designed by the firm of Grissim, Metz & Associates of Novi. The architectural rendering was done by Stuckey & Vitale of Royal Oak.

2014

10 years ago this week

VOTERS WILL PAY FOR ROADS: Few people like paying higher property taxes. But results of the municipal millage election Aug. 5, indicate more City of Grosse Pointe voters prefer paying an extra 2.5 mills for smooth roads than to endure rough rides and automotive repair bills caused by pot holes.

WATERNIGHTMARE: Homeowners with

flooded basements won't agree, but the worst of Monday's storm hit the streets around Grosse Pointe and metro Detroit. More than 6 inches of rain fell in spots, leaving hundreds of motorists stranded and highways closed around town. Sections of 1-94, 1-696 and 1-75 were hard hit, along with M-10 and M-39, the Lodge and Southfield freeways. Reports of 14 feet of standing water were the reason for closures at 1-75 and 1-696, snarling traffic Monday night and all day Tuesday.

ALL GROWN UP: Triplets Nicole, Ethan and Mia Kinkade were born at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in 2001, and spent seven weeks in the hospital's NICU. Their mother, Beth Kinkade, said the NICU saved her children years ago and is thankful they are healthy and able to participate in events like the recent Lakefront Swim Association Swim Finals. The triplets swim for the Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas, the team that clinched the overall title this year.



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The Rivers hosting senior carnival

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Rivers is hosting an outdoor carnival and open house noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

“That’s National Senior Citizens Day so we figured why not,” Executive

Director Tammy Kaleta said. “It’s open to all seniors in the community, even if they aren’t interested in living here.”

The afternoon will include corn dogs, fries, popcorn, lemonade, snow cones and churros, plus carnival games, balloon animals and prizes.

“We’ll have tents and

chairs set up so people can get out of the sun,” Kaleta said. “They can sit and chat and maybe even make some new friends.”

The Rivers also has invited members from The Helm and St. Clair Shores Senior Center.

“It’s important for people in that age range to socialize,” she added.

“They usually don’t get out as much as they should.”

From 11 a.m. to noon, before the carnival, The Rivers and Parents Changing Spaces will give a presentation on BrainStorm, a 12-month program developed by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Lessons focus on various aspects of brain health such as memory loss, memory tricks, the effects of diet and exercise on the brain and dealing with stress.

Kaleta said another reason for the carnival is for The Rivers to become more involved in the community.

“We had a classic car show in June that people really enjoyed,” she said. “We want to host more activities and educational seminars in the future.”

The Rivers is located at 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 885-5005 or visit theriversgrossepointe.com for more information.

DPW bogarts Windmill Park lot

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The overflow parking lot at Windmill Pointe Park is overgrown with public works vehicles and supplies.

“Some of that will stay permanent,” said Chad Craig, parks and recreation director.

The trend toward permanence is represented by Craig’s hope to expand upon cement corralling open-air storage of wood chips, mulch, gravel and more in the lot abutting residential property at the foot of Barrington.

“There’s been discussion of changing the style of the pits (with) covers,” Craig said. “And also construct a Parks and Rec/DPW shared garage where it gets some of that equipment hidden and gives us more storage space for our staff to work. It has been challenging at the maintenance garage at Patterson Park.



The Parks and Recreation Department has more equipment than its storage building at Patterson Park can handle. Plans are being considered to erect a storage shelter to be shared by the Public Works Department in the overflow lot of Windmill Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Nothing’s approved yet, but I would welcome a storage garage at Windmill Pointe Park.”

Most recreation department vehicles and equipment are stored in

the patron parking lot at Patterson Park.

At Windmill, dump trucks and mulch occupied so much space during last month’s municipal swim team

been there since before my time,” Craig said.

The lot has been a storage facility for public works materials and forestry clippings since at least the early 2000s.

“It has become equipment over the last handful of years,” Craig said.

Part of the problem the last two years has to do with the new \$1 million public works facility on Mack Avenue. It’s too small. It can’t house the department’s motor vehicle fleet and other space-consuming assets, such as raw materials.

“There’s less space there to store some of the stuff, so there are items that have made their way down to Windmill Pointe Park,” Craig said.

“Being that we are a very built-up community, we have challenges when it comes to storage facilities for our operations,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The Mack Avenue public works garage, repair shops and office headquarters were designed to store high-value equipment, such as garbage trucks and front-end loaders costing upwards of \$100,000 each, at the expense of sheltering low-value equipment and raw materials.

“However, the challenge we have is with road salt, rocks and wood chips, for which we had some storage facilities at our old site,” Sizeland said. “When we moved to Mack, we had to make a decision to

expand the building to keep our core and higher-value equipment in a controlled environment.”

Craig said the far corner of the overflow lot has been used for years to store vehicles. It doubles as a temporary dumping ground for tree clippings all the way up to whole trees cut down due to storm damage.

“It’s been cleaned up,” Craig said. “It looks better now than it has in a significant amount of time.”

The cleanup was due to old public works equipment being sold recently at auction for around \$30,000, according to Sizeland.

“Shuttling equipment between sites to help with parking is not a long-term solution,” Commission Chairman Michael Hindelang said. “This is one of those items, Chad, we would like to follow up on at the next meeting (Oct 10). I’m happy to hear that some of the equipment was auctioned, but let’s put this on our ‘keep our eye on it’ list.”

Sizeland said more public works vehicles will be sold, freeing up more parking space.

“We used to have a lot of older, dated equipment,” he said. “Our process now is to buy newer equipment that is going to last many years. If there’s equipment, we might need only one or two times per year, let’s rent it.”

He also envisions jointly purchasing high-dollar vehicles for shared use between the Pointes.

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—Ted O’Neil

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Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen vehicle

A 2003 Chevy pickup was stolen in the 2100 block of Vernier sometime between 2:30 and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6. The owner told officers it had been stolen once before and recovered.

The report did not indi-

cate if the truck was locked.

Rollover

A 33-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for drunken driving after a rollover accident around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the 1900 block of Allard.

The driver struck a parked vehicle but told officers she may have passed out. A Breathalyzer test showed her blood-alcohol content to be 0.26 percent.

Missing tablet

An Amazon tablet worth \$200 was taken from a vehicle in the parking lot at Ascension St.

John Hospital sometime between Wednesday, Aug. 7, and Friday, Aug. 9.

The driver’s side window was shattered.

Computer glitch

The center console computer system was stolen from a Dodge Ram in the 19000 block of Linville sometime before 1 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12. The driver’s side rear window was shattered. A neighbor told officers a Dodge Durango was circling the block earlier in the night.

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No deal on teachers’ contract yet

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The one-year contract between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Grosse Pointe Education Association expires today, Aug. 15. No new deal had been reached by press time, although the two sides have continued to meet over the summer. “I have watched our administration work extremely hard all summer, tirelessly and with minimum time off, to

bargain with our important stakeholders,” Board of Education President Sean Cotton said. “The agreement impacts the entire community and deserves the time that has been devoted to it for all sides.” Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe News. The GPEA did not respond to a request for comment by deadline. The district’s offer is similar to contracts it signed with other bargaining units the board approved last month. It includes a two-year deal,

with step increases and a 2 percent raise the first year and a 1 percent raise the second year. Cotton said a step increase is roughly a 4 percent pay increase, meaning teachers would see about a 6 percent raise in the first year. Also included in the offer is the elimination of what is called “the formula,” Cotton said. It calls for teacher pay to be reduced if the district’s fund equity balance falls below 10 percent. Conversely, it calls for teachers to receive off-

schedule bonuses if it should exceed 15 percent. The current fund equity is at about 8 percent, although the formula has not been enacted the past few years. “This formula has complicated negotiations in the past as one side of the negotiating table is very much against that clause,” Cotton said. The union has been pushing to get rid of the formula for several years. The GPEA has proposed switching how the district handles health

care insurance from self-funding to a plan through the Michigan Education Special Services Agency. MESSA is a third-party administrator run by the Michigan Education Association. The union has said the switch would save the district \$27,000 a month. Cotton called it a “non-starter,” saying it would cost the district \$1.2 million up front to switch. Also complicating matters are changes to the Michigan Employment Relations Act that took effect last month. PERA

was changed in 2011, when Republicans controlled the legislature and governorship, to prohibit collective bargaining on certain issues, including teacher placement, discipline, layoffs and performance evaluations. With Democrats in control of the legislature and governorship, those changes were reversed. “This is the most changes ever to PERA, so that has taken a long time,” Cotton said. “But I’m hopeful we can reach an agreement.”

Grosse Pointe Public Library youth services librarians, Melissa Rizer and Catherine Ricard, join the kids in the fun with bubbles.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Norah Henke gets a nice size bubble going from a heart shaped bubble wand. Left, Malcolm Loertscher practiced with the bubble rope and got really good at producing big bubbles.

Brilliant bubbles

This marked the third year that there was a bubble party at Ewald Library and it was not only a lot of fun for the kids but the adults enjoyed it too. This year was the first year the party presenter, Joel Tacey from Joel Tacey’s Tiptop Entertainment, turned it into a dance party as well. The party included bubble machines, tunes and tubs of bubbles with a variety of bubbles wands for participants to use. The purpose of the party was to have fun with the summer reading program, which is winding down, and to celebrate a great summer of reading. There were 70 kids registered, but close to 100 people attended, according to the library.



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millage education campaign and to everyone who participated in the voting process. “We now look forward to the important work of maintaining and enhancing our educational programs,” she continued. “Being a part of the Grosse Pointe community and the GPPSS team is an honor, but the pride I feel today is particularly profound. Thank you, Grosse Pointe, for demonstrating that the future of our youth is a top priority.” Although the district asked for approval of 20 mills, it cannot impose more than 18 mills on taxpayers per state law. The additional 2 mills are meant to protect the district from any Headlee rollbacks. The 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution protects property owners from increases by rolling back the tax rate of millages so growth will not exceed the rate of inflation from the current tax base. As Tuttle previously explained to the Grosse Pointe News editorial board, if the district only asked voters to approve 18 mills and a Headlee rollback pushed the millage down, the district

would not be able to collect its full amount of per-pupil funding. At 20 mills, a rollback would still allow GPPSS to collect the full 18 mills. The 18 mills only will be levied on commercial and rental properties. The cap on owner-occupied homes, also known as homestead properties, is 7.5337 mills. The district currently levies 3.7113 mills of that. Voters in the City of Grosse Pointe provided the most support at the ballot box, with 77 percent in favor. Grosse Pointe Shores had the lowest support at 55 percent. The Farms and Park both came in at 74 percent in favor, with the Woods at 71 percent. The portion of Harper Woods within GPPSS voted 65

percent in favor. “PFAE strongly backed the millage getting passed and we are pleased that it did with such strong support from Grosse Pointe voters,” said Joe Muzingo, chairman of Pointers for Academic Excellence. “It was great to see all stakeholders agree that this was crucial for our schools, which are the lifeblood of our wonderful community.” The district now turns its attention to November, when it will ask voters to approve a 3-mill sinking fund millage for 10 years. While an operating millage is used for things like salaries, benefits, curriculum materials and supplies, a sinking fund pays for building equipment and maintenance.



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Capricious rebrands to Pearl

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Soft blue paint layered over the staple pea green building on The Hill serves as the first nod toward a significant transformation taking place behind papered windows at Capricious.

Under the direction of local philanthropist Gretchen Valade, the shop at 74 Kercheval opened as a shoe store in 2014, and expanded four years later to clothing and a full 4,000-square-foot space. Upon Valade’s death in 2022, Capricious was passed

down to her daughter-in-law, Molly Valade, who is leading the charge to rebrand into its new concept — Pearl.

Fittingly, “pearl” is the meaning of the name “Gretchen,” which also was bestowed upon Molly Valade’s daughter.

“There’s a lot of Gretchens in the family,” store manager Gigi Badalamenti said, “so that’s how it came about.”

Pearl, on track to open to the public Friday, Sept. 6, will continue to offer many of Capricious’ most loved brands, while adding a great number of brands that embody a

modern and understated approach to luxury.

“The idea behind it is to appeal to the masses,” Badalamenti said. “Our demographic prior was a little bit older. Now we’re going to have brands that are going to appeal to (those) even younger.”

A brief preview of new brands to be offered at Pearl includes Weekend Max Mara, Margaret O’Leary, Hutch and Lauren Manoogian shoes and apparel.

Among those sticking around are AGL shoes, Hammitt Handbags, Generation Love, Fifteen Twenty, Spanx athleisure, jewelry lines Julie

Vos and Dean Davidson, and cashmere lines Kenross and White + Warren.

“We’ll still have a lot of what we offered that people loved,” Badalamenti said. “We’re ... just bringing on some new, cool, exciting brands that you won’t get anywhere else, so it’s kind of the best of both worlds.”

The interior transformation — replacing busy carpeting with hardwood floors and clean, white walls — also will make way for pop-ups each month.

First up, Carl Sterr, a modern luxury men’s

clothier in Birmingham, will have a presence at Pearl throughout the month of September.

“Which is absolutely huge, because there’s no place in Grosse Pointe to get men’s clothes,” Badalamenti said. “Not anymore.”

“We’re really excited about Carl Sterr and he’s very excited, because a lot of his customers are in Grosse Pointe and that really solves a problem in the area.”

The existing team at Capricious has served the store five years or more and will remain on-hand through its transformation to Pearl,



building upon its reputation in regard to customer service.

An invite-only grand-opening party takes place Thursday, Sept. 5.

“We’re thrilled with how it’s coming together,” Badalamenti said. “In the last store, there was a lot going on. This is going to be much simpler, much sleeker and the clothes are going to speak for themselves.”

First Michigan iCRYO location coming to The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The first iCRYO location in the state is set to open mid-September on The Hill at 96 Kercheval.

“I’m excited to bring it to Grosse Pointe, because Grosse Pointe is such a health-focused place,” said Farms resident Kristen Giancola, who will open the recovery and wellness center as a first-time franchisee alongside her husband, Dominic, and sister-in-law, Adrienne Jasica.

Both women are nurses.

“I work in the ICU and we were looking for a way that I could work outside of the hospital and also provide preventative care to patients prior to them leading very unhealthy lives that would end up in the hospital,” Giancola said.

A presale of iCRYO’s



lifestyle pass affords, for those who purchase prior to opening, two weeks free of unlimited lifestyle services — “It’s almost like a try before you buy, if you

will,” Giancola said — as well as a locked-in discounted rate and a 10 percent discount on all other services.

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Left, IV infusions, NAD therapy and Ozone UV IV therapy will be offered at the iCRYO Grosse Pointe location. Above, iCRYO’s Neveskin facial is part of its body sculpting series.

- ◆ Whole-body cryotherapy, or extreme cold therapy,
- ◆ red-light therapy for anti-aging and skin rejuvenation,
- ◆ compression therapy for speeding up recovery and flushing out the lymphatic system,
- ◆ infrared sauna, which uses infrared waves to heat the core and promote cell repair,

- ◆ zero body dry float, which regenerates and revitalizes the body and mind and aids insomnia, chronic pain and athletic recovery
 - ◆ and a SECA bio-impedance medical scale, which scans the body and provides an overview of body composition, muscle mass, body fat, hydration levels and more.
- The location also will

offer NAD therapy through an IV or intramuscular shot to improve cellular processes for anti-aging; Ozone UV IV therapy, which consists of drawing and enriching a person’s blood with ozone, purifying it with UV light and administering it back into the body through an IV to destroy bacteria, as well as fungal and viral infections; and IV infusions.

“They say that orally when you ingest vitamins, you receive about 30 percent of that vitamin,” Giancola said. “When you take it via an IV infusion, it’s a 90 percent intake of that vitamin.”

Additional iCRYO services include body sculpting, a medical weight loss program, facials and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which uses a pressurized chamber to deliver oxygen to the body’s tissues and improve sleep, increase energy, reduce inflammation and aid wound healing.

“I was a cardiac ICU nurse, so some of these therapies are very near and dear to my heart,” Giancola said, “because unfortunately, high cholesterol levels, obesity, all sorts of factors contribute to heart health and right now so many people are needing open-heart surgeries that could be prevented.”

“So that’s a big goal of mine is to encourage people to be healthy, get healthy, so when they’re in their 50s and 60s, they’re not in that operating room.”

Giancola and her husband live in Grosse Pointe Farms with their two sons.

“We started our foster and adoption journey a couple years ago and have since adopted an 11-year-old son and we have a foster son,” she said, “and what we wanted was an area that was very community based, obviously has great schools and just somewhere where we felt they would thrive, so we made the move to Grosse Pointe, which definitely was the right choice for our family because our kids are doing fantastic.”

“They’ve really been accepted by the community, so of course we fell in love with the community seeing all of that occur and decided we wanted to bring our first location here to what we now call our home.”

The couple plans to open three additional Michigan locations in Rochester, Birmingham or Bloomfield and Shelby Township.

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The future of construction

Park residents build state’s first 3D-printed house

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s a single-story house on Sheridan Street in Detroit that has two bedrooms, one bathroom and some decent attic space. The nearly 1,000-square-foot structure, coated in stucco and painted a mossy green, stands out in the neighborhood, not just because of its newness, but more so because of its origin.

It is the state’s first 3D-printed house and was created by the 501(c)3 organization, Citizen Robotics, founded by Tom Woodman and his daughter, Evelyn Woodman.

The Grosse Pointe Park residents completed the house in January, four years after establishing the nonprofit, the goal of which is to reduce the cost of housing construction through the adoption of robotic construction techniques, as well as teach others how to build more effectively using 3D technology.

The house

Photos featured in the hallway tell the story of the entire building process, from concept to fruition.

Working at its factory in Corktown, the Citizen Robotics team used a robotic arm that “used to build cars, but now builds houses,” Tom Woodman said, to print wall segments using cementitious 3D-printable mortar. The segments then were transported to the 30-by-100-foot plot.

“They came over as empty cavities,” Tom Woodman said, noting that allowed builders to run electrical conduit within the walls before spray foam insulation was added. It took two people three hours to completely insulate the perimeter of the house.

“It’s termite resistant, rot resistant, fire resistant,” Tom Woodman said. “This home has a HERS (Home Energy Rating System) rating of 45, so it’s supremely

energy efficient.

“... When you’re printing a house with concrete, you’re squeezing out layer by layer by layer and making it airtight,” he added. “That’s how you get the efficiency in the home. This isn’t just a 3D-printed novelty; it embodies things we want in the moment.”

The precision involved in 3D printing helps eliminate waste, which leads to savings on material. The built-in energy efficiency also will save money on monthly energy bills. The house is net-zero ready, he added, meaning solar panels may be added for extra efficiency.

In addition to the exterior walls, two nonfunctional interior walls were 3D printed, as were two large planters on the front porch and a few tables inside. The roof system was digitally fabricated as well.

On the exterior, the textured layers were covered with stucco and painted, while the interior walls were covered with drywall — except for an exposed baseline that showcases the 3D-printed detail.

“We wanted to show it can be a ‘normal’ looking house,” Evelyn Woodman said.

She called the house a “visitable home,” as it is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, it does have wide doorways and a zero-threshold entryway to the side.

“The original design intent was somewhere for seniors to age in place,” she said. “But now, with all the people who’ve walked through, almost every demographic has said they could live here.”

The location was selected for its walkability. It’s within a 10-minute walk from The Red Hook coffee house, Metropolitan Variety Store and Sister Pie bakery. It’s less than a mile from Belle Isle and the



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tom Woodman and Evelyn Woodman stand before the 3D-printed house created by their nonprofit, Citizen Robotics.

Detroit Riverwalk as well.

The lot was purchased through the Detroit Land Bank Authority for \$7,500, but additional costs — \$14,000 for permits and another \$45,000 for water and sewer work — drove up the price tag.

“Was this house affordable? No,” Tom Woodman said. “But it’s the first of its kind in the Midwest. It’s a celebration of innovation.”

The Woodmans initially put the house on the market, listing it for \$224,500, but ultimately decided not to sell in order to bring more people through the house to promote the project, which was funded through a grant and construction loan from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

“We got money from the state to fund the project in part,” Tom Woodman said. “... The allure of 3D printing is alive; there’s a desire to participate.”

While the Woodmans said they hope to have a longterm renter in place by October, the pair plans to expand their 3D footprint in the neighborhood by establishing a variety of housing options.

“This is not a model home,” Tom Woodman said. “We’ll print something completely different next. This is a box; next will be something to lean into the freedom of form.”

Added Evelyn Woodman, “This is process innovation, which will lead into design innovation.”

Building up the building industry

Apart from showcasing the potential of 3D printing in the housing world, another goal of Citizen Robotics is to combat a waning workforce.

“There’s a shortage in the construction workforce,” Tom Woodman said. “The ones in it are aging out and young people are not doing it. It’s a bad problem that’s getting worse every year.”

When other industries have had problems, he continued, they’ve leaned into robotics. Why should the housing industry be any different?

Tom Woodman, an MIT-educated technologist whose background is in advanced manufacturing and digitalization, said 3D-printed housing “needs a movement.”

“We wanted to 3D print a house to show it’s possible and to engage others,” he added. “What’s next is for people to experience it for themselves, to decide for themselves what this means for the future. This is what we have to do first.”

Through Citizen Robotics, the team has begun spreading the word about the possibilities of 3D printing.

“Community engagement has been off the charts,” Tom Woodman said. “We’re demonstrating 3D printing at our facility, taking robots on the road to demonstrate at schools. The expression ‘3D printing’ is in the common lexicon, but people don’t really know what it is.”

To combat the workforce shortage, Citizen Robotics is interested in teaching people how to build with robots. The nonprofit has hosted several fundraisers to fund workshops and training



A pair of 3D-printed interior walls showcase the versatility of 3D printing.

to get young people involved in the process.

The team just wrapped up a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds to build a 3D mobile sauna, something on a smaller scale they can use as a teaching tool.

“We’re leaning in to 3D printing’s ability to be agile,” Tom Woodman said. “Then we’ll drive it around to wellness fairs in the city. They will recognize it’s not your usual sauna and we’ll talk about 3D and the benefits of 3D printing — and hopefully attract sponsors.”

The sauna likely will be printed in September, during a Month of Design event. Its eventual sale will help fund future Citizen Robotics projects, including expanding its 3D footprint on Sheridan.

“We’re raising \$12 million to do more on the block,” Tom Woodman said, noting plans include adding duplexes and

quads.

“A quad is a cloverleaf-like structure,” he explained. “It’s four, two-bedroom units in a single structure that’s net-zero.”

The future

The Woodmans’ interest in teaching the value of 3D-printing construction is for the benefit of future generations in a housing market that can seem nearly impossible to navigate.

“Evelyn’s going to struggle to afford housing until she’s 40,” Tom Woodman said. “Her whole generation is. This has turned into a ‘most people’ problem. We need to fix this for the kids.”

“... The way I look at it, there are housing and climate resilience problems to solve,” he added. “This is what we can do to solve them at the same time.”

“There’s a construction workforce shortage, amidst a workforce shortage in all areas. This is STEM for homebuilding and it’s ground we need to cover. ... We can build a better quality of house, but the only way we can do it is with funding.”

“Whether it’s climate, design, accessibility, a career in tech — it’s a lot of ground to cover and can be confusing,” Evelyn Woodman added. “But it helps people care, no matter who they are.”

For information, to make a donation or schedule a visit, visit citizenrobotics.org.



Above, two 3D-printed planters adorn the home’s front porch. Right, the base of this table was created by a 3D printer.



Racing For Kids to the Hill 2024 is ‘All About the Kids’

Racing For Kids is celebrating its 35th anniversary of being the longest-running children’s charity in racing this year. And Racing For Kids to the Hill is adopting a new format to make the event “All About the Kids.”

This year’s event will be a daytime-only program Wednesday, Aug. 28, and will feature a “ramped up” street fair presented by the Racing For Kids team and The Hill Association, facilitated by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

“We are justifiably proud of our 17 years of exciting events with Racing For Kids to the Hill,” said Linda Finger, Racing For Kids director of events. “As we reflect on our past, we also considered the need to occasionally refocus on our core constituency: kids. So this year will feature an expanded daytime program devoted entirely



FILE PHOTOS

Above, youngsters are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News. Right, exotic and classic cars will line Kercheval on The Hill during the Aug. 28 event.

to the kids of our community.”

Once again, Kercheval Avenue will be closed and this year the street fair will be expanded to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Included will be interactive games for the kids, characters from Detroit Circus, music, a magic show, food trucks, classic and exotic cars on

display and activities for the whole family.

There will be a scavenger hunt, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, with local businesses handing out treats to the little “hunters.” The College for Creative Studies will again provide an art station for budding artists to create their masterpieces.



Racing For Kids will present checks for pediatric program development at four area hospitals: Ascension St. John Children’s Hospital, The Children’s Foundation, Henry Ford Medical Center Grosse Pointe and Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

The program also will feature the presentation of Racing For Kids’ ninth annual Courageous Kid

Awards to three young people from the community who have shown amazing strength and determination in dealing with challenging health issues.

Sponsors of this year’s event include: Winner’s Circle Sponsors — Backer Landscaping and Blaser Design Group; Pole Position Sponsors — Sam and Elaine Bush; Front Row Sponsors — Warner Norcross + Judd

and Wayne County Community College District; and Finish Line Sponsors — Higbie Maxon Agney and The Helm. The Grosse Pointe News again will be the media sponsor.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To sponsor this year’s Racing For Kids to the Hill, email debbywright@racingforkids.org or sign up online at racingforkids.org.

Free food truck returns to The Helm

Who says there’s no such thing as a free lunch? Residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes age 60 or older can enjoy a free lunch through the Silver Café Food Truck Initiative, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The food truck is sponsored by Detroit Area Agency on Aging’s Silver Café Initiative, which strives to provide meals for seniors. Simply Spanish Food Truck is offering Spanish-inspired sandwiches. Diners may choose one sandwich — either ribeye, chicken or vegetarian.

“Last year’s event was hugely successful,” The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “More than 100 people joined us for lunch. We enjoyed hosting everyone. It’s a great opportunity to get out of the house, have a deli-

cious lunch and spend time with others. We’ll have tables and chairs set up inside our house as well as outside on the various patios and front lawn.”

Requirements to receive a lunch include being 60 or older and a resident of Harper Woods or the five Grosse Pointes. Registration is required by Tuesday, Aug. 20. Walk-ups will not be accepted. Registrants must indicate choice of sandwich and provide their name, date of birth, phone number and address. Call (313) 882-9600 to register.

Added Siddall, “Not only does the food truck guarantee older adults in our community get a well-balanced meal that day, it raises awareness that many in our community may have a nutrition deficit. But, most of all, it promotes social connection within our community.”

More from The Helm

What to know about opioids

Detroit Area Agency on Aging will be at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, and Tuesday, Sept. 24, to help educate about opioids and the older adult population.

The presentation begins with history about opioids and how their use gained popularity during the 1990s, eventually leading to the over-prescribing and misuse and abuse of these medications.

While effective pain relief, opioids are highly addictive. Between 4 and 9 percent of adults ages 65 or older use prescription opioid medications.

The presentation then focuses on how to use, store and dispose of these medications properly. Resources for those needing assistance with opioid addiction for themselves, family or friends also will be discussed.

This free afternoon event is open to the community. Registration is required. Register at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

Don’t be a victim

Keeping oneself safe at home means knowing crime trends and how to avoid them.

Representatives of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department will be at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, to share important information about the most common crimes happening now in the community. Public safety officers will share ways older adults can avoid becoming victims. As an added bonus, guests will meet K-9 Rocco and learn about the part he plays in fighting crime.

The officers on hand will explain what crimes are trending and provide simple steps to take to avoid these crimes of opportunity. Everything is intended to keep the community safer.

This free evening event is open to the community. Registration is required. Register at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

The Family Center

◆ The Family Center and the cities of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods host a free Family Movie Night Friday, Aug. 16, at Ghesquiere Park, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. The movie “The Trolls Band Together” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Families should bring their own chairs or blankets for seating.

◆ The Family Center presents Playtime in the Park, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Chene-Trombley Park, located at Mack and Ridgmont in Grosse Pointe Woods. Parents are invited to meet other parents while their children play. The Family Center provides water. For information, email maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Family Movie Mondays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Adventure Into Writing, 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Capturing the Moment Photowalk Series with Monica Morgan, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ GPPL @ Pier Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ DreamLab: Adult Swim, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Social Butterflies, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ DigiLit Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Exhibit: The Superhero Project, all day at all branches, Thursday, Aug. 22, to Saturday, Aug. 24.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Talent

Grosse Pointe Talent is hosting a youth theater camp for ages 6 to 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, through Friday, Aug. 23, at Patterson Park. Camp directors Sharron Nelson

and Emmajeane Evans, both veterans of Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage program, will lead children in singing, dancing and playing improvisation games, as well as teach them how to audition for film, television and theater roles. Campers will perform for family and friends at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23. Cost is \$320 per camper and registration is required by Monday, Aug. 12. Visit <https://our.show/gpp2024>

Ford House

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

◆ Family Picnics, all day Tuesdays, through Aug. 20, for Ford House members.

◆ Storytime: “What Do You Do With an Idea?” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 27, for ages 7 and younger.

◆ Wellness Series: Tai Chi for Health, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through Sept. 10. Cost is \$10 per session for members, \$12 per session for nonmembers.

◆ Dog Days of Summer, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, to Sunday, Aug. 25. Usually an exclusive perk for members, the public is welcome to bring their dogs to explore the grounds at Ford House.

◆ Workshop: The Poem’s in the Detail, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, with Michigan Poet Laureate Nandi Comer. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for the public.

◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Michigan Philharmonic presents “Car-Tunes!” 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23. General admission is \$20 for members, \$25 for the public.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

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 grossepointeartistscenter.org.

◆ Architectural Watercolor 101 with Kate

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, September 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. located at the Municipal Building (19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225) for the purpose of hearing public comment on a request from Robertson Brothers Homes to vacate the cul-de-sac abutting 20655 Lennon, also reference as Fraser Square, and extend the road to connect Lennon Street with Van Antwerp Street just west of Harper Avenue.

The abutting property that the proposed roadway extension will run through is further identified by Parcel #82 42 010 07 0066 305, and the following legal description: 156C66A TO 73A, 78A TO 123A PT OF LOTS 66 TO 73 AND LOTS 78 TO 123 AND ADJ VAC STREET 60 FT WIDE BEG N 71D W 9.80 FT FROM SE COR LOT 73: TH N 71D W 310.20 FT TH N 18D 03M 00S E 133.37 FT TH ELY ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO N RAD 60 FT ARC 33.40 FT TH ELY NLY AND WLY ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO W RAD 6 FT ARC 195.72 FT TH WLY ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO N RAD 60 FT ARC 33.40 FT TH N 71D W 590.85 FT TH N 18D 58M E 266.70 FT TH S 71D E 868.69 FT TH SLY 461.43 FT POB. 6.51 AC. HARPER HOME-SITES SUB PC 156 L53 P23 WCR .

The land vacation application is available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk’s Office before September 4, 2024

POSTED: August 15, 2024

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Blog bringing history alive celebrates a decade

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Even after more than 500 blog posts over the last 10 years, Katie Doelle has no shortage of material.

Historical Architecture of Grosse Pointe, presented by Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors, is sourced by thousands of files in the agency’s lower level. The files date back to 1929, when the Maxon brothers started selling homes in Grosse Pointe, and each of them tell a story.

Those are the stories Doelle shares online.

“Years ago, before Katie started here, I knew we had a great archive,” said Kay Agney, owner of the firm. “We let clients know if they wanted to see the history, we were happy to make copies. Then Katie came and said she’d take it and do a whole history of the house.”

The blog began in July 2014, with “A Tale of Five Cities,” followed closely by a look at 15410 Windmill Pointe, a sprawling estate completed in 1924, by Alfred Hopkins & Associates for William Pickett Harris Jr., an investment banker and authority on zoology.

The agency’s files are helpful starting points for Doelle and include interesting details, from the asking price of the home to how much it cost at the time to heat it.

“Some files are really fun to read,” Agney noted. “This (agency) was owned by the Maxon brothers since 1929, then it was Higbie Maxon. We kept adding to the files as we went along.

“It’s interesting to read the comments,” she added, noting before the internet age, everything was handwritten. “Realtors would put down comments on the sellers, why they were selling. The files have little floor plans the Realtors would sketch out. You can really go down a rabbit hole with them.”

The rabbit hole — where Doelle occasionally finds herself — is something she hopes her weekly blog helps others avoid. She gathers and assembles her research in digestible posts of around 1,200 words each.

A single blog post “can take four hours if I know the history or it can take four days,” Doelle said. “It depends on what I’m trying to research. Sometimes it falls into place quickly or it takes a lot longer.”

Several of the files are invaluable as they include information on houses that no longer exist. Doelle enjoys researching the histories of lost homes, learning who built them, who



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Katie Doelle replaces a packet detailing one of the thousands of houses Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors has on file.

designed them, why they were torn down and more.

“The packets allow me to find the name of the original owner, who lived there, who commissioned the house,” Doelle said. “I try to research the original owner, trace their history back to learn who they were married to, learn about their families.”

While the blog started with houses, it developed into posts about lost homes and buildings; leading architects; lesser-known designers and builders; landscape architects; streets; architectural trends; community spaces, buildings and schools; and prominent families.

“If I find the original owner has a fascinating history or is a member of a prominent family, that can lead down several different rabbit holes,” Doelle said. “Or if they had a significant spouse: Some of the women are more fascinating than the men.”

Packets also tend to include floor plans, measurements and even what finishes could be found in each room, Doelle said.

“From a personal standpoint, the second house I owned, on Devonshire, the people had changed it,” Agney said. “There should have been granite pillars on the front porch, but they installed wrought iron. With a photo in the file of what it looked like, I was able to (have it restored the way it was).”

“It really is about piecing all these things together,” Doelle said. “It allows me to go off on a path and find additional research. I was using Google, but I found a lot of misinformation. Now I use old Detroit Free Press clippings and Grosse Pointe News archives,”

Another inquiry, from a descendant of the Vernier family, led to a two-year project and ultimately the replacement of two headstones at St. Paul Cemetery last year.

The blog led to Doelle writing a book, “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe,” in 2020.

“It brings the community to life,” Agney said. “In it she talked about the people who lived in the homes.”

The blog also helped inspire a free lecture series with the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Eight lectures have taken place so far, presented by Realtor Paula Draper and focusing on architecture and the history of the Pointes.

Lectures already are planned for most of next year.

“It’s been so nice to share all of this with the community,” Agney said, “and nice that the community seems to enjoy and appreciate it.”

Doelle said she has a list of ideas for future blogs, but she can easily be sidetracked by, for example, a house going on the market that was part of an old estate.

“I’ll find out when it was divided, what’s there now,” she said. “Something like that will lead to three blog posts. I may stumble into information on accident, which leads to a post I hadn’t planned on doing. But I do have a long list I plan to write about and I’ll add to.”

She said she often turns to Agney for help with the posts.

“Kay is a wealth of knowledge,” Doelle said. “Without the support and knowledge of Kay, this blog wouldn’t happen.”

Agney said the same about Doelle.

“Without Katie, we wouldn’t have such a



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE DOELLE

One of Doelle’s favorite blogs was written about 16632 E. Jefferson, commissioned in 1926, by Detroit industrialist Edgar Woodbury Bowen and designed by architect Wallace Frost.

Top picks

Katie Doelle is passionate about her research and has discovered many fascinating histories through the Grosse Pointes. Of the more than 500 posts she’s written, the following are her favorite findings:

- ◆ The Bronze Door — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--the-bronze-door-restaurant.html
- ◆ St. Paul Cemetery — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--the-st-paul-cemetery.html
- ◆ The Corrick Brothers — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--the-corrick-brothers.html
- ◆ 16632 E Jefferson — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--16632-e-jefferson.html
- ◆ Wallace Frost — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--the-work-of-wallace-frost.html
- ◆ 241 Lake Shore, The Final Years — higbiemaxon.com/blog/historical-architecture-of-grosse-pointe--241-lake-shore-the-final-years.html

great blog every week,” she said. “... I knew it was special, but I had no idea how special it could be. Everybody I talk to, whether it’s their house or they’re not involved, they just love the history of it. We’ve gotten a great response.

“Katie’s done a great job with it. I’m very proud of it and what Katie’s done. I’m surprised how many people have checked it out.”

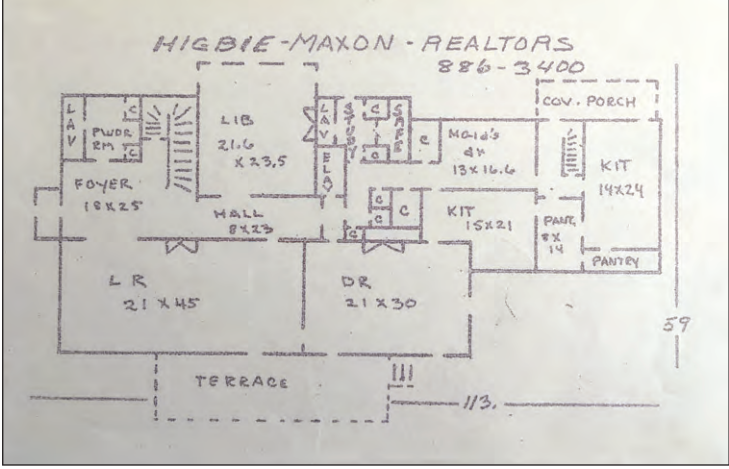
“There’s lots of enthusiasm out there, not just for the history of homes, but for the history of the community,” Doelle added. “... My husband, who grew up here, now asks me about homes and roads and the history of things.”

Agney, who said her real estate company is the only one around with such detailed archives, said the blog has become a tool used by Realtors around the Pointes for selling homes.

Those interested in learning more about their houses should contact Agney at (313) 886-3400.

“If you contact Kay for information, for photos or the history, there’s no charge for that,” Doelle noted. “We encourage people to call if they ever want a history of their home.”

Check out Doelle’s blog online at higbiemaxon.com/blog or katiadoelle.com.



Another of Doelle’s favorites was 241 Lakeshore, top left, the former grand estate of Mrs. Henry Stephens (wife of lumber baron Henry Stephens Jr., who passed in 1910). The property was designed by Charles A. Platt in 1913, and demolished in 1988. Bottom left, the first floor layout of the house was sketched by the Realtor for the home’s file.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE DOELLE

Reception planned

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, in celebration of summer gardens, have organized a reception for the artists who painted in the gardens during the Garden Center’s 32nd annual Garden Tour this June.

The reception provides an opportunity to meet and talk to the artists and view their distinctive

paintings of the gardens, as well as some of their additional art work, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, in the Patriot Gallery of the Fred M. Alger Center at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

The art exhibition runs through Friday, Sept. 20.

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OBITUARIES

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

Donald E. DelPlace Jr.

Donald E. DelPlace Jr., 79, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Clermont, Fla., passed away suddenly Monday, July 29, 2024, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Don was born Feb. 12, 1945, at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Donald Sr. and Lillian (nee Beaupre). He graduated from St. Paul High School in 1963, and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.

Throughout his childhood, Don was a passionate sports fan and quite the athlete himself, lettering in baseball and hockey in high school. He was an avid sports fan his entire life and loved to golf. He was a gifted bowler, too, with a high game of 287.

Don was a devoted Miami Hurricanes fan, season ticket holder and big baseball and football booster for the Hurricanes. He attended many games as an honored supporter of the programs and coaches of the baseball and football teams over the years.

In his professional career, Don worked for some of the top advertising agencies in Detroit, including J. Walter Thompson. He later moved to Florida, working for Nivel, and then went into business for himself, creating and becoming the publisher of a leading golf industry magazine. Upon retirement and selling his magazine, Don bought a summer home in Grosse Pointe to spend his summer-through-fall retirement years near three of his children, grandchildren, sister and four nieces. A true snowbird, Don wintered at his Clermont, Fla., golf course home with his wife, Betty.

In retirement, Don's favorite pastimes were spending time with his seven grandchildren, watching all their games, attending school events, golfing and watching sports and movies. He loved animals and took in two rescue dogs and three cats who he spoiled dearly. His days golfing with his grandsons and

granddaughter at Gowanie Golf Club were days he especially looked forward to every week.

Don was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Betty (nee Andrews); and his beloved first dog, Loki.

Don is survived by his sister, Sharon Reardon (the late Patrick Reardon); daughter, Tambre Tedesco (Joe); son, Donald E. DelPlace III; son, Mickey DelPlace (Thuong); and daughter, Jessica Hodges (Dave). He will be forever missed by his grandchildren, Joey Tedesco, Jake Tedesco, Mia Tedesco, Andrew DelPlace, Ellie DelPlace, Lillian Hodges and Layla Hodges. Don's four nieces, Darlene Reardon, Debbie Perkins, Sherry Reardon and Denise McCloskey (Jon), also were quite dear to him. Don will be eternally remembered for his big heart, quick wit, competitive spirit and generosity.

Services and viewing were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, followed by a memorial Mass celebration at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He was interred at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, at gpaas.org/donate.

John J. DeMarco

John J. DeMarco, a cherished husband, distinguished academic and successful entrepreneur, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2024, after a long battle with oral cancer. Born Nov. 21, 1952, in Chicago, John was the beloved son of Mario and Eleanor DeMarco, both of whom predeceased him.

John's academic journey was marked by exceptional achievements. His family relocated to Grosse Pointe, where he graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1970, earned a bachelor's degree in history from Wayne State University in 1974, followed by a master's degree in public administration in 1976. He earned a doctorate in public administration from Syracuse University

in 1979.

His dedication to education led him to a distinguished career as an assistant professor at the University of Georgia Political Science Department, an adjunct professor at the University of South Florida and a professor at Keller Graduate School of Management.

John's professional life was complemented by his roles as a partner at PSI Market Research Corp., and the proud owner of Remy's Wine and Spirits in Tampa, Fla. His contributions to both the academic and business communities were significant and deeply valued.

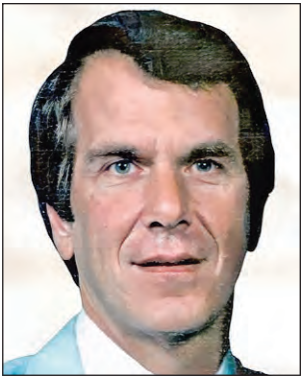
A man of diverse interests, John found joy working out, playing handball, engaging in chess and immersing himself in reading. His vibrant spirit extended to his personal life, here he was a devoted dog lover and had a deep affection for his family.

John met his future wife, Kimberly DeTine, in 1974, while they both worked at the Punch and Judy Theater. Their relationship blossomed into a loving marriage in 1982. John's kindness, generosity, humor and intelligence were evident to all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kimberly DeTine DeMarco, as well as his cherished sisters-in-law, Paula Elias, Michelle DeTine, Pamela DeTine, Elizabeth DeTine, Claudia "Dede" Ward (Scott), Collette DiCintio (Nick) and Maureen DeTine, and brother-in-law, Patrick DeTine (Silvia). John's family also includes 11 nieces and nephews, his aunt, Teresa Lettow (Dieter), and many cousins who will miss him dearly.

John J. DeMarco's legacy is one of profound love, unwavering generosity and a life well-lived. He will be remembered fondly for his remarkable contributions, enduring spirit and the warmth he brought into the lives of those around him.

Donations in John's memory may be made to FLUFF Animal Rescue, 9400 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772, or fluffanimalrescue.org/donate.



Donald E. DelPlace Jr.

Share a memory at baldwincremation.com/john-j-demarco/

Donna Maria DiSante

Donna Maria DiSante, 74, passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2024.

She is survived by her siblings, Christopher, Angela (Mark McIntosh), Tony (Stephanie Jaworski) and Peter (Erin Ann Conway). She also was an aunt to five and great-aunt to three.

Donna was known by some as "Miss Grosse Pointe Theatre," as she was a member of the group for more than 50 years. During that time she briefly served as president, acted and directed in many plays, several for which she won awards. Donna also volunteered on backstage committees. She very much enjoyed managing and directing for the Youth on Stage program at the Grosse Pointe Theatre for several years.

Donna also loved to sing and was in the choir at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church and later at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. She often referred to herself as an artist. She graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in art history. In the past, she did some painting and sculpting. She also enjoyed her time as a member of Focolare.

In 1967, Donna graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School, where she served on the senior council and also acted in productions. She maintained close friends from her high school days. Over the years, she worked at the Attic Theatre and was very active with them. She also worked at Focus Hope and PIME Missionaries.

"I'm going to die when I'm 75. I just have that feeling." She often repeated that the past several years. She died just days before her 75th birthday. She had had multiple medical problems much of her life and her family finds comfort knowing she is finally out of pain.

Until the end, she enjoyed spending time with her many friends and hardly ever missed a social event. She had an exceptionally good memory and loved to talk about her previous travels, experiences, childhood memories and the latest news stories. She could provide detailed DiSante and DeMaggio family histories.

Funeral services will be



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held Thursday, Aug. 15. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations in Donna's memory may be made to Grosse Pointe Theatre, gpt.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org

Rose Marie "Rosie" Stieber

Rose Marie "Rosie" Stieber, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all who knew her, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at age 96.

Born May 21, 1928, in Detroit, Rosie had two siblings, Katherine Charnow, (deceased) (the late Charles) and Albert Hartford (Yvonne).

Rosie was a student at St. Rose School, where she formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. She first crossed paths with William "Bill" Stieber on the dance floor in high school and their connection was undeniable. On Oct. 1, 1949, they exchanged vows and built a life filled with love and adventure.

They welcomed nine children: Robert (Emelita), William Jr. (Tricia), Thomas (Claudia), John (deceased), Patrick (Cindy), Mark (deceased) (Mary), Daniel (deceased), Timothy (Mary Grace) and Kimberly (Michael). After 13 years apart, Bill and Rosie now are lovingly reunited.

Rosie's family grew to include 20 grandchildren: Jennifer (Stephen), Robert (deceased), William, Claire, Katherine, Elizabeth, Leslie, Scott (Gwen), Nicholas, John (LaCina), Allyson (Santiago), Matthew (Emily), Nicole (Peter), Julianne, Andrew, Rebecca (Kevin), Raymond, Nathan, Matthew and Peter. She also was blessed with 19 great-grandchildren: Bethany, Beau, Jacob, Noah, Riley, Grace, Daniel, Mary, Samuel, Sophie, Sutton, Michael, Jackson, Jasmine, Benjamin, Evelyn, Isabel, Audrey and James.

Rosie lived a full life, maintaining her independence throughout her years. Known for her warm hospitality, she hosted the extended family for backyard barbecues every Sunday afternoon during the summer and cooked



Donna Maria DiSante



Rose Marie Stieber

Thanksgiving dinner every year. She lived with an open-door policy and her family knew they could always count on her to have gummy bears, ice cream and cheap beer for anyone who stopped by. Her philosophy on living a long and healthy life was simple but profound: "Never turn down an invitation. Go even if you don't want to. ... You'll always enjoy yourself."

The past 40 years, she spent her winters in Longboat Key, Fla., where she enjoyed the sunshine and frequent visits of friends and family. Rosie also was an avid traveler, having visited 49 states and numerous countries around the world, embracing new experiences and cultures. In her younger days, she also enjoyed camping with her family and was active at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and Austin Catholic Preparatory School.

Rosie was an avid bridge player and reader, passions she continued to enjoy regularly until the end of her life. As a volunteer, Rosie dedicated 35 years of service to Bon Secours/Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe and 18 years at Mote Marine in Sarasota, Fla. She also ushered for several years at theaters in the Detroit and Sarasota areas.

While she was an exceptional conversationalist and had an enviable memory, Rosie's biggest gift was making people feel special. Rosie's memory will forever live on in the hearts of her family and friends who will carry forward her legacy of kindness and beautiful spirit.

Services will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48215.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Corewell Grosse Pointe receives national recognition

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines — Stroke Gold Plus award for its proven dedication to provide all stroke patients with access to lifesaving

care and treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor

Roll award. The award is given to hospitals that aim specifically to help patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-

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Celebrate Ford House’s Dog Days of Summer with canine companions

Calling all dog owners who cherish nature walks with their furry friends. From Aug. 20 to 25, Ford House is hosting its Dog Days of Summer event, a chance to explore the estate’s grounds with canine companions.

Typically, the ability to walk a dog on the grounds of Ford House is reserved for Friends of Ford House, the estate’s group that provides discounts and additional perks. The Dog Days of Summer event opens the estate to the public and their dogs, offering an unforgettable experience amidst nature.

Partnering with Michigan Humane, Ford House aims to support the cause with 40 percent of ticket sales benefiting its efforts.

“We’re thrilled to expand our relationship with Michigan Humane,” said Director of Visitor Experience Amanda Rutland. “Having supported their Mutt March for years, this event is a wonderful opportunity to further our shared commitment to animal welfare and community engagement while also welcoming new guests to Ford House.”

Visitors may even get a chance to meet Moss, Ford House’s own border collie. Moss has been an integral part of the estate for seven years, keeping the estate pristine by herding away Canada geese. His dedication and friendly presence make him a beloved member of the team at Ford House.

Dogs must always be on a six-foot leash and are not permitted on Bird Island or inside any buildings.

Admission is free for Friends of Ford House members. Public tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5



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Dog Days of Summer benefits Michigan Humane.

for ages 4 to 12. Children younger than 3 are admitted free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets may be purchased online at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222.

Ford House is grateful to its annual sponsors, including Ford Philanthropy, Northern Trust, Bodman PLC, Henry Ford Health, D Land Group Property Management, Frank Rewold & Sons, Brown & Brown/Philadelphia Insurance, Grunwell Cashero, Saros Real Estate Services, Event Theory and PGS Dentistry/Growing Smiles.

Public invited to Nonprofit Mixer

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its second annual Nonprofit Mixer, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The purpose of the event is to allow nonprofit organizations to showcase their work and share volunteer and involvement opportunities with the community. A variety of nonprofits are lined up for the event, including:

- ◆ Active Minds Foundation
- ◆ Alliance for Grosse Pointe Public Schools
- ◆ Beyond Basics
- ◆ C A R E of Southeastern Michigan
- ◆ Detroit Horse Power
- ◆ Detroit Institute for Children
- ◆ Field Day Delivered
- ◆ Ford House
- ◆ Gilda’s Club
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre
- ◆ Kevin’s Song
- ◆ Life Remodeled
- ◆ Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance
- ◆ Michigan Science Center
- ◆ Neighborhood Club
- ◆ The Helm
- ◆ The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe
- ◆ The War Memorial
- ◆ Wayne County Community College District

The public is welcome to this networking event. Ford House will provide light food options and a cash bar.

For more information, email info@grossepointechamber.com.

Six Mile Strings to perform at Next Chapter Books

Next Chapter Books, 16555 E. Warren, Detroit, will host its first official bookstore concert, featuring Six Mile Strings, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

The Detroit-based classical string quartet was formed in 2019, by friends Yuri Popowycz, Natalie Frakes, Alycia Wilder and Tom Sullivan.

“They’re a super fun Detroit-based string quartet that has performed in Detroit venues like the Music Box at the Max and the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, to outdoor concerts around Interlochen, Traverse City and the Leelanau Peninsula,” said Sarah Williams, owner of Next Chapter Books. “The violist, Alycia Wilder, lives in Morningside and visits our bookstore regularly, including with her daughter for weekly storytime.”

Six Mile Strings strives to bring a variety of genres, styles and compositions to listeners. Its debut album, “Up North,” can be

found on major streaming platforms.

“We love to use our space to uplift local creatives and draw the community together,” Williams said. “It should be a wonderful night of music in a relaxed setting.”

“As we are an intimate venue, people should RSVP and purchase their tickets ahead of time.”

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at tinyurl.com/2ub2zucu

— Jody McVeigh



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GP Run coming soon

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club members wore their Grosse Pointe Run T-shirts when Michigan State Sen. Kevin Hertel, representing the 12th District, visited the club’s July 16 meeting at Ford House. The club is hosting the 45th annual Grosse Pointe Run along Lakeshore on Sept. 21. All monies raised are returned to the community through scholarships, grants and support of local charities. For more information, visit grossepointerun.com

Michigan author to visit Coreander’s Aug. 22

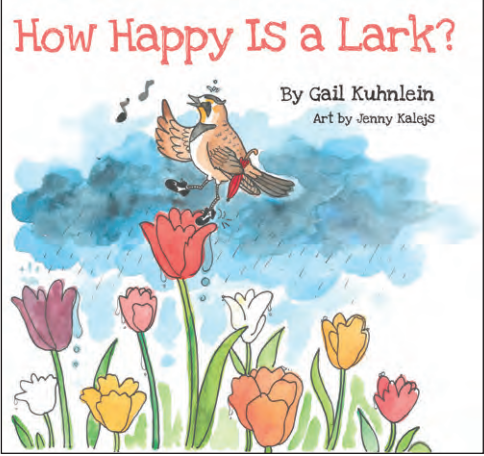
Thursday, Aug. 22, local picture book author Gail Kuhnlein will be in the theater from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Coreander’s Children’s Bookshoppe, 15118 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Her book “How Happy Is a Lark?” tackles timeless questions no one has dared ask — or answer — before: How silly is a goose? How sly is a fox? How curious is a cat?

Past readings have elicited smiles, giggles and guffaws from young audiences. The book introduces children to a fun and poetic aspect of language. The author encourages the children to participate in the reading experience.

“We are excited for Gail Kuhnlein to join us in the theater and we know the audience will love her book,” said Jen Kendall, manager/buyer of the shop. “The books will be available to purchase at Coreander’s and can be signed after the reading.”

Kuhnlein has been writing stories since she was young. She made her own dream come true when she decided to self-publish this book after decades spent querying publishers. The book has a five-star rating and received several national awards.



Author Gail Kuhnlein will read her book, “How Happy Is a Lark?” to children Aug. 22.

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based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

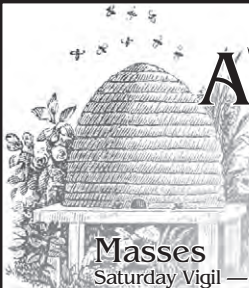
“This recognition from the American Heart Association validates our commitment to providing the highest quality stroke care to our community,” said Derk Pronger, hospital president. “At Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, we’re dedicated to implementing best practices and evidence-based treatments that give our patients the best possible outcomes. This award reflects the hard work and expertise of our entire stroke care team.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, strokes are a leading cause of death and disability in the United States. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery times.

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital was able to qualify for these awards by demonstrating its commitment to providing quality care for stroke patients. This is done by following treatment guidelines and educating patients on how to best manage their health and recover at home.

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GP Library exhibits Superhero Project posters

The Grosse Pointe Library is celebrating the power of imagination, inclusion and joy with a special exhibit of more than 50 posters from the Superhero Project. The posters will be on display Thursday, Aug. 22, to Monday, Sept. 9, at all three library locations.

The Superhero Project empowers youth impacted by serious illnesses, disabilities and other complex mental health, developmental or medical needs. Kids and teens are interviewed about who they are beyond their diagnosis and how they want to make a difference in the world — their superhero mission. A member of the global League of Extraordinary Artists, digital illustrators who volunteer their time, design the heroic alter egos the children have described. These superhero posters are provided to each family to treasure forever.

“We’re honored to share this powerful exhibit,” Library Director Jessica Keyser said. “I encourage everyone to stop by one of our branches to see how the Superhero Project uses the power of art as a tool for healing.”

In addition to the posters, a special superhero exploration program takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Woods branch and 3 p.m. at the Central branch, as well as at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Ewald branch.

Attendees will explore superhero themes, learn the importance of representation in art and create their own original art. The program is for elementary and middle school students.

At 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Ewald branch, elementary and older students can explore superhero themes and learn drawing techniques with colorist and portrait artist, Tzu Pore. Register online at grossepointelibrary.org/calendar-of-events/#/events/



Invincible Inaya created by 6-year-old I, and designed by Ana Gusson.



SuperJ inspired by 9-year-old J, and designed by Erick Angel Pabon.



A poster from the exhibit, Kai Magic created by 12-year-old K, and designed by Taryn Cozzy.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Eastside Republican Club officials welcome GOP candidate Griffin Wojtowicz, center, in front of the Mack Avenue campaign office. Wojtowicz, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is the Republican candidate for representative in the Michigan Legislature, 10th District. Greeting Wojtowicz are David A. DeWitt, left, and Dave Schumacher, both of the Woods. The newly drawn 10th District includes Harper Woods, a portion of Detroit and all but two precincts of the five Grosse Pointes.

GOP to host Victory Office open house

The Eastside Republican Club will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to celebrate opening its 2024 Republican Victory Office and kick off its 2024 local General Election campaign activities.

The office is located at 21155 Mack, at Brys in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“We invite voters, elected officials, candidates, volunteers and anyone interested in helping elect Republicans to attend. Refreshments will be served,” ERC chairman Mike Vethacke said.

He reminds voters that Michigan permits early voting this year as early

as Monday, Oct. 7.

The Eastside Republican Club will coordinate volunteer staffing for the office, which normally will be staffed 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to stop in during these times to pick up literature and lawn signs.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held monthly, September through May. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at EastsideRepublican.Club and “follow” the ERC on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).

EVENTS:

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Fincham, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Aug. 22.

◆ 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.

◆ Two-Day Mixed Media Print-a-Thon with Valerie Allen, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22.

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:

◆ Cooking with the Platinum Chef, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, with personal chef and nutritionist Rhoda St. Luce. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for non-members.

◆ 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. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

◆ Premier World Discovery presents “Music Cities — New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville” and “Burgundy and Provence River Cruise,” 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Learn about the itineraries for both trips.

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.

◆ SummerFest Concert featuring Air

Margaritaville, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: From Bach to the Beatles, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.

◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: The Music of Hans Zimmer, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.

◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

◆ Vet Connect Seminar: Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Brian Love, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

◆ Caricature Night with Andrew Sigman, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Tickets are \$30 and includes all materials.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Tucker Rossmassler, a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, will speak about ending generational poverty. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Reunions

◆ 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 @amytred

holland. 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.

◆ The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1974 seeks classmates for its 50th reunion, which takes place Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$100 and include food stations, a photo booth, commemorative gift and cash bar. A casual gathering takes place Friday, Sept. 20, at Watermark Bar and Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Payment may be made via Venmo: @gpn74reunion or by mailing checks to Gary Lannen, GPN 74 Reunion, 7124 Chapel View Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346. Further information can be found online at grossepointenorth1974.com

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening returns to Grosse Pointe when it hosts affordable health screenings Monday, Aug. 26, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests can learn about the risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Advanced registration is required. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work to create a package right for each individual. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

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Detroit Zoo welcomes first-ever baby gorilla

Critically endangered western lowland is first to be born in zoo’s 96-year history

The Detroit Zoo recently announced a baby gorilla has been born for the first time in the zoo’s 96-year history. Twenty-six-year-old Bandia, a first-time mother, gave birth in the early morning hours of Thursday, Aug. 8. Zoo officials reported that mom and baby, along with the father, 36-year-old Mshindi, are all doing well. “Bandia had a very smooth pregnancy, which is so important for a first-time mom,” said

Tami Brightrall, associate curator of mammals for the Detroit Zoological Society. “Throughout her eight-and-a-half-month pregnancy, she continued to participate in routine ultrasounds using positive reinforcement training methods, which allowed our team to check on the baby along the way and ensure everything was going well.” The new gorilla, who does not yet have a name, is now the fifth to call the zoo home. The baby joins

Bandia and Mshindi, along with 20-year-old Tulivu and 11-year-old Nayembi, who all arrived at the Detroit Zoo in August 2023. DZS mammal and primate teams, along with veterinary staff, have been working for months to not only prepare Bandia for motherhood, but also make sure the rest of the troop was ready for the baby’s arrival. “Animal care staff actually carried a stuffed gorilla around the habitat while interacting with the troop to properly demonstrate how to carry a baby,” Brightrall said. “Our teams also taught the gorillas how to gently touch the stuffed animal, pick it up off the ground and bring it to a member of the team over at the mesh barrier.”



The newborn, which has yet to be named, is the first western lowland gorilla to be born at the Detroit Zoo.



Bandia cuddles with her newborn baby at the Detroit Zoo.

Bandia and her baby will be closely monitored in the coming days and weeks. Animal care staff will carefully watch for maternal and nursing behaviors while tracking milestones such as eye movements, sound recognition and object grasping along the way. The other gorillas will continue to be observed as well to see how they behave and react to the addition of the baby to their troop. As with all the animals who call the Detroit Zoo home, Bandia and her baby soon will have the option to come and go as they please throughout

the 4-acre Great Apes of Harambee habitat, meaning they eventually may be viewed either inside the great apes building or outside in their spacious yard. It is important to note, however, it might be a while before guests are able to actually view the gorillas. “The time we open the habitat for guests to see the gorillas, including the baby, all depends on Bandia’s behavior and needs, especially as a first-time mom,” said Melissa Thueme, a mammal supervisor for the DZS. “We want to keep things calm and quiet for Bandia, the baby and the rest of the troop to provide them time to settle in, and the area will

reopen once the animal care team determines mom and baby have had enough time to bond and become comfortable in their habitat.”



Bandia and her baby will be closely monitored in the coming days and weeks.

ASK THE EXPERTS

By Christine Alcantara, LSW, CAADC

How EMDR helps treat trauma

Q: I keep hearing about EMDR. What is it exactly?

A: Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, or EMDR, is an evidence-based therapy proven to treat trauma. Since development in the 1980s, EMDR also has been applied to other issues including, but not limited to, panic attacks and addiction.

Trauma is part of life, whether it be forgetting to turn in important homework in school or being involved in an accident. EMDR posits that when a traumatic incident occurs, the person is not in the state of mind to adequately process the event. The memory stays with the person and impacts them throughout their life.

EMDR practitioners believe the “past is present.” For example, a 40-year-old person could have a problematic history with forging a meaningful romantic relationship. During therapy the patient realizes that being stood up for a date in high school has impacted them for decades. When the person is confronted with dating, the negative beliefs, thoughts and physical sensations that were part of the memory get triggered in the present.

Bilateral stimulation, or BLS, which is watching the therapist’s fingers move side to side, is a hallmark of EMDR. Dual attention is created when the patient is asked to watch the fingers while simultaneously thinking about the memory. This facilitates calm feelings in the patient along with encouraging adaptive thoughts regarding the event. Memories become less disturbing and new perspectives regarding the event emerge, which allows the patient to have new insights.

The event is then restored with the new adaptive, healthy perspective causing a transformative shift in their perception of themselves or the event.

Two aspects of EMDR set it apart from other therapies. First, the use of bilateral stimulation facilitates quick positive improvement. Second, EMDR is not talk therapy. While the therapist needs to understand the situation, detail is not necessary, thereby preventing re-traumatizing the patient by requiring them to relive it.

EMDR is a comprehensive therapy as it uses a three-pronged approach to address the past, present and future. The past memory is reprocessed to alleviate any triggers in the present. Then future templates can be developed to address upcoming challenges. The patient is successfully liberated from the past, not triggered in the present and has a new skill set to apply in the future.

EMDR should be done by a trained professional who teaches coping skills prior to the processing of a memory and is able to safely address disturbing issues from the trauma.

Christine Alcantara, LMSW, CAADC, helps her clients reach their desired potential by promoting overall wellness and optimal mental health through an integrative evidence-based approach using cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-focused therapy and EMDR. She can be reached at (313) 549-9216.

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Is there something I can do to effectively stop this nonsense? — Socked in the Shores

Dear Socked,

It sounds like these guys are suffering from sock-itis. They must be allergic to putting the socks in the laundry basket. I wonder if you could have some fun while teaching these guys a lesson.

Start throwing your bras all over the house and see how they like it. When they ask what is going on, calmly explain that their affliction has become contagious and now you are also allergic to the laundry bin.

When they realize how ridiculous their behavior is, perhaps they will comply with “the rules.”

If not, try putting a stair caddy on the stairs and see if they can muster up the energy to use that rather than the floor.

— Gabby

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Husband’s hypochondria getting out of hand

DEAR ANNIE: My husband is a hypochondriac. It is so very hard living with him. Every time he hears of someone in our family coming down with an illness, he claims he has it. He is a healthy man and perfectly able-bodied.

I get disgusted when he takes a handicapped spot next to a store when I know he doesn’t need it.

During the height of the pandemic, he was in hysterics all the time. I cannot tell you how many hours I spent trying to pacify him, looking for things that were no longer available, like a thermometer. Because he swore the many thermometers we had at home were not working. I would go to

five or six stores. During a pandemic.

He hears about a disease, looks up the symptoms and swears he has it. He goes to his doctors (he has nine of them at this time) and will relay his “symptoms” to them. They run expensive tests, and he is on many medications because of this.

I tried to talk to his main treating physician, and the doctor told me flat-out that if my husband comes to him with problems, it’s his responsibility to try to help him.

I tried several years ago to get my husband into therapy, but he refused.

I recently became very ill, and while I was sick, he was angry and unsympathetic. He wants to hear everything I am feeling -- not because he wants to help me but because he is taking mental notes. He doesn’t even bring me any water or hot tea.

Years ago, I had a serious injury and required

surgery. The doctor prescribed some pain medication for me to take because I would be in pain after the anesthesia



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



anything for you.” My husband had taken three days of my pain medication while I slept. I cannot describe how upset I was. He has not worked in 30 years. He claimed and was granted disability. It’s exhausting. I just can’t go on any more.

I am retired and we have been married 15 years. He says he has been like this all his life.

I try to maintain my own hobbies and friendships. I try so hard to have some sort of peace.

I wait on him, even trimming his nails. He will sit there and complain if I go anywhere.

He has no hobbies, no friends, he spends his entire day on his laptop. He doesn’t eat any vegetables or fruit.

I try to get him to go on walks, which end up with him pretending to fall so we have to go home.

Whenever we go anywhere, he will pretend to throw his hip or hurt himself.

I have actually witnessed pretending to fall down a short flight of stairs. I wish I had videotaped it because I’ll tell you, I was just not even shocked, just disgusted.

When we first met and were dating, we went on hikes, long drives, dance classes, all kinds of stuff. Then we got married and a few months later he started saying he didn’t feel well any time I wanted to go somewhere. The man I dated is not the man I married. He is some sort of freak actor.

I am disgusted and resentful. Thank you for any advice you can give me. I just feel broken. — Living With a Hypochondriac



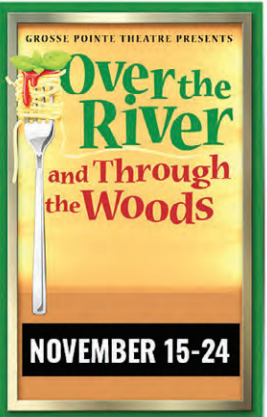
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DEAR LIVING WITH A HYPOCHONDRIAC: It sounds like your husband has a serious anxiety disorder.

It’s important for him to get professional help to treat his condition, or else it will spiral even further out of control. If he refuses to seek treatment, then perhaps it’s time to reevaluate whether he is a good life partner.

In the meantime, set boundaries with him, continue nurturing your hobbies and friendships, and focus on your own self-care. A good therapist can help you process these difficult emotions and evaluate potential next steps.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I've always been a nervous flyer. I'm also the type of person who panics about a bunch of stuff on Amazon to try and solve all of my flight anxieties. Seriously, I'd rather be over-prepared on a plane, drowning in snacks, activities, screen time, downloaded shows and all the comforts of home than be without something I need. Being stuck on a plane for more than eight hours? No, thank you. Buying a bunch of stuff I don't need to try and help myself? Sure. So, in my quest for maximum comfort, I bought this airplane foot hammock. It promises to transform your cramped

airplane seat into a first-class experience by hooking up to the seat tray and letting you adjust your feet to any height, making it easier to sleep. The idea is pretty straightforward: You attach the hammock straps to the tray table arms, adjust the length to your liking and voila! Instant foot rest! Elevating your feet is supposed to reduce leg fatigue and improve circulation, which sounds like a dream on long flights. Now, here's where it gets funny. My seat on the plane already had a little footrest under the tray. So, my fancy new ham-



mock was pretty much useless. Plus, my carry-on bag was so full of stuff

that I had zero room to maneuver. I felt like a magician pulling a million

little tricks from my bag that I ultimately didn't need and didn't use. But hey, at least I tried, right? And honestly, the hammock itself is a cool gadget. If your seat doesn't come with a built-in footrest and you have room to spare in your carry-on, it could be a game-changer. Just make sure you don't overpack like I did or you'll end up feeling like a walking travel infomercial. In the end, the foot hammock is a cool idea that could really amp up your in-flight comfort. Just maybe check if your seat has a footrest first and try not to overcomplicate your travel gear. Lesson

learned: Sometimes less is more when you're 30,000 feet in the air. I'll give this product 2.5 out of 5 alligators because it did work just fine, but I'm not sure it will necessarily help your flight experience. 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.



2.5 Out Of 5

Summer refresh Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I must say that I'm reaching my limit of ice cream for the summer. I've had enough ice cream in the last two months to last me through the fall, winter and spring. Watermelon is a different story. I can never get enough of it. It's time to refresh our summer sweet go-to's with a healthy alternative to the usual suspects. Today I'm making a light and refreshing slush with lime and coconut milk. It's ice cold, hydrating and best slurped through a straw or eaten with a spoon. The coconut milk adds just a bit of creaminess while the lime cuts right through the sweetness from the melon and honey. You might have some extra frozen cubes of melon depending on the size you purchase. Watermelon chunks make perfect ice cubes. I even added some chunks to the slush to

keep it extra cold. You could add chili-lime seasoning over top to give it an extra kick as well. This recipe is an easy and satisfying hit for all on a sweltering hot day. Cheers, Mombeau

Coconut Lime Watermelon Slushie

2 small watermelons

Juice and zest of 1 lime

1/3 cup coconut milk

1 tbsp honey

1 pinch salt

Lime slices for garnish

Halve one of the watermelons and scoop out the flesh either with an ice cream scoop or you can cube it. Place the melon on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet and freeze for three to four hours.

While the watermelon is freezing, start making the watermelon juice. Halve the second melon and scoop out the inside. Leave the rind intact, if you plan to serve this in a watermelon bowl. Add about two cups of the melon into a blender and pulse until smooth. You'll need about half cup of juice. Any remaining juice can be set aside to add to the slush until you reach your desired consistency. At this point you can strain the water through a fine meshed sieve into a bowl or leave as is. Once the melon in the freezer is frozen, add to a blender along with the juice and zest of the lime, coconut milk, watermelon juice, honey and pinch of salt. Pulse together until it develops into a slush-like texture. Add extra coconut milk or juice if you are having trouble getting the mixture incorporated



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

together. You want the end result to be thick but not watery.

Spoon the mixture into individual glasses for serving or spoon back

into the rind bowl. Garnish with lime slices and enjoy.



Color in red wine

Anyone who regularly drinks red wine knows that it is primarily intended to pair with foods based around meats and other relatively assertive victuals. The color and the flavor in red wine both come from the skins of the grapes that produced it, and many people believe that the darker the color, the more intense the flavor. Though this might be true, it doesn't always follow that the resulting wine is better. The only conclusions I can draw about very dark-colored red wines are that they possibly were intended to impress people and that the flavors might actually have been harmed by the effort to produce more intense pigmentation. I do not drink wine for its color. I drink wine for its flavor. And in my estimation, the best red wines to go with food are those that are harmonious, which in most cases means that they are

closer to red than black. (We call it red wine for a reason.) This is not always evident, in particular when some of the most expensive wines being produced in the United States over the last 20 years or so have been extremely dark. The two traits (very dark color and high price) seem to go together. In 50 years of professionally evaluating wine, I have found that some of the most enjoyable wines actually were lighter in

color -- and cost a lot less than the supposedly exalted red wines that achieved high scores from other reviewers. In an effort to get very dark wines with more intense flavors, some wineries end up making reds with a lot more astringency, a bitterness which can be off-putting. Some of the highest-scoring wines were not intended to be consumed young but to be aged for years. Since few people like drinking young astringent wines, and since few people like to age their wines for years, I suggest that the best red wines to work with food are those that are lighter. However, since red wine is mostly in bottles with dark tints, it's not always possible to determine the color of the wine. It might help to

hold the bottle up to a bright light. The color should show through the glass. Another clue to help you get a red wine that's moderate in color is to seek wines with modest alcohol levels. Wines with 13 percent to 13.5 percent alcohol frequently are lighter in color than wines closer to 15 percent alcohol. Since alcohol can mask flavor, lower-alcohol reds tend to be more flavorful than wines with higher alcohols. And they usually work better with food. In the last few decades, most California red wines have risen in alcohol to well over 14 percent. This is due to California's abundance of sunlight, which generates higher grape sugars and leads to higher alcohols. Red wines from Europe, by contrast, tend to have slightly lower alcohols because the grapes are grown in a continental climate in which sunlight doesn't play as great a role. It is one reason why French, Spanish and Italian red wines in particular tend to be better balanced than so many California wines that are grown for impact, not balance or nuance. Wine of the Week: 2020 Matteo Correggia

Roero (\$26) — This pale red wine is one of the most striking and flavorful wines coming from Piemonte in northern Italy. Roero is better known for its white wines made from the grape called arneis (ahr-nayce), but the red called simply Roero is superb with light red meat dishes. It is made entirely of nebbiolo, the grape

that produces Barolo, and will improve nicely with five to eight years in the bottle. But it's delightful when young. Dan Berger lives in Sonoma County, California, where he publishes "Vintage Experiences," a weekly wine newsletter. Write to him at winenut@gmail.com. COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM



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Left, Olivia Colman as Edith Swan and Jessie Buckley as Rose Gooding in the 2023 movie “Wicked Little Letters,” written by Jonny Sweet and directed by Thea Sharrock.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Wicked Little Letters”
2023 - Rated R
1 hr 40 min
★★★★☆

“Wicked Little Letters” is a wicked little film you can’t help but crack up watching. It’s about a character assassination that took place in Littlehampton, a sleepy seaside town in the south of England. The scandal was fairly tame by today’s standards, but at the time, the early 1920s, it rocked the nation. I thought it was amusing that today, a nasty comment on social media can practically destroy someone, while a hundred years one had to use the postal service to achieve the same thing. The methodology has changed, but the end result is the same. The film has the feel of

a BBC production, but includes so much swearing, I doubt they’d have anything to do with filming it. It stars a couple of my favorite actors, Olivia Colman and Jessie Buckley, who happened to appear together in the recent movie “The Lost Daughter.” In that film they play the same woman at different points in her life. Here, their interactions are the crux of the film. Thea Sharrock directed. (I reviewed her fine film “The Beautiful Game” earlier this year). Edith Swan (Colman) is a devout Catholic, and a priggish spinster who lives with her elderly parents Edward (Timothy Spall) and Victoria (Gemma Jones). Here, Spall is wonderful as the domineering, tyrant of a father who rules the household with an iron fist. He’s also a

religious fanatic who makes his daughter read from the Bible several times a day. Colman’s nervous twitches and grimaces perfectly help define her character. Things begin to unravel when the women in town begin getting obscene letters. And Edith is the target of a daily missive, laced with the worst kinds of verbal abuse. She immediately suspects her next-door neighbor, Rose Gooding (Buckley). Rose is quite the character. She’s a bawdy Irish immigrant who lives with her boyfriend and her young daughter. She loves nothing better than to spend her free time in the local pub, drinking, singing, and stirring up trouble. Of course, she also happens to swear like a sailor, which makes her the prime suspect, in Edith’s eyes.



Edith contacts the local constabulary and has Rose arrested, based on nothing more than a hunch. Because Rose can’t make bail, she’s sent to prison to await trial. Meanwhile the police station’s “Woman Police Officer” Gladys Moss (Anjana Vasan) decides to do a little sleuthing on her own. Her fellow officers are so sexist they refuse to just refer to her as a police officer but feel the need to add “Woman” to her title. They also feel that she has no business digging into the case on her own and when she does, she’s duly fired. Without giving anything away, let’s just say the real culprit of the obscene letter writing is revealed about halfway through the film. From this point on, the focus of the movie involves Officer Gladys’s detective work. A couple of Edith’s acquaintances Kate (Lolly Adelope) and Ann (Joanna Scanlan) aren’t her biggest fans and are eager to help Gladys in her investigation. One of the angles she pursues is analyzing the penmanship in the letters — something that’s scoffed at by her colleagues. I found the whole movie absolutely delight-

ful. The acting is first-rate, as you’d expect from a cast that includes Colman, Buckley, and Spall. All the supporting actors are perfectly cast as well. I especially enjoyed the attention to detail paid to the 1920’s era costumes. One of the highlights of the film was watching Edith and her father reading the saucy letters out loud to each other. That alone is worth the price of admission. If you’re looking for something a bit different, and oh-so British, don’t miss this charming little film. Note to parents: The film is rated “R” due to the foul language — it’s laced with F-bombs and other cusswords. Other than that, I think it would be suitable for older teens. Currently streaming on Netflix. And to rent on other services including Apple TV and Amazon Prime. My rating system: ★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless. ★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better



off reading a good book. ★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again. ★★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends. ★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and buy it!

About this column:
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. 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.



Edith (Colman) & her mother Victoria (Gemma Jones).



Rose (Buckley) & Edith (Coleman) engage in a cuss-a-thon.



The prim and proper Edith (Colman).



The real Edith Swan & Olivia Colman.



Edward Swan (Timothy Spall)



Gladys (Vasan) & Ann (Scanlan) spying.



Mabel (Eileen Atkins) Rose (Buckley) and Ann (Joanna Scanlan)



Kate (Adefope), Gladys (Vasan) & Ann (Scanlan).



Edith Swan (Olivia Colman).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT today (9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 15, 2024:

Others look to you for leadership because you appear confident, courageous and regal. You are optimistic, ambitious and generous. This is a year of work, construction and building. It's time to create foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Stay grounded. Explore martial arts.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

A subtle contradiction exists today, which is why in one way, you feel held back and a bit fearful, and yet in another way, you feel bold and ready to leap into whatever you want to do. You're struggling to be free to do your own thing. Do it. Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

I frequently say that you are the financial wizard of the zodiac, and it's true. Today you might have financial plans (including shopping). If so, be aware of the Moon Alert. In addition, a friend or an adviser might not agree with your decisions. Be careful. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Today has a few challenges for you because Mars is in your sign, but it is at odds with stern Saturn. This means you will have difficulty getting approval from bosses, parents, authority figures and the police. Whatever you decide to do, they might block your plans. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Tread carefully today. Don't listen to others. They might discourage you. In fact, someone might say something that embodies the very essence of your own worst suspicions about yourself. (Eek. The worst.) Fear not. You've got this. Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a strong time for you, which is one reason why you have strong opinions today. Resist the urge to be bossy. Focus on delayed financial matters. Checks in the mail might be late. On the upside, you might have a chance to redo something or buy something again. Tonight: Discussions!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Despite your ambitious plans, this is a poor day to ask for approval or permission from authority figures -- parents, bosses, VIPs and the police. Almost certainly, they won't go along with what you want. Their response will be, "Talk to the hand." Timing is everything. Tonight: Socialize.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is not the day to get on your soapbox and espouse your political or religious ideas to others. You will encounter too much opposition. Likewise, travel plans will be difficult because rules, regulations and the government might curtail your activities. Take it easy. Tonight: Cocoon.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a poor day for important discussions about shared property, taxes, debt, insurance issues or shared responsibilities. Things will not go your way. This also might apply to dealing with kids. Bide your

time and make your pitch on another day. Tonight: Discussions.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This morning the Moon is in your sign before it moves into Capricorn, which will switch your focus to money matters and shopping. (See the Moon Alert.) Don't push things when dealing with partners or close friends today. Ditto for dealing with family. Go gently. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

After 2:15 p.m. EDT today (11:15 a.m. PDT), the Moon will move into your sign, which will be empowering, but it will also make you more emotional. Be smart and accept the fact that your efforts at work might be stymied by someone, or even by your own self-doubt. It's a tricky day. Tonight: You win!

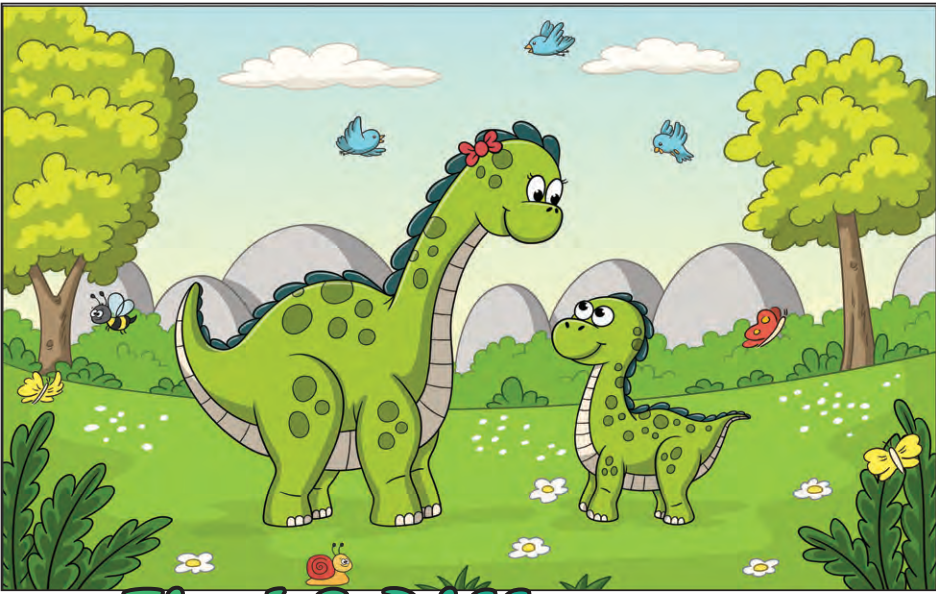
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Social plans might change today because of some kind of rule or regulation. Or perhaps parents or authority figures will object to something. Dealing with children might be an increased responsibility today. Cope as best you can. Tonight: Privacy.

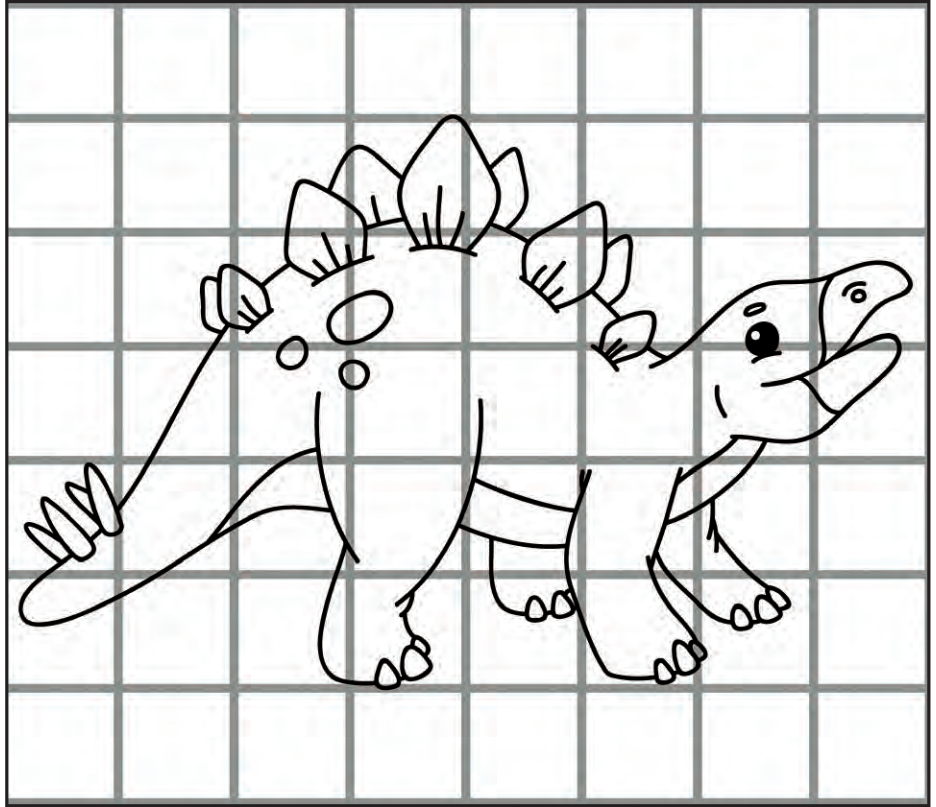
PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Don't feel defeated if your efforts to reorganize things at home are met with opposition from someone, especially an older family member or partner. These things happen. Early this morning, you'll be high-viz, but as the day wears on, interactions with friends will be more important. Tonight: Friendships.

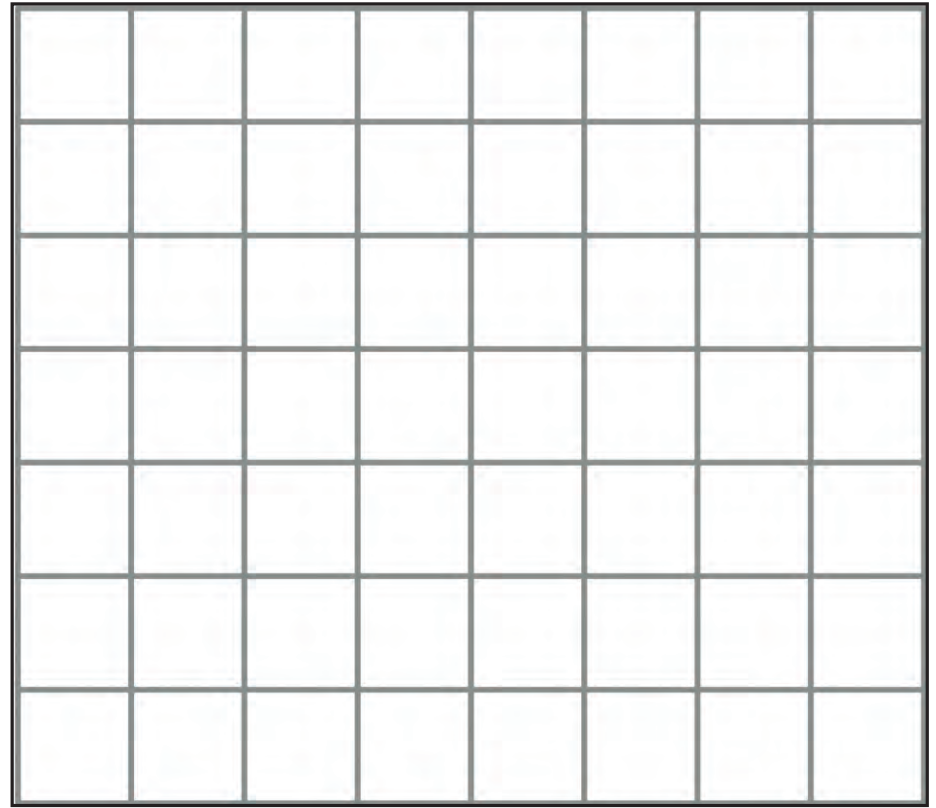
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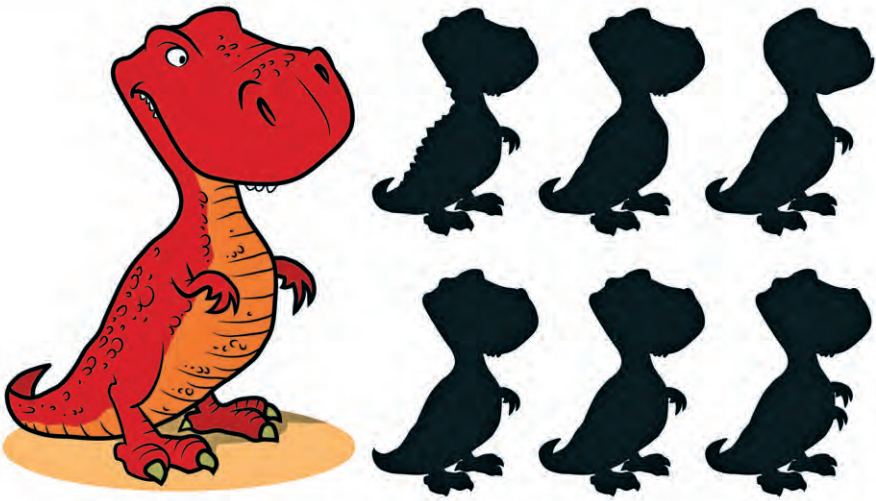
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♣ K 4

WEST

♠ J
♥ J 7 5
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 10 7 6 5 3 2

EAST

♠ K Q 10 8
♥ A 10 9 4
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 9

SOUTH

♠ 9 5 4 2
♥ K 8 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ A J 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Desperate situations call for desperate measures. And although a measure born of desperation is not very likely to succeed, it might offer the only chance for survival.

Today's deal provides a case in point. There would have been no story if West had led a club against three notrump. South would have won with the jack and conceded a heart to secure nine tricks.

But West decided to lead a heart, explaining afterward that he had no side entry to his clubs even if they

became established. Declarer played low from dummy and won East's nine with the king.

At this stage, South placed West with heart length, most likely including the ace. In that case, a ninth trick could be developed later by leading a heart toward the queen.

In the meantime, South reasoned, little harm could come from trying to score a trick with the jack of clubs. So at trick two, he led a club to the king and returned a club toward the A-J, planning to finesse. One can only imagine his shock when East showed out, discarding a diamond.

Since there was no point in playing the jack now — West would win and return a club to establish his suit — declarer put up the ace and mulled things over. If West had the ace of hearts, the contract could no longer be made, so South now had to assume that East held that card and could be endplayed. This would happen only if East could be forced into the lead with a spade without West winning a spade trick.

So after taking the ace of clubs, South cashed the ace of spades and four diamond tricks, East discarding a heart on the last diamond. Declarer then led a spade. East scored the K-Q-10 but had to lead a heart from the A-10 to dummy's queen at the end, and the contract was home.

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by Steve Becker



Pack up a smile

Connie's Children's Shop offers the cutest backpacks that are perfect for preschoolers and kindergarteners embarking on their brand new school journey! These sweet backpacks feature playful designs and vibrant colors, like this colorful pastel pack, above. Its sweet sunny flower design will bring happiness all through the school day while it holds everything they'll need for an A+ experience.



Prepped to a tee

For the littlest golf fans teeing up for school, Connie's Children's Shop has an adorable golf cart backpack, above. These adorable packs not only capture the excitement of starting school but also provide comfortable, age-appropriate sizes that make carrying their essentials a breeze. This cute carryall will make you little one look forward to the day ahead and all the supplies and surprises that will be inside.



Pink perfection

Make this school year hot, hot, hot with a fashionable Lululemon backpack, above. They are so perfect for back-to-school with their sleek, modern designs and exceptional durability – making them both stylish and practical for daily use. She'll carry it all while looking great with a trendy backpack that goes with everything. Only at Lululemon.



Ergonomic choice

A basic black Lululemon backpack is the top choice for many youngsters and teens. It's a practical color that wears well and looks cool with every outfit. Lululemon backpacks are a favorite of moms too. With thoughtfully engineered features, like ergonomic straps and multiple compartments, Mom's No. 1 students stay organized and comfortable throughout their busy school days.



Yummy in a box

Lunchtime! Bento boxes from Amazon are great school lunch boxes for kids because they feature multiple compartments, allowing for a balanced and neatly organized meal for a variety of food options. Their durable, leak-proof design ensures that lunches stay fresh and intact until it's time to eat. Make lunchtime neat and healthy with a little help from this washable container. Kids will love the colors and moms will love the ease.



Beauty school

Connie's Children's Shop is well-known for top-quality school clothes, uniforms and accessories for kids. These adorable plaid headbands, above, along with bows, scrunchies, barettes and more are all in store. A sweet school-themed barrette trio, above left, is a cute gift for starting the year in style! Connie's Children's Shop has been the mainstay for school uniforms for decades. Carrying all the local school uniforms, many families stop at Connie's first for back-to-school dressing.

GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS RULE!

Heading back to class can be stylish and fun

Quality back-to-school essentials are closer than you think. Make prepping for the 2024 school year a breeze by getting clothes, uniforms, backpacks, supplies and more in your own neighborhood – and go to the head of the class for shopping locally.

Make the grade with cool school gear

By Anne Gryzenia and Olivia Monette

As summer winds down and the promise of a new school year approaches, excitement fills the air for kids and teens alike. There's something truly special about the anticipation of returning to the classroom, meeting new friends, and diving into fresh subjects. One of the most thrilling parts of this transition is picking out new school clothes and supplies—whether it's selecting the perfect backpack, choosing vibrant notebooks, or discovering the coolest tees. This year, you can enhance the back-to-school experience by exploring an array of curated items from local Grosse Pointe stores. From stylish stationery to comfy kicks, this page will help you find everything you need to make the start of the school year happy and memorable. Celebrate the new academic chapter with top-notch supplies that are as unique as your student's personality!



Feel your roar

Campus Shop hoodies rock! Nothing is more Grosse Pointe than a fresh hoodie from The Campus Shop! With new designs coming into the store each and every day, your child will head back to school in head-to-toe style every day of the week. Ultimate cool is found at The Campus Shop.



Water buddy

Nothing ruins a school day faster than a parched throat and thirst on your mind. A water bottle from Ridge Crest Outfitters, above, is perfect for back-to-school hydration, blending practicality with style as thirsts are quenched. Keep kids refreshed all day and ready for fun and learning.



Sipping pretty

A Lilly Pulitzer water bottle from Village Palm is the ideal way to remind your student to drink more water throughout the day. With their gorgeous and colorful print designs, she'll be happy to add a pretty bottle like this, above, to her school supplies. Keeping beverages cool and handy is one more way to say "I love you" to your star pupil.



G.O.A.T. wear

For your G.O.A.T. student – it's got to be G.O.A.T. USA clothing from Corner Active & Leisure! This great combines trendy designs with high-quality comfort, ensuring students start the year looking cool and feeling great, whether studying hard or relaxing easy.



Greatest of all shorts

G.O.A.T. USA slinky athletic-style shorts, above, from Corner Active & Leisure are the ultimate in comfort. G.O.A.T. USA clothing is styled to look on-point while offering the utmost breathability and quality in fabric and design. Find the whole line of shirts, tees, sweatshirts, athletic wear and more at Corner Active & Leisure and look great all year.



Campus style

The Campus Shop tees and jeans make the best school outfits. Smart moms grab a tee for each day – plus some spares – to make laundry days less stressful. With their classic GP looks and fun designs, your kid will exude cool just by walking into the room. Outfit your student at The Campus Shop and make everyone's life a little easier and a lot more fun.



School prep

Prepare your littlest students for the new adventures ahead with children's books about school from Coreander's Children's Bookshoppes. It's a great way to ease them into the educational chapter of life they are about to enter. This cute coloring book and picture book, above, by Mark Langston, are just two of the many books on this theme that Coreander's has to offer.



Make a plan

Moms, teachers and older students are sure to love these pretty academic planners by Rifle Paper Co. Their beautifully designed layouts make organizing schedules both easy, while putting a smile on your face every time you look at the cheerful cover designs. Find these charming planners and other Rifle Paper products at Small Favors.



Zip it good

Scout all-purpose zip-top pouch, above, comes in handy to store school supplies (even snacks!), makeup, tech gear or to tuck inside a bigger bag to organize lots of stuff. Thanks to a flat, solid base – it stands up on its own so you'll have both hands free. Multiple designs and colors. Find the Scout line of bags for everything at Small Favors.



Open wide!

Scout easy-clean zip bag, above, opens wide and stays open with its built-in wire frame. Ideal for college travel (three-ounce bottles fit upright) and dorm life countertop use. Three interior slip pockets and two sizes available. Several colorful designs to choose from. This one is inspired by Dorothy's smock dress from "The Wizard of Oz." This style and many more Scout travel bags from Small Favors.



Cool running

On Cloud sneakers, above, from Hanson's Running Shop are a smart choice. Kids and teens should snag a pair for back-to-school. The ultra-comfy feel will have them floating through the school day on Cloud 9 and their stylish design is a fashionable bonus. Check out Hanson's Running Shop for back-to-school shoes that get high marks for all the right reasons.

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Teacher’s favorite

As exciting as a new school year can be, everyone may be a little wistful for the summer gone by – even the teachers! It’s fun to make his or her day with a little gift that shows you care right from the get-go. Oh Sugar Cookies from Small Favors are a delightful way to show appreciation for your child’s teacher. With their charming designs and delicious flavors, they’re a sweet, personal gift that will mean so much as the school year begins. Pairing these yummy treats with a gift card to Small Favors adds a thoughtful touch, allowing the teacher to choose something special for themselves as they begin a brand new school year. It’s always better with a smile.

PRACTICAL PARENT PRO TIP:

Shopping for school supplies on the Target app is a breeze with its user-friendly interface and convenient features. You can quickly browse through a wide selection, easily add items to your cart, and even use the app’s handy tools to check off your supply list, find exclusive deals, and choose same-day pickup or delivery options—all from the comfort of your home.

When you download the app on your smartphone, parents can easily locate their child’s school by entering the zip code. Once you find the school, parents can find the school supply lists for each grade and class! Select which classes your child is enrolled in, add your supplies to cart, and get everything shipped right to your door.



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School-ready checklist: Your top 5 things to do



Before the school year kicks off, make sure to tick these fun and essential appointments off your list:

1.

Physical Exam

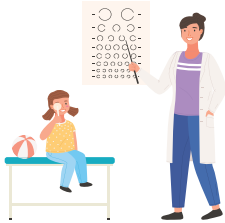
A quick check-up to ensure they're ready to tackle the year ahead with a big smile.



2.

Dental Check-Up

Time for a sparkling clean and a chance to make their grin school-photo ready.



3.

Eye Exam

A chance to make sure their vision is sharp and ready for all those classroom adventures.



4.

Haircut

Freshen up their look with a snazzy new hairstyle that'll turn heads in the hallway.



5.

Peace of mind

Getting these appointments scheduled will help ensure a smooth, healthy, and stylish start to the school year!



Pour a little sugar on it

The Sugar Bar is the happy place that always makes the day a good one. An after-school treat as everyone downloads the day's happenings is as great for mom as it is for the kids. Make it a regular place to visit for bonding over a delicious drink or pastry — and make school year memories for years to come.

The Sugar Bar offers house accounts for kids at Grosse Pointe South — so they can text in their orders and pick lunch up with no waiting, saving precious lunch hour time. Eat great without the wait! The Sugar Bar can help make the 2024-2025 school year the best one yet.



By Growing Smiles

Keep year-round smiles with healthy reminders

Stay on track with a dental cleaning and check-up every six months. The best way to nip problems in the bud is to be aware of them! Plus a dental cleaning reduces the plaque that holds harmful bacteria.

Plan healthy lunches and snacks that include crunchy vegetables, lettuce, nuts, meat, cheese, almond butter (no added sugar) eggs and plenty of fresh water.

For kiddos with braces – send them to school with a proxy brush and wax – and make sure they are using them.

For athletic kids – get them a good mouth guard for games and practices to protect their pearly whites. Better safe than sorry.

Inspire learning with a neat back-to-school gift

A gift card from Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe is the perfect idea for letting your child pick out a new silent reading book, a colorful notebook or any other fun school supply. It's a versatile treat to build back-to-school excitement while you also build confidence in your little one.

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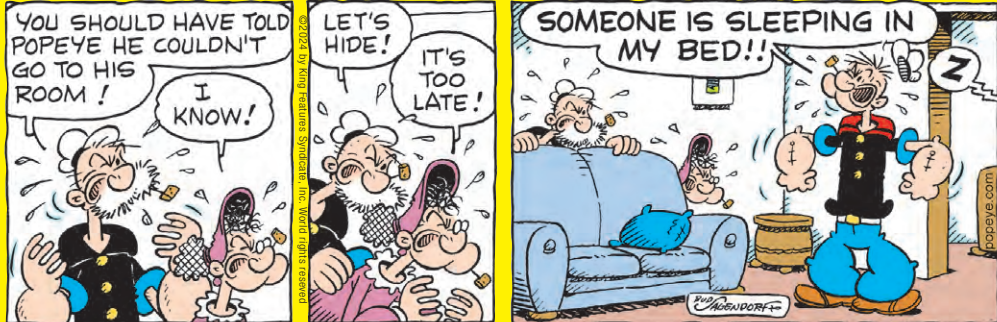
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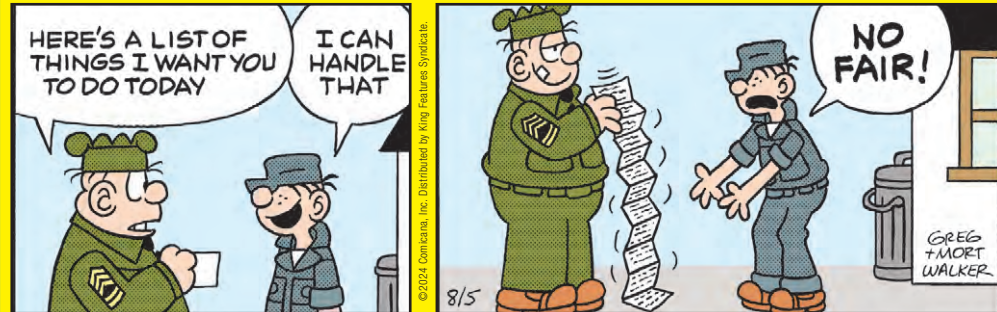
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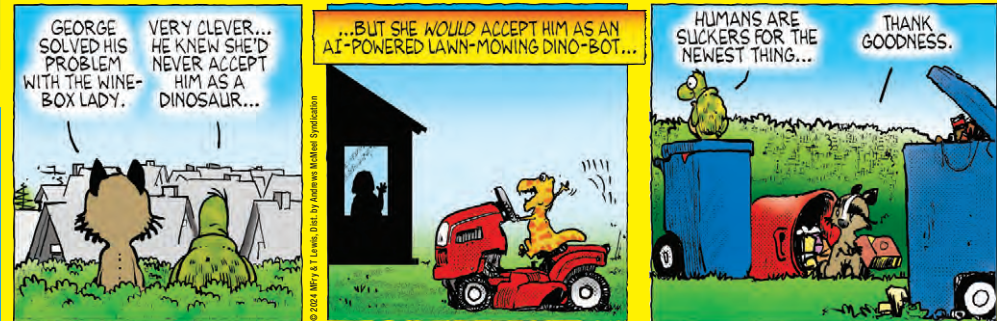
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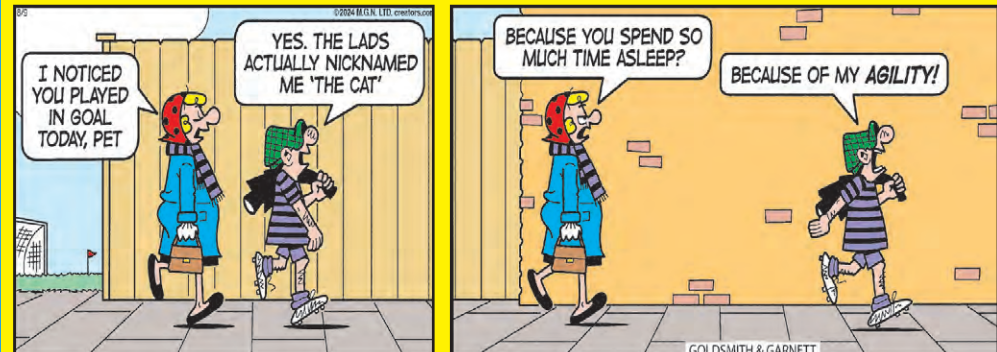
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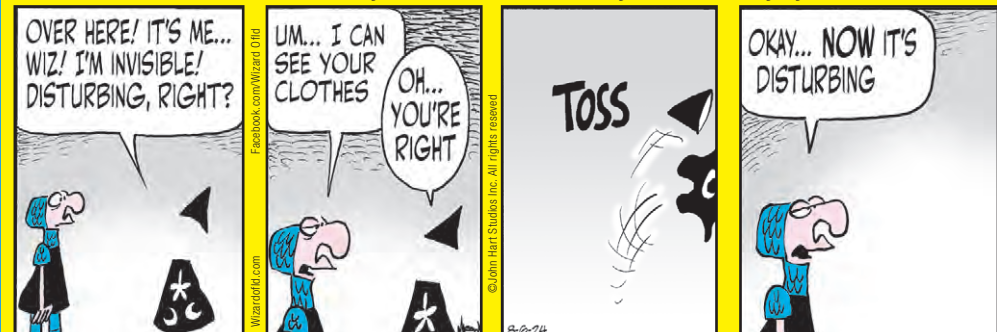
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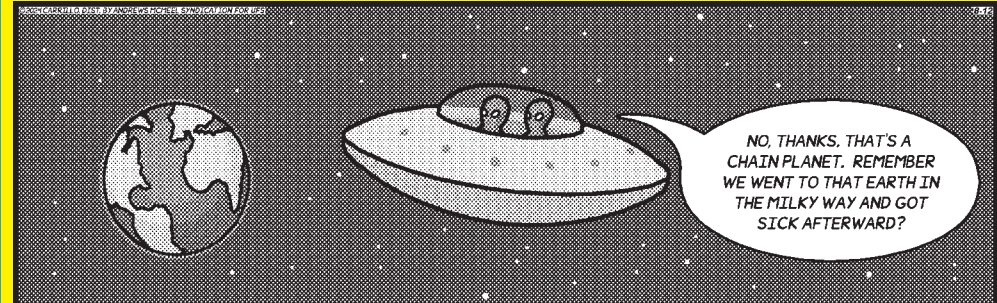
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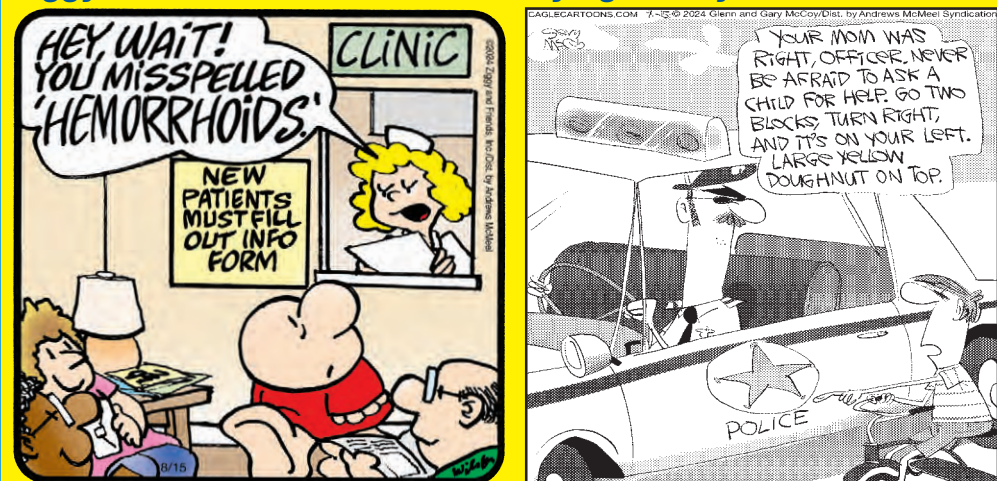


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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8/15

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

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

8/8 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 15, 2024

ACROSS

- Residue on Santa's suit
- "Easy on Me" singer
- "Foot soldier" on a chessboard
- Dusseldorf currency
- Place to get a dye job
- The Buckeye State
- Region
- Seize
- Desire
- Trait of Walt Whitman's writing (In this clue's answer, unscramble letters 4-9)
- Beach toy with a handle
- Disney World headband features
- Four-player Wimbledon event (... letters 6-12)
- Ends of a bread loaf
- Film franchise for "The Avengers," briefly
- Olympic swimmer Ledecky
- Actor Smith of "Doctor Who"
- The Powerpuff Girls, e.g.
- Urban green space
- Hosp. scan
- Feel great happiness

- Manipulate dishonestly
- They're often charged when checking out (... letters 5-11)
- Irritate
- Chinese spiritual path
- Info, informally
- "n" cheese
- Really put one's foot down?
- Reality series with a "Home Edition" spinoff, and a literal hint to this puzzle's theme
- pedi
- Deliver a speech
- Nevada gambling city
- Treasure-hunting aid
- Like a toddler's face after spaghetti night
- Bearded antelope

DOWN

- Orca's home
- "Town" (Thornton Wilder play)
- Mined material
- Excessively
- In addition
- Truth alternative, in a party game
- Mountain stat.
- Finish last in a race
- Main course

- Rejuvenating snooze
- "I've got it!"
- Finish first in a race
- "... a chance"
- Saucy barbecue fare
- Didn't float
- Word before "justice" or "license"
- Indian string instruments
- Letter opener?
- Zipper-Mouth Face, e.g.
- "Move over!"
- Old Roman garment
- Apple voice assistant
- "Let me think ..."
- Heart test: Abbr.
- Lecture conference spinoff

- "Scram!"
- Actress Witherspoon
- Delete
- Vacation in a Winnebago, say
- URL ending for many nonprofits
- Rep.'s opponent
- Big test
- Sicilian volcano
- No more than
- Reddit Q&As
- Pouncing pets
- Baker's necessity
- Restaurant list
- WNBA player, e.g.
- Parent celebrated in May
- Essential

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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8/8 Solution

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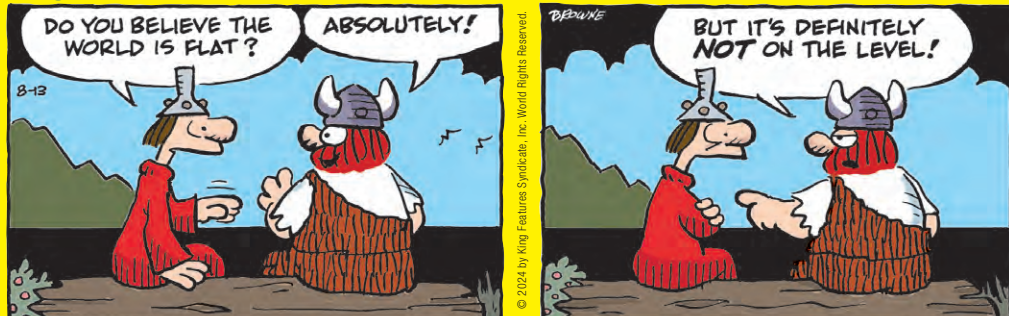
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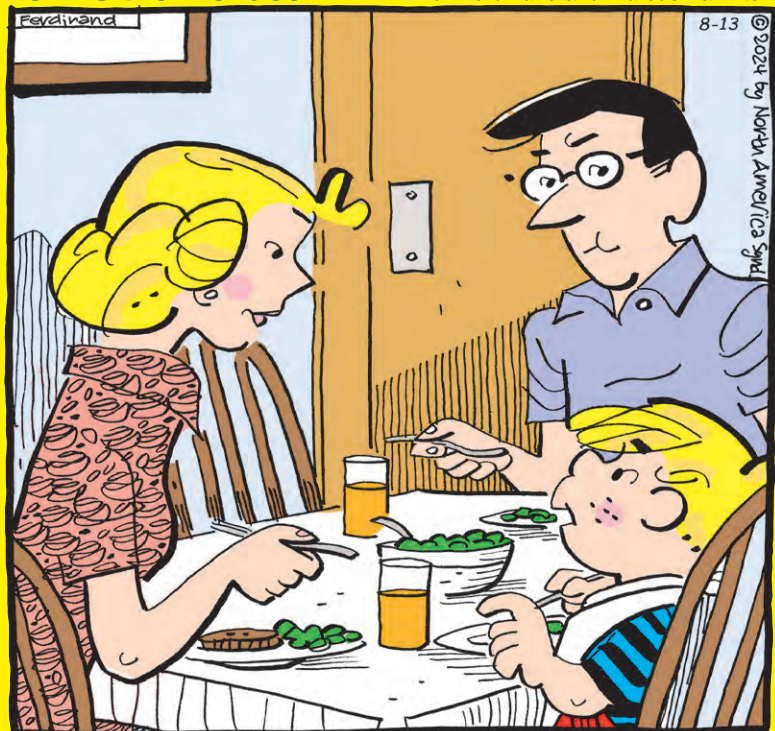
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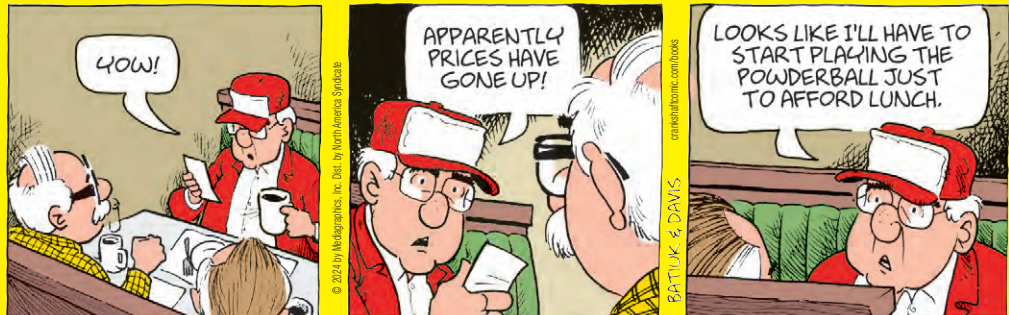
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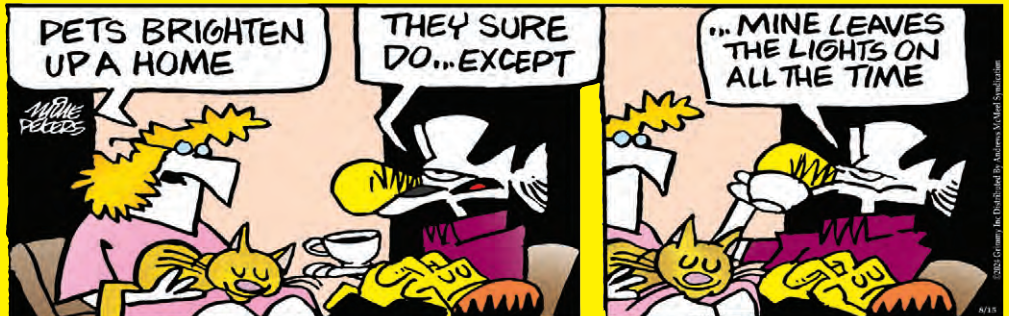
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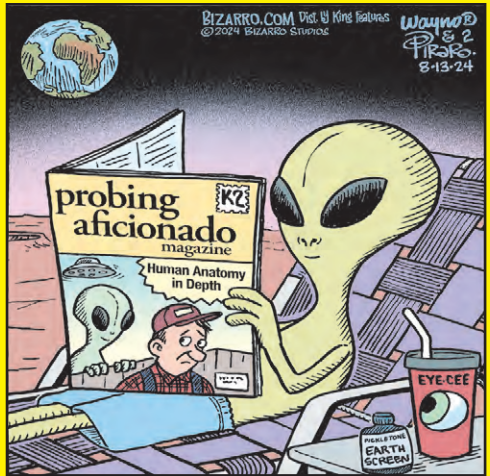
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The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal *ʻŌlio holo i ka uaua*.

Circle every other letter to find out what *ʻŌlio holo i ka uaua* means.

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H R W I A J T L E U R Y

D O _____ E R _____

The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE:
7.5 feet length

WEIGHT:
500 to 600 pounds

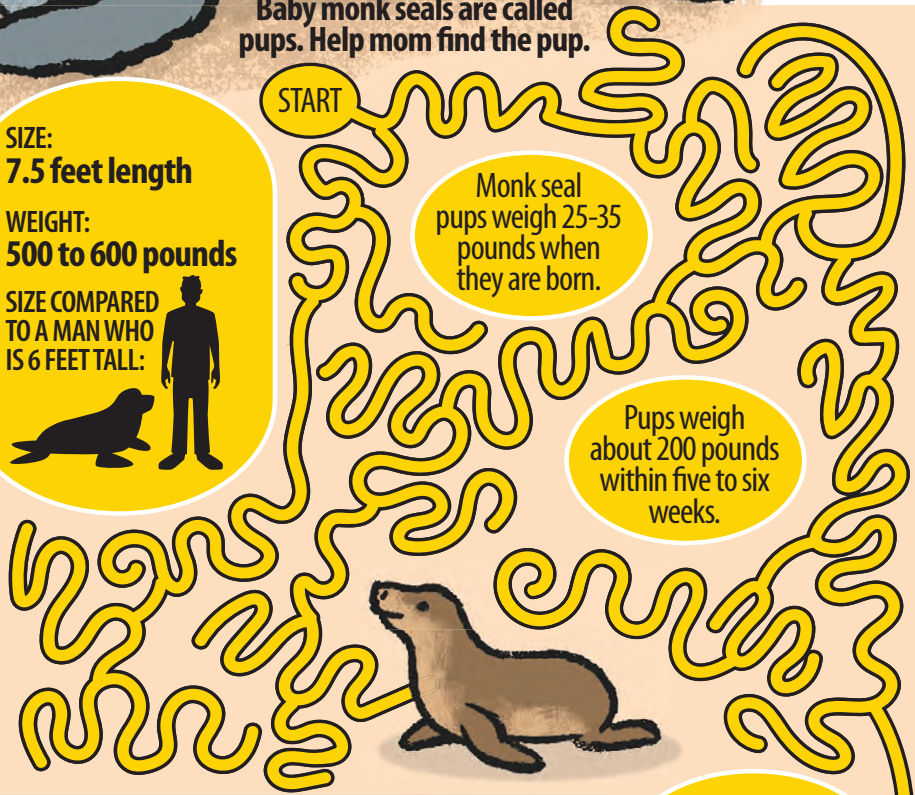
SIZE COMPARED
TO A MAN WHO
IS 6 FEET TALL:



START

Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!



Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

 7 + 4 + 1 =	 5 + 3 + 2 =	 3 + 4 + 2 =	 2 + 2 + 2 =
 4 + 8 + 4 =	 8 + 3 + 3 =	 5 + 5 + 7 =	 6 + 8 + 2 =

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

Double Double Word Search

BABY
BREATH
CORAL
CUTE
EYES
FIRST
HAWAII
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MAMMAL
MONK
REEF
SEALS
UNDER
YEARS

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

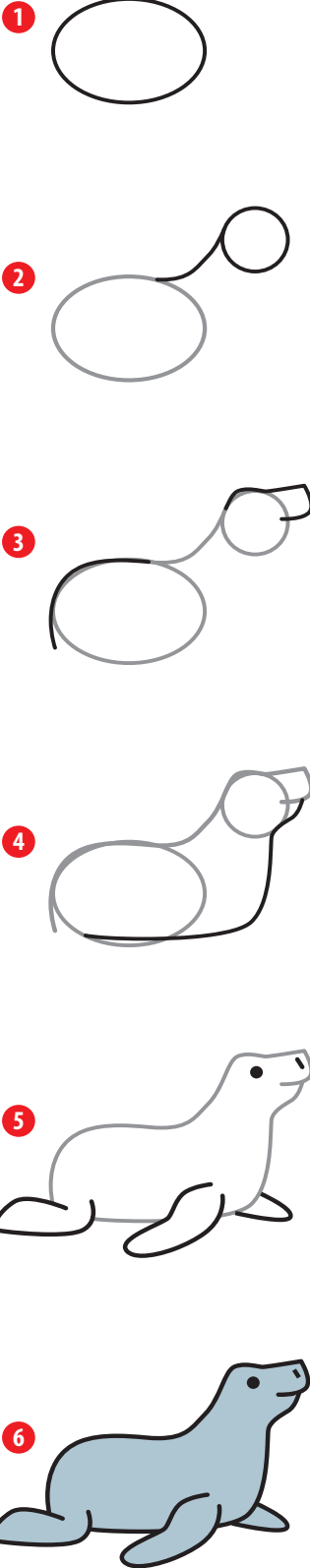
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E Y P W V H S J I A
F U E T U C X O Y J
L N H S H T A E R B

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: Let's Draw!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

- **BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and **fusiform**, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.
- **FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**

The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Animal Athletes

Look through the newspaper to find four sports. For each one, select an animal that would excel at this sport. Write a story about your four animal athletes.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.



What kind of music do seals try to avoid?

ANSWER: Orca-stras music!

Write On!

Animal Family

If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?



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Football teams return to gridiron for first days of fall practice

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There was a slight chill in the air the morning of Monday, Aug. 12, making it feel a little like fall. With that chill came the sound of whistles blowing, players running and speakers playing anything from Lady Gaga to Snoop Dogg, providing the soundtrack for the first day of fall football practices.

While Monday marked the first day teams officially were allowed back on the field for practice, Grosse Pointe North head coach Joe Drouin said, “It never really stopped.” Drouin had the Norsemen in the weight room and taking advantage of every possible offseason workout opportunity in the weeks and months before Monday’s training camp began.

The Norsemen are gearing up to go for a third consecutive MAC Gold Division title this fall. The team won a share of the division crown in 2023, and finished last year with a final record of 7-4, losing to Detroit Martin Luther King Jr. in the district final round of the play-

offs. While Drouin was working with his players at North, head coach Chad Hepner and his staff at Grosse Pointe South had the Blue Devils on the field Monday morning as well. South



ULS QB Nikkos Davis

is the defending MAC White Division champion and went 9-2 last season while being ousted from the playoffs in the district final round by Roseville.

“The guys are really excited to get the season started,” Hepner said. “We’ve had great pre-season workouts all summer, so enthusiasm is high. We should have about 50 players on varsity, and our senior lead-

ership is really evident with this group.”

At University Liggett School, head coach Andre Rison gave his team an impassioned speech about how the Knights recently were selected to finish last in the Catholic High School League Intersectional I Division based on the pre-season coaches’ poll. Rison, who is taking over the Knights’ program after the departure of former head coach Kevin Glenn, told his team the rest of the league gave Liggett some “bulletin board material” going into the season before heading on the field for drills.

The first day of fall training camp came 17 days before all three teams — North, South and Liggett — take the field for their first games of the 2024 campaign. The season starts Thursday, Aug. 29. North and South both begin the season on the road, with North visiting Utica and the Blue Devils playing at Port Huron Northern. Liggett opens the season at home against Detroit Denby.

For more photos from the first day of football training camp, see page 3D.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

North football head coach Joe Drouin addresses the Norsemen on the first day of fall practice Monday, Aug. 12.



South players get set for a line of scrimmage drill on the opening morning of training camp.

Farms native works way up the national junior karate ranks

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When your family owns a dojo, it might be hard to grow up not loving karate. Twelve-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms native Michael Farnsworth practically was raised in the dojo owned by his parents, and has used the skills he learned there to become one of the highest ranked martial arts competitors in the country for his age group. Most recently, he won two medals at the AAU Junior Olympic Games July 27, in Greensboro, N.C.

Farnsworth, who is getting ready to begin seventh grade at Brownell Middle School, is the son of Sensei Sean and Andrea Farnsworth, owners of Zanshin Karate on Kercheval. They got the idea to



PHOTO BY HAYDEN ADAMS

Michael Farnsworth gives his Kobudo performance at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Greensboro, N.C., on July 27. Farnsworth would end up winning the silver medal in the national competition.

open a dojo years ago due to their son’s grow-

ing passion for karate. “When I was about 4,

I was talking about it teaching me,” Michael Farnsworth said. “I

placed second in my first tournament and that gave (my dad) the boost to open up a dojo and I’ve been training ever since.”

“When I started training Michael, a few of his buddies would join in and before I knew it, I had 40 kids who I was teaching at the Neighborhood Club every week,” said his dad, Sean Farnsworth. “It just seemed like the natural progression of things was to open a school because I’m so passionate about it and I wasn’t totally satisfied with the career I had, so I went for it and have never looked back.”

Getting Michael Farnsworth into competition has proved successful, especially this year. At the AAU Junior Olympics, he won a sil-

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I SAY— SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima



How do Detroit Lions meet standards set in 2023?

Of course, we should all savor the final weeks of summer while we can here in Michigan. Still, there is time to think about the coming days of fall, when there will be a chill in the air and football on TV. NFL training camps are underway and the pre-season has begun, so it's time for fans like me to say football is officially back.

For us Detroit Lions fans, it still feels new and strange to be excited about football season being back. The team exceeded the expectations I had for it going into the 2023 season. That season set a standard and I think most Lions fans now have the highest expectations ever going into a season, but the question remains of whether the team can match them.

A lot happened in the offseason for the Lions

and most of the moves the team made were pretty good in my opinion. The team filled a huge need in the draft by getting two of the top cornerbacks available — Terrion Arnold and Ennis Rakestraw Jr. — to bolster a secondary that definitely needed help.

General Manager Brad Holmes then dealt out some high-level contract extensions to key players like Penei Sewell, Amon-Ra St. Brown and Jared Goff. The Lions gave out plenty of money with these contracts, but the way Holmes went about it was pretty savvy.

All three of those big extensions were signed before other players in the same positions around the league received their extensions. Therefore, the Lions set the standard for these contracts rather than trying to match and outdo what

other teams were giving to their stars.

This is a testament to how much Holmes, head coach Dan Campbell and owner Sheila Ford Hamp have changed the culture of this organization. The team is no longer afraid

are also high expectations. I've been let down and disappointed not only by the Lions but by all of our Detroit sports teams in the past, but I keep reassuring myself that this year will be different.

The Lions have set a



to pay big-time players the money they deserve and knows how to make the moves necessary to create a winning football team.

Still, the Detroit sports pessimist in me wants to come out. There will always be some fear when there

new standard for themselves and now they need to meet it. They will have gone through an entire offseason of hearing pundits in the local and national media praising them and calling them a Super Bowl contender. The only thing left to do is go out

on the field and prove it.

The road will not be quite as easy as it was last year. Due to the way the NFL handles scheduling, being a division champion last season means a more challenging schedule this year against other reigning division champs.

Not to mention our own division has gotten better. The Green Bay Packers should be right there with the Lions in the NFC North division race as they have shown signs of promise with rising star Jordan Love at quarterback. The Chicago Bears might be the most improved team overall in the entire league, adding some key pieces on offense like first overall pick, QB Caleb Williams. I think the Bears might be similar to what the Lions were just a couple of years ago and could be in a position to be legitimate contenders in the division in a short

time.

The bright lights are on them now, so it's time for the Lions to step up. There is no telling how it will go down, but my prediction is that the Lions will, for the most part, meet the high expectations and finish with 12 wins while being NFC North champions yet again. Once the playoffs come around, anything can happen, but I would not be too surprised to see this team once again playing for the NFC championship and a spot in the Super Bowl.

That is the expectation. The standard that was set by last season. I have the confidence that this team can do it, that it can be the team that finally steps up and gives Detroit fans something to truly be proud of again — not that we aren't proud of the Lions already for what they did in 2023. We know the expectations now and so do they. All we have left to do is wait until kickoff.

We Tried It! Sports edition: Bear Lyte Hydration

By Anna Lizer

We all know water probably is just as good or better than Gatorade and other electrolyte drinks, but for many of us — namely teenagers — there's just nothing like guzzling down a flavored drink during or after a workout. And as some of us adults can attest, it is equally satisfying to drink a Gatorade or Pedialyte after a rough night out on the town.

These days there are a lot of potions and powders around, but we found one that skips the junk ingredients, looks good (especially to the younger set) and tastes great. Bear Lyte is part of a larger company called Live Polar and has made what we think is the holy grail of hydrating powders that you pour into a water bottle or glass.

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“Our advanced formula replenishes electrolytes, enhances fluid absorption and supports sustained hydration, providing you with the ultimate competitive edge. Experience the difference in your performance and recovery.”

It's pretty hard to actually prove this product is better than another, but electrolytes certainly are legitimate so if you want anything other than a glass of plain water and a banana, this is a great choice. The clean ingredients are the biggest selling point for parents. The blue color and great taste are selling points for the teenagers (according to extremely scientific research;)

Bear Lyte contains five essential electrolytes and athletes know this can help with muscle fatigue, soreness and energy levels. There are zero artificial flavors, sweeteners

or colors in this product, which is remarkable given its “cool” color. In addition, there are zero preservatives, sugar or calories. Bear Lyte is non-caffeinated and sourced from non-GMO, gluten-free ingredients. There also are no added colors or food dyes and it's allergen-free.

As for the taste, which is arguably the most basic and important factor to anyone looking into buying a drink or powder, by all accounts it's very tasty. Our very informal taste testers gave it a nine out of 10 on average.

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Scenes from training camp day one



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The Norsemen practice blocking and formations on inside run drills during the first day of fall training camp Monday, Aug. 12.



South coach Mac Gallagher teaches blocking techniques to a group of freshmen offensive linemen.



Knights' running back Gary Stacy breaks a long run during some of the first offensive drills of the year.



South QB Jack Lupo looks for a receiver during passing drills.



Liggett players line up on the goal line to run 20-yard sprints, working on their conditioning to start opening day of practice.

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KARATE:

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ver medal in Kobudo and a bronze medal in Kata for the 11-12 age group.

Kobudo and Kata are the two main disciplines he practices and competes in. He also is ranked in the top five competitors in the country for both disciplines in his age group.

“Kata is pre-arranged patterns of movements that are passed down from generation to generation to preserve the art,” Michael Farnsworth said. “Kobudo is Kata, but with weapons. I always liked Kata and have always been good at it

and been interested in it.”

In his Koboduo competition at the AAU Junior Olympics, he used kama, small sickles with curved blades, as his weapon. He received high marks from the judges and was just 0.1 points away from receiving the gold medal.

The medals at the AAU Junior Olympics are far from the only hardware Michael Farnsworth collected during this year’s competition season. He won a pair of silver medals at the Michigan AAU Tournament, gold at the Virginia State Championships and finished in the top five at the AAU Karate

Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in early July.

After a successful competition season, he is looking forward to competing in the future and continuing to collect trophies and medals. However, the best part about competitions like the AAU Junior Olympics, he said, is the opportunity to make friends while testing yourself against the best competition in the country.

“It was a lot of good competition and really fun,” Michael Farnsworth said. “I saw a lot of the same people that I saw at nationals and I feel like I improved a lot from nationals when I went there.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Farnsworth practicing Kobudo at the Zanshin Karate dojo.

While his dad is one of his main teachers, the young Farnsworth also works with tournament coaches, Alex Bailey and Cody Shene, who are based out of Macomb Township and working with Sensei John Wasilina.

With competition season slowing down, Michael Farnsworth still will work tirelessly at the Zanshin dojo to continue improving his skills. One of the main things he is now working on is earning his level two junior black belt, for which he will be tested in November.

Regular training and working his way up in

the non-competitive ranks of martial arts still is important to Michael Farnsworth and his dad, and is the main focus of what the family teaches at Zanshin.

“Our curriculum spans a lot more than tournament competitions,” Sean Farnsworth said. “We’re a traditional Japanese school, so we really foster the character traits of focus and discipline and boosting self-confidence. Tournament competition is great for boosting confidence with the kids, but it’s not something we require.”

Michael Farnsworth

keeps those values, even when he is focused on tournament competition. Confidence and discipline have gotten him to where he is already and he knows he will always be thankful for having family and friends around to support him and his love for the sport.

“I’m really grateful that I have my parents and my dad teaching me,” he said. “... It’s really fun to be here and make new friends while I’m training.”

To learn more about Zanshin Karate Dojo, find them online at Facebook.com/ZanshinKarate313.



Michael Farnsworth wears his AAU Junior Olympic medals with parents Sean, right, and Andrea Farnsworth.

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Richards joins Lakers across the pond

Former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil and current Lake Superior State University freshman Karter Richards traveled with the Lake Superior State men’s basketball team on a summer trip to Italy for exhibition games. The Lakers wrapped up their trip on Monday, Aug. 12, with a 91-64 victory over Italy’s Finest. “It’s been a great trip just getting to gel with the guys whether it’s in the games or hanging out at the hotel or walking around the whole city, there’s never a dull moment,” Richards said. Above, Richards and the Lake Superior State men’s basketball team hold up the university flag after an exhibition game in Italy.

Left, Richards is joined by parents Kevin and Kara Richards for some sightseeing at the Roman Colosseum.



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Elworthy courts finished for tennis season

Thanks to the joint effort of GP schools and the City of Grosse Pointe, six tennis courts were resurfaced over the summer. Brian Kean, Grosse Pointe South’s varsity tennis coach commented via email: “I would like to commend the City of Grosse Pointe as well as Grosse Pointe South School on their completion of the updated Elworthy tennis courts. Both worked extremely hard to get the courts ready for Day 1 of tryouts this past Monday at 8am, and their success was met with a record breaking turnout of players. We look forward to a great season on the beautiful new courts.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE
AUCTION OF
IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on AUGUST 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2011 CADILLAC CTS	1G6DH5EYXB0123526
2016 CHEVY CRUZE	1G1BE5SM9G7302288
2001 BMW 540I	WBADN63471GM72741
2003 NISSAN MURANO	JN8AZ08W03W237287
? POP UP CAMPER	0
2008 FORD EDGE	2FMDK39C38BA06276
2008 CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WT58K789278165
2008 JEEP PATRIOT	1J8FF28W98D626527

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Lt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section
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Bachert selected for U23 National Team

Grosse Pointe South alumni Olivia Bachert, far right, has been selected by USRowing to join the 2024 U23 National Team and compete at the 2024 World Rowing Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, beginning on Sunday, Aug. 18. Bachert currently rows for the Orange at Syracuse University. She is joined above by her U23 squad teammates. From left; Anna Garrison (University of Texas), Olivia Meskan (University of Wisconsin), Carly Legenzowski (University of Texas), Jordan Freer (University of Washington) and Bachert.



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