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Wise up: Lock it

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's no fun blaming victims for suffering crimes, but when people offer themselves as targets and draw criminal activity to their neighborhood, there's little room for sympathy.

A drop in reported crime citywide this year is being challenged by a recent rise in motor vehicle thefts and break-ins.

Most of the incidents are easy-peasy crimes of opportunity served up to midnight prowlers.

Councilman Brent Dreaver put recent cases into perspective.

"We say there's a lot of vehicle thefts," he said. "It seems a lot of them are just (because) the

keys are in the car." "Since July 15, we've had 11 stolen cars," Chief Jim Bostock said early last week. "Ten of them had keys in the car."

Make that 11 of 13. Of two vehicles stolen since then, one was parked unlocked with the key fob inside.

The same with larcenies from autos. Almost weekly since mid-summer detectives have been chasing reports of break-ins of unlocked cars, SUVs and pickups parked both curbside and in driveways.

"There has been a recent spike in larcenies and auto theft in the last two or three weeks," Bostock said.

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Splash pad

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council members, other officials and children celebrated the opening of a new splash pad at Lake Front Park Tuesday, Aug. 13. The project was approved a year ago at a cost of \$240,000. One of two children's pools at the park was converted to the zero-entry splash pad.



Preparing for risks

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — When the Boston Red Sox play the Oakland Athletics, batters better know which stadium they're in.

At Fenway Park, foul territory is so small the odds of a dead fly being caught for an out are less than average. So, batters can whack away with better odds of success.

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In the same way baseball players tap scouting reports for advance notice of ballpark characteristics, Chief Jim Bostock is developing a risk mitigation plan for the public safety department.

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DPD officer joins Farms public safety

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — "Since I was a kid, I always wanted to be a policeman," said Kevin Khoury, after he was sworn into the Farms department Monday morning. "It was a calling."

He pursued the calling with his two high school best friends and ended up together at the Detroit Police Department, where he served the last two years.

A ride-along, he said, was all it took to know the Farms was the right place for him.

"What interested me was the city, the atmosphere," he said. "I loved being by the water. I loved being around these beautiful mansions. The people here are fantastic."

Khoury was sworn in Monday, Aug. 19, in city council chambers and before a packed audience filled with his parents, fiancée, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews — all who came to show support and celebrate his career.

"I'm very excited," Khoury's fiancée, Grace Valentic, said. "I grew up in St. Clair Shores, so I



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

PSO Kevin Khoury and Director John Hutchins.

spent a lot of time down in Grosse Pointe. ... (Even in adulthood) we're always coming down to Grosse Pointe to go out to dinner, do shopping and stuff like that."

Khoury comes to the Farms department already cross-trained through the police and fire academies. During his time with the department, he hopes to be trained as a bike officer, which he was in Detroit, as well as in water

rescue. "I guess we'll see where it takes me," he said.

For her part, Valentic is looking forward to leaving behind the byproduct of working in Detroit.

"When he was working in Detroit, we would never go out there," Valentic said. "He'd be like, 'No, it's my day off.'"

"So now I'm like, we can finally go to Tigers games again!"

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Mia Kinkade

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Moving ahead with master plan

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council came one step closer to finalizing its new master plan when it voted Monday, Aug. 12, to release it to the public and neighboring communities.

“State law requires a 63-day review period for the public and adjoining communities,” said Brigitte Smith Wolf of McKenna Associates, the city’s planning consultants. “That allows for faster collaboration between communities if there are areas they can work together on.”

Municipalities also are notified when neighboring cities begin their master plan review.

“That’s in case there’s something really pressing or if there’s an issue two cities can work together on,” Wolf said. “It gives them a chance to speak up.”

Master plan reviews generally occur every five years.

“That’s considered best practice,” she added. “It gives the master plan a chance to stay relevant and it’s a good opportunity to engage with the pub-

lic.”

Mayor Art Bryant said last year this is the first “deep dive” into the master plan since 2006, with reviews every five years. He said the new plan should guide the city for 10 to 15 years.

The Woods began its process in 2022, soliciting bids to oversee the project. To that end, Giffels Webster, a Detroit-based civil engineering firm, was awarded a contract for \$15,000.

Throughout 2023, Giffels Webster held workshops with the city’s planning commission, including a joint one with city council. An October open house gave residents a chance to weigh in.

“During that time, they reviewed the goals set in previous plans and decided what the relevant, main points moving forward would be,” Wolf said. “After the open house, the planning commission held another workshop to go over that input.”

The five main goals of the plan are:

- ◆ Provide a range of housing options for all ages, incomes and abilities.
- ◆ Elevate Mack as a thriving commercial

corridor that provides for residents and is a destination for non-residents.

- ◆ Enhance the transportation network to be safe, convenient and accessible.
- ◆ Strengthen the city’s sense of place, identity and character.
- ◆ Promote resiliency to create a more equitable and inclusive community.

Bryant said previously the city already has taken steps based on feedback about people wanting to live closer to Mack for walkability. Council changed an ordinance that now makes it possible for a one-story building on Mack to be converted to three stories. The stipulation is that the first floor must be retail space, the third floor residential and the second can be either.

Also based on feedback, council recently created two social districts on Mack.

Wolf said even though the Woods is considered to be “built out,” master plan revisions still are necessary.

“It’s so the community and residents can continue to evolve,” she said. “Tweaks need to be made to give people a better experience.”



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

It’s clear where the most popular seats are in the Carol A. Schaap Theatre at Windmill Pointe Park. Replacing the leather chairs will cost \$65,000.

Theatre seats are worn out

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Luxury theater seats don’t come at matinee prices.

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, put in a \$65,000 budget request this fiscal year to replace all 77 chairs in the Carol C. Schaap movie theater at Windmill Pointe Park.

“It wasn’t approved,” Craig said of the request. The leather, high-backed lounge chairs are

the same age as the theater, 21 years old. Leather on many of the chairs is cracked. Some is worn away.

Much of the deterioration is due to heavy patronage of the popular movie theater. But it was exacerbated by the year-long COVID shutdown, during which the theater was closed and a lack of usage let the leather harden and become brittle, according to a Windmill employee.

“Chairs in the Schapp Theatre are in terrible

shape,” said Howard Bouton, a member of the recreation commission.

With this year’s financial pipeline to city hall closed, commissioners considered alternatives.

“Is it repair, replace or change the seating style?” Chairman Michael Hindelang asked.

Although the commission’s role as an advocate for recreation opportunities consigns funding tactics to the

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ment’s firefighting division.

“A risk reduction program is to look at not only what works well, but also the challenges we face,” Bostock said. “We have to think about how we can combat challenges we foresee.”

“Part of risk reduction is identifying areas we can improve and our vulnerabilities, so we and our mutual-aid partners can take proper action when responding to fires,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “We also created a fire committee within our department. We are looking at options

about reducing risks.”

“It’s a huge pre-incident plan, really,” Bostock said.

A game plan.

“Exactly,” said Bostock, a former infielder in the Toronto Blue Jays and San Diego Padres farm systems.

Elements of the plan are supposed to help incident commanders strategize effectively.

“Fighting fires is just as important as any potential use of force,” Bostock said. “It’s life or death.”

Challenges noted in the Park’s plan, which is at the sketched-out stage, site sections of the city where fire hydrants are prone to being supplied with low water

pressure. Another is identifying structures made vulnerable due to neighborhood density or being in hard-to-reach locations.

“Proximity of structures is a challenge, particularly in the northwest end (the Cabbage Patch) — Maryland, Lakepointe, Beaconsfield, Somerset, Nottingham,” Bostock said. “The houses are very, very close.”

A fire that destroyed a house two years ago in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield risked spreading to dwellings on both sides. Then-Chief Bryan Jarrell said at the time the main thing that prevented a spread was extra manpower provided by the Pointes’ mutual-aid agreement and the happenstance arrival of a squad of Detroit firefighters.

Similar circumstances this summer — augmented by equipment failure and fallen electrical lines — in which a garage fire jumped to a neighboring house in the alley between the 1400 block of Lakepointe and Beaconsfield in the

Patch, prompted Mayor Michele Hodges to order the risk reduction strategy.

Also soon after the fire, city officials announced increased enforcement of alley maintenance codes, especially those requiring privately owned bushes and trees be trimmed from rights-of-way.

Many houses and multi-family dwellings in the Cabbage Patch are 100 years old. They were built during an era of trolley cars. The neighborhood wasn’t planned for the degree of modern-day parking congestion that can delay a firefighter trying to stage a truck at a scene.

“It can be a challenge, but on the other hand, we’re aware of it, train for it and prepare for it,” Bostock said. “Knowing the houses are so close together is at the forefront of the incident commander’s thought process, not only containing an incident to a current structure, but also protecting exposure.”

The water distribution system, dating to the same era, has been an almost constant focus of improvement in recent years independent of the

pair of house fires.

“The fire hydrants are fine,” Bostock said. “It’s the infrastructure going to hydrants that we need to improve upon. It’s the volume of water getting to hydrants. When these mains were new, they were six or eight inches in diameter. But over time, calcification built up and the volume isn’t what it used to be. It’s an aging infrastructure, but the city council is taking steps to improve upon that.”

“A (forthcoming) water reliability study will help us determine if there are additional enhancements to the water main system we need to add,” Sizeland said.

The first water main replacement in the Park since the 1980s was contracted last year on upper Mack Avenue. Next comes replacing an old, calcified stretch on Beaconsfield. A larger diameter pipe will be installed along with replacing lead service lines.

“Those pipes will have a lot more volume,” Bostock said. “It would look nice to have more hydrants, but that doesn’t necessarily fix the underlying issue.”

The aerial tower on

one of the Park’s fire trucks can reach the top of any building in the Grosse Pointes, which Bostock said raises another challenge, namely tree coverage.

“Trees are beautiful in summer when you drive down Maryland and Lakepointe, but when you look at it from an incident commander’s standpoint, it can cause an issue for us trying to raise our aerial ladder where we want to get it,” Bostock said. “So, we have to maneuver and go to an alternative means of getting onto a roof to ventilate.”

“I’m not aware of any particular situation with trees that exist now, but if there are any, let me know and we can have them trimmed,” City Forester Brian Colter said.

The public safety department’s newly created fire committee consists of four officers.

Bostock said, “They’re going to oversee, recommend and create training opportunities for the department, not only interdepartmental, but (with) the City of Grosse Pointe and Farms, particularly, because they are our most-used resources as far as mutual aid.”



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Charles and Suzy Berschback with the plaque at the Pier Park observation deck.

Rediscovering the history of Lake St. Clair

A historical plaque commemorating a French explorer's discovery of Lac Ste. Claire Aug. 12, 1697, was unveiled on Pier Park's observation deck during the annual ice cream social Saturday, Aug. 10 — two days prior to the discovery's 327th anniversary.

The first storytelling historical

plaque of its kind in the Pointes — "Discovery" of Lac Ste. Claire and the Griffon — was donated by Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback and his wife, Suzy, who sought to commemorate the important day in Grosse Pointe's history.

"You'll hopefully really get a sense of what the lake and the

shoreline looked like 300 years ago when you're reading it," Charles Berschback said previously.

The couple hope their donation inspires others to donate similar storytelling plaques for the multitude of historic events and locations throughout the five cities.

Farms counselor pleads guilty to CSC charges

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A local marriage counselor who operated a private practice out of his Grosse Pointe Farms home pleaded guilty earlier this month to two counts of attempted fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct by a mental health professional.

Jonathan Motschall was sentenced Tuesday, Aug. 13, before Wayne County Circuit Judge Christopher Blount, to five years probation; non-public sex offender registration, which is set by statute, given the victim's age; enrollment in sex offender therapy; no contact with the complainant; and \$1,181 in court fees and fines.

He last summer began counseling a local woman in her 30s regarding issues in her marriage.

Throughout the sessions, he initiated physical contact including hugs and sitting beside her, before escalating to unwelcome, intimate touches.

"I'm sorry you had to experience something like this at this time in your life," Blount said to the woman, after she gave a victim impact

statement prior to sentencing.

As part of the settlement agreement, Motschall, who has no prior criminal history, admitted to attempting to touch the victim's breast while her clothes were on "in a way that was not medically recognized," as well as to a second incident of attempting to touch her inner thigh while her clothes were on "in a way that was not medically recognized."

The counts were reduced to attempts, which are one-year misdemeanors, as part of the settlement offer.

"I'm here because it's important that no other woman feel the way I did with him," the woman said last Tuesday. "... I hope he gets the help he needs. This person who holds a position to heal chose to hurt instead."

Motschall declined to make a final statement in court. His counseling license currently is suspended based on the allegations.

"There will still be civil matters," his defense attorney, Layne Sakwa, noted.

— Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, AUG. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms End of Summer Bash, all day at Pier Park. For Farms residents and up to two guests per park pass.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kercheval and Lakepointe.
- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval free street party, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

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city administration and council, tempering aspirations with financial realities always becomes part of discussions.

"This is a perfect fundraising need," Bouton said of the chairs. "I don't see that Chad's budget should be burdened by hugely expensive chairs."

The theater is part of the Lavins Community Center, a project of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

"The amenity is awesome," Bouton said. "But, this is the ongoing burden of all this philanthropy, (which) requires more philanthropy."

"Is this something we need to budget in multiple years?" Hindelang said.

He instructed Craig to gather facts and report to the commission during its October or December meeting.

"In order to know what we're dealing with," Hindelang told Craig, "if

you could start putting some thoughts together, we can gather our thoughts."

"Let's start pushing it toward action," Bouton said.

"To Howard's point, it's not going to get any better," Hindelang said. "Let's get this on the agenda. We can start to flush it out."

Specific funding issues are outside the scope of the commission.

"We want to raise the issue (and) talk about possibilities," Hindelang said. "I don't want us to have conversations about philanthropy versus budget. There are plenty of folks who are willing to do that for us. But, I would like us to talk about the issue, timing, the overall scope of what it would be, so we can then present options (to the administration and council)."

Hindelang added, "Our task is to help assign priorities and help evaluate options. The commission's role is an interface between the community and Chad.

We don't set the budget. We don't approve the budget. We have asked for additional insight into the budget to help us discuss options."

Yet he doesn't want to stifle anyone seeking funding solutions.

"I want to be cognizant, though, of our lane," Hindelang said.

"There may be a time when we need to transition to a partner to help pay for this. I would love to have someone on this commission help liaise with whoever it is to get that done. Otherwise, we'll still be sitting here two years from now saying it didn't make the capital budget again."

LOCK:

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Such behavior steamrolls because criminals tell colleagues about neighborhoods where there are high-return pickings due to effortless access to unsecured cars and their contents.

"Please lock your cars," Bostock said. "Don't make it tempting for anybody."

The department has an

inventory of steering wheel locks available free to residents wanting to make their vehicles less attractive to opportunists with a skewed sense of property rights.

"I want people to have them," Bostock said. "Also, we still have a number of smoke alarms. It's a free program. Anybody who needs a smoke detector, call public safety and we'll come to your house and install it for you."

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Take her out to the ballgame

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

Everyone loves taking in a baseball game during the summer. Hot dogs, a cold beverage, the chance to catch a foul ball.

For Mia Kinkade, baseball was her summer. The 2020 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate spent late May through last week as a ballpark operations intern for the Minot Hot Tots in North Dakota.

“It was a lot of work, but I had so much fun,” she said. “I made some really good friends, so it made home feel a little less far away.”

Most of Kinkade’s work was in the food and beverage part of the operations.

“We had to inventory all of our dry storage, refrigerated and frozen items,” she said. “Most game days were about 15 hours.”

She also had to set up and tear down concession stands and the buffet lines that came with special ticket packages.

“I also got to smoke brisket and pulled pork, which was pretty fun,” she added.

The Hot Tots, in their second season of existence, play in the Great Plains West Division of



From left, triplets Nicole, Ethan and Mia Kinkade after graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2020.

the Northwoods League. It is what’s known as a “wood bat league” for college players who aspire to play in the major leagues. Players use wooden bats, rather than the aluminum ones they use during their college season.

The league has four divisions total. Its Great Lakes East Division includes teams in Kalamazoo, Royal Oak and Traverse City. In 30 years, some 300 former Northwoods players have made it to the major leagues, including three-time Cy Young Award winner and former Detroit Tiger Max Scherzer.

Kinkade said there were 25 interns with the team working in operations, media, tickets and promotions.

“There were a couple interns assigned to the team, but there was a strict no-fraternization policy,” she said. “We got a monthly stipend, but instead of a salary, the team paid our apartment rent.”

“It was such a great experience,” she added. “I met interns from across the country and we learned how to be an effective team.”

And the name? “People love it,” she laughed when asked about the team name.

“It was actually a fan contest to get the community involved.”

Hot Tots is a nod to hotdish, a casserole popular in the upper Midwest. Naturally, the team has fun with it. The mascot is Tate R. Tot and fans are called spec-taters. The team even had a “Napoleon Dynamite” theme night last season, referencing the movie character who carried tater tots in his pocket after school lunch.

“People loved the theme nights,” Kinkade said. “That’s when we had our biggest crowds.”

This year’s included

ishes school. The Farms native said she enjoyed growing up in the Pointes and is glad to be back.

“You’re basically with the same friends from elementary school through high school,” she said. “It’s fun to see everyone grow and see where they end up.”

She of course wasn’t the only Kinkade in the 2020 class at South. She and her two siblings are triplets. Nicole just graduated from the Center for Creative Studies and Ethan is studying mechanical engineering at Wayne State.

“My mom said she wanted one more baby after we were born, but multiples run in our family, so that was out,” she laughed. “Mom (Beth) has some cousins who are twins and my dad (David) has some triplets on his side of the family.”



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Mia Kinkade, second from left, celebrates with some fellow interns after the last game of the season.

Countering bad behavior

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Security glass to be installed on public counters at city hall

doesn’t reflect well on citizen conduct.

“There have been a couple of incidents during the year,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager, not elaborating.

Sizeland said employees requested the barriers. He went further by recommending installation of limited-access doors.

“These measures will allow staff to work with residents in a safe environment and help prevent an incident if it were to happen,” Sizeland wrote in a memo to the city council.

“We’ve been lucky to have an open space with residents,” he said during the Aug. 12 council meeting. “Due to security issues and concerns, I’m bringing to you this recommendation.”

Elected officials agreed. They unanimously approved a \$26,500 contract with Clinton Valley Products

to supply and install half-inch thick, clear, tempered safety glass. Terms include installation at front counters of the city’s general administrative office, city clerk and building departments, plus the municipal court where administrators already work behind a glass partition.

“I support this,” Councilman Brent Dreaver said. “I want everyone to feel safe. But, I have reservations. It’s another barrier between our fine staff and residents. I think sometimes when there’s glass, it’s a barrier, but in the same sense, it allows people to feel like there’s that barrier there; the people on the other side don’t want to interact with me. That can in some ways inflame people. It is an overall yes, but I’m sad we’re at a point where this is what we want to do.”

“This is fairly common,” Councilman Max Wiener said. “You don’t think you need it until you need it.”

“It’s a lot of sense of security at city hall,” Sizeland said.

In addition to glass with little ticket-window-type cutouts allowing the exchange of paperwork and similar items, special doors will be installed at the entrance to the main administrative and clerk-building offices.

“Doors at the counters will have access control installed,” Sizeland said.

Court office doors have limited access already.

Beefing up security has only begun. According to Sizeland’s memo to council: “Public safety and building (department officials) recommended several security enhancements.”

City sells 2 Detroit properties

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Park officials this month unloaded two residential properties on Alter Road in Detroit that the suburb has owned for 16 years.

Final approval is contingent upon the buyer accepting what Mayor Michele Hodges described as “minor revisions to the purchase agreements.”

Members of the city council endorsed the terms upon coming out of a closed session Aug. 12, to discuss real estate matters.

Upon a motion by Councilman Max Wiener and second by Councilman Tim Kolar, the vote was unanimous.

“Motion carries,” Hodges said. “We have approved the sale of property at 1596 and 1588 (Alter Road).”

“Those are two residential spaces the city bought in about 2008, along with two others in the 1200 section of Alter,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “Now we’re going through the negotiated purchase agreement. The buyer has to agree to finalize the sale. We’re netting approximately \$12,000 after commission.”

“When we first took office about three years ago, I asked for a list of city-owned properties,” Councilman Tom Caulfield said. “There were various lots on Alter and a handful in Grosse Pointe Park.”

He wanted them sold. “We are not in the

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City of Grosse Pointe

Zelle fraud

Three fraudulent Zelle transfers totaling \$941 were made from a Grosse Pointer’s Fifth Third Bank checking account Tuesday, July 30.

Intoxicated

A 43-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, after being pulled over for speeding at Mack and Rivard.

Case closed

A 22-year-old Detroit man last week was identified and arrested at his home for stealing a wallet from a woman’s purse while she shopped at a Kercheval business Friday, July 19.

Lululemon

After stealing \$1,200 worth of clothes from Lululemon in The Village at 3:25 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, two juvenile females were arrested as they attempted to flee in a Dodge Avenger. At 2:15 p.m. the next day, a male juvenile and an 18-year-old Detroit woman stole \$550 worth of clothing from the store and also were arrested as they attempted to flee.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Guard dogs

Two men were seen rummaging through a vehicle in the 300 block of Ridgemont at 4:36 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, when the owner’s dogs alerted her there was someone in the driveway. The woman yelled at the men and they ran to an awaiting gray midsize SUV. Upon canvassing the area, officers discovered two phone charges and one battery booster were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the same area.

Illegal entry

A Farms woman wishes to press charges against her estranged father-in-law for illegal entry after he, without

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permission, let himself into her Ridgemont home at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14. She suspects he got the door code from his ex-wife’s documents.

Fraud

Upon receiving a package containing an iPhone 13 SIM card Thursday, Aug. 15, a 45-year-old Farms woman discovered it was fraudulently purchased for \$156.24 from her Verizon account.

Graffiti

Vulgar drawings were made on two pillars of a Beverly Road brick wall between 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, and 7 p.m. the following day.

Speeding

A 23-year-old Clinton Township man was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license after he was pulled over at Moross and Chandler Park for speeding 47 mph at 5:31 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

International driver permit

A 35-year-old Venezuelan woman, who was found to be in the country illegally, handed officers a cheaply made international driver permit when pulled over on Lincoln for expired license plate tabs at 3:47 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. The police report noted such permits “are not a valid form of identification and often are fraudulently sold to persons internationally who travel to or immigrate to America.” U.S. Border Patrol confirmed the woman was awaiting a court date and she was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and not having vehicle insurance.

Night vision

A 21-year-old Livonia man pulled over for speeding on Lakeshore with a suspended license at 11:51 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, told the officer he and the passenger were in town to drive around and look at the water.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

And so it goes

The 13th vehicle stolen in the city since July 15 had something in common with 11 of the others — it was parked unlocked with a key fob or ignition key inside. In this case, a black 2024 Chevrolet Blazer was stolen in the 1300 block of Bedford shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. “(The victim) witnessed the vehicle driving away, but did not witness anyone in it,” according to police.

Spite

Police said they caught the man responsible for setting a garage on fire around 2 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, in the 1300 block of Maryland. The location is next door to the residence of a woman the man, 46, of Harper Woods, used to date, according to police. At noon Saturday, Aug. 17, officers were dispatched to her dwelling to investigate the activation of a smoke alarm. “Officers found a fire that appeared to be lit intentionally on the stove,” a detective said. “The residence was empty at the time.” Police contacted the woman. “(She) reported a history of abusive behavior and assault by her ex-boyfriend,” police said. “(She) also reported several threats made by the

suspect to burn down the house. (He was) arrested without incident as is awaiting felony charges (for arson and assault).”

Garage B&E

Someone pried open a garage door in the 1200 block of Wayburn Friday, Aug. 16, and stole a lawnmower of unknown make and model.

Stolen while locked

A 2023 Jeep Compass was stolen during a nearly 24-hour period starting 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, while parked in front of a residence in the 800 block of Beaconsfield. A Park officer saw the stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Charlevoix and Lakepointe. An attempted traffic stop failed because the driver sped away. Authorities later recovered the vehicle, unoccupied, in Detroit. — Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Mutual aid

Officers assisted the Harper Woods Public Safety Department during a traffic stop and arrest of a suspect wanted for armed robbery. The incident occurred on Mack near Lochmoor around 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. The suspect is accused of robbing a teen at gunpoint in Harper Woods Monday,

Aug. 10.

Missing check

A business owner reported around noon Friday, Aug. 16, he sent a profit-sharing check for \$10,500 to an investor who lives elsewhere in Michigan. The investor never received the check and it was cashed in Tennessee.

Unlocked bike

An orange and black Nishiki Pueblo mountain bike worth \$318 was stolen outside of a business in the 20100 block of Mack around 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. A witness said a white male wearing a backward baseball hat and silver pants stole the unlocked bike.

Failed vehicle thief

An attempt to steal a 2023 Dodge Durango from the parking lot of Ascension St. John Hospital was unsuccessful. The complainant said the vehicle was in the lot between 11 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. The rear passenger window was shattered and there were two puncture marks on the steering wheel.

That stinks

Three packages of diapers worth \$120 were stolen from a business in the 20400 block of Mack around 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. The suspect is described as a black male in his 60s wearing a dark shirt, jeans and white shoes. — Ted O’Neil
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Impound weekend

No fewer than four vehicles were impounded and drivers ticketed Saturday, Aug. 17, and Sunday, Aug. 18, after being pulled over on Lakeshore. They included: ♦ A 2013 Cadillac CTS. The driver, a 24-year-old man from Detroit, was cited for expired registration and no insurance; ♦ A 2007 Honda Accord. The driver, a 27-year-old woman from Detroit, was cited for driving without a license, no insurance and no registration. The title showed she bought the vehicle in February. The native of Venezuela spoke little English, making communication with officers difficult. U.S. Customs and Border Protection declined to pick the woman up, saying she is scheduled to take her citizenship test soon; ♦ A 2021 Nissan Sentra. The driver, a 24-year-old woman from Detroit, was cited for no proof of insurance and given a warning for excessive speed; ♦ A 2014 Ford Edge. The driver, a 23-year-old man from Detroit, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance. — Ted O’Neil
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OUR VIEW

Three cheers for foundations

There have been more than a few stories about local foundations in recent months on the pages of the Grosse Pointe News. We'd like to take this opportunity to discuss all of the great foundations across the Pointes, what they mean to our community and to encourage more involvement.

Collectively these groups have raised and donated millions of dollars over the years to enhance our five municipalities, the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the business community. They hold fundraisers, conduct raffles and auctions and always are looking for new members.

Earlier this month was a story about the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation celebrating its 40th anniversary and the yard signs it put up around the village noting some of the projects it has completed and in what year, so let's start there. This is by no means an exhaustive list and more details can be found on each group's respective website, but here are some of the highlights.

- Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation**
- ◆ New, heated stairs and entrance at city hall
 - ◆ Paid architectural design costs for forthcoming pool reconstruction
 - ◆ Tot Lot equipment at Osius Park
 - ◆ Installed a splash pad at the pool
 - ◆ Built Schroeder Field House
- "The city without doubt is a more beautiful and functional place due to the support of the foundation." — City Manager Steve Poloni
- Website: gpsif.org
- Grosse Pointe Park Foundation**
- ◆ Tompkins Center and Lavins Activity Center
 - ◆ Schaap and Oluski theaters
 - ◆ Patterson Park splash pad
 - ◆ Playscape at Windmill Pointe Park
 - ◆ Public safety fitness room
- "They have enriched and enhanced the quality of life Park residents have come to expect due to their commitments and care for the community they call home." — City Manager Nick Sizeland
- Website: grossepointeparkfoundation.org
- City of Grosse Pointe Foundation**
- ◆ Neff Park kayak dock
 - ◆ Platform tennis courts at Elworthy Field
 - ◆ Memorial plaza at the public safety building
 - ◆ Neff Park stationary binocular tower
 - ◆ Hanging flower pots in The Village
- "Having a city foundation that is able to provide an incentivized funding resource has resulted in numerous projects and initiatives that would not have otherwise occurred." — City Manager Joe Valentine
- Website: grossepointecity.org/government/city_of_grosse_pointe_foundation/index.php
- Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation**
- ◆ Equipment for the Phyllis A. DeMars Tot Lot at Chene-Trombley Park
 - ◆ Equipment for the Mack Avenue dog park
 - ◆ Miniature golf course at Lake Front Park
 - ◆ Avenue in the Woods banners on Mack
 - ◆ City hall clocktower
- "The generous support of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation has been instrumental in driving impactful projects that significantly enhance our city." — City Administrator Frank Schulte
- Website: gpwfoundation.org
- Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation**
- ◆ Pier Park playscape
 - ◆ Kerby Field parking lot resurfacing
 - ◆ Dog park at Mack and Moross
 - ◆ Facade restoration at The Helm
 - ◆ Pier Park splash pad



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Pure GP

Residents in the City of Grosse Pointe woke up Tuesday morning to notices on the windshields of every vehicle parked on the street, as the City's public safety department took a creative approach to an educational campaign to lock cars, not leave key fobs inside and keep valuables out of sight.

"We're looking at the numbers for stolen cars and those of larceny from auto and I don't like where they're going," Public Safety Director John Alcorn said Monday night. "People leave their vehicles unlocked and other people find a way to take advantage of that. So tonight the officers are going to blanket the city on foot. If they find a vehicle with a laptop sitting in the front seat or a wallet or a purse — which is all the things we've seen in reports recently — we're going to leave a flier on the windshield."

The City has experienced seven car thefts to date this year — three of them unlocked cars or cars with key fobs left inside.

"For cars that are locked and unlocked, you're going to get a flier," Alcorn said. "One says, 'Hey, good job. Keep it up,' and the other one says, 'Hey, we noticed this just like the bad guys do.'"

Letter policy 2.0

We've once again revamped our Letters to the Editor policy — which, in case you've missed it, is printed on this page every week. It's a policy that seems often overlooked as we frequently receive letters that extend well beyond the word limit and sometimes are even unsigned.

To give you the Cliff's Notes version of the revisions, our new policy adds words to the limit, extending it to 300 words per letter. We also are firmly requiring letter writers to include their

full name, local address and phone number. Enough of the made-up email accounts already.

To make the process perhaps a bit easier, we've also created a form on our website for those interested in submitting letters online. The page can be reached by visiting grossepointe-news.com and clicking on "Forms," then "Submit a Letter to the Editor," or by linking directly to grossepointenews.com/submit-a-letter-to-the-editor/

Changes aside, a few pieces of the policy remain:

The deadline continues to be 3 p.m. Monday. Our editorial board reviews all submissions and retains the right to edit all submitted letters, as well as the right to refuse letters.

"Through 'private support for public good,' the GPFF provides additional and enhanced amenities that would not have been possible within the scope of the normal city budget." — City Manager Shane Reeside

Website: grossepointefarmsfoundation.org

Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

- ◆ Grosse Pointe North High School marching band uniforms
 - ◆ Kerby Elementary School playground renovation
 - ◆ iPads for all three middle schools
 - ◆ Ongoing funding of Gearheads robotics team
 - ◆ Chromebooks for Grosse Pointe South High School
- Website: gpfpe.org

Grosse Pointe Foundation for STEAAM Support

- ◆ Grosse Pointe South High School scoreboard
- ◆ Mason Elementary School accessible playground
- ◆ District-wide musical instrument refresh
- ◆ Grosse Pointe South High School art department relocation
- ◆ Five AEDs (automated electronic defibrillators) at North's baseball field and track

"I am incredibly grateful to our community members who volunteer their time and talents to prioritize education. They truly form the 'foundation' of our outstanding community and school district." — Superintendent Andrea Tuttle

Website: gpsteaam.com

Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation

- ◆ Pointer of Distinction awards and scholarships
- ◆ Santa Claus parade
- ◆ Bicycle stations
- ◆ Subsidy for K-Line

- ◆ Public safety patrol bikes
- "The programs and initiatives offered by the Grosse Pointe Chamber and Chamber Foundation are instrumental in enriching the community by providing essential services, fostering economic growth and promoting collaboration among local businesses." — Chamber President and CEO Jenny Boettcher.

Website: grossepointechamber.com/calendar/chamber-foundation/

There also are two newer foundations in the area focused exclusively on public safety issues. Public safety departments typically make up the largest piece of the budget pie in any municipality, and much of that money goes toward personnel costs for salaries and benefits, which doesn't leave much left over for equipment.

The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation started in 2022. Its major expenditures so far have included purchasing new ballistic vests, car and body cameras and a drone.

The Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation came about in 2023 to assist all of the Pointes and Harper Woods. Its first project was installing two repeaters at Grosse Pointe South High School to enhance cell phone and radio reception. It is now working to raise money to install license plate readers across the area.

They can be found at gppublicsafetyfoundation.com and gppsf.org, respectively.

There also are a host of private foundations and philanthropic organizations across the Pointes, focusing on everything from humans to the humanities. And the amount of money Pointers donate on a regular basis, either to their church or any number of causes under the sun, must certainly keep accountants on their toes at tax time.

Please take a moment to check out any of the above foundations that interest you and consider joining or making a donation. We thank you and your community thanks you.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Armada Fair favorites

The shortest way from the entrance to the Armada Fair last week to the animal barns was through the community arts building and a display of blue ribbon baked goods. Among them was a good-looking blueberry, rhubarb and lemon bread. Also, there were doughnuts dressed with a mixture of coconut and chocolate anchored by what appeared to be a spread of caramel.

In the cattle barn, a farmer displayed a Hereford named Jitterbug and her 3-month-old calf, Anna. Herefords are beef cattle.

The farmer stopped dairy operations in 2018, because larger farms had insurmountable economies of scale. Corporate farms at the time had the market

power to pay only 15 cents per gallon to transport milk to market while lower-volume family farmers faced a 65-cent charge.

A young, 1,396-pound Hereford bull named Nathaniel, displayed in the 4H barn, was as curious about onlookers as they were about him.

Another bull had brown, furry ears and what looked like a Princeton haircut with a little tuft above the forehead.

Latte, a French Charolais cross bull weighing 1,450 pounds, had a characteristic cream-beige coat.

Cookie, a 315-pound pig, slept.

Hafflinger is my favorite breed of horse. They weren't at the fair that day. Miniature horses were. The only real horse I found was a blue-ribbon-winning draft horse entered by Thueme Farms in Casco.

The next trip about which I'll favor readers may be a bike ride to the Belle Isle Conservatory.



Blueberry bread and doughnuts were among the sweets for sale.



Cookie the pig.



Nathaniel, Latte and a bull with a charming Princeton haircut.



Horses were among animals featured at the fair.



Jitterbug milks Anna, 3 months.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949 75 years ago this week

1974 50 years ago this week

SCHOOLS RELEASE CENSUS DATA: According to a report just released by L. M. Bartlett, director of pupil personnel for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, based on preliminary tabulations of the May 1949 school census, school membership and building permit data, the rate of growth in total population and in the number of children of school age and under 16 is continuing to increase at an accelerated rate over the past several years. The preliminary census data, which will be increased somewhat when final tabulations have been completed, show that the total population of the area comprised in the Grosse Pointe School District is now in excess of 40,000. The increase over last year is more than 1,300 or approximately 3.5 percent.

NEW FIRE ENGINE ACCEPTED FOLLOWING 3-HOUR TEST: Following a three-hour acceptance test at the Farms municipal pier Aug. 11, Grosse Pointe Farms officially took possession of the new fire engine built for the village by the Mack Manufacturing Company on Long Island, New York. The sleek new engine is equipped to pump 1,000 gallons of water a minute at over 150 pounds pressure.

WOODS CITIZENS UNHAPPY WITH PAVING PLAN: Over a dozen residents attended the regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to express their displeasure with the proposed special assessment district for paving the east half of Sunningdale Park. As a result, the council tabled action on this matter and an effort will be made to find out if the abutting property owners want to vacate the land. If so, the special assessment district could go by the board.

DEDICATED COACH RECEIVES HONOR: The city of Grosse Pointe Park and the Park swim team have honored Coach Tim Kennary for his "outstanding efforts in making the Park the City of Champions." Mr. Kennary, the head coach of the swim team, led the swimmers to a championship this season. Park personnel said they came up with the idea of presenting a plaque to Mr. Kennary because of all the sacrifices he has made in preparing the team for meets.

FIRST PLACE WINNER: The Pointe has a young and talented figure skater in its midst in the person of 11-year-old Linda Van Dusen. Van Dusen, representing the Detroit Skating Club, won a first-place gold medal in the Columbus Summer Figure Skating Competition earlier this

month in Columbus, Ohio. This spring, she participated in a Tri-State competition in Bowling Green, Ohio, and placed second. She also has participated in three shows in St. Clair Shores and this summer was a soloist in exhibitions at the Grosse Pointe Community and Oak Park rinks.

1999 25 years ago this week

WOODS RESIDENTS CONCERNED BY NEW FENCE RULES: A number of Woods residents appeared before the city council Monday night to express their displeasure with the new fence regulations approved by the city council last April. Since the council passed rules limiting the height of fences and types of material that can be used to construct fences in the city, the council has held numerous hearings requested by residents who wish to go their own way.

SOUTH QUARTET SHOWS NET WORTH WITH ALL-STATE SELECTION: It was a given that Grosse Pointe South's No. 1 doubles team of senior John Berschback and freshman Richard Marsh were going to be on the Division I All-State tennis team. What wasn't a sure thing was that Berschback and Marsh, who won their flight at the state finals, would be joined by two of their South teammates — seniors Preston Gaspar and Tony Tocco.

MARGOT PARKER APPOINTED TO PARK

CITY COUNCIL: In a 4-0 vote the Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved the appointment of Margot C. Parker to replace veteran councilwoman Valerie Moran, who resigned last June after 10 years of service. Mayor Palmer Heenan said he reviewed a lengthy list of candidates for Moran's open seat, but felt that Parker's decades of experience working as a government relations specialist for General Motors would give the council the kind of experience it needs.

2014 10 years ago this week

PET SUPPLIES PLUS COMING TO TOWN: Unlike early in the lengthy

recession when a tenant leaving the Village could portend a storefront staying vacant for an extended time, a recent departure is being filled on the flip side. Corner space in Kercheval Place, vacated recently by Coldwater Creek women's clothing store, is being filled next year by Pet Supplies Plus. The location is a half block from The Barkery, a sole-proprietor pet store.

ROCKEFELLERS OPENS ON MACK: Everything old is new again, as Rockefellers Oyster Bar and Grill brings back oysters and music to the corner of Mack and Nottingham. The former site of Tom's Oyster Bar and most recently Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille, Rockefellers opened Aug. 13, and carries on the tra-

dition of oysters, steaks and music under the guidance of local restaurateur and City of Grosse Pointe resident Jai-Lee Dearing and chef Don Kruse.

MEDICAL OFFICES FILL VACANCIES: Medical offices slated for the second floor of Kercheval Place round out the block-long building's intended uses. "We're relocating a general surgery, family medicine and internal medicine practice into the space," said Michael Hoeflein, project manager for JLL at Beaumont Health System. Second-floor offices complement the building's ground-floor tenants, including a clothing store, grocery store and other retailers in the Village central business commercial district.

Correction

The Aug. 15 Our View should have indicated the City of Grosse Pointe receives its sewer service from the Great Lakes Water Authority. A recent cost increase was less than expected after GLWA updated its metering process.

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Farms body cameras connecting to the cloud

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A server and seven years of vehicle and body camera footage burned to Blu-ray discs and housed at the Farms public safety station now will be transitioned out of service as the department takes the leap to cloud-based storage — not necessarily at its own discretion.

“Our current public safety camera system through a company called Safe Fleet is converting over to cloud storage as of January 2025,” Public Safety Director John Hutchins said. “They’re going the way of all the other camera manufacturers.”

A far cry from con-

tinuing to manually burn footage onto discs — “which I know now seems terribly antiquated,” Hutchins said — officers via the cloud database need only tag footage of major incidents, arrests, complaints, etc., for it to be saved indefinitely.

Untagged footage automatically purges after 120 days.

“We have not been presented anything problematic now in terms of cloud-based storage,” Hutchins said regarding questions of data security.

A \$173,679 five-year agreement with Pro-Vision means the department will receive 35 new body cameras, new camera installations in nine patrol vehi-

cles, unlimited cloud storage, licensing, redaction software — for which the city currently pays separately — camera recharging docks and the free replacement of body cameras at 30 months.

The city will pay \$42,399 the first year, followed by \$32,820 the four remaining years, compared to its current average annual cost of \$26,300.

“It’s the best value for the money,” Hutchins said. “... There will be more than enough cameras for every officer to have their own camera, as well as the backup officers. That also includes parking officers and the animal control officer. Everyone will have a

camera.”

The Farms and Woods are the only Pointe departments to issue every officer their own camera, he added. The City and Park rotate cameras between shifts. The Shores has only four.

“We also issue every officer their own taser, their own radio and their own sidearm, which provides for better accountability,” he said. “When you’re exchanging cameras between officers on different shifts, you have the potential for problems with that.”

Eight departments in Michigan currently contract with Pro-Vision, including the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office.

Councilman Joe Ricci

prior to approval of the contract questioned the quality of Pro-Vision’s service considering its bid came in about \$50,000 less than the next lowest bid.

“They’re a newer company than the other two (bidders) and I think they’re aggressively trying to price their position in the market,” Hutchins replied. “I talked to some high-ranking people in Wayne County and they’ve been happy with the cameras. They (Pro-Vision) received a technology award in 2021 as an innovator of camera technology.”

The Farms’ current provider, Safe Fleet Systems, wanted \$238,835 for a five-year cloud storage agree-

ment, not including new cameras or unlimited data.

A third bidder, Getac, offered a \$225,794 lump sum agreement for cloud storage, new cameras and unlimited data, but did not include camera installations in the vehicles or free camera replacements at 30 months.

“The other thing I like about Pro-Vision is they’re the only company located in Michigan,” Hutchins said, which is an advantage with equipment repair turnaround time.

City council voted 6-0, with Councilman Neil Sroka absent, to approve the five-year agreement with Pro-Vision during its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13.

One new PSO; one more to go

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The public safety department is trending toward being fully staffed in time for its public open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

A newly hired male officer brings the roster to 27, one shy of the number desired.

Other candidates are undergoing background checks to determine their suitability for the job.

Chief Jim Bostock intends to make the final

choice by the end of September.

“I anticipate bringing a whole complement by October,” he said.

The latest hire is halfway toward patrolling the city as a cross-trained fighter of fire and crime.

Bostock said the newbie is a certified firefighter from Lapeer County who enrolled last week at the Oakland Community College Police Academy.

“He’s due to graduate in December,” Bostock said.

A Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards grant is funding the training. Tuition costs \$6,600, according to the academy website.

“We’ve got \$24,000 (grant) toward his training,” Bostock said. “That’s going to include his police academy training and parts of his salary and benefits. That’s going to be a big help for us going forward.”

— Brad Lindberg



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Special guest

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with Mary Ellen Kerney, from Habitat for Humanity-Detroit, during the club’s July 23 meeting at Ford House. Kerney is the director of philanthropy for the Detroit chapter, based in the Eden Gardens neighborhood of Detroit. The Detroit chapter is part of an international, nonprofit, Christian-based organization whose mission is to provide local low-income families with decent, affordable housing, in which they can safely raise their families. The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary is hosting its 45th annual Grosse Pointe Run Sept. 21, along Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit grossepointerun.com for more information.

Sewer inspections continue

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials blew off a bloated bid to inspect the sewer system and chose the lowest price instead.

Work consists of examining by closed circuit television more than 38,000 linear feet of sewers ranging in diameter from 6 to 69 inches.

“This is part of annual, ongoing preventive maintenance — to map out and optimize (sewers) so the systems work as well as they can,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

Wiener motioned during the Aug. 12 council meeting to contract the work to low-bidder Taplin Group of Kalamazoo for \$200,000.

The Park’s consulting engineers at OHM Consulting checked Taplin’s years of sewer work in Ann Arbor before recommending Park officials pursue the contract.

“Work completed for (Ann Arbor) met their requirements and the project contacts have been responsive throughout the process,” Patrick Droze, OHM project manager, wrote in a memo to Park City Manager Nick Sizeland.

“The (Park) has conducted an annual closed-circuit TV program for its sewer system for the past few years,” Tom Jenny, director of public works, wrote in a memo to Sizeland. “For fiscal year 2025, bids were sought to ensure the city continues to receive competitive pricing.”

Three bids ranged from Taplin’s to a \$999,999.99 submission by Pipeline Management Co., of Milford, which no one at city hall took seriously.

“It looks like they were not interested,” Sizeland said.

Taplin lowered its initial bid of \$271,399 to get the job, he added.

Examining sewers for cracks and blockages is part of the city’s six-year capital improvement plan.

“There’s 40 miles of sewers under the city,” Wiener said.

Work contracted to Taplin involves sewers totaling more than seven miles, or slightly less than one-fifth of the whole.

Taplin’s task includes locating and mapping manhole access points, some of which were covered over without authorization and forgotten during the city’s 100-year history by freelance landscaping.

“It’s access points we’re having the hardest time mapping out,” Wiener said.

Some city fees are up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It costs an extra \$100 per hour to rent the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park beginning fiscal year 2025, which started July 1.

Rentals can be extended up to two hours, meaning the maximum extra fee is \$200.

There are no changes to base rental fees. They remain:

- ◆ \$500 Monday through Thursday,
- ◆ \$750 Friday, Saturday and Sunday and
- ◆ \$1,200 for weddings and wedding receptions. Also at Windmill, the

cost to rent a movie theater became \$275, a \$75 increase from the previous \$200.

A united city council approved the increases Monday, June 10, as part of an updated citywide fee schedule.

“Fees help support various budgeted activities of city departments,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

A new \$150 charge was established to rent the McKeever Lounge in the Lavins Activity Center for a three-hour block.

Although the cost for a key fob to enter the dog park at Patterson Park remains \$40 through October of the calendar year and \$50 thereafter, the fee now applies to

renewals and replacements.

Changes impact all departments, not just recreation.

Starting July it now costs \$250 (a \$150 increase) to obtain a copy of the tax roll, whether in paper or electronic form.

Also, the penalty for late utility payments doubled to 10 percent. Added was a 1 percent penalty compounded monthly.

Regarding public safety, individual fees for background checks, Breathalyzer tests and fingerprinting became \$15, a \$5 increase.

Increases beyond a few dollars in the public service, building, planning departments include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ The price for resi-

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land-holding business,” Caulfield said. “We were paying taxes to Detroit on the properties. We have to pay to maintain them. We’re also paying liability insurance on it. If anyone gets hurt on that property, they can come after us. So get rid of it.”

Both houses approved for sale this month are located on the Grosse Pointe side of Alter between Brooks Street and Kercheval Avenue, a few lots south of where the hoped-for sale of Park-owned commercial property last year fell through.

“The deal didn’t work out for both parties,” Sizeland said.

Council members in

December 2023 gave the prospective buyer a 90-day extension, in addition to a prior 120-day period to conduct due diligence, to complete a Phase II Environmental study of the Alter Road properties.

“It’s nothing environmental,” Sizeland said. “The dollars didn’t make sense. Nothing personal.”

Lucky Detroit to fill Starbucks space

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As Starbucks in The Village prepares to move into the old Jos. A Bank space, Lucky Detroit Coffee & Espresso is ready to take over the building on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval as soon as it becomes available.

Lucky Detroit offers coffee and pastry menus, as well as a new focus on breakfast sandwiches served all day.

Among its five locations, it currently has a small space in the Park on Kercheval.

“We have a very small location,” owner Chad Buchanan noted. “It’s only 14 feet by 16 feet, so it doesn’t give us the capability to run a full cafe. This will give us the capability to do so.”



Lucky Detroit Coffee & Espresso will replace Starbucks at 17001 Kercheval in The Village.

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A site plan — detailing outdoor dining similar to the footprint Starbucks currently uses, as well as a walk-up window along Notre Dame toward the back of the building for foot traffic sales — was approved by city council Monday night.

“I think what I was most impressed with (is) when I asked (Buchanan) about his business model,” Main Street Grosse Pointe

Director Cindy Willcock noted, “he said, ‘We’re very focused on customer service and we believe in that face-to-face interaction,’ which is why they don’t do DoorDash or other delivery services or even take call-ahead orders.”

“And that fits in so well with the business model of small businesses, in particular the businesses in The Village, so I think

they’re going to be a really good fit.”

The walk-up window is intended to be year-round, weather permitting.

“We’re trying to activate that outdoor space,” Buchanan said, “give a capability for people to be able to walk up, place an order there.”

Councilman Chris Walsh noted concern regarding cars idling and

sending someone up to the walk-up window.

“I could see that being something that would congest,” he said, “and then you’ve got the Kroger alley right there and you’ve got trucks. So (it’s) just something I would be conscientious of because it’s a pretty foreseeable potential issue.”

Buchanan mentioned solutions of signage, as well as staff moving people along.

“I believe we’re going to try to put some sort of outdoor parking for bicycles as well, trying to just keep it as walk-up,” he added.

With Starbucks only moving kitty-corner across the street, Buchanan also was asked how he intends to differentiate his coffee shop from its competitors.

“We do everything in-house, so we roast all our

own coffee,” he said in response. “We make our own syrup, so everything that we give our customers, we make in-house. There’s not one thing that we buy from outside.

“We’re a little bit different from Starbucks. They do pretty much none of that.”

An open date for the location depends on when Starbucks vacates the space. Previously, it was supposed to have vacated by Aug. 1.

“Once they leave, we can get a better idea of what needs to be done there,” Buchanan said. “The building, they’ve been in it for quite a long time, so the building needs quite a bit of love. There are some issues that need to be changed, so we probably have 120 days plus of just renovations, just to get it back to a really solid white box.”



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Pastaio is located at 17043 Kercheval in The Village.

Pastaio to open next week in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Pastaio, an authentic Italian pasta restaurant, will host an invite-only soft opening of its location in The Village Monday, Aug. 26, followed by fully opening to the public later next week.

“It may be the 28th or 29th,” owner Pasquale Lamarra said at press time. “I’m not 100 percent (sure), but it’s going to be one of those days.”

To start, hours at Pastaio will be 3 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The restaurant, which

also has a Royal Oak location, fills the former Koi Nu Asian space at 17043 Kercheval.

“Pastaio means ‘pasta maker,’ so (it’s) all hand-made pasta,” Lamarra said. “Every single piece of pasta is made there daily.”

“(It’s) very Italian American influenced, kind of like Sunday meals at an Italian American’s home. And we like to say, everyday affordability. So it’s high-end food, but with everyday affordability.”

The menu features cavatelli sausage ragu, short rib ragu and meatballs, alongside a variety of additional pastas, entrees and small plates. Although the Royal Oak

location serves Italian pizza as well, the Kercheval building’s shape was too narrow to fit the needed equipment.

“We import all of our flour from Italy,” Lamarra noted previously. “It’s Caputo 00 flour. It’s not bleached, bromated and enriched like what you typically see with flour here in the states, so people that have high gluten allergies, they tend to fare way better with the imported flour, even though we do offer gluten-free pasta.”

Pastaio still is hiring for several positions at its new Grosse Pointe location. To apply, visit eatpastaio.com/joinourteam.

Atwater sold

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A company with an array of consumer products including cannabis is the new owner of Detroit’s Atwater Brewery and its tap house on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Tilray Brands, of New York, on Aug. 13 agreed to acquire Atwater and three other breweries from Molson Coors Beverage Co., according to a Tilray news release.

Company representatives did not respond to

email requests for comment.

The release cited Atwater’s flagship craft, Dirty Blonde Ale, among those “known for their bold flavors and unique character.”

“We are excited to welcome the employees and distributors behind these craft beer brands which will play a pivotal role in the growth of Tilray Beverages,” said Ty Gilmore, president of Tilray Beverages North America, in the release. “We will lever-

age our extensive expertise in product innovation and distribution to unlock the full potential of these brands, strengthen their sales and operations, and expand their reach into key markets across the U.S.”

In addition to beer, the Park tap house has a food menu. Offerings range from appetizers, or “sharables,” to salads and sandwiches.

The other breweries Tilray is taking over are Hop Valley Brewing in Oregon, Terrapin Beer Company in Georgia and Revolver Brewing in Texas.



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dential certificate of occupancy inspections remains unchanged, but the cost for commercial inspections became \$350. Fees cover an initial inspection and one follow up. People failing to renew or obtain certifi-

cates of occupancy face a \$150 fee.

◆ Fence permits doubled to \$100.

◆ Use of a public right-of-way for vending or seating costs a base fee of \$50 plus a new \$25 charge. To use a parking space costs an extra \$30.

◆ Fire inspections cost \$100 to \$230.

◆ Enforcement of

administrative tickets cost \$50 each.

Of the few electrical department fee changes, all are between \$2 and \$5.

Almost all plumbing and utility permit fees stay the same or change slightly. The exception is a new \$25 license fee to excavate a shower trap pan.

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- Currently a financial supervisor in Process Validation and Improvement, he manages both financial analysts and data analytics teams.
- Improving processes and ensuring every dollar is accounted for is what he does every day.
- As a Trustee, Terry will continue to make Academic Excellence the key focus of this district while ensuring financial transparency and accountability.

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- A lifelong Grosse Pointer and proud graduate of its schools, Kate has a Bachelor's degree in English from Hillsdale College and over 25 years of business experience. Kate was recognized for Excellence in Asset Services.
- Kate stands on these three primary pillars: Communication, Education, and Elevation. She will work tirelessly to develop and strengthen clear avenues of communication to support all district stakeholders—from families to students to teachers and taxpayers.
- She brings decades of professional experience in commercial real estate, including her tenure as Marketing Manager for CBRE Premiere Asset Services, where she oversaw marketing and communications for an OEM's Global Headquarters.

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- Heath and his wife Lindsay have 3 children and have lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 5 years. Heath's career is focused on children's health, working at Children's Hospitals in Michigan and Missouri. After high school, Heath joined the US Army and served on Active Duty in the 101st Airborne Division. He holds dual Bachelor's degrees in management and finance, and an MBA.
- Heath is currently Chief Administrative Officer for Population Health Services at Henry Ford Health.
- Heath has dedicated his career to children's health. He will bring a fresh perspective to the Board, ensuring a thriving environment for students. He emphasizes budget accountability, policy guidance, and community involvement.

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Pre-teen gets high marks at NAM regional pageant
Pierce student invited to national finals

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

An anonymous nomination and her willingness to try something new advanced 11-year-old Mary-Kate Piccione of Grosse Pointe Park to the next level of competition in the National American Miss Pageant.

The rising sixth grader at Pierce Middle School recently participated in the regional NAM pageant in Columbus, Ohio, against girls from Michigan and Ohio.

“She scored exemplary in two of three judged categories and above average in the third,” said her grandfather, Steven Piccione, also of Grosse Pointe Park. “Based on those scores, she was selected as a finalist and invited to compete in the national competition in Orlando this November, against girls from around the country.”

The goal of NAM is to grow confidence and poise and teach real-world skills to young girls. According to its website, it is “a program based on the foundational principle of fostering positive self-image by enhancing natural beauty within.”

Mary-Kate Piccione earned her spot in the regional pageant after accepting the nomination and participating in a pre-pageant interview in Novi.

“I decided to try it to have a new experience and see if I liked it and to make new friends,” she said.

NAM guided participants through the process, providing tips on how to present themselves. Scoring was



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based on a runway walk, “small speech” and interview during the regional competition.

“I was asked what’s the one thing I could not live without and I said my dog, Finley, who always cheers me up when I’m sad,” she said. “They asked what my favorite color is: It’s light blue. They asked my age and what I want to do when I grow up. It was pretty fun.”

The answers came easy, especially the last one: The LEGO enthusiast

hopes to become an architect. She already has helped her grandfather build a doghouse and she built a bird feeder.

While there was a gown portion of the event, “the NAM pageant is not a beauty pageant,” Steven Piccione said. “The scores are based on interview skills, public speaking and more. They teach the girls confidence and poise.”

“There was no makeup allowed,” added Nicole Piccione, Mary-Kate’s

mother.

The pageant also included fun moments for participants, like a pajama-clad dance party among contestants. The whole experience was one to remember for the pre-teen, especially hearing her name called and being handed a ticket to nationals.

“I felt excited,” she said, “and kind of in shock. I didn’t do too much extra stuff, but I was very happy.”

While NAM was her first pageant, Mary-Kate



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Above, Mary-Kate Piccione presents the awards she received at the National American Miss Pageant. Left, Piccione is all smiles at the pageant after she was named a finalist.

Piccione, who enjoys playing volleyball, swimming and riding her bicycle, said she’d happily try another.

“I’d like to do things that are similar, like keep making new friends,” she said.

She also likes to spend time volunteering. Cleaning up the environment — and recruiting family and friends to do the same — is important to her.

Last year, she helped clean up alleys in Detroit, while this year she and her aunts planted flowers around a church in the city. Both projects were organized through Motor City Makeover.

“She met someone (at the pageant) from the Detroit area who also made it to nationals, so they’re doing volunteer work together,” Nicole

Piccione said.

“I’m really proud of her for trying something new,” she added. “She worked hard and practiced a lot.”

“Though new to this process, Mary-Kate was articulate, graceful and humble,” Steven Piccione said, “and we couldn’t be prouder of her.”

While the excitement of the regional remains fresh, the family hasn’t decided if they’re headed to nationals as it’s already been an expensive journey.

“We’re working toward sponsorships,” Nicole Piccione said.

The Picciones also are putting together a Go Fund Me page for donations.

For more information about NAM, visit namiss.com/about/

Shores mom rebooting cooking show

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

After a hiatus while raising her young sons, Katie Morgan is bringing back her YouTube show, “Don’t Burn Dinner,” but

with a new twist.

“This is a completely different concept from when I first started,” she said. “That was just for fun, but now it’s going to be about nutritious, delicious food that kids will

actually eat.”

Morgan said she’d been thinking about reviving the show for a while.

“I’d be at the park talking with other moms while the kids played and the conversation always turned to what to make for dinner,” she said. “Plus, I had a lot of people asking when it was going to start up again.”

Even though the show was on hold, Morgan continued the concept, sharing tips and tricks for other new moms on her Instagram account, which has about 50,000 followers.

The first show started after Morgan received recipes from family and friends at her bridal shower.

“I had a really busy career and basically lived out of hotels, so it was always restaurants or room service,” she said. “The joke was I couldn’t boil water. These were everyone’s easiest newlywed recipes and sure enough I burned some stuff.”

A Woods native,

Morgan and her husband, Chris, moved to the Pointes in 2021 to raise their sons, Lennon, 5, and Leopold, 3.

“I had the Grosse Pointe syndrome,” she laughed. “I lived in California, Dallas, Miami. But everyone moves back here to raise their kids.”

The new show will tackle her grandmother’s cookbook.

“It has all of her newlywed recipes that she got in 1957,” she said. “It was put together by my great-grandmother, who actually was a Vernier.”

She said the recipes are full of minimal, affordable ingredients. The family also spends a lot of time in Chris’s native England, where the boys have dual citizenship.

“I’ve picked up a lot of tips from my mother-in-law about their culture around food,” she said. “Things like how to hide vegetables in recipes to get your kids to eat them.”

The issue of how best to use leftovers also will



Katie Morgan holds her grandmother’s cookbook, which she’ll use for her new YouTube show.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Katie and Chris Morgan stand with their sons, Leopold, left, and Lennon, right, at Burghley House in England, where they were married.

be addressed and each episode will end with her serving the dish to her sons to see if they’ll eat it.

Morgan is hoping, however, the show can go beyond YouTube.

“I’m hoping to have some local chefs on, do livestreaming with Q&A,” she said. “Long

term, though, the goal would be to have a cooking show on TV. That would be amazing.”

Morgan said she plans to post each Tuesday. Previous episodes and an intro for the new show can be found at youtube.com/@dontburndinner 5264

Why is replenishing the tree canopy in Grosse Pointe important?

By Suzy Berschback
Guest Writer

This is the first installment of a four-part series.

Replenishing the tree canopy in the Grosse Pointes is not just about adding greenery; it's about investing in the health, sustainability and prosperity of the entire community. Here are some compelling reasons why replenishing the tree canopy is crucial:

◆ **Property value enhancement:** Neighborhoods with mature trees and abundant greenery often are perceived as more desirable and attractive. Studies have shown that properties with trees tend to have higher resale values and sell more quickly than those without.

◆ **Stormwater management:** Trees help absorb and filter rainwater, reducing the risk of flooding and soil erosion. In a region like Grosse Pointe, where heavy rainfall can be common, an increased tree canopy can significantly alleviate stormwater runoff issues.

◆ **Temperature regulation:** Urban areas tend to experience higher temperatures due to the

heat island effect caused by the concentration of buildings and paved surfaces. Trees provide natural shade and cooling through evapotranspiration, thereby reducing the demand for energy-intensive air conditioning.

◆ **Environmental benefits:** Trees play a crucial role in mitigating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas. By increasing the tree canopy, we can enhance carbon sequestration and improve air quality.

◆ **Biodiversity support:** Trees provide habitat and food sources for various wildlife species, including birds, insects and small mammals. Increasing the tree canopy enhances local biodiversity and contributes to ecosystem resilience.

◆ **Community health and well-being:** Access to green spaces and trees has been linked to improved mental health and well-being. By replenishing the tree canopy, we can create more inviting and pleasant outdoor environments for residents to enjoy.

◆ **Community identity and pride:** Trees contribute to the unique character and identity of a community. By investing in the

tree canopy, we demonstrate a commitment to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of Grosse Pointe, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among residents.

◆ **Long-term investment:** Planting trees is a long-term investment in the future of our community. As trees mature, they continue to provide benefits for generations to come, making it a sustainable and cost-effective strategy for enhancing the quality of life in Grosse Pointe.

By investing in and replenishing our tree canopy in the Grosse Pointes, we can create a more resilient, sustainable and vibrant community for current and future generations to enjoy. It's an investment worth making for the health and well-being of both people and the planet.

Suzy Berschback is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and is working with Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood and the Urban Forestry Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe in its effort to restore the Pointes' tree canopy and provide community education.



Trees provide shade during the hot summer months, reducing the need for excessive air conditioning. Plant more trees.

Shakespeare shorts

Ford House and Grosse Pointe Theatre recently teamed up to present scenes from six Shakespeare plays throughout the grounds of Ford House, offering a glimpse of the playwright's

greatness in an idyllic setting. Guests were able to experience the seven-minute performances in the order of their choosing while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.



"Romeo and Juliet" tells the story of two young lovers from feuding families who marry in secret. Romeo, played by Jake Zablocki, calls upon Juliet, played by Natalie Boehmer.



"Macbeth" follows a Scottish general who, driven by prophecy and his wife's ambition, murders King Duncan to seize the throne. In this scene, Bridget Hillyer plays Lady Macbeth, who is helping Kristina Mardlin, playing Macbeth, wash blood off his hands.



"Julius Caesar" is a gripping political drama about ambition, betrayal and the struggle to power. Caesar's rise threatens the Roman Republic, leading Brutus, Cassius and other conspirators to assassinate him. Left, Joe Sfair played Brutus. Below, Gavin DeFillippo played Second Plebian, Joe Danz played Mark Antony and Dominic Aldini played First Plebian.

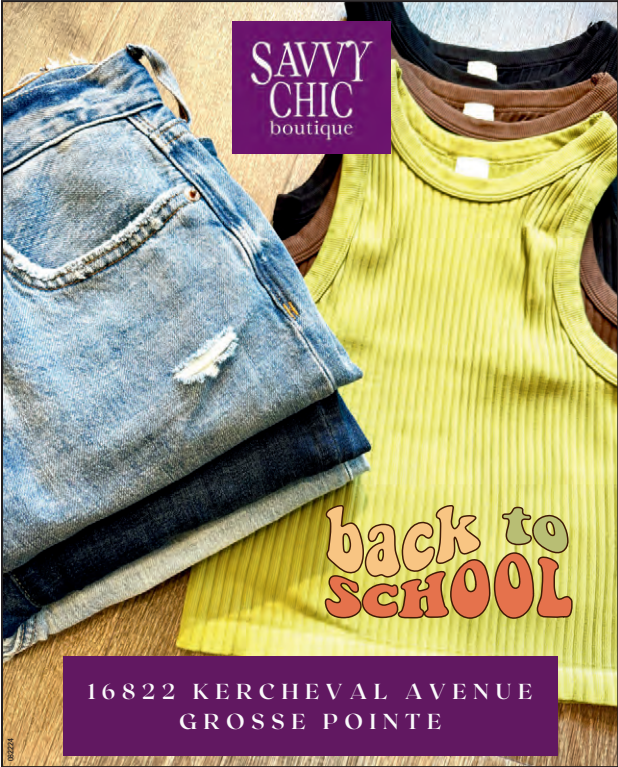


"Taming of the Shrew" is a comedic tale of courtship and transformation. The headstrong Katherine, deemed "un-marriageable," meets her match in the brash Petruchio. Katherine, played by Julia Cody, and Petruchio, played by Nick Marinello.

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"The Tempest" follows Prospero, a sorcerer and rightful duke, who conjures a storm to shipwreck his usurping brother and the King of Naples on his island. Miranda, played by Madelyn Henke; Prospero, played by Phil Potter; and Ariel, played by Chris Martin.





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"Twelfth Night" is a comedic tale of mistaken identities and romantic entanglements. Shipwrecked Viola disguises herself as a man, Cesario, to serve Duke Orsino, who loves Lady Olivia. Viola, played by Erin Getzin, and Lady Olivia, played by Carrie Fisk.

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy helping back-to-school effort

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy has two initiatives this month to support local teachers and students as the new school year approaches. Now until Aug. 30, customers can vote for their favorite preschool teacher by commenting with the teacher's name and tagging their school on Whistle Stop's social media pages. Each entry will count as one chance for the teacher to win a \$200 gift card to Whistle Stop, allowing them to stock up on classroom supplies and educational toys.

"We're passionate about supporting our local teachers and students," said co-owner Julie Everitt. "Through our giveaway and supply drive, we hope to show our appreciation for the incredible work that teachers do, and to make sure that every student is

well-prepared for the upcoming school year."

Everitt said this is the store's first time for either project.

"We felt August was a good time to honor teachers and we have a lot of educational toys for younger kids, so we decided to go with preschool teachers," Everitt said. "Most of our customers come from St. Clair Shores and the Pointes, but it's open to anyone in the area."

Whistle Stop also is partnering with two St. Clair Shores-based nonprofits, Kids On The Go and Big Family of Michigan, to host a back-to-school supply drive.

Kids On The Go provides special-needs children with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies both over the summer months and during the school year.

Big Family of Michigan supports and serves the needs of foster chil-

dren, institutionalized children and grandchildren raised by their grandparents.

Whistle Stop's social media pages have a list of school supplies that need to be donated. The school supplies can be dropped off at the store, 21714 Harper, St. Clair Shores, through Aug. 30. In return, donors will receive a coupon for 15 percent off their next purchase at the store.

"Kids on the Go mostly requested things like pencils and crayons and markers," Everitt said. "Big Family said they have a lot of babies in foster care right now, so they're mostly looking for baby toys."

Everitt encouraged those who can't donate supplies in person to visit the organizations' websites to make a monetary donation.

Those can be found at bigfamilyofmi.org and kidsonthegocamp.com.



Massive mural

Melanie Craik, social media and website manager for Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, usually spends her days online, creating daily posts, managing inventory, creating website graphics and assisting with event coordination. Recently, she put her creativity into another pursuit — painting a mural behind the shop, located at 21714 Harper, St. Clair Shores. She started the project June 12, and anticipated finishing late August or early September.

"This is my first professional mural," Craik said, "however, I've been an artist my entire life. I attended the College for Creative Studies, studying illustration, and I graduated in May of 2022. The wall is what customers see when they first pull into the parking lot and we felt that if kids saw something colorful and whimsical it would make their experience at Whistle Stop even better."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Melanie Craik adds yellow to a happy lion.

22nd biennial Fiber Arts Exhibition is Sept. 7 to Oct. 16

The Anton Art Center will host the 22nd biennial Fiber Arts Exhibition presented by the Michigan League of Handweavers from Saturday, Sept. 7, to Wednesday, Oct. 16.

The multimedia works will be showcased in the first-floor gallery with a special historical display in the adjoining history gallery. An opening reception with a juror and artist panel and awards announcement takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and is hosted by The Eastside Handweavers.

Juried by artist and instructor Susan Moran, the exhibition will feature nearly 50 selected fiber artworks by MLH artist members, including Grosse Pointe resident Mariel Collins. In addition to handweaving, the exhibit will include examples of hand-stitching, tapestry, knitting, machine sewing, tatting, needle and wet felting, rug hooking, Temari (spherical embroidery), dyeing and fabric painting and

printing.

"I am inspired and encouraged to see the quality of work submitted to this exhibition," Moran said. "It's wonderful to find that the community of people who value work made by hand is flourishing. In so many of these fiber pieces, I found joy and devotion to materials, to exploration of ideas, to mastery of craft and to spending time mindfully."

Moran is a textile artist and faculty member at the College for Creative Studies and Wayne State University. Her work has been featured in Fiber Arts Magazine and commissioned by many organizations. She finds inspiration in the combination of natural and manmade objects found on her walks in wooded areas of Southeast Michigan.

"We are looking forward to showcasing an impressive collection of artworks by the Michigan League of Handweavers to our

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ 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. through Sunday, Aug. 25. Usually an exclusive perk for members, the public is welcome to bring their dogs to explore the grounds at Ford House.
- ◆ Nonprofit Mixer, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22. The public is welcome.
- ◆ 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.

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 nonmembers.
- ◆ Fresh Produce at The

Helm, with the Full Circle Farms Market 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, and with Eastern Market at The Helm 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.
- ◆ A Matter of Balance, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to 30, at the Harper Woods Library.
- ◆ Online Security Behavior and Practices, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, with presenter Jim Creighton.
- ◆ The movie "The Beautiful Game" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Handwriting Analysis in Forensics, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, with instructor Ruth Homes, a certified document examiner. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

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

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"TO KEEP ACTIVE IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT." — JUDI IDRIS

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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.

Robert A. Young

Robert Anthony Young, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Sunday, July 28, 2024.

Rob, the middle son of John E. and Gertrude Young, was born May 31, 1942, and lived most of his life in Grosse Pointe Park. He attended St. Clare of Montefalco School, University of Detroit Jesuit High School and University of Detroit.

A career banker, Rob spent more than 30 years with National Bank of Detroit, rising through the ranks and ultimately retiring from First Chicago NBD as vice president and regional manager at The Village branch.

In retirement, Rob landed his dream job: Grosse Pointe Park park guard. He happily rode his bike to work at Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks, rain or shine, for more than a decade, to greet community members and friends at the gate, work as harbormaster and watch the freighters go by — a favorite pastime.

Growing up, Rob was an avid baseball and hockey player and remained devoted to the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings throughout his life. In adulthood, he was a runner, participating in several 5k and 10k races and one Detroit Marathon. He also spent many summers sailing Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes as a crew member on RhoGee and Valkyrie, winning a Port Huron to Mackinac Boat Race on Valkyrie. Usually up for adventure, Rob also participated in the One Lap of America tour in a Vixen motorhome in the 1980s.

Rob was a devoted family man. He had immense pride for his daughters, grandsons, nieces and nephews, and loved spending time with them — whether coaching softball teams, taking them ice skating on the lake or to the Emerald Isle on St. Patrick’s Day, attending concerts or just catching up over coffee. Rob offered wise, caring support and a helping hand whenever needed. His family loved recalling stories of his legendary antics with his brothers and lifelong friends.

Rob and his wife, Betty, were married nearly 56 years. They loved to entertain and hosted teams, crews, co-workers, neighbors, friends and family at countless events at their home or at one of their beloved Grosse Pointe Park parks. Regardless of the venue, Rob could be found at the grill, behind the bar or whipping up a batch of his famous eggnog for Christmas brunch.

When not out being active, Rob could be found in his chair reading Irish history, biographies of ballplayers and mysteries, working on crossword puzzles or watching the Tigers while listening to Elvis, the Chieftains, Neil Young, Stevie Nicks or Miles Davis.

Rob is survived by his

daughters, Elizabeth (Wayne Lin) and Jeanne; and grandsons: Elizabeth and Wayne’s sons, Freddie and Henry, graduate of and current student athlete at Swarthmore College, respectively, and Jeanne’s sons, Rahsaan and Ronin, both students at the University of California, Merced. He also is survived by his sister-in-law, Vahine Young, and her daughter, Rhea Young (John Ho) and their son, James Ho; niece, Ann Gilligan (Bryan) and their children, Kellan and Maguire Gilligan; great-nieces, Hannah and Adelaide Young; sister-in-law, Jane Measel, and her family: husband, Paul Measel, sons, David Moselle (Anne) and Eric Moselle (Jerrilyn), and their children, Natalie and Jake Moselle. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty Stansbury Young; parents, Jack and Gertrude; brothers, John and Jerry; sister-in-law, Patricia; and nephews, Bill and Rob.

Roger McCaig

Grosse Pointe resident Roger McCaig, 95, passed away peacefully Friday, July 5, 2024, at The Rivers assisted living facility.

Born Nov. 22, 1928, in Chicago, to Hazel and Ronald McCaig, Roger graduated as valedictorian from Parker High School, graduated from Monmouth College, earned a master’s degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate from Wayne State University.

In 1950, he married Virginia Howe, with whom he had three children. Roger is survived by his son, Scott; grandchildren, Steven, Brian and Katherine; and great-grandchildren, Francisco and Cameron. He also is survived by his nieces, Jackie Hurst and Julie Stewart; and nephew, Raleigh Howe. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Gail; son, Douglas; and sister, Shirley.

Roger dedicated 41 years of his life to the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Beginning his career as an English teacher at Parcells Middle School, where he was repeatedly recognized as the top teacher, he transitioned to the administrative role of curriculum coordinator and eventually was promoted to director of research and development.

During his GPPSS tenure, he successfully pushed for Grosse Pointe to be the first system in Michigan to ban corporal punishment; developed the first plan in the nation for the wide-scale assessment of student writing; was awarded the title of Exemplary Writing Program for the GPPSS by the Michigan Council of English teachers; established the magnet program for gifted and talented students in the elementary schools; and created a transformative diagnostic and teaching

program for spelling known as ASSIST. Upon his retirement, he was honored with a Michigan House Concurrent Resolution.

Roger was a dedicated runner throughout his life — running in the Illinois State finals and continuing running 5Ks well into his 80s. He lettered in tennis, basketball, track and field and cross-country. He also was quite the dedicated sports fan, traveling to several Olympics, as well as NCAA finals and even national high school track and field finals. On his 80th birthday during a visit to Boulder, he had the honor of going on a run with Olympic medalist Frack Shorter.

All who knew him are welcome to help celebrate his life Sunday, Sept. 15. Call (720) 300-6172 by Sunday, Sept. 1, for details and to RSVP.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Richard “Dick” Hoglund

Richard “Dick” Hoglund, 75, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Aug. 13, 2024, at his home.

Born Sept. 1, 1948, in Duluth, Minn., to Justa and Hazel Hoglund, both now deceased, Dick attended and graduated from Duluth Central High in 1966, and the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1970.

In 1970, Dick began his esteemed federal law enforcement career when he was hired by the United States Customs Service and served as a federal sky marshal in Duluth. Following the beginning of mandatory passenger screening in 1973, the federal sky marshal program was partially disbanded and as a result, Dick was reassigned as a special agent in Duluth.

Dick worked several years as a special agent in Duluth and as a group supervisor in Cleveland, when in 1983, Dick was selected and promoted to serve as the special agent in charge, U.S. Customs Service, Office of Investigations in Detroit.

In 1996, Dick was promoted to the position of deputy assistant commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Office of Investigations and relocated to Washington, D.C., where he oversaw a workforce of more than 1,000 until his retirement in 2000.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, brought Dick out of retirement for a short time, where he was assigned, once again, as the deputy assistant commissioner and worked tirelessly on the transition team that facilitated the merger of the U.S. Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service into what ultimately became the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S.



Robert A. Young

Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Dick, respected and revered for his 30 years of public service, retired for the last time in 2002.

Dick was an avid sports fan, and he had no greater love than that of his beloved Minnesota Vikings. He enjoyed golfing, boating and travel.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Carmen W. Hoglund; daughter, Emily Hoglund; son, Kristian Hoglund (Rebecca); stepson, Anthony Romolino; grandchildren, Emma Hewitt, Annika Hoglund, Isabelle Romolino, Lilliana Romolino and Charlotte Romolino; sister-in-law, Michelle Scinta; nephew, Alec Scinta; and brother-in-law, Richard Wehner; as well as many cousins in Duluth. In addition to his parents, Dick was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Hoglund; brother, Gary Hoglund; and stepdaughter, Kristina Romolino-Hewitt.

Visitation takes place 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with a service beginning at 5 p.m.

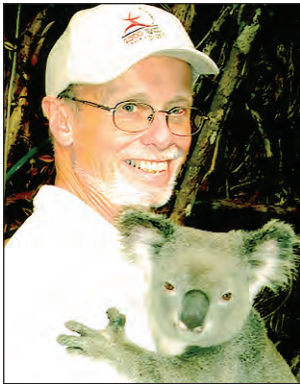
George Theodore Kalina

George Theodore Kalina, 99, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024.

He was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Detroit, to Theodore and Melpomene (nee Kelpaxis) Kalina. Even as a child of the Depression, George looked back on his youth with fondness, recalling his days growing up at Forest and Mt. Elliott — riding the streetcars of Detroit, ice skating on Belle Isle and causing mischief with the neighborhood kids.

George served valiantly in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Before his deployment, he met the love of his life, Velika “Violet” Kazacoff, with whom he corresponded throughout the war. After returning home, George proposed to Violet on Belle Isle and they were joined in marriage Aug. 20, 1949. They were blessed with 70 years of marriage before Violet’s passing in 2020 at age 95. Together they lovingly raised their children and grandchildren in the home they built and lived in the rest of their lives on Hunt Club in Harper Woods.

George will be remembered as a man of integrity and generosity. A natural-born engineer, he proudly co-founded Pointe Enterprise, a tool and die business located at Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Never one to stay idle, he remained active after retiring, dedicating his time to caring for his family, gardening and photography. Even as



Roger McCaig



George T. Kalina

George neared 100 years old, he maintained his enthusiasm for life and inspired those around him with his resilience and strength of body and mind.

George was the devoted husband of Violet; dependable father of Ernie (Jim Wolfington) and Ted; and supportive grandfather of Elizabeth (Kevin Cheng) and Katherine. He also will be dearly missed by Joan Rosol, who he loved as a daughter. He was predeceased by his younger brother, Ernest Kalina, who gave his life serving his country in World War II, a loss that deeply affected George throughout his life.

Funeral services for George were held privately at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, alongside his wife, Violet, as well as Violet’s parents and brother.

Robert John Scarfone

Robert John Scarfone, cherished brother, devoted father, beloved husband and loyal friend, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, leaving behind a legacy of boundless love and unwavering kindness.

Born Dec. 10, 1955, to Dr. Santo Samuel and Patricia Elaine Scarfone, Bob was the third of six siblings who grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. His early years were filled with joyful times spent skating and playing at home and in Ontario, Canada, alongside his cousins.

Bob’s academic and athletic journey began at Our Lady Star of the Sea and Austin Catholic Preparatory schools, where his talents shone brightly in hockey, football and baseball. His passion for learning and sports led him to Villanova University, where he played ice hockey and was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers — a testament to his remarkable skill. Choosing to honor his educational pursuits over professional hockey, Bob declined the offer to play hockey and instead continued his studies at Oxford University through a prestigious exchange program, before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law.

Bob, with his business



Richard Hoglund



Robert John Scarfone

partner and friend, John Geen, went on to found and grow an extremely successful insurance defense law practice, Scarfone & Geen, that continues to thrive today and serve as a lasting testament to Bob’s work ethic, wonderful reputation and can-do spirit.

In 1982, Bob married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Bryce, and together they nurtured a family that flourished under his guidance. Bob’s seven children — Alison, Michael, Robert, Daniel, Benjamin, Brian and Vincent — were the heart of his world. His children fondly remember him as a father whose love was as grand as his presence at every game, state championship and family gathering. His dedication to his family was matched only by his generosity toward friends and strangers alike.

Bob’s life was a testament to his values of humility, gratitude and devotion and his deep Catholic faith. He was known for his ability to make everyone feel valued, often going out of his way to offer support or simply a listening ear. His warmth was an unending source of comfort and inspiration, and his legacy is one of compassion and strength. As his children wrote, “We are an extension of his legacy and legends never die. We are Scarfone Strong.”

Bob is survived by his siblings, Richard (Mary), Suzane (Joseph), Patricia (Samuel), Mary Catherine (William) and William (Kris); his beloved wife, Patricia (Bryce) Scarfone; his children, Alison, Michael (Cortney), Robert (Jessica), Daniel (Brooke), Benjamin (Kelly), Brian and Vincent; and his grandchildren, Robert John III, Mila, Louis, Henry, Daniel Jr., and Sloane. He also is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, all of whom were touched by his remarkable spirit. Bob was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Santo Samuel and Patricia Elaine Scarfone.

A private funeral Mass was held Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, celebrating a life well-lived and a soul deeply loved. Bob’s light and unwavering faith in God will forever guide his loved ones, his lessons will continue to inspire them and his love will remain their greatest gift.

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Joan Estelle Burns

Joan Estelle Burns, 87, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in Warren. She was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Detroit, and was a 1954 graduate of Mackenzie High School.

Joan worked for several different companies over the years, including Flame Furnace, Blue Cross Blue Shield, various dental offices and Smith Hinchman & Grylls. She ended her career with Comerica Bank, from which she retired in 1999.

Joan was a patient, private, loving and kind woman who enjoyed spending time with family and friends, boating on Lake St. Clair, reading, playing games and cards, bowling, golf and traveling.

She was predeceased by her parents, Louise and Carl Maienschein; her husband, James Arthur Burns; and two



Joan Estelle Burns

sisters, Gloria Strang and Corliss Marowske. She is survived by her only son, Kevin Burns (Jodi); grandchildren, Jeffrey Burns (Megan) and Michelle Johnson (Steven); great-granddaughters, Emily and Olivia Burns; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A private inurnment will take place Friday, Sept. 27, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, with a Celebration of Life luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, cancer.org.



Standing, from left, are Joanne Niederoest, Madeleine Phillips, Sandy Magreta, Pat Hays, Cheryll Nelson, Carla Butterly and Sharon Lutz. Sitting, from left, are Clementine Rice, Karen Kolp and Tina Olofsson.

COURTESY PHOTO

Fifty years and counting

In 1974, a group of young women decided it would be an exceptional idea to form a garden club. As Grosse Pointe residents, it was apparent to them the beauty that

existed in the community was a cause to champion. It was their inspiration that the gifts of nature be encouraged, celebrated and preserved.

The purpose of La

Societe des Jardinieres is to inspire a love of gardens, their design and management and to encourage the education of its members. Founding member Helena Thurber,

is still active.

Saturday, July 13, La Societe des Jardinieres celebrated its 50th anniversary. The evening began with Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The ladies then proceeded to the home of member Karen Kolp for further festivities.

Day of Remembrance

A National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children event takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Assumption Grotto Cemetery, 13770 Gratiot, Detroit. The event invites those who are silently suffering from the pain of losing a child to abortion, to take the first step toward healing by honoring the memory of all children lost to abortion.

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center for the first time,” said Stephanie Hazzard, Anton Art Center exhibition manager. “Textiles are an especially versatile medium for both domestic and industrial functions. This exhibit celebrates the best artisanal fiber works by contemporary Michigan artists.”

For information about the Michigan League of Handweavers, visit mlhguild.org.

For information about the Anton Art Center, visit theartcenter.org or call (586) 469-8666.

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Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. Cost for the reunion is \$40; Venmo @amytredershol land. 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 grossepointe north1974.com

Selfridge

The Selfridge Military Air Museum invites the public to its “Wheels & Wings” car show from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,

Aug. 24, at the museum. Show cars will be parked around the Air Park next to 30 military aircraft on display. The show includes 20 classes of automobiles; trophies will be awarded and door prizes will be part of the fun. Free food will be provided by Bubba’s 33 Restaurant and Texas Roadhouse, with live music courtesy of Stars & Stripes. Base access and museum admission are required to attend the car show. Visit selfridgeairmuseum.org for details.

Library

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

◆ The Superhero Project, on exhibit all day, at all branches, through Monday, Sept. 9.

◆ Superhero Drawing Techniques, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Capturing the Moment Photowalk Series with Monica Morgan, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

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.

The Family Center

◆ In conjunction with several nonprofit organizations, The Family Center will participate in the fourth annual International Overdose Awareness Day event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the WCCCD Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. The event includes overdose rescue training, coalition and community partner presentations, vendor tables and more.

◆ 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 Ridgemont 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:

◆ 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.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

The War Memorial

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

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

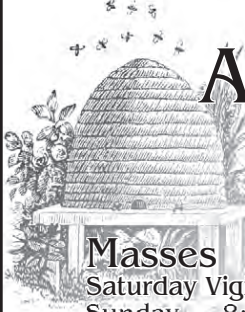
◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: The Music of Hans Zimmer, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.

◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: The Soul of Detroit, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. 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.

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Above, Katie Henke helps her daughter, Norah Henke, pedal the bike blender. Right, Judson Urso was an inch or two too short to pedal on his own, but really wanted to ride the bike blender, so Hether Jonna Frayer helped him with the pedals while his mother, Carolyn Urso, held onto him.



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The owner of Fresh Food is Fun, Hether Jonna Frayer, cheers as Ansel Whelan pedals to make a smoothie.

Well-blended

On Thursday, Aug. 8, the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central branch was the place to be to enjoy a fruit smoothie made in a blender powered by a bike.

This is the second year the bike blender visited the GPPL since Youth Librarian Rachel Charette learned about Hether Jonna Frayer, who owns Fresh Food is Fun. Last year the bike

blender came to the Ewald and Woods libraries, while this year it visited Central.

Catherine Ricard, GPPL youth services librarian, said, "It's a unique opportunity to get kids and adults moving, enjoying delicious smoothies from Michigan-grown produce and connecting it to a fun marker of the close of summer reading.

Reading is good for your brain — and nutrition and exercise are, too."

Frayer, who created her first bike blender in 2013, said the idea came from her sister, who lives in Minnesota and saw one at a farmers market. Frayer thought it was a good idea and a friend volunteered to make one for her. Her first blender bike was built from a part of a drum set, a skateboard wheel and some barn wood.

Three years later she found the company,

Rock the Bike, and learned it used a platform to hold the blender on the fender, so she reconfigured the bike to its present form. The bike is all mechanical, so electricity is not needed. Kids and adults sit and pedal to make smoothies.

Forty people signed up and over the course of the two hours the bike blender was on the plaza, around 60 people enjoyed smoothies featuring apple cider, strawberries and blueberries.

Ford House hosts family fun at Lake Fest

Ford House's Lake Fest took place Saturday, July 27, and welcomed hundreds of visitors to its grounds for a variety of activities.

Lake Fest celebrates the beauty of Lake St. Clair, as well as animals and people living around it, while instilling the importance of taking care of the lake and keeping it healthy for everyone to enjoy.

The event included hands-on activities and projects, as well as stations featuring

community partners. Families were invited to meet members of the U.S. Coast Guard, go on a scavenger hunt, check out a live sturgeon courtesy of the Department of Natural Resources Adventure Center, learn from Michigan Science Center teachers and participate in science experiments, learn about walleye from the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association and about natural resources from the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, among other fun.



Attendees were invited to participate in a variety of hands-on activities, as well as gather information about various community organizations.



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Tips for helping your kids arrive on time for school

Dear Gabby: Last year we had more than 20 tardies for school and I am desperate to not be the drop-off deadbeat this time around. Any ideas?

— Late in the Shores

Dear Late,
I once heard someone say if you wait until the last minute, it only takes a minute to do. This can be true, but whoever came up with that most certainly does not have children. Anyone with

children should add in AT LEAST 10 minutes of cushion to account for the myriad things that can and will go wrong or be forgotten.

There are several things you can do to be prepared, which I will share below, but just giving yourself 10 to 15 minutes of spare time will likely solve your problem. And it's so easy!

1. Make sure everyone is in their bed at least 45 minutes before you

expect them to fall asleep.

2. Be prepared ahead of time. Finish homework, pick out clothes, have lunches made and ready to grab from the fridge, and backpacks packed and next to the door. If all of this is done, there's not THAT much chaos that can ensue in the morning.

3. Streamline breakfast. Find a few simple and healthy-ish things to



eat. Trader Joe's has frozen pancakes and hash-brown patties you can always have on hand. Muffins, granola, bagels and fruit are quick and easy. Make sure to grocery shop before Monday morning so you have a fresh selection.

4. Give the kids a five-minute warning to complete everything they have forgotten. This will give them time to put on their socks and shoes, brush their teeth, get field trip money or whatever else may come up.

Best of luck for a great school year ahead!

— Gabby

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Remember the good times

DEAR ANNIE: I read with interest and sadness the letter from "Forgotten Daughter," who believes her mom is developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease like their grandfather had. I know this process firsthand.

My maternal grandmother had this dreaded disease, and now my mom has it. Like the writer's mom, my mom showed signs earlier than her parents did. I agree with your advice that it is important to get the person to see their doctor. However, they should know that it is often difficult to get the loved one to agree, because they believe (or want to believe) there is nothing wrong with them.

It is also important to see a doctor who is knowledgeable about dementia, or you can end up worse

off than you started.

Finally, as to the loved one telling the same stories over and over, and the defensiveness — these are parts of the disease that all caregivers and family have to learn to cope with.

The one piece of advice that has been the most fruitful for our family and caregivers is not to argue. If she wants to say the same thing more than once, I have to practice the skill of patience, which is not my favorite — nor most people's — but it comes in handy. Likewise, trying to be understanding when they get frustrated and working on not taking it personally.

Watching someone you love fall victim to dementia is a challenging and sometimes brutal journey. But there are good

moments, too; good and tender moments of connection. These are what keep us (relatively) sane, and I wish many such moments to the letter writer and their mom. Thank you for being an advocate for good attention to dementia patients and their families. — See It Firsthand

DEAR FIRSTHAND: Thank you for your wonderful advice. You clearly have experience with the disease and are handling it with grace. Best of luck to you and your family.

DEAR ANNIE: As a caregiver and a daughter-in-law, I would just like to say your advice for "Forgotten Daughter" is spot on.

This daughter is in a very hard position, but she should try to remem-

ber that our reality can't be forced onto her mom. Sometimes, you have to live in her reality and pretend you have never heard that story or just go along with what she says. Enjoy every moment and story that you can, because when they are gone, you will wish you could hear them one more time.

I have to remind my husband of this all the time. Don't regret not taking the time you have to build good memories now. — Caregiver Who Understands

DEAR CAREGIVER WHO UNDERSTANDS: I love the idea of enjoying every moment, memory and story with those we love. Cherishing those we love each day is the biggest gift we can give to them and to ourselves.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR ANNIE: I have had many odd symptoms over the years that got worse, and it has taken much research to finally get help. I have deficiencies in vitamins D and B12 that require more than a multivitamin.

Doctors don't learn nutrition in medical school and are unaware of what deficiencies look like. Vitamins aren't part of routine bloodwork. Please advise readers to request their vitamins, as well as their children's, be checked when having blood drawn. If deficient, it is important to educate oneself on the possible cause, symptoms and where to get help. Deficiencies don't go

away on their own and they have health consequences over time. Thank you. — Vitamins Can Be Vital

DEAR VITAMINS: Thank you for your letter. You bring up a very important point about nutrition. You can get many of your vitamins if you eat a well-balanced diet, but knowledge is power. Learning from your doctor what vitamins you are deficient in could really help your overall health."

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

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Music on the Lawn

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Music on the Lawn on the front lawn of city hall Friday, June 28. People brought lawn chairs and food; beer and wine was available for purchase. The band Sonic Freeway entertained the crowd.



Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty dance to the music of Sonic Freeway.



Kansas Waugh, Cameron Hogan, Mason Wagner and Evan Wagner joined in the festivities after their teams finished a scrimmage at Ghesquiere Park.



Graham McGregor, Vinny Loduca and Dani Loduca have fun playing Connect 4.



The forecast said rain, but when it didn't show, Etta Swanson used her umbrella for fun instead of protection as she danced around the perimeter of the clock.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Let me start by saying that as a relatively young person, I never thought I'd be writing about any product from the brand, Dr. Scholl's. Yet, here I am, officially eating my words.

I always assumed I'd start wearing Dr. Scholl's shoes the same time I started hoarding Werther's Originals and investing in weekly bingo nights. But guess what? Life has a funny way of proving you wrong. And in my case, it came in the form of Dr. Scholl's Time Off Sneaker.

It all started with a TikTok rabbit hole, as most things do these days.

I saw the recommendation from many videos, realized they were pretty reasonably



priced and ordered them for my two-week trip to Europe. I wore them around

town a few days before leaving just to make sure they were actually as great as they were advertised to be online, then threw them in my suitcase.

Now, I'm not exagger-

ating when I say these shoes are like walking on clouds. Soft, stable and supportive, they felt like little pillows under my feet as I powered through historic streets, scenic parks and seemingly endless art galleries.

I even wore them with dresses and, shockingly, they didn't make me look like I was just coming from a gym session — thanks to their sleek design and neutral color scheme. But here's the thing:

As comfortable and stylish as these sneakers are, the white fabric they're made of is a dirt magnet. I'm talking "you stepped on nothing, but somehow your shoes look like you've been off-roading" dirty.

Luckily, with a little help from a wet towel or trusty magic eraser, I was able to wipe away most of the dirt marks and keep them looking somewhat presentable. But still, be warned: Your fresh kicks will need some extra TLC on the road.

All in all, I give Dr. Scholl's Time Off Sneaker a respectable 4 out of 5 alligators.

Sure, they attract dirt, but the comfort, support and versatility make them more than worth the effort. I may not be ready for orthopedic inserts just yet, but hey, if the shoe fits...

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4 Out Of 5

Chia-rrific

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I am not a huge breakfast fan. Most days I opt to skip it and by mid morning I am regretting my decision. My energy drops and my stomach growls loudly. My kids always eat a good breakfast but I'm never hungry when they eat.

By the time I clean up the kitchen after them, I have no interest in dirtying it again. So the idea of a grab and go breakfast or snack is very appealing. This chia seed pudding is easy to make and is best after it sits in the fridge overnight.

I was first introduced to chia seeds when I was training for a half marathon which now seems like a lifetime ago.

I was told that adding chia seeds to water helps with hydration because they can absorb 12 times their weight in water.

Once the water is absorbed, it helps you stay hydrated longer. Not to mention they are packed with fiber which helps with digestion and keeps you full longer. Chia seed water wasn't my favorite texture though. But once I tried them in a pudding, I was hooked.

This pudding is made with full fat coconut milk so it turns out rich and creamy. Fresh, delicious mango puree is mixed in along with mango chunks for added texture.

I top mine with a store-bought whipped topping but you could make it vegan with whipped coconut cream. This is a great on-the-go breakfast, snack or dessert. Give it a try.

Cheers, Mombeau

Mango Chia Seed Pudding (Serves 4)

2 ripe mangos, peeled and diced

½ cup chia seeds

1 13.5 oz can, full fat coconut milk

4 tbsp honey

1 container of whipped topping

Pinch of salt

Add one of the cubed mangos, coconut milk and honey to a blender and process until smooth.

Pour the mixture into a medium size mixing bowl.

Stir in the chia seeds, the rest of the cubed mango and a pinch of salt.

If you want, leave some mango for garnish.

Combine together, cover with plastic wrap



and let sit in the fridge for about four hours or overnight.

Spoon into serving bowls or glasses and top with a good thick layer of

whipped topping. Garnish with any left-over mango.

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Wine Talk

by Dan Berger

Closeout bin

One of the great benefits of knowing lots about wine is that wine-knowledgeable people often can find bargains that others would bypass.

This topic is important today because there is now far more wine in the marketplace than anybody imagined just a year ago. Slow sales in the last year have led to soft prices. Since wine is perishable and has a limited shelf life, retailers must move it.

And wines that are less well known are likely to move more slowly and may be discounted more than wines that consumers know something about, such as chardonnay and cabernet.

Savvy consumers also know that slightly older vintages might well offer excellent value, because wine can develop fascinating characteristics with just a little extra time in the bottle. And older vintages are often discounted.

With wine selling slowly, many wines reach a point where retailers say a product is "stale," even though there is actually nothing wrong with it. Retailers

often tire of looking at bottles that are unsold for months. It's then that they plunk them into what I call a closeout bin.

Here are a few suggestions for discounted wines, particularly those that are located in discount racks:

- Be wary of rose wines that are more than two years old. Most roses should have fresh fruit aromas and tastes for their greatest enjoyment. But they can fade in time. The 2023 and 2022 vintages were both good in Northern California and France. Both are good drinking today. But anything older than 2022 is suspect.

- When it comes to young rose or white wines, check alcohol levels to make sure they are moderate. I find that many whites and roses that I prefer have about 13.5 percent alcohol. Some wines above 14.5 percent alcohol can be soft and seem to be sweet.

- Among the most reliable white wines you may see on discount shelves are pinot gris (or

grigio) and sauvignon blanc. The former grape is best consumed when it is young and fresh. I'd pass on any from 2021 or earlier.

Sauvignon blanc, by contrast, actually develops fascinating secondary characteristics with a little bit of time in the bottle. Many older versions from New Zealand can be interesting and are worth a try -- particularly when they are less than \$10 per bottle.

- I find that the most reliable red wine closeouts can be those from Italy. However, understanding these wines is not that easy, and knowing something about the regions is very helpful.

The most widely seen Italian reds come from Tuscany, which may show up on the label as "Toscana." These wines are made from the sangiovese grape and are typically quite dry with 13.5 percent alcohol. They go best with red-sauced pasta dishes, pizza and other Italian dishes.

- Spanish reds are usually made from tempranillo. They are usually moderate in alcohol. Those that are likely to be discounted are designated "crianza," which are intended to be consumed young.

- Some of the best values in lower-priced discounted reds are dry wines from Portugal.

Most have moderate alcohol levels and fairly low tannins, so they're not particularly astringent.

- I love dry German rieslings, but that category of wine has been extremely popular worldwide, so prices have been rising. Any German rieslings you find today that are discounted likely will be sweet or off-dry.

- Cabernet sauvignon has been popular worldwide for decades, and lots of it is produced in numerous countries. It's not an easy grape to make into a great wine, and even moderate-quality versions usually are expensive.

Today, I find that the best values in cabernet typically come from either Australia or Chile. The latter country produces superb cabs that usually sell for \$12 to \$18, and discounts are beginning to show up for them.

The topic of discounted wines always crops up during periods when sales slow considerably. I have witnessed this for decades. Roughly every 20 years, there is a soft spot in the marketplace, but sales usually rebound within two to three years.

Since red wines with moderate alcohol levels usually keep fine for a few years, some wine consumers may take this opportunity to stock up

on some of today's bargains.

Wine of the Week: 2022 Bonny Doon Picpoul, Central Coast (\$18) — Picpoul (pick-pool) is a slightly obscure grape from a family of grapes that grow primarily in the south of France. It has recently become popular in cooler regions of California. It has a beautiful floral aroma, and there also is a delicate hint of maritime minerality (which I call "sea spray"). Although the taste is relatively succulent, the bal-

ance is perfect, and therefore it is appealingly dry in the aftertaste and goes with a wide variety of foods. Bottle Barn in Santa Rosa, California, has this wine for \$11.99 (<https://bottlebarn.com/products/2022-bonny-doon-central-coast-picpoul>).

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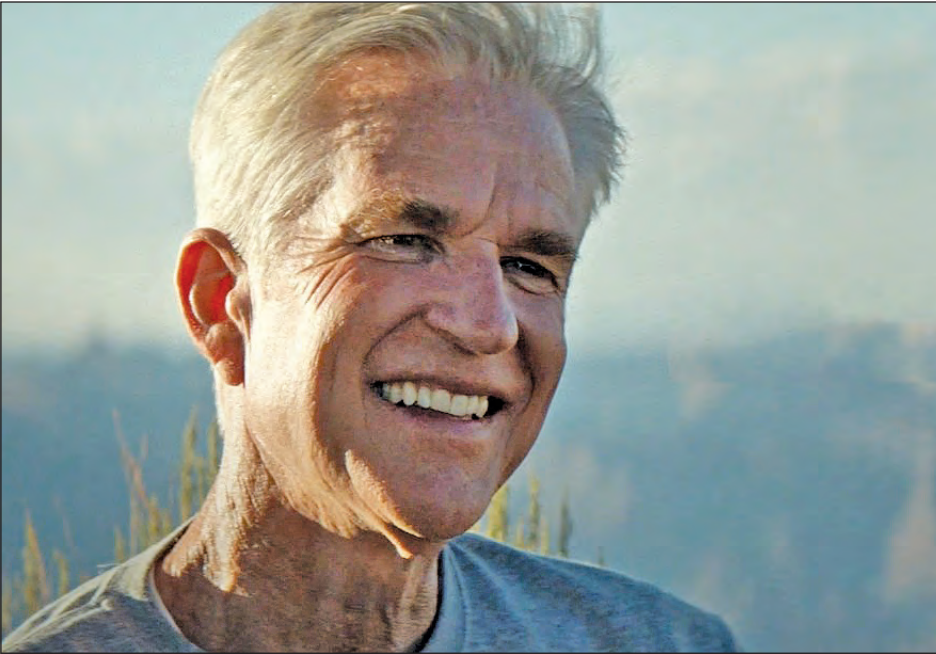
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Matthew Modine as Greg Townsend in the 2023 movie “Hard Miles,” written by Christian Sander and R.J. Daniel Hanna and directed by R.J. Daniel Hanna.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Hard Miles”
2023 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 48 min
★★★★☆

The new film “Hard Miles” is based on the true story of Greg Townsend (Matthew Modine), who takes troubled young boys on long-distance bike trips, to expose them to the beauties of the world and help them come to terms with themselves. The film was directed by R.J. Daniel Hanna who co-wrote it with Christian Sander. It’s an inspiring, feel-good movie the whole family will enjoy. Greg works at Colorado’s Ridge View Academy, a facility for teens. When the movie opens, he’s defending a young boy who was caught up in a scuffle. The boy was actually trying to break up a fight, but ultimately is found guilty and is sent off to a correctional facility.

Greg is despondent by the actions taken by the system. The facility decides to send four of the teens out on a hike. It’s felt that it would do them a world of good to spend time in the great outdoors. However, Greg has another idea. He’s a long-distance biking enthusiast and he proposes that he lead them on a cross-country trip to the Grand Canyon. There are a couple problems with his idea to take them on what he calls “The Tour de Grand.” For starters, the boys Rice (Zachary T. Robbins), Atencio (Damien Diaz), Woolbright (Jahking Guillory), and Smink (Jackson Kelly) don’t get along. Another major impediment is the fact that they don’t have any bikes. And lastly, none of them actually want to go on the trip in the first place. Being a crafty and

most capable leader, Greg tackles the problems head on. Since he teaches the boys in his shop class, with a big focus on the art of welding, he guides them in crafting their own bike frames. He then puts pressure on a friend who owns a cycling shop to not only sponsor the team, but supply them with the parts they need to complete their bikes. He also convinces the kids just how rewarding the trip will be. One of his colleagues Haddie (Cynthia Kaye McWilliams) agrees to join them as part of the backup team. She’ll drive the support van with their supplies including their food and tents. Haddie is also an excellent foil to Greg. Where he plays the tough love coach and father figure, constantly driving the kids on, she’s sympathetic and humors them. It’s always nice to have

Movie Junkie Mark
by Mark Domin



balance, especially on a 762-mile biking trip. The film doesn’t spend a great deal of time dwelling on them preparing for the trip. It quickly shows the team building their bikes, some early riding lessons, and before you know it, they’re on the road. While all this is occurring, and while they’re chewing up the miles, Greg keeps getting collect calls from his brother who’s in prison. Their father is in hospice and doesn’t have long to live. Through flashbacks, we get Greg’s backstory, which includes a great deal of abuse from their father, both physical and mental. We get the sense that this trip is Greg’s way of dealing, or actually not dealing with their relationship. Along the way, the boys are constantly at loggerheads with each other. They have to put on a tough facade, to protect their vulnerable egos. There’s one point where they finally let their guards down. After swiping and drinking some beers one night, they open up to each other about their pasts. At this point I said to myself, “Uh-oh, they’re going to get caught, and Greg is going to punish them by cancelling the rest of the trip.” I was pleasantly surprised

when that didn’t happen. A typical Hollywood film would have gone in that direction. Learning a bit about their histories, definitely added to the depth of the film. One of the things that made this such a memorable movie was the magnificent scenery they rode through. It makes you want to load up the car and head out west on a road trip. A couple minor quibbles I had with the film are the jumpy cuts during the action shots. They also could have done a better job defining the route. Instead of just having a super that read “Mile 107,” they could have used a map and tracked where they were exactly. But those are small complaints for a movie that’s pretty great otherwise. If you’re looking for an uplifting story, fine acting, and beautiful scenery, don’t miss this fine movie. Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also available 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.



Greg breaks up a fight at Ridge View.



Greg (Modine) gives some riding tips to his team.



Riding through the magnificent scenery.



Shop class.

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Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 22, 2024: You are hardworking, creative and a natural leader. You like to be in control of your destiny. This is a quieter year because it's time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on relationships and make sure these people have your back. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

You have that back-to-school feeling, which makes you want to work hard for the next several weeks. You want to be organized and productive. Look for ways to improve your workspace. Likewise, look for ways to improve your health. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

You're drifting into play mode for the next few weeks. Slip away on a fun vacation. If not, take as much time off as you can to enjoy life. Admittedly, if you work with children or in the hospitality industry or the entertainment world, you'll be busy! Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Your attention now turns to home and family, which is why you'll be more involved with family matters in the next few weeks. You might be more involved with a parent. Decorating projects and making where you live look more attractive are on the agenda. Tonight: Friendships.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

The pace of your days will quicken in the next few weeks. You have places to go, things to do and people to see! Welcome any opportunity to take courses and learn something new. Enjoy schmoozing with relatives, siblings and neighbors. Life will be pleasant. Tonight: You're admired!

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Circumstances now prompt you to focus on earnings, cash flow and your assets. This focus will stay with you for the next several weeks. In addition, on a more personal level, you might give more thought to your core values. What really matters in life? Tonight: Explore.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Sun enters your sign to stay for four weeks. This happens only once a year, and when it occurs, it means you have a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You'll feel galvanized, energetic and fortunate. Lucky you! Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You'll welcome a lower profile in the next few weeks as you deal with life in general. Travel, learning, writing and publishing, as well as secret love affairs, are enough distractions for you at this time. Plus, you can use this window of time to think of new goals for next year, after your birthday. Tonight: Participate.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your popularity will increase in the next few weeks. This is because many of you will be more involved with friends, as well as groups and organizations. You've decided to

get out there and fly your colors! Because you're playful, this a good choice. Tonight: Get organized.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today the Sun moves to the top of your chart where it will stay for the next four weeks. This happens only once a year, but when it occurs, it symbolically means you are being thrust into a spotlight that is flattering! People will admire you and ask you to take on increased responsibilities. Tonight: Schmooze!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your desire to expand your world will grow in the next few weeks. The obvious choice is travel. But if you can't travel, you can be a tourist in your own town. You can also expand your world through reading, film or taking courses. Exciting possibilities! Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

For the next few weeks, your focus will be on shared property, taxes, debt and the wealth or assets of your partner. You want to clear up a lot of red-tape issues and feel like you are more in control of your scene. No loose ends! Tonight: Ideas!

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today the Sun is moving opposite your sign, which happens once a year. It will stay there for four weeks. This will increase your focus on partners and close friends. It will also give you more objectivity to see your role in your relationships. Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY
Actress Kristen Wiig (1973), actress, singer-songwriter Dua Lipa (1995), actor Ty Burrell (1967).



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♥ —
♦ K Q J 7 6 4
♣ Q J 9 7 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A 3
♥ K 10 9 8 7
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ 4♠ 5♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

This deal, sent by a reader, is a variation on an old theme. South is in five hearts, and West leads the queen of spades. How should declarer proceed after he covers the queen with the king and East discards the seven of diamonds?

It's a difficult problem to solve, but that's because it features a play

you've probably never seen. At first glance, it seems you must lose two diamonds and a club, come what may, and so go down one. However, there's a simple solution to the problem, and it doesn't matter whether or not you see the East-West cards.

It's obvious from East's failure to trump the first trick that he has no spades or hearts. It follows that West must have started with nine spades and three hearts, and that his only other card is either a diamond or a club.

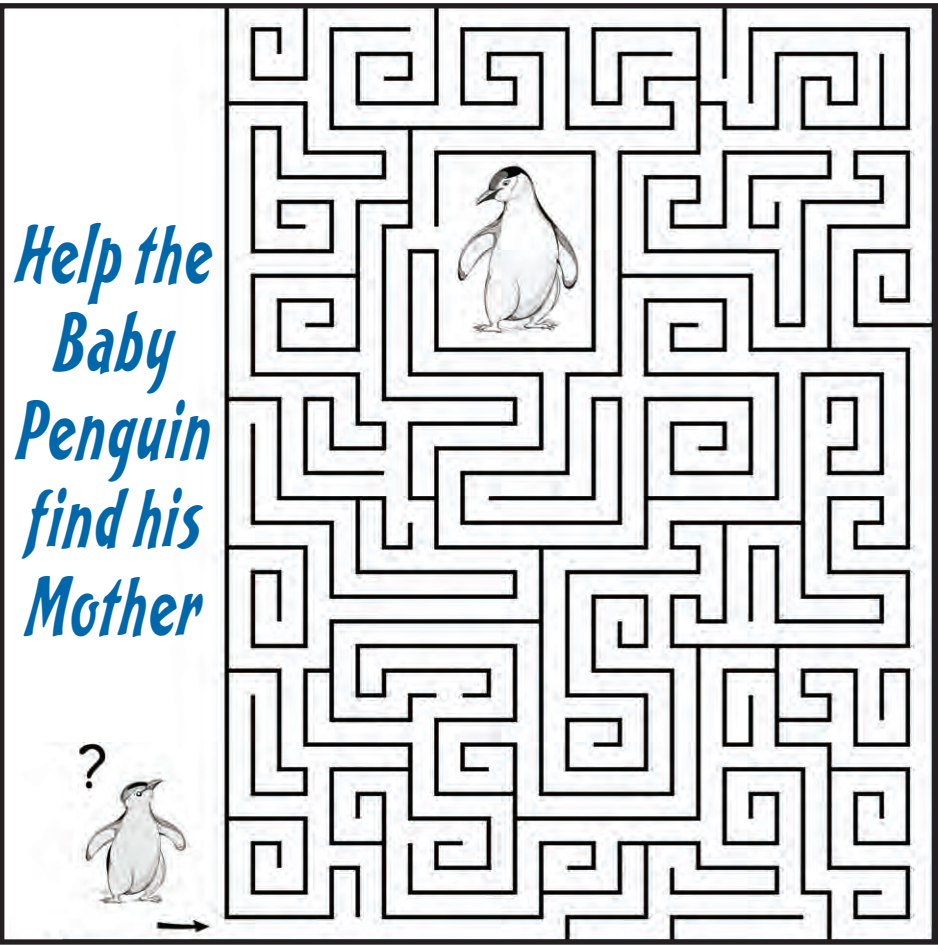
All this is very reassuring since it means you can now guarantee the contract. All you have to do is to overtake the king of spades with the ace at trick one! You then draw three rounds of trump, cash the A-K of clubs and ace of diamonds, and exit with a spade.

West is forced to win and return a spade. On this trick you discard a diamond from dummy and a club from your hand. When West continues with another spade, you discard dummy's last diamond as you ruff in your hand. As a result, you make the contract, since dummy is now out of diamonds and you are out of clubs. That's all there is to it!

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Help the Baby Penguin find his Mother



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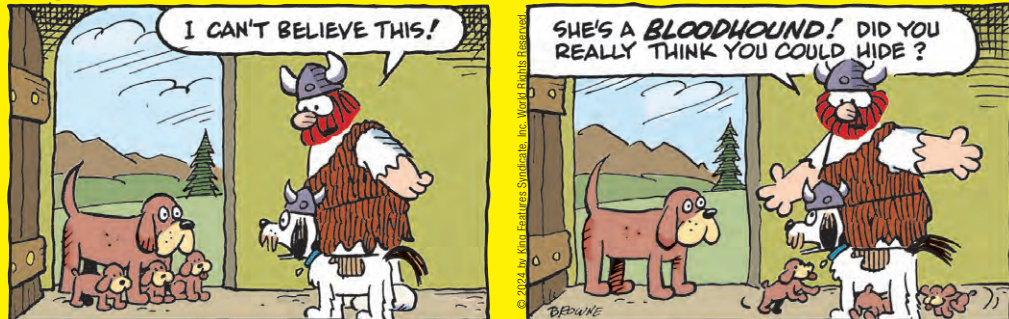
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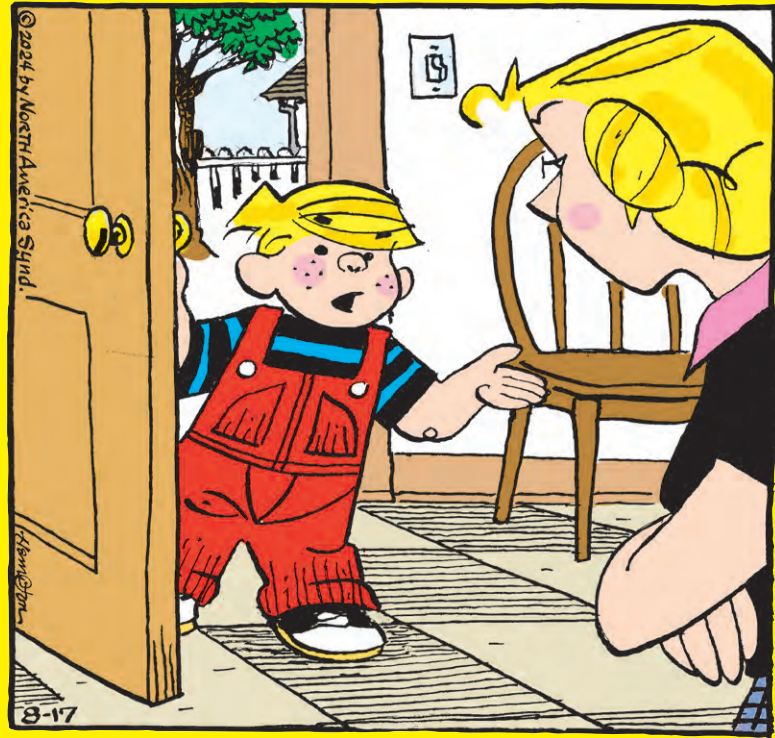
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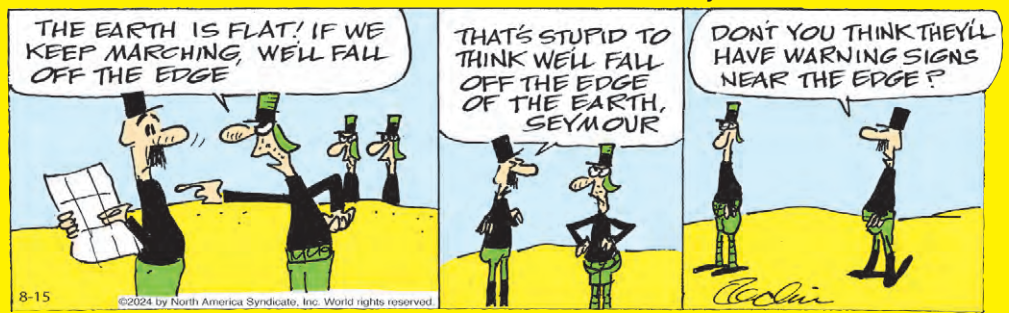
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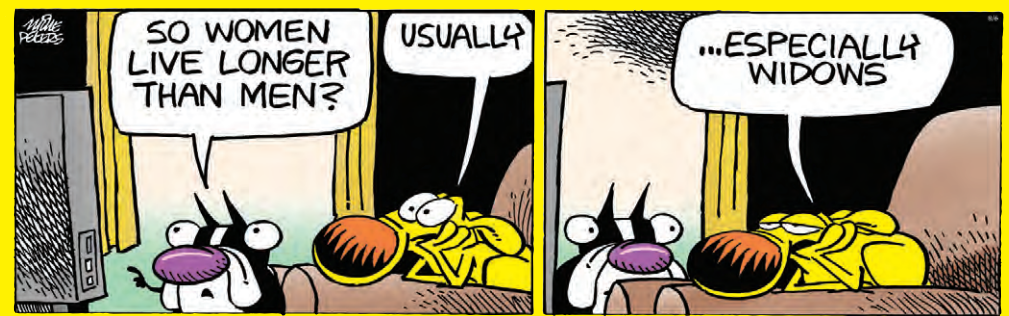
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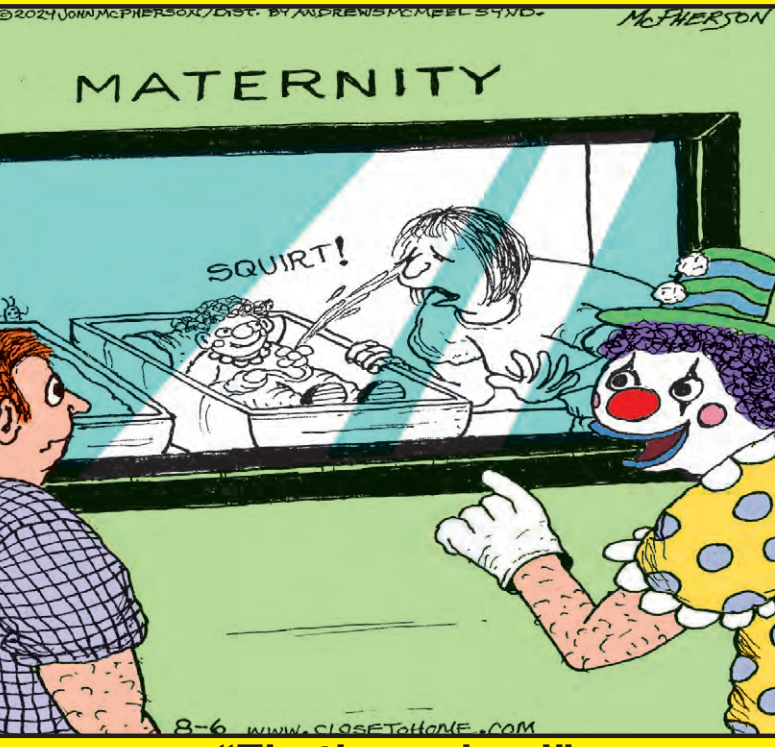
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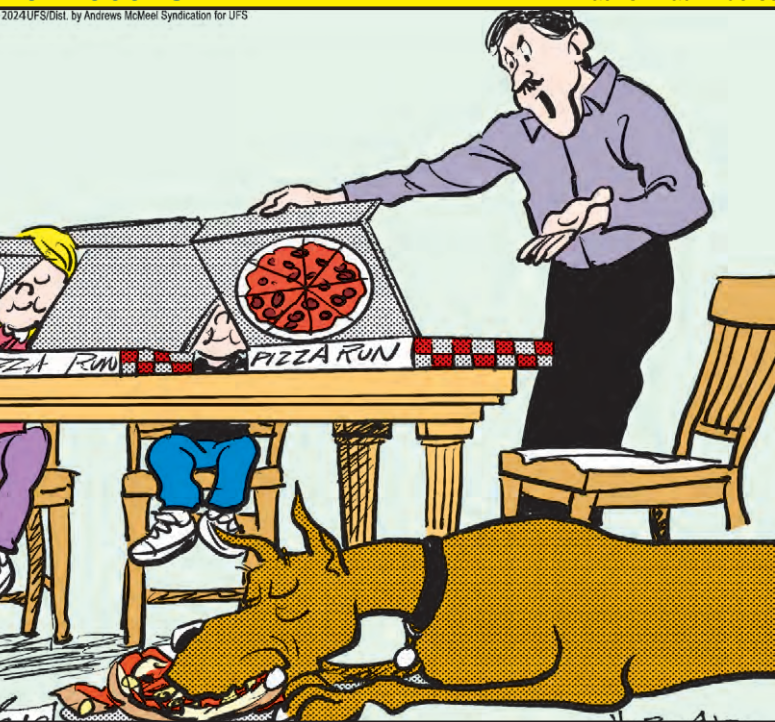
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"Why am I stuck with pineapple pizza just because Marmaduke won't eat it?"



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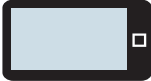
Pocket Change

Label each pocket with each person's name.

SUMMER JOBS FOR KIDS

Are you looking to earn some money this summer? You can become an **entrepreneur**! That's a person who starts a business.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!



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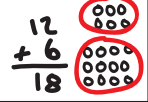
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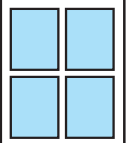
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What's an entrepreneur?

An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

Entrepreneurial Thinking

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



Standards Link: Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

Who wants to make money?

One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

PROBLEM:
Litter around the neighborhood.



SOLUTION:

PROBLEM:
Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.



SOLUTION:

PROBLEM:
Weather heat wave.

						
98°	101°	104°	106°	103°	99°	95°
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

SOLUTION:

Extra! Extra!

Business Search

Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers, etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Research: Organize information from research into categories.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?

<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
22	26	5	27	9	26

13 + 9 = A	33 + 6 = G	15 + 11 = R
24 - 6 = D	28 + 4 = H	18 + 7 = S
17 - 8 = E	16 - 11 = I	34 - 7 = V



Standards Link: Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

Double Double Word Search

- PARTICULAR
- LEMONADE
- SOLUTION
- BUSINESS
- THINKING
- PROBLEM
- IDEAS
- START
- OFTEN
- JOBS
- CASH
- HELP
- MAKE
- BANK

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

R	A	L	U	C	I	T	R	A	P
G	B	E	M	E	L	B	O	R	P
N	U	N	T	D	H	E	L	P	R
I	S	T	R	A	T	S	E	P	M
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **OPPORTUNITY**

The noun **opportunity** means a chance, especially one that offers some kind of reward.

Taylor got the **opportunity** to see his name in print when his essay was published in the newspaper.

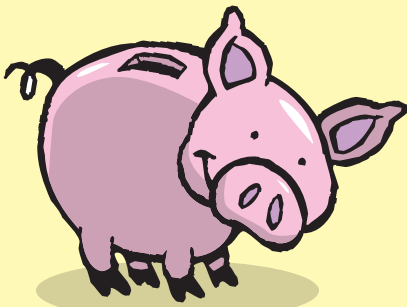
Try to use **opportunity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Round It

Look through the newspaper for five prices under \$100. Round each one to the nearest dollar. Then look for five prices over \$100 and round them to the nearest dollar. Have a parent or friend check your work.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.



Why is an empty piggy bank always the same?

ANSWER: There's never any change in it.

Write On!

What's the Difference?

What is the difference between a "want" and a "need"? Give an example of each.

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The 2024 fall sports season is finally underway, and the Grosse Pointe News is taking a look at what to expect from your favorite teams at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett. Don't see your squad covered today? Come back next week for more fall sports previews.



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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Boys Soccer

Veterans look to steer South soccer back on course

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the 2024 season gets underway, the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys soccer team is ready to put 2023 behind it. The Blue Devils had lackluster results last fall, finishing last in the MAC Red Division and enduring a 10-game losing streak in the middle of the season. The Blue Devils move down to the MAC White Division this season,

hoping they can be more competitive in their new league. What could help them is a large crop of returning players who gained valuable varsity-level experience last year and are looking to come back this fall better than before. “I think the boys are pretty ready to go,” South boys soccer head coach Chris Bolio said. “... I think we should be pretty competitive after moving to the (MAC) White. I think it will fit us a bit better than being in

the Red did last year. ... We’ve got about 16 returning players on varsity, so we’re hoping to make a bit of a run and repeat what the girls program did earlier in the year and make a run in the state tournament.” Some of those returning players include key pieces from last season such as Raymond DeBerry-Jones, Josh Bowman and goalkeeper Emerson Adams. Also returning to the varsity lineup this season is senior Onction Zape,

who set a school record with 26 goals for South last fall. Zape will be key in leading the Blue Devils’ attack this season. South is hoping that will be the team’s greatest strength in getting them to the top of the MAC White with new division rivals like Stevenson, Warren Cousino, Ford II, Fraser and Port Huron Northern. South also will be tested in some key, early non-league games against tough



Raymond DeBerry-Jones
Photo by Mike Adzima

foes such as Dakota (Aug. 23) and Anchor Bay (Aug. 26). “We’ll be pretty tough to handle on the attack,” Bolio said. “We have a lot of pace and we’ll probably play pretty direct and just look to

counter teams.” South boys soccer opened the season at home against Utica on Wednesday, Aug. 21, after press time. The team hosts Dakota at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Varsity Boys Soccer

Knights hope to match standard of success after key departures

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School’s boys varsity soccer team has become used to entering the season with high expectations. This fall, the Knights come into the season as defending Catholic League and district champions but are hoping to add a regional title and an even deeper postseason run in 2024. As the season begins, the Knights already are on the field in practice, ready to show they can go above and beyond what they have achieved the last couple of seasons. “The vibe is very, very good,” Liggett boys soccer head coach David Dwaihy said. “It’s kind of the exciting and nervous energy time of the season. They’re working really hard and there’s a lot of energy on the field and desire to prove

themselves and earn a spot.” After the graduation of key players Claudio Cavallo and Cass Cooley, who had been cornerstones for the Knights in recent years, Liggett will have to look for some new names to step up. Leading the Knights this fall will be three senior captains, Bobby Harthorne, Alex Wysocki and Caden Logan. Another name to look out for is senior Michael Darlington, who is returning to the soccer team this fall and is expected to double-rotate in both soccer and cross-country. Brady Ancona is expected to be a leader of the attack on the front side of the field, while Ollie Cooley and Landon Wysocki should be key pieces of the defensive midfield. “We’ve got every area of the field covered in

terms of a voice,” Dwaihy said. “... They’re all different in their forms of leadership, but work really well together.” That leadership will be important during some tough tests Liggett will face throughout the fall. In one of their first games Friday, Aug. 23, the Knights host Leland, who advanced to the Division 4 final four last season. Liggett also faces its usual list of CHSL foes and has non-league games against strong opponents such as Shrine Catholic (Sept. 26), Orchard Lake St. Mary’s (Oct. 6) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Oct. 9). The Knights’ main goal is withstanding those tough tests in the fall by playing the most technically sound soccer style they can. “We have so many players who play soccer year-round, so I want to



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Sophomore Ollie Cooley is expected to play a key role in Liggett’s midfield.

play a true passing game,” Dwaihy said. “In high school, sometimes you’re better off being really direct and using your athleticism and trying to outwork your opponent. We’re going to do that, but I think with the players we have

in some of the key midfield positions and in the back, I think we’ll have the ability to build out a little bit and play a more methodical passing game and create chances with a bit more intention.” Liggett opened the

season on the road against Riverview Gabriel Richard after press time on Tuesday, Aug. 20. The team’s home opener is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, when it hosts Oakland Christian.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Varsity Boys Soccer

Young Norsemen hopeful for growth and success in 2024

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Fans who watched Grosse Pointe North varsity boys soccer in 2023 are going to see a team that looks quite different taking the field this fall. Turnover is nothing new in high school sports and the Norsemen certainly are experiencing that with about a dozen seniors from last season graduating from the program. Despite that, North still believes it has plenty of

talent to compete in its new division this fall — the MAC Blue — and make a run in the postseason when the time comes. While the team might seem young looking at the roster, it does not mean the Norsemen have a lack of players who are used to seeing the field at the varsity level. “We’re pretty young and maybe a bit inexperienced in a way at the varsity level,” North boys soccer head coach Brad VandeVorde said. “... We have about seven or eight

players coming back from last year’s squad, but a majority of them did play a lot during the season last year. ... We’re still going to be young, but we’re thinking about being very junior-heavy and a lot of the juniors have varsity experience.”



One of those returning players expected to have a n impact is Matthew Robert, a senior who has b e e n with the varsity team at N o r t h since he was a freshman. Other names to watch for include Jack Odell, Luke

Leonhard and goalkeeper Max Purdy. As mentioned, the Norsemen move from the MAC White to the MAC Blue this season, with new league foes, including Lakeview, L’Anse Creuse North, Marysville, Sterling Heights and Warren Mott. North also has a key non-league game circled on the calendar, hosting crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South on Wednesday, Aug. 28. North’s younger lineup might need time to gel and play to its full poten-

tial, but the team is hopeful things can come together early and grow consistently throughout the fall. “Getting them accustomed to what we like to do and laser-focused in and contributing right away to have a tight bond and be close and represent North the right way,” VandeVorde said. “We want to be off and running as quick as possible, but also know we want to be playing our best soccer by the time districts roll around.”

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Varsity Boys Tennis

North tennis hopeful experience equals wins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Experience is the name of the game for Grosse Pointe North boys varsity tennis as the fall season gets underway. The Norsemen have seven seniors on this year's roster who all have multiple seasons of varsity experience under their belts and are already looking forward to competing for titles in their senior season.

"They came in prepared to play," North boys tennis head coach John VanAlst said. "They've been locked in and they feel like they have an opportunity ahead of them. It's a very experienced team with seven seniors...We have a lot of depth and are still figuring out the key components for the lineup, but we're very excited for the start of the season." Among those seniors is Xavier Sarnaik who VanAlst expects to fill the

No. 1 singles spot in the lineup. Other seniors on this year's team include Troy Lipscomb, Louis Macres, Samuel Michael, James Muawad, Jack Sendoykas and Gruhith Yermalli. VanAlst still might be working on how the rest of the lineup will shape up but is confident that no matter where anyone is playing, they will have the experience and strength to compete. That will be key as the Norsemen battle through an always-

competitive MAC Red Division as well as non-league matchups against foes like De La Salle Collegiate and U of D Jesuit, who North will also meet in the regional round of the postseason this year. The competition might be tough throughout the fall, but the collective experience of this year's group of Norsemen means they are prepared for whatever challenges



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

With seven seniors on this fall's roster, North boys tennis is counting on experience to lead the way.

lie ahead. "A lot of these fellas have been on the team for three years, so they know the teams they have to get up for," VanAlst said. "They know the teams that are going to be good and they know how to figure out how to beat a team. As a coach, I help them, but I don't hit a ball, that's all on them, so that's where their experience is going to help them." North opened the season on Tuesday, Aug. 20, after press time in a quad match. The team hosts another set of matches on Thursday, Aug. 22, against Lakeview and Grosse Ile starting at 8 a.m.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Boys Tennis

Blue Devils seek more championship success with lineup changes

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the defending MAC Red and regional champions, Grosse Pointe South varsity boys tennis has established a standard for itself going into 2024. However, the Blue Devils will have to try and replicate that success with a much different lineup taking the courts this fall. "We lost four veteran seniors at No. 2 singles, our entire No. 1 doubles team, and half our No. 2 doubles team," South varsity boys tennis head

coach Brian Kean said. "While those players are hard to replace, we had eleven new freshmen come to tryouts this year. With only one senior on the team, senior captain Ashton Zimmerman, our team is extremely young but our sophomore and junior players have grown tremendously in level." Junior Matthew Holowinski takes over the No. 1 singles spot this season with fellow junior Brendan Stafford slotting into No. 2 singles. Both of them have

also been selected as co-captains along with the senior Zimmerman. Those are some of the players that the Blue Devils are counting on to lead them toward success in some key non-league matchups as well as through the tough MAC Red Division. South is especially looking forward to a MAC Red showdown with rival Grosse Pointe North on Sept. 16 as the Norsemen bring plenty of veteran experience to the court this year. While South always

has its sights set on championships, growth and development are also going to be key this season with a roster where almost every player will be back on the team beyond 2024. "The goal is always to win the MAC Red, take first place at Regionals, and do well at States," Kean said. "As a coach, it is extremely rewarding to see just how much players advance during the season. We have a very deep team this year and our coaching staff expects to see even further develop-

ment throughout the season." South opened the season on Monday, Aug. 19, hosting a quad match with Utica, Livonia Churchill and South Lyon. The team returns to the courts on Thursday, Aug. 22, to face University Liggett and Stoney Creek in matches hosted at Liggett beginning at 8:30 a.m.



Max Prather
Photo by Renee Landuyt

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Varsity Boys Tennis

University Liggett tennis eyes return to state title glory

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When it comes to boys tennis at University Liggett School, championships have become the standard. The program has won the Division 4 state title four times the past eight seasons and produced the No. 1 singles individual state champion last fall. Competing for individual titles and a team trophy once again is the expectation for the Knights heading into the 2024 season, and the players already have been on the court working to maintain that championship standard. "The kids play in the summer, so you already have an idea of how they're playing," Liggett boys tennis head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "... Everybody's been working hard all summer and I've been able to

see the kids quite a bit. I'm really excited for the season and I think we're definitely going to be a contender to win the state title." While last year's No. 1 singles state champion Sebastian Courtight has graduated from the program, the Knights still believe they have more than enough talent to continue competing for titles. Senior captain Charlie Cooksey takes over the No. 1 singles spot from Courtight this fall. At No. 2 singles will be Courtight's younger brother, Tise Courtright,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett boys tennis has its sights set on capturing another Division 4 state championship in 2024.

who made it to the state semifinals at the No. 3 singles spot this year. Yurii Polyna will slot in at No. 3 singles with freshman Reni Quint rounding out the singles

lineup in the No. 4 spot. "They all can hit big, but they have the ability to keep the ball in play," Sobieralski said. "The big thing is just trying to make them smarter,

especially the freshmen. If they overhit they can make a lot of unforced errors. ... One of my sayings is always, 'Hit the shot you need to hit, not the shot you want to hit.' The shot you need to hit is usually the smart shot and the shot you want to hit is usually the stupid shot." The Knights will need to make smart shots throughout the fall with the tough tests they are sure to face. Liggett once again competes in the Catholic League against what Sobieralski calls a "gauntlet" of opponents, including Ann Arbor Greenhills, Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central and more.

With the championship standard the program has established, a gauntlet of a schedule is nothing new and is what the Knights believe is key to making them stronger once the championship tournament comes. "We always play a tough schedule for a D4 team," Sobieralski said. "Our league is brutal. ... Every team is in the top 10. I've got to make sure the young kids can stay positive playing these big schools and being competitive. ... We play a tough schedule and a lot of teams are 32-0 or 32-1 and we're 19-11, but we've played really good people and that's what makes us stronger at the end of the year." The Knights host a quad match against Grosse Pointe South, Stoney Creek and Berrien Springs at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Varsity Volleyball

Strong defense key for Norsemen in 2024

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Some like to say that defense wins championships, and that is what Grosse Pointe North varsity volleyball is hoping is true going into the 2024 season. The team has a mix of experience on the roster this year, with just a few seniors as well as a strong class of juniors and some strong sopho-

mores and even freshmen expected to have an impact right away. Most of the varsity experience on this year's team brings the skill on defense, and the Norsemen are looking to establish an identity of toughness and cohesiveness within the group. "The big thing for every season going into it is finding the culture of the team," North varsity vol-

leyball head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "... Finding out who they are as a team together and what culture they're going to bring to 2024, I think they're a very close-knit group despite being all different ages. It'll be fun to see the growth in these younger girls." The key juniors that North is counting on include Leah Burney, Eva Borowski and

Kathryn Schaden. Isabelle Boedeker, Charlotte Julien and Tiffany Mahone make up the senior core of the team. Once again, Brozo sees the most experienced players on the team excelling on the defensive side of play, which is what the team hopes will be its greatest strength in

North volleyball looks for team chemistry and defense to be keys this fall.

contending for titles in the MAC White and the district playoffs. "It's going to be hard to have balls drop against our defense," Brozo said. "We need our offense to just play out the ball and not necessarily have to kill it, but make the other team make mistakes."

North began the season competing in a quad match at Livonia Stevenson after press time on Wednesday, Aug. 21. The Norsemen have their home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 10, hosting Fraser in a MAC White Division showdown at 6:30 p.m.



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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Volleyball

Blue Devils counting on grit for MAC Red success and beyond

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Coming into the fall season, Grosse Pointe South varsity volleyball is ready to face the challenge of managing a new league schedule while also figuring out how some new faces fit into the lineup. The three-time defending MAC White division and reigning district champions are making the jump to the MAC Red this season to face the best the league has to offer but will need to work out the kinks of some lineup and rotation changes at the

same time. "We have some younger girls that we've added this year, so I think there's a bit of a learning curve and some growing pains early on just from getting used to playing with each other," South volleyball head coach Janeil DiVita said. While there is some changeover in the lineup, there still are some returning names fans are sure to recognize. The team is expected to be largely led by a strong group of juniors this fall, including Gabby DiVita, one of the top class of 2026 players in the coun-

try, as well as fellow juniors Alex Lupo and Sydney Hoffman. "I'm looking for them to take on more leadership this year and lead with their play," DiVita said. DiVita also expects to get strong veteran leadership from seniors Olivia Kowal and Catherine Pattie. Those veterans will be key in helping some of the younger players gel into the lineup as well as when it comes to establishing the team's identity. DiVita expects the Blue Devils to be more aggressive on offense



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

South's Gabby DiVita (No. 12) is one of the key players making up a strong core of juniors for the Blue Devils in 2024.

this fall, but still wants strong play on defense to be a hallmark of this team. That could be especially helpful when navigating tough matchups in the MAC Red, where South thinks it will enter most games with an underdog mentality.

"Defense is something that we know we want to continue to define ourselves with," DiVita said. "We want to give that gritty effort and be that kind of team that can pull out some of those wins with gritty defensive plays." South started the sea-

son after press time Wednesday, Aug. 21, competing in a quad match at Livonia Stevenson. The Blue Devils are back in action Tuesday, Aug. 27, playing in the Grand Haven Tournament hosted by Grand Haven High School.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Varsity Volleyball

ULS volleyball eyes district, Catholic League titles and more

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In 2023, University Liggett volley-

ball saw solid results with the return of head coach Dan Sullivan to the helm of the program. As Sullivan enters his 16th overall season with the Knights, he sees a group of vet-

erans with plenty of varsity experience joining him as the team looks to make a run at another district championship and beyond. "The team's strength is their cohesiveness," Sullivan said. "There will be 10 players returning from last year's team and all of them had significant playing time. They've really much like and respect each other. It is as close knit of a team that coach Beckly Scholtes and I have ever coached." Among that group of veterans are senior captains Lydia Fedewa Widick and Claire Juip. Shadé Patrick is another senior expected to make a large impact both on and off the court. Junior setter Reese

Macek also enters her third year as a starter in the lineup. As defending district champions, the Knights are looking to reach that mark again, as well as compete for a title in the Catholic League. To do that, they will have to go through tough tests like Ann Arbor Greenhills and reigning Division 4 state champions Everest Collegiate. Sullivan believes Liggett will be able to stand up to those challenges with consistency and confidence throughout the fall. Liggett begins the season on Wednesday, Aug. 28, taking on Clawson on the road at 6 p.m. The Knights' home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3, hosting Frankel Jewish Academy at 6 p.m.



City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR A FRONT YARD FENCE
AT 15800 E. JEFFERSON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Fourth Floor, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230 on the following matter:

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

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

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

Bridgette Bowdler,
City Clerk

GPN: 08/22/24

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Girls Golf

South golf growth signals bright future

By Grace Cueter
Intern

From nine players to 19, the Grosse Pointe South girls varsity golf team will look quite different on the course this year than it did in 2023. Last season, the team began with five girls, four of whom had golf experience, and was able to grow the roster to nine by the end of the first week. This season, the team is beginning with 19 players, including a number of new freshmen and sophomores.

Returning seniors

Margaret O'Brien and Murphy Russell will be among the leaders of the Blue Devils as they dedicated their summer to improvement on the course. Head coach Shaun Hampton said fans also should look out for Lyla Hampton and Tenley Stiyer, who he said are the team's biggest strengths.

"The future is bright," Hampton said. "(We've) just got to put the work in and get them to be able to be productive on the golf course."

The team hopes to reach a level that enables them to win the MAC

Red divisional tournament at the end of the season. While the ultimate goal would be to win the MAC Red regular season, Hampton is willing to take things slow in the beginning weeks to ensure his players are ready for the most important parts of the golf season.

"If we have to sacrifice a match or two early in the season to get the girls to be properly prepared for the most important time in the season, which is the last two or three weeks of the season, I'm willing to do that," Hampton

said. "But, ideally, I'd like to be able to win the MAC Red Divisional, make it all the way to states, and see if we can make some magic happen."

Alongside Hampton, the Blue Devils will be led by a teaching pro who is putting together a practice program for the team. The program is expected to show major improvement on the course over the next two months as they plan to start small at practice, focusing first on putting and chipping.



Although the team roster is largely inexperienced, Hampton said the girls have shown up excited about the season and willing to put in the work. Additionally, the numbers create the possibility for a JV team.

"A JV team could be very exciting because they will get an opportunity to play in a competitive type of environment, but not where the stakes are high in regards to winning the match for the

varsity team, or trying to place well in a tournament," Hampton said. "I think that bodes well for the future."

South girls golf opened their season at the Lady Falcon Invite at Stoney Creek Metropark Aug. 19. They then faced Dakota High School after press time Aug. 21. The Blue Devils play at home at Lochmoor Club a number of times this season, the first being Aug. 27, against multiple opponents.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Varsity Girls Field Hockey

Experienced Knights enter fall with championship mindset

By Grace Cueter
Intern

Graduating four seniors from last year's team who all were impact players, University Liggett School's girls varsity field hockey team has been working hard in the offseason to maintain their high skill level and competitive force. Among the graduated seniors is All-State player Hallie Marcero. The team is returning a number of starters who are excited to take the field.

The Knights are entering the season with their sights set on winning both a Catholic League championship and a state championship. However, the team mentality is more than just going for gold. Head coach

Amanda Amine prioritizes skill development and fun on the field.

"Most importantly, I hope that all of our girls continue to develop their field hockey skills while having a ton of fun together as a team," Amine said.

This year, Amine is focused on stamina, wanting her players to be able to maintain their strength throughout the entire duration of their games.

"So far this season we have introduced new agility and cardio training," Amine said. "We are really placing an extra emphasis on our physical fitness this season and want to feel strong all the way through the end of the game."

Stamina is important

for Liggett to perform at the same level as their competition. Dexter will return as their biggest competition in Division 2. In the Catholic League, all teams look strong and the Knights must come ready to play each league game.

Senior captain and goalie Elizabeth Dickey will lead the Knights this season. On the defensive end, sophomore Maisy Huebner and junior Ruby Noble will be the anchors on the back end of the field. Offensively, juniors Livy Marcero, Avery Welsh and Constantina Bournias are among the strongest scoring threats. Amine also is excited to see sophomores Ally Orlick and Aline Rahim make a difference on the offensive end.

"I am excited about working with such a great group of girls this season," Amine said. "I love to see that all of the girls on the team have the same level of commitment and focus, and how they are always cheering each other on. They have such a positive attitude and always want to work hard to improve."

Offensively, the team will work on finishing around the goal and defensively, limiting any second-chance opportunities. The players' drive and commitment as skilled athletes is what will fuel this year's Liggett roster.

"Our team's biggest strength is our athleticism," Amine said. "We have some extremely talented multi-sport ath-

letes who have great endurance, coordination, mental toughness and the drive to succeed. I also feel that our team chemistry is really strong this season."

Liggett girls field hockey hosted its annual season-opener tournament on home turf on Saturday, Aug. 18. The tournament brought competitive teams including Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Marian. The team plays its first regular season game after press time on Tuesday, Aug. 20, against Novi High School.



Livy Marcero
Photo by Leon Halip

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Girls Field Hockey

Blue Devils count on continued development for young talent

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Three years removed from a Division 2 state championship, Grosse Pointe South field hockey is looking at the 2024 season as the beginning of a new era. While the team returns several experienced varsity players, much of that group still is young and growing into a team the Blue Devils hope leads to more hardware in the trophy case.

"We're definitely young, but with very

high potential in terms of our growth over the next few years," South varsity field hockey head coach Jessie Veith-Rouleau said.

Among those key returning players is senior Scout Webber, who is expected to be a key impact player in the midfield. She will be joined on the roster this year by her younger sister, freshman Wells Webber, who could be one of the top up-and-comers from this year's freshman class. Also expected to play a major



Scout Webber
Photo by Rudy Verlinden

role is sophomore goalie Harriet Kowalski, who looks to be the mainstay in net for the Blue Devils throughout the season.

With a relatively young group, South is being tested right out of the gate in the early season. The Blue Devils opened the season Monday, Aug. 19, with a road game against defending state champion Dexter. They then come home Thursday, Aug. 22, to host cross-town rival University Liggett at 7:30 p.m.

"We have a short sea-

son this year with fall sports due to the start date so we're really losing a week of the pre-season, so jumping out of the gate with tough games will definitely be a tell for us," Veith-Rouleau said.

Handling those early tests will tell the Blue Devils a lot about what they can achieve this year and in the future. The main focus for this fall for the program seems to be growth and knowing no matter what they achieve in 2024, it can only be a sign of

what is to come down the road.

"When you have a younger group coming in, our goal is to get them going and learning the system with a high expectation for growth," Veith-Rouleau said. "... In recent history, we always have had one or two top skilled players. I think this is one of those beginnings of a season sort of like we saw back in 2019-20, when we had a strong freshman class coming in where we have the potential to make it a stronger group effort."

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Varsity Girls Cross Country

New coach looks to keep North girls XC on track to success

This fall, Grosse Pointe North varsity girls cross-country is ushering in a new era. After the retirement of legendary coach Scott Cooper, who helped lead the program more than three decades, Alan Parish takes over as head coach of the Norsemen this season.

“Obviously, I’ve got big shoes to fill,” Parish said. “... I have coached as an assistant track coach at North the past two seasons coaching middle distance runners, so there is some overlap. ... I had that foundation of relationships and I also coached at Brownell Middle School last year. ... I feel like I know the girls pretty well.”

Parish inherits a group that has a strong mix of experienced upperclassmen and young runners who can build the foundation of the future. Expected to lead the group are four senior captains, Katie Madigan, Mimi Trupiano, Jhilmil Chhaya and Molly Spence.

Those runners are hoping to lead North to success in big meets like the MAC Red championships and the Wayne County championships this fall. While Parish is hoping many of his runners find success this season, the main focus is on growing the program and having this year’s veterans help teach the core of young runners that make up the future of the Norsemen.

“Our biggest goals are to grow the program and recruit more people to join,” Parish said. “... We have a big senior group and also a big freshman group. Otherwise, just to have a great time and have fun experiences.”

Taking over for a longtime coach like Cooper certainly is a challenge for Parish and handling challenges also is a main theme he and his staff are preaching to this year’s runners. If they can challenge themselves, then they can handle any challenge that comes at them during races throughout the fall.

“We want to take on new challenges,” Parish said. “One of the themes of practice in the first week was getting out of your comfort zone and challenging yourself in new ways.”

North begins the season Saturday, Aug. 24, in the Happy Acres Invitational at Webberville High School starting at 12:30 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

North’s Hope Fegan and Mimi Trupiano run through the mud at last year’s Gabriel Richard Invitational.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

City Council Vacancy

Notice is hereby given, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, at their meeting held August 12, 2024, declared a vacancy in the office of Council and an appointment procedure has been established. All interested and qualified members of the community are invited to apply to fill the vacancy until the term expires at the next regular general election, November 4, 2025.

To be considered for the appointment, submit a resume, letter of interest, and other materials by September 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications may be emailed to Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk, at pantolin@gpwmi.us, placed in the City’s drop box or mailed USPS to:

Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk
Attn: City Council Vacancy
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to appointment;
- Be a qualified and registered voter of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods;
- Not be delinquent on City property taxes or other City bills or be in default to any state agency.

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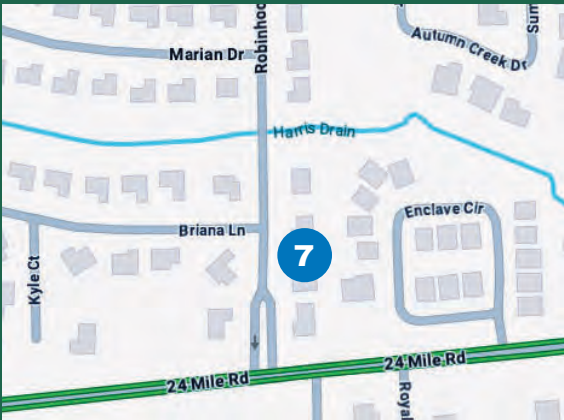
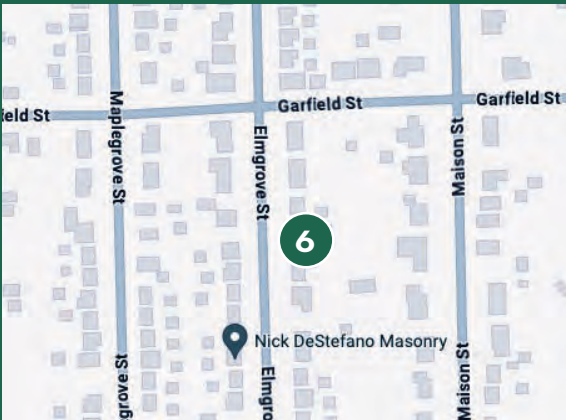
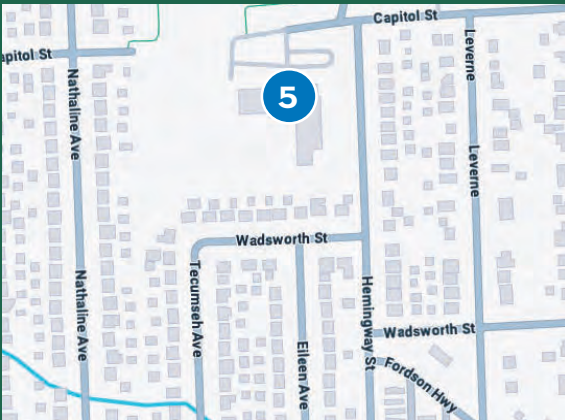
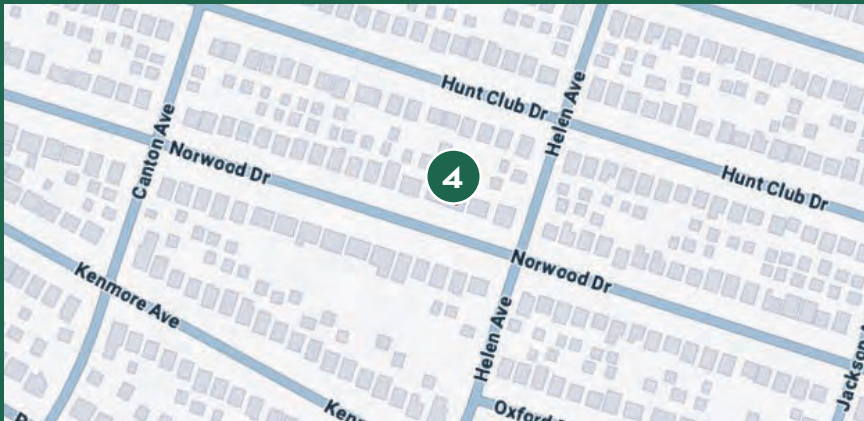
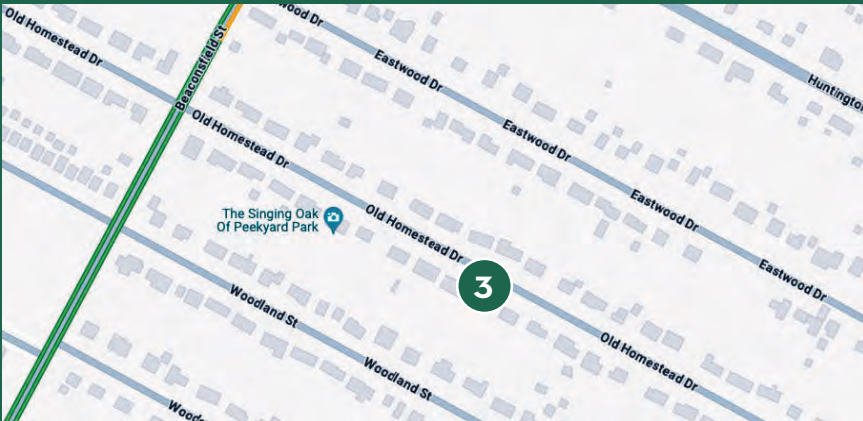
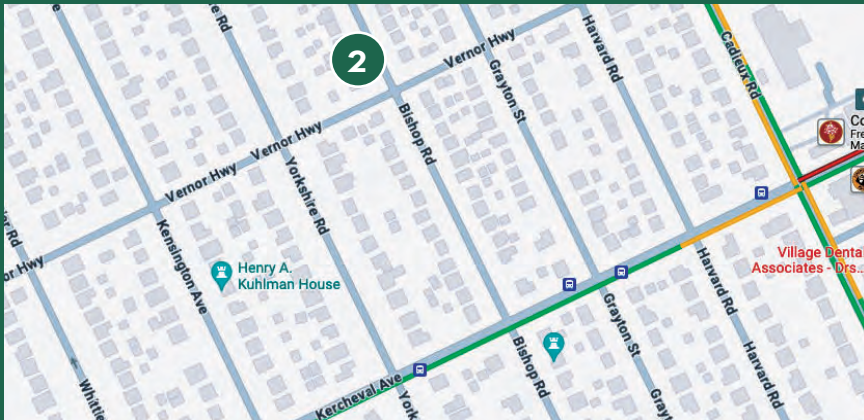
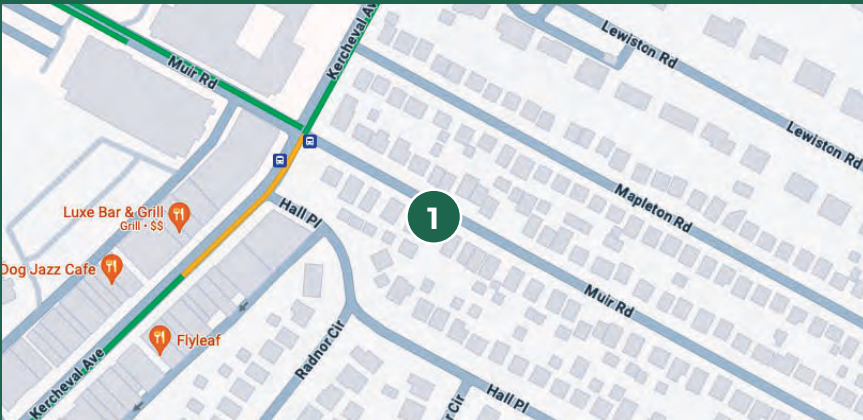
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THIS WEEK

1. 127 Muir Rd., GPP
2. 1301 Bishop, GPP (Corner of Vernor)
3. 9940 Old Homestead Dr., HW

4. 21207 Norwood Dr., HW
5. 12121 Hemingway, Redford
6. 29812 Elmgrove St., SCS

7. 53096 Robinhood, Shelby Twp.

 = YARD SALE

 = ESTATE SALE

See Classifieds for more details

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Varsity Girls Cross Country

South girls XC counting on veteran runners to lead the way

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls cross-country will get a look at some new competition this year in a new division. The Blue Devils move from the MAC Red to the MAC White division, with hopes that a new league also will help them on the path to a league championship. A new division will come with its challenges, but longtime head coach Steve Zaranek has this year’s South team confident and ready to compete like always.

“We look to be very competitive in the MAC White,” Zaranek said. “Chippewa Valley, Lakeview and Stevenson have traditionally strong programs and should provide the best competition for us

this season.”

Leading Zaranek’s squad this fall are some strong returning seniors who are familiar names

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STEVE ZARANEK,
HEAD COACH GP SOUTH GIRLS
CROSS COUNTRY

like Savannah Spangler, Chloe Caulfield, Adelina Parikh and Sarah Koval. The Blue Devils also are expecting strong contributions from juniors Vivi Ostrowski and Abby Macey, as well as sophomores Calisse

Budek, Rylee Piornack and Erin Korsak.

Those are just some of the runners Zaranek expects to have a major impact for this South team. He also expects his team to run into some tough tests right away, especially in the first couple of competitions his runners will take part in.

“The first two meets are large, competitive races and will provide us with an excellent baseline moving into the September school year,” Zaranek said.

Those races include the Lamplighter Invitational on Friday, Aug. 23, hosted at Ford Field Park in Livonia. South then heads to the Lake St. Clair Early Bird Invitational at Lake St. Clair Metropark on Wednesday, Aug. 28.



Sarah Koval
Courtesy Photo

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 8, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on July 12, 2024, the Board of Review meeting held on July 16, 2024, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting held on July 22, 2024 and the Planning Commission meeting held on July 24, 2024.

2) to Receive and File the 2023 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City’s Auditors, Plante & Moran and also receive and file their management report.

3) to offer the City of Harper Woods’ support of the Detroit Historical Society’s history project and further that no funds will be required for this endeavor.

4) to schedule a public hearing at the September 4, 2024 City Council meeting to hear public comment and input on a request from Renovare Robertson Harper Woods LLC to vacate a portion of Lennon Street.

5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 130377 through 130675 in the amount of \$1,403,982.17 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Dominion Voting Systems in the amount of \$5,085.00 for the annual maintenance of the voting equipment and software license renewal. (3) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$26,836.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (4) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,830.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (5) approve payment to Honigman LLP in the amount of \$10,726.25 for professional services in conjunction with the redevelopment of Poupard school. (6) approve payment to Doxim, Inc. in the amount of \$6,667.04 for the processing and mailing of the summer tax bills and envelope supplies. (7) approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$13,218.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2024 through August 2025.(8) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,688.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of August 2024. (9) approve payment to Grosse Pointe Park in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the annual dues for the City’s participation with the Eastern Wayne SRT team. (10). approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$53,751.23 for professional services during the month of July for the following projects: Salter Park Comm Ctr, #180-348; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-338; Joint/Crack Seal, #180-341; Sidewalk Pgm, #180-349; CDBG Sidewalk Pgm - #180-350; Mr. C’s ROW Survey, #180-352; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP Pgm, #180-339; Emergency Water Repair, #180-351; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-340; DWSD Sewage Discharge #180-347; DWRP Lead Svc Repl. #180-331; Vernier Water Main, #180-308. (11) approve payment to MacQueen in the amount of \$6,925.26 for repairs to the street sweeper. (12) approve payment to Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLLC in the amount of \$17,500.00 for legal services in conjunction with the DWSRF Capital Improvement Bond. (13) approve payment to Bendzinski & Co. in the amount of \$17,250.00 for financial services in conjunction with the DWSRF Capital Improvement Bond. (14) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$31,856.76 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2024. (15) . approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,014.81 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of July and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of accessory cables, a hard drive and the extended warranty on the City’s server. (16) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$12,040.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (17) approve payment in the amount of \$8,300.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations. (18) approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the City’s proportionate share of a joint purchase of a SRT Command Post/Personnel Carrier vehicle for the Eastern Wayne SRT Team.

2) to place the following ballot language on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot requesting voter approval for an additional .35 mill levy in support of The Grosse Pointe Active Adult Commission, supporting services to older citizens:

Do you approve of the addition of a new .35 mill levy (\$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of six (6) years, beginning with taxable year 2025, to collect approximately \$93,000.00 in revenue in the first year, to be disbursed to the Grosse Pointe Active Adult Commission for the purpose of supporting services to older citizens, including transportation, activities, and facilities directed toward the improvement of the overall health and welfare of older persons?

YES
NO

3) to authorize the City Manager to sell the tax foreclosed properties at a price of \$127,911.19 to the interest buyers as outlined, including all monies owed to the City, and further to authorize the acting City Manager and Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transactions.

4) to approve the Contract Modification No. 1 on the 2024 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180-341 in the amount of \$7,751.70.

5) to approve payment to Duke’s Root Control in the amount of \$30,595.62 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation, #180-340. 6) to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA LLC in the amount of \$85,608.40 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by FCIPP, #180-339.

7) to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing in the amount of \$53,874.25 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2024 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program, #180-341.

8) to accept the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from MDOT in the amount of \$170,100.00, and further to adopt the attached Resolution to commit funds for the Sidewalk Modernization Project with the City’s local match of \$42,525.00 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to act as the designated representative for this project.

9) to accept the funds as appropriated from Wayne County as part of the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$289,630.00 for the City’s sidewalk improvement project.

10) to accept the sidewalk easement donation from Eastland Commerce Center in the amount of \$1.00 as described on the attached Exhibit A.

11) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$20,141.63 for the city’s proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

12) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$327,133.50 for the outstanding invoice for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period July through September 2021 and \$356,018.00 for the period July through September 2024, for a total of \$683,151.50.

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Valerie Kindle, Mayor
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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following three (3) ordinance amendments at its meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2024. The ordinance amendments were adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective August 22, 2024, and are hereby published by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III-DEPARTMENTS, DIVISION 2 – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES; SECTION 2-129, AND DIVISION 3-PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION, SECTIONS 2-159, 2-160, 2-161 (a – g), AND 2-162, AND DIVISION 5 - COMMUNITY CENTER DIVISION, SECTIONS 2-193, 2-194, 2-195 (b – f), AND 2-196, TO CHANGE THE JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 30 - PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL; SECTION 30-1. – DEFINITIONS; AND ARTICLE II – LAKE FRONT PARK; SECTION 30-60, TO CHANGE PARKS AND RECREATION FROM A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 48, WATERWAYS, SECTIONS 48-2 (b) and (d), 48-4 (b)(5) and (e), 48-9(a) and (d), 48-10(a), 48-13, 48-15, 48-17, AND 48-18, TO CHANGE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECREATION SUPERVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

The ordinances are available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or www.gpwmi.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 8/22/24