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389 St. Clair deal falls through

By Michael Hartt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — A deal between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Curtis Building Co., fell through in May, as Curtis defaulted on its agreement to purchase the former district administration office at 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

The developers' plans were to renovate the old school administration building into 18 apart-

ment units, as well as separately construct eight townhomes on the property. Mark Menuck, a developer of the project, last reported in early June the development still was in the design phase and permits had not yet been applied for.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent of business services for the district, said the default occurred because the developer asked for an extension to the close date of the contract and the school board was not



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A development deal at 389 St. Clair in the City fell through after the developer was denied an extension to the close date.

willing to permit one. "May 30 ended up being the date that we were expected to close (with Curtis)," Matheson said. "Our attorney had

reached out to them a couple of times over the course of those days between us, giving them notice, and the closing date to find out if they

were ready to set up a date that we could close. And ultimately, a couple of weeks before May 30, they reached out to our attorney asking for an

extension. Our board was not interested in pursuing an extension and so they ended up

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Shores approves budget, millage rate

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council approved its 2022-23 fiscal year budget of \$7 million and an overall mill-

age rate of 18.7031 at its meeting Tuesday, June 21.

That represents an increase of \$580,000 over the current fiscal year budget, which ends June 30.

The millage rate

includes 13.8040 for general operating purposes, 2.3334 for sanitation, 1.2857 for pension costs and 1.2800 for debt service. Council voted at its May meeting to increase the general operating

millage by 1 mill for three years. A mill is \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value on a home.

The majority of the city's revenue will come

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Water Authority says floods were unstoppable

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Great Lakes Water Authority resolved this month that two bouts of storm flooding last summer were predestined given unmanageable volumes of rain.

"The intensity of rainfall far exceeded the designed capacity of the wastewater system and, as a result, some level of surface flooding and basement backups was unavoidable," according to GLWA-commissioned analyses of flooding that occurred almost exactly one year ago.

"I am not surprised GLWA's own report put their failed system in the best possible light," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The authority is responsible for storm and wastewater services to 79 southeast Michigan communities, including all five Grosse Pointes.

Thunderstorms dumped more water in less time than the network was built to handle, according to a roughly 200-page finding drafted over 12 months by an outside group.

The principal investigator, Glen Daigger, is a

University of Michigan professor of engineering practice specializing in wastewater treatment and water quality management for municipal and industrial systems, according to two university biographies.

Investigators said system failures, including inoperable pumps and electric feeds, contributed to flooding during a 6- to 8-inch storm June 25 to 26, 2021. Yet, they also said after-action analysis and mathematical modeling showed there would have been at most a 26 percent increase in water handling had everything worked perfectly.

"But if I had six inches of water in my basement, would I not have had any?" said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "Some people had eight feet, some had just a few inches. Even a few inches in a basement can cause significant damage."

"It was a tragic incident for our residents," said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park. "This was an unprecedented rainstorm that overwhelmed the regional system as a whole. Every community in GLWA was

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The coming changes to the Kroger lot in The Village include the replacement of meters with kiosks linked to the City's Passport Parking app.

Kroger parking lot to get wider spaces, pay kiosks

Cited for non-compliance violations

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following two years of discussions between The Kroger Co. of Michigan and the City of Grosse Pointe, last

Monday city council approved an amended special use agreement and site plan for The Village Kroger at 16919 Kercheval.

The coming changes are in regard to the exterior of the building, with

the majority in the Kroger-owned parking lot. Customers can expect a reconfigured lot with wider parking spaces, kiosks to replace the metered system, the

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Maire calls for screening between playground, Kroger lot

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — At the same time The Village Kroger gears up for improvements to its parking lot at 16919 Kercheval, fundraising efforts to construct a screening fence between the Maire Elementary School playground and its customer lot are making their way onto the scene.

“We are in contact with all proper parties including PTO and our real estate team to learn further how we can best support financially a new fence for the school,” a spokesperson for the Michigan division of Kroger said.

While the area used to be screened by pine trees along the edge of the Maire playground, Councilman Don Parthum said, what currently separates the two spaces is a chain-link fence.

The need for a visual buffer is significant, Maire Parent Teacher Association President Eileen Proudlock said, citing incidents of a parent who didn't have custody hanging out in the Kroger lot and fireworks recently being



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The only buffer between the Maire playground and Kroger parking lot currently is a chain link fence through which interactions between children and customers can occur.

shot off from the lot while kids were on the playground.

“There cannot be that kind of direct contact with our students,” Proudlock said. “We need to have some kind of stop-gate to get them some kind of security and safety.”

No reports of anyone approaching Maire students through the fence were made to public safety in 2021 or so far in 2022, Public Safety Director John Alcorn said.

“We have a great/close relationship with Maire and our officers are in and around the school frequently,” he added, via email, also

noting the department's most common runs to the school are for accidental alarms, kids acting up after hours on the playground and occasional damage to the property or littering outside the school, which usually is associated with the playground.

The preliminary plans are to construct a visually appealing, 6-foot wooden fence between the playground and parking lot. An early quote estimates the price point will land around at least \$60,000, Proudlock reported.

“Safety is our No. 1 concern from the school,” Maire Principal

Ryan Francis said via email. “We love being so close to The Village. Unfortunately, the parking lot is right next to our playground, where students are very close to the countless people coming to shop. Most of the time it is fine, but there have been times where people have tried to talk or interact with our students, which could have no ill-intentions on their end. Even our own Maire parents have tried to talk to students through the fence.”

“We feel that students should not be watched or interacting with the

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Woods dealing with multiple legal issues

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A juggling act has officials, as well as outside counsel, dealing with several court-related matters at once.

Bicycle accident

City council voted at its Monday, June 20, meeting to refer the most recent issue to its attorney. Woods resident Daniel Brys filed suit against the city in late May in Wayne County Circuit Court over a bicycle accident that occurred June 7, 2020.

Brys contends the accident happened when he rode over a pothole at the corner of Morningside Drive and Coventry Lane. The suit says Brys “rode over defects in the highway, consisting of unreasonably dangerous holes in the roadway, that caused him to lose control, fall off his bicycle, and suffer serious injuries.”

Byrs is seeking damages in excess of \$25,000, “exclusive of interest, costs and attorney's fees.” City Administrator Frank Schulte said he

could not comment on pending litigation in any matters.

The complaint says Brys suffered a broken clavicle, partially torn pectoral muscle, a head injury and the resulting “sequelae,” a Latin term meaning the aftereffects of a disease, condition or injury.

It goes on to say, “Plaintiff has been caused to suffer severe physical pain and suffering as well as mental and emotional distress which will continue into the future; that Plaintiff was further rendered disabled from attending to his normal and usual daily affairs and will sustain periods of such disability in the future.” It also noted he had to “expend large sums of money for medical treatment, and may incur such expenses in the future.”

Brys' attorney contends the city is guilty of negligence in failing to maintain the roadway and that “failure to remedy the defective holes in the roadway when it knew, or should have

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addition of two cart corals, construction of further screening around the trash compactor and new screening for an adjacent pallet storage area, as well as modifications to outdoor display areas.

The parking spaces, which have been the source of many complaints to the city over the years, will be double-striped and widened from the current 8 feet to 9 feet, 4 inches.

“I get a lot of complaints all the time about the size of those spaces and I know that that was a point of contention when Kroger was doing the lot,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. “They wanted to get as many

parking spaces in there as they could, so they squeezed them in, which makes a number of them unusable and so they're remedying that, which is really good.”

Consistent with other parking lots in The Village, two parking kiosks will be implemented to replace the meters. The electronic pay system also will allow customers to pay via the Passport Parking app, which is the same system used in city lots.

Contrary to a common misconception, Kroger owns the parking lot at 16919 Kercheval. The confusion over ownership may exist because, through an agreement with Kroger, the City operates and enforces the lot.

The agreement requires Kroger to resur-

face the lot, while the City plows and salts it, just as it does the City-owned lots.

“The purpose is to regulate the lot with the same rules and restrictions as the rest of the parking system in The Village,” City Manager Pete Dame said via email, “otherwise the Kroger lot would be filled with cars from people going everywhere in The Village leaving no room for Kroger shoppers.”

As revenue from the meters, and soon kiosks, go to the City — offsetting its costs of enforcing and snow plowing — the City will pay for the new pay stations and kiosks, as well as their installation.

Pricing has not yet been determined, Dame said, but will be brought before council.

Furthermore, while the premise of Kroger's originally approved site plan was that nothing would ever be stored outside, Dame said, the reality of operations has found that not to be feasible for the store.

The amendment allows for one of the two previously approved box truck parking spaces to be converted into an outdoor storage space screened by a wooden-slatted wall.

“Don't underestimate

the improvement that Kroger is doing to their facility and their parking lot,” Councilman Chris Walsh said. “I, for one, can tell you (from) listening to all these years of people complaining about this, that's a significant improvement and we should not discount it. I think optically people will be excited to see that and I look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with Kroger. One by which the city and community gets what they want and Kroger, in turn, continues to be a part of our community.”

Window violations

While council is pleased with the coming improvements to the Kroger parking lot in The Village, it has expressed distinctly the opposite when it comes to ongoing violations with display windows at the same site.

City council approved the Kroger site plan as a special land use in 2010, at the same time granting variances, including the allowance of unusually large signage and smaller-than-regulation windows.

Throughout the approval process more than a decade ago, city council was adamant in avoiding the institutional

look of a fully bricked-up wall along Kercheval, said Walsh, who served on council at the time.

Windows that allow people to look into the business as they pass by is a zoning requirement for all retail stores on Kercheval.

“Maintaining the storefronts is critical to the city's policy to maintain the detail of (a) strong retail environment on Kercheval,” City Planner John Jackson said. “We want to have those active windows.”

Although the store already does not meet the minimum requirements and had to receive special consideration for the size of its windows, tall freezers placed inside Kroger now block much of the windows along Kercheval.

The city sent the company a notice of its violation in January, yet the freezers remain as the two entities have been unable to agree on an acceptable fix.

The Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors sent a letter to council urging Kroger to be brought into compliance, as well as citing additional issues of non-compliance with outdoor display standards, failure to maintain cleanliness on the exterior of its

property and violation of outdoor storage prohibitions.

“It is part of our mission to make sure that all Village businesses practice good corporate citizenship and we believe we need to work together to uphold the standards that this community has always held for The Village,” said Kasey Malley, MSGP board president and small business owner. “Regulations and ordinances are definitely for the common good and we believe should be enforced for businesses both big and small.”

Jackson assured council the company will be made to comply with the original requirements of the site plan approval.

“A few months ago, we threw the book at a local company that didn't follow their site plan in building a new building,” Tomkowiak said. “They used EFIS all the way down and council threw the book at them and they had to tear it all down and redo it, and I don't see why we should make an exception for somebody that doesn't even live in this community or appear to care about it.”

Garett Foley, a construction manager for Kroger who installed the cases, told city council last Monday night he expects a solution to be determined within 60 days.

“It did allow (us) to have more options for our customers in the store and also when we installed them, I didn't realize that we were going against any variances or anything like that,” he said. “We went through the proper permitting procedure to get those cases installed. So now we're working to make sure we are in compliance with what the ordinance is.”



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Come join your Class of '82 classmates for an evening of reminiscing! In addition, we are working on the logistics of a GPS school tour on Saturday in advance of the Reunion. More details to follow.

For more information, go to the GPSHS Class of 1982-40th Reunion Facebook page, or visit www.brewwith82.com or contact Karla Standish at 312-343-0046 or Lydia Barry Kelley at 312-403-0437 for more information and get purchase details.



Councilman reflects on 18-plus years

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In the nearly two decades John Stempfle served on council, taxes have not been raised and the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe expansion took place, as did marina improvements, construction of the new public safety building on Mack and public works building on Maumee and the inception of Main Street Grosse Pointe to revitalize The Village.

While the councilman has been “just one of seven votes,” as he often has said, for 18 and a half years, Stempfle announced the June council meeting was his last as he and his wife, Mary Ellen, prepare to move to Holland, Mich., next month.

Stempfle was elected to city council in 2003, driven by a desire to ensure whichever company bought the old



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

John Stempfle served as a councilman in the City of Grosse Pointe for 18 and a half years.

Jacobson’s building would do it justice. He then stayed more than 18 years.

“I believe in service and I wanted to do what was best for the community,” he said of what kept him on council all that time.

A surgery earlier in the

day can account for the single council meeting he missed during his five terms. Aside from the main council duties, Stempfle also served on the city’s Parks and Harbor Commission and Beautification Advisory Commission.

“I don’t think everyone

understands the thankless nature of the status that you took on,” Councilman Chris Walsh, who with Stempfle’s departure now is the longest serving member currently on council, told Stempfle. “You embraced it with vigor and enjoyed digging into the issues and making sure you understood what you were doing and certainly caring for the community. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank you.”

As he sets his sights on Holland, Stempfle will leave a home on Lincoln Road his parents purchased for \$15,000 in November 1955.

The attorney will continue practicing from Holland, as the pandemic-incited transition to Zoom court hearings now allows. He has represented children in juvenile court 25 years, noting he’s “seen the best in humanity and the worst in humanity.”

“I’ve learned through

the years that I can make a difference with some of the kids,” Stempfle added, “and I do my best to represent them and I think I’ve been successful.”

Mary Ellen Stempfle will leave her position as a Wayne County Community College district one trustee — district one includes the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of Detroit, east of Dickerson — which she has held since 1994. The past five and a half years she’s served as chairman of the

board.

“My philosophy’s always been I try to do what’s best for the citizens of Grosse Pointe and I know Mary Ellen does the same thing,”

John Stempfle said. “Her district is much, much larger than mine and she does what’s in the best interest of the students.”

As the two are moving across the street from his sister, they’re looking forward to spending time with family and taking their dog, Nicki, for walks around the new neighborhood.

Music on the Plaza returns July 14

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Thursday nights in The Village are soon to be a little more lively as Music on the Plaza returns from its two-year pandemic-related hiatus.

With a variety of stages, including Motown, country and jazz, the six free concerts will grace the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Thursday evening, July 14 to Aug. 18.

“The Main Street Grosse Pointe Promotions



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Sun Messengers perform during a past Music on the Plaza.

Committee focused not just on choosing a wide

variety of musical genres for this year’s concerts, but also on creating additional pop-ups and activities designed to offer visitors the opportunity to spend more time enjoying The Village with their friends and families,” Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said in a press release.

The lineup kicks off with returning favorites Detroit Social Club Blues Band July 14, crowd-pleaser Devin Scillian & Arizona Son July 21, and Grosse Pointe acoustic duo Uncle Brown and ME

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known that it could injure persons such as Plaintiff, constituted gross negligence.”

2021 storms

Also in Wayne County Circuit Court is a class-action lawsuit filed by 21 residents of the Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit against the Great Lakes Water Authority, all five of the Pointes, the city of Harper Woods and the Northeast Wayne County Sewer District regarding water and sewage backup in homes after the storms of June 25 and 26, 2021.

Each plaintiff is seeking damages in excess of \$25,000. Previous media reports indicate a similar lawsuit filed against Grosse Pointe Park estimated homes incurred as much as \$300,000 each in damage from the flooding.

“On or before June 25-26, 2021, Defendants improperly designed, constructed, operated,

maintained and/or repaired the portion of the Sewage Disposal System that they control and/or discharge into, causing significant economic damage to the Plaintiffs and putative class.”

The suit goes on to say similar backups occurred in July and August 2016, and that “Defendants failed to take reasonable steps in a reasonable amount of time to repair, correct or remedy the defect, causing water, dirt, debris and other unknown materials to enter and settle upon Plaintiffs’ properties.”

An investigation commissioned by the Great Lakes Water Authority said even if all pumps had been fully operational, basement backups and road flooding would have been inevitable.

“The intensity of the rainfall far exceeded the designed capacity of the wastewater system and, as a result, some level of both surface flooding and basement backups

was unavoidable.”

The report was presented June 22, at the GLWA Board of Directors meeting.

Insurance

On top of that, the Woods also is facing a legal challenge from its own insurance company regarding liability limits over last summer’s flooding.

U.S. Specialty Insurance Co. filed a complaint in federal court last October against the city, asking

for a declaratory judgment limiting its overall liability to \$1 million and requiring the city to pay a \$5,000 deductible in each case.

USSIC voluntarily withdrew the complaint last December after a similar suit it filed against Grosse Pointe Park was dismissed last November. The federal court ruled it was not the proper venue because the class-action suit is in state court. USSIC refiled its complaint at the state level.



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Deadly crash

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two men died last week in an early-morning motorcycle crash at the apex of the eastbound Jefferson curve approaching Cadieux.

They were tandem on a Harley-Davidson touring bike — 36-year-old Nicholas Pickrahn from St. Clair Shores at the controls; his passenger, Nicholas Bojarczyk, 23, of Grosse Pointe Farms, according to Park police.

“Speed was definitely a factor,” said James Bostock, deputy public safety director. “It was about 80 mph. They didn’t negotiate the turn at all and left the roadway. They were gone instantly.”

No other vehicles or factors are known nor suspected concerning the wreck at 2:30 a.m. Friday, June 24, according to a detective.

A few small, broken pieces of black plastic or carbon fiber remain in the curbside grass near where the cycle hit the fifth of seven mature London planetrees lining the outer, or lakeside, half of the curve between Bishop Lane and Jefferson Court, just shy of the stoplight at Cadieux.

The location is the lone kink in a 2.5-mile section of Jefferson between the Detroit city limits and the start of Lakeshore Drive in the Farms.

The emergency room one block away at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe wasn’t a factor.

“They were released to the medical examiner,” Bostock said.

— Brad Lindberg

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 4

◆ All municipal offices closed for Independence Day.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

◆ Outdoor Movie at Lake Front Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, 8:30 p.m. Residents only.

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Pointer carries lifelong love of storytelling

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Storytelling is the thread by which Roselie Bellanca Posselius' life has been crafted, winding through her first professional job in a commercial art studio, running a theater production company with her father and starting a documentary company a decade ago.

"My dad (Peter Bellanca) was an attorney, but he always wanted to be an actor, so after many, many years of health issues, he finally became an actor and became well-acquainted with all the actors in town," Posselius said. "Many, many years ago, Detroit was one of the leading producers of film for the industrial commercial business, so there were a lot of very talented actors here in town and being a theater lover, my dad said, 'Listen, we need to create some work for these talented people.'"

The father and daughter duo began producing theater through her father's company, Detroit Actors Guild Productions, in 1994. Bellanca continued to act until he passed away in 1998, after which Posselius took over the company.

"My favorite, and sort of the one that I first did on my own, was called 'Tony 'n Tina's Wedding' and we really, aside from the pandemic, have been doing that since 1998," she said, noting DAG Productions has offered many of Detroit's longest



Roselie Bellanca Posselius hard at work editing.

running shows.

While the company is not yet in a situation where Posselius feels comfortable reopening due to the pandemic, she fully plans to continue producing theater and is anxious to do so.

A little more than a decade ago, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident also got her foot in the door with documentary work when a friend asked her to join a series of projects for Henry Ford Health such as pieces for corporate culture and public service announcements.

It was a natural progression to starting a documentary company, Occam Productions, with her partner and Woods resident J.C. Whitelaw in 2010.

Because of her exten-

sive history with the Academy of the Sacred Heart, which is now The Grosse Pointe Academy — she attended the school during its transition in 1969, currently is on the board of trustees, is past president of the national Associated Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart and has plans to begin serving the organization on a global level — it was only a matter of time before Posselius' documentary work aligned with her passion for the school.

Not only has Posselius started a networking platform, Sacred Heart Connections, that is being built for North America with intentions to go global in a matter of years, but she also led the creation of The Legacy Project through

which she has interviewed alumni from all over the world to create mini documentaries for archival purposes in telling the history of Sacred Heart schools.

Among the 300 to 400

alumni Posselius estimates she's interviewed throughout the project is Barbara Henry, who taught Ruby Bridges, the first African American student to be integrated into a southern school in Louisiana. Henry and Bridges were alone in a classroom the entire year.

Another notable interview was with Federica Germani, who lives in Rome and is the archivist for the World Association of Alumnae and Alumni of Sacred Heart. Germani told the story of when Nazis came to the Sacred Heart School in Rome during World War II to seek out people the nuns were hiding there. The superior general asked the Nazi soldiers to pray with her before searching and their captain, so moved by her faith, decided to abandon the search and left without capturing the family who was hiding in the convent.

"I'm looking to do a documentary piece on the history of Sacred

Heart, which goes back to 1800 and the French Revolution," Posselius added of her upcoming work, "so that's going to be a long one and I've been doing research vis-à-vis all my other jobs for 25 plus years, but putting it all together will be interesting and, hopefully, that's something I can work on slowly over the next few years."

Other upcoming documentary projects include a piece about the history of Italian food in Detroit in partnership with the local Italian consulate, which currently is in the research phase, as well as a piece about the Detroit music industry focusing on specific artists who are yet to be revealed.

"Travel is something that I look forward to doing if my work slows down," Posselius added, "or actually probably traveling in order to tell more stories is (more) the truth. I don't see my work as just work. I enjoy it."



The original cast of "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding." Posselius is first on the left in the second row.

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community while they are out playing at recess," he continued. "Adding a layer to deter visibility would create a safer environment for our students. We hope to find partners in the community, including Kroger, to ensure we provide the safest school experience possible."

Although in the preliminary stages, the Maire PTO plans to partner with Main Street Grosse Pointe to launch a fundraising effort.

"We want to make sure that it's something that's attractive, because it is front-facing into our downtown," MSGP Director Cindy Willcock said, "so we thought it was a great opportunity to collaborate and instead of just doing (a) privacy fence, to really do something creative and maybe public art-wise with it."

The partnership also could open the door to public art grant opportunities available to MSGP, which also could help fund the project.

Specifics of a fundraising plan for the screening fence have yet to be determined.

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challenged with handling a 500- to 1,000-year storm event. Grosse Pointe Park was hit with a 1,000-year storm: eight inches in 24 hours. No community can handle that."

Grosse Pointe officials have to be careful what they say due to pending litigation. Municipalities and thousands of their residents reported combined damages totaling millions of dollars from water inundating basements through floor drain openings. Water also burst through manholes to cover roadways,

parked vehicles and lawns.

The report also analyzed flooding prompted by a lesser storm three weeks later, July 16, by which time many of the system's prior shortcomings had been corrected, although others cropped up.

"While smaller than the June 25-26 rain, the (July 16) storm exceeded the design capacity of the wastewater system and basement backups could be expected," according to the report. "Maximum accumulated depth of 4.7 inches over 12 hours was observed, representing a rainfall return period of 100 to 300 years."

"We're obviously going

to contest that," said Steve Liddle, among attorneys representing thousands of flood clients in what is expected to become a class action suit. "That report certainly isn't conclusive. This idea that it's just an unanticipated rain event and despite the fact that half their pumps weren't working during the June 25 flood — that's not believable. If I were a taxpayer affected by this, I'd be upset that they spent all that money to prepare a report that attempts to abdicate their responsibility."

Sue McCormick, GLWA chief executive officer beginning in 2015, addressed the Farms city council the night before she resigned July 27, 2021. She stated sanitary systems were designed to handle sewage and some storm water, but were never intended for flood control.

The system can collect 1.7 inches of rain in one hour, with no rain before or after, or 3.31 inches in 24 hours, according to a GLWA news release last week.

"The unprecedented rain events of last summer are a real-life example of the devastating impacts that climate change can have on our communities," said Suzanne Coffey, McCormick's replacement, in the same release. "It is likely that we will continue to see more intense storms at a greater frequency. While it is not possible to eliminate the chance of flooding given these circumstances, we are taking actions that can

help mitigate the extent of the flooding."

The release concluded, "With the independent investigation complete, the authority expects to make a decision on (legal) claims within the next several weeks."

"I would say the press release kind of tips their hand on what the position is going to be," Reeside said.

"The case continues to get litigated," Liddle said.

GLWA may not be able to handle monster storms, but that doesn't mean the system is designed properly, he said.

"You design a sewer system to only allow as much water in as can be discharged," Liddle said. "The technical term is called the basis of design. No matter how much rain there is, if it's all coming in an appropriately-sized entryway — and when I say appropriate, I mean relative to the exit path — you don't have flooding. You don't create hydraulic pressure that backs up into basements."

He also didn't discount failed pumps as inconsequential.

"They knew about several pump failures weeks before the flooding," Liddle said. "When those pumps fail, it's like a mass traffic accident — one car hits one car and now you have a pile-up because nobody can move. It's the same thing with pump failures. It actually makes it worse because water creates waves. When all this water continues to feed to the pump house, it smacks into it, basically, and creates its own wave going all the way back."

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City of Grosse Pointe

Stolen jewelry

During a five-day period while a former Grosse Pointer was moving to St. Clair Shores last year, \$11,000 in jewelry was stolen. A moving company employee is a suspect.

Identity theft

A Grosse Pointe woman reported numerous accounts were attempted to be opened in her name at several different banks between June 10 and 22.

Construction tools stolen

An unknown person entered an unlocked van in the 700 block of Loraine between 1 and 5 a.m. Thursday, June 16, and stole various construction tools worth \$1,250.

Unlocked vehicle

Miscellaneous change and a brown leather briefcase were stolen overnight Thursday, June 23, from an unlocked vehicle in the 900 block of University.

Stolen bike

A black Schwinn mountain bike was stolen from an open garage in the 700 block of Rivard overnight Thursday, June 23.

3-car accident

An intoxicated 27-year-old Detroit woman caused a three-car accident at Jefferson and Lakeland at 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, for which she was arrested.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Mental health evaluation

A 27-year-old Detroit man was transported to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation after grabbing his father's neck and tearing his shirt collar over a disagreement about allowance amounts.

The altercation took place in front of a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 2:17 p.m. Monday, June 20.

Alcohol thief

A suspect who stole bottles of liquor from a business in the 100 block of Kercheval at 5:46 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, was seen leaving in a gray or blue 2017 Chevrolet Equinox.

The suspect is described as an approximately 20-year-old black man wearing a light-colored ball cap with a black brim, a blue T-shirt with a hot pink and yellow design and matching knee-length shorts with black shoes.

Instant karma

While an officer was stationary in a patrol car near Mack and Kerby at 5:59 p.m. Thursday, June 23, a 22-year-old Farms

woman pulled up alongside him and began waving obscene gestures and mouthing obscene language about her disdain for law enforcement.

While such actions are within the woman's constitutional rights, her vehicle's license plate was found to be improper and belonging to a different vehicle when run through LEIN. The woman was cited and her vehicle impounded.

Blue lights

After being pulled over at Mack and Moross at 10:13 p.m. Friday, June 24, because his vehicle had blue headlights, blue marker lights and blue plate lights, a 50-year-old Eastpointe man was found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.123 percent.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for unauthorized use of lights.

Drunken swerving

A 34-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of 0.17 percent or more after being pulled over for swerving at Mack and Shelbourne at 4:57 a.m. Saturday, June 25.

Drunken crash

A 71-year-old Eastpointe man was found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.11

percent after his vehicle crashed through bushes and into the guardrail at Cherryhurst and Lakeshore at 8:53 p.m. Sunday, June 26.

The man, who did not sustain any injuries, was arrested for operating under the influence and open liquor transport.

Embezzling

After starting an insurance business with his 63-year-old neighbor, a 37-year-old Farms man reported his business partner Monday, June 27, for allegedly misusing \$150,000 in business funds on hockey games and expensive dinners.

He claims the partner had clients pay him directly after creating fake invoices to a personal P.O. Box in his name rather than the company's.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Gun gone

A Ruger 9mm pistol and small gun safe were reported missing last week from the basement of a house in the 1300 block of Bedford.

Police logged the report as a larceny occurring between Oct. 1, 2001, and Friday evening, June 22.

— *Brad Lindberg*

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Broken window theory

A homeowner reported the morning of Monday, June 20, that a window over the sink at his home in the 20600 block of Montague was broken some time over Memorial Day weekend, either by a BB gun or pellet gun. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Getting even

After a cleaning business told a homeowner in the 2000 block of Stanhope they no longer were going to service the home due to disagreements, the owner refused to return equipment, including a vacuum and products worth approximately \$400.

The owner of the cleaning business reported the incident around 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, and

was told not to contact the homeowner until detectives investigated.

Missing moped

A 2019 Honda moped was reported stolen from behind a business in the 19800 block of Mack around 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 21. Surveillance cameras showed a black male wearing a blue shirt, red shorts, white socks and sandals pushing the moped down an alley behind the business.

The owner told police he bought the white moped with a red seat for \$7,000 in 2019.

He really wanted pizza

An employee at Little Caesars, 19619 Mack, told officers the night of Wednesday, June 22, that a man tried to enter the store around 9:30 p.m. but was met with locked doors.

The employee told the man the store was out of pizza and closed for the night, at which point the man hit the front window and broke it before driving off in a silver Hyundai Elantra.

The suspect is described as a white male around 40 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches and 150 pounds with short hair and a beard, wearing a blue shirt and khaki shorts.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Turkey trot

Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael Carter said he had to stop to take this photo when he encountered a turkey walking across Beaconsfield, near Jefferson. "The Village Wine Shop carries wild turkey bourbon," he noted, "but this was something different." Something different, indeed.



RATES:

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from property taxes, estimated at \$5.5 million, up \$500,000 from the 2021-22 fiscal year budget. Two large expenditure increases come in the form of retiree health care, which will go from \$200,000 to \$375,000, and the pension fund, from \$320,000 to \$400,000.

"The main thing we consider when putting the budget together is making sure the current level of service is maintained," Finance Director/Treasurer Candice Giles said.

Aside from the extra mill, another increase taxpayers will notice will be on their water and sewer bill. The flat rate — called readiness to serve — will remain at \$79.49 per quarter.

"That's just the basic amount it takes to operate the system and fund DPW," Giles said. "It's a fixed rate, but obviously the amount people get charged for usage varies from household to household."

The increase comes in the form of a \$25.91 debt service charge. That amount is to pay down the \$8 million in bonds

the city sold in April to replace the water main on Lakeshore and water and sewer lines on Oxford. Payments on the bonds will begin at \$190,000 in 2025, and end at \$440,000 in 2051.

Due to a 3.7 percent increase in rates from the Great Lakes Water Authority, residents will pay \$6.50 per quarter for water, up from \$6.27, and \$10.04 for sewer, up from \$9.69.

When the preliminary budget was presented in May, it included a deficit of around \$400,000. Most of that will be covered by the 1 mill increase, which will bring in an additional \$323,000 annually. The rest is made up of cuts, including health insurance adjustments (\$30,000), eliminating a civilian midnight shift position in public safety (\$22,296) and getting rid of the yearly city calendar (\$8,000).

Public Safety Department Director Ken Werenski told council there are plans in place to install signage and a

phone at city hall's front desk that will ring into the Grosse Pointe Woods dispatch.

"The entrance will stay open and more often than not there's an officer somewhere in the building at all times," Werenski said.

Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert said discussions are underway to fund the calendar by selling ad space.

Councilman Donn Schroder questioned why some budget line items saw large increases, including computer maintenance going from nothing to \$30,000 and legal services increasing from \$55,000 to \$100,000.

"It's kind of a three-year smoothing process," Giles said. "When I put a budget together I look at three-year averages and sometimes you have to look at five years. Sometimes there's an outlier and 2021 was definitely one because of the pandemic. It's more about what a budget looks like in a normal year."

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July 28.

The next month will feature The Kufflinks with 1920s parlor-style music Aug. 4, Marge's Bar Band Aug. 11, and Mainstream Drive Aug. 18.

The final Music on the Plaza date also will mark the start of the newly rescheduled Sidewalk Sale-bration Weekend in The Village, commencing earlier that day with Paint the Windows. This year's theme is "Things with Wings." As the event gets closer, students of all ages will be invited to sign up to decorate business windows.

"The promotions committee is working on a variety of new additions to Thursday evenings for Music on the Plaza and we'll be announcing them soon," Willcock added via email, noting art pop-ups and games will be included.

Donors and sponsors for this year's Music on the Plaza include Ascension St. John Hospital, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., Aitken & Ormond Insurance, Brieden Consulting Group, Small Favors, Pointe Alarm and Merrill Lynch.

Keep up with news of Music on the Plaza, Paint the Windows and the Sidewalk Sale-bration Weekend at thevillagegrossepointe.org and on Facebook @thevillagegrossepointe.

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OUR VIEW

Splish splash, summer swim teams are having a blast

As the latest generation of summer swimmers kicked off our area's first set of dual meets along the lake-shore last week, we can't help but be reminded how lucky we are to live here.

Ask anyone who has snapped on a swim cap and competed on a summer team in the Pointes, and fond memories of those days will come pouring out.

For decades on end, the Lakefront Swimming Association, a collection of teams representing the six parks from Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores, has provided kids and families with summers to remember. (Unfortunately, the St. Clair Shores pool is under repair and its team is unable to participate in the 2022 swim season. We look forward to their return next summer.)

Hundreds of kids get to enjoy a recreational swim season at our awesome parks, which welcome the gamut of swimmers. Those who are just starting out. Swimmers whose parents want them to have some summertime structure, full of practices, team picnics and meets. There are, of course, serious year-round swimmers who take advantage of participating in this lighter, less-intense outdoor season.

Everyone must first demonstrate they can swim 25 yards without going under to qualify for the team, but beyond that, fun and friendly competition is the name of the game.

How fun is it? Let's start with team nicknames. We have the Mutants of Grosse Pointe Park, the Sea Serpents of St. Clair Shores, the Sharks of Grosse Pointe Shores and the Warriors of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The most clever name perhaps belongs to the Norbs of the City of Grosse Pointe. Legend has it that former Grosse Pointer, lifeguard and swimmer Herman Guevara created the Norbs nickname after former City Mayor Norbert Neff, the park's namesake.

Finally — and don't accuse us of listing these teams in order of our favorites or anything — but we also have the Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas rounding out the teams. Hard to beat the 'Cudas "ashes to ashes, dust to dust" rally cry they bellow out before the start and end of every meet, a chant they share with the Country Club of Detroit's swim team. Consider it a Farms thing.

Each group prioritizes fun in the sun at its first order of business, a refreshing change of direction from the monotony of the school year. During each dual meet, coaches from each team decide on a theme and dress accordingly. You can't help but smile as you watch them donning formal attire, hugging their soggy 8-and-under

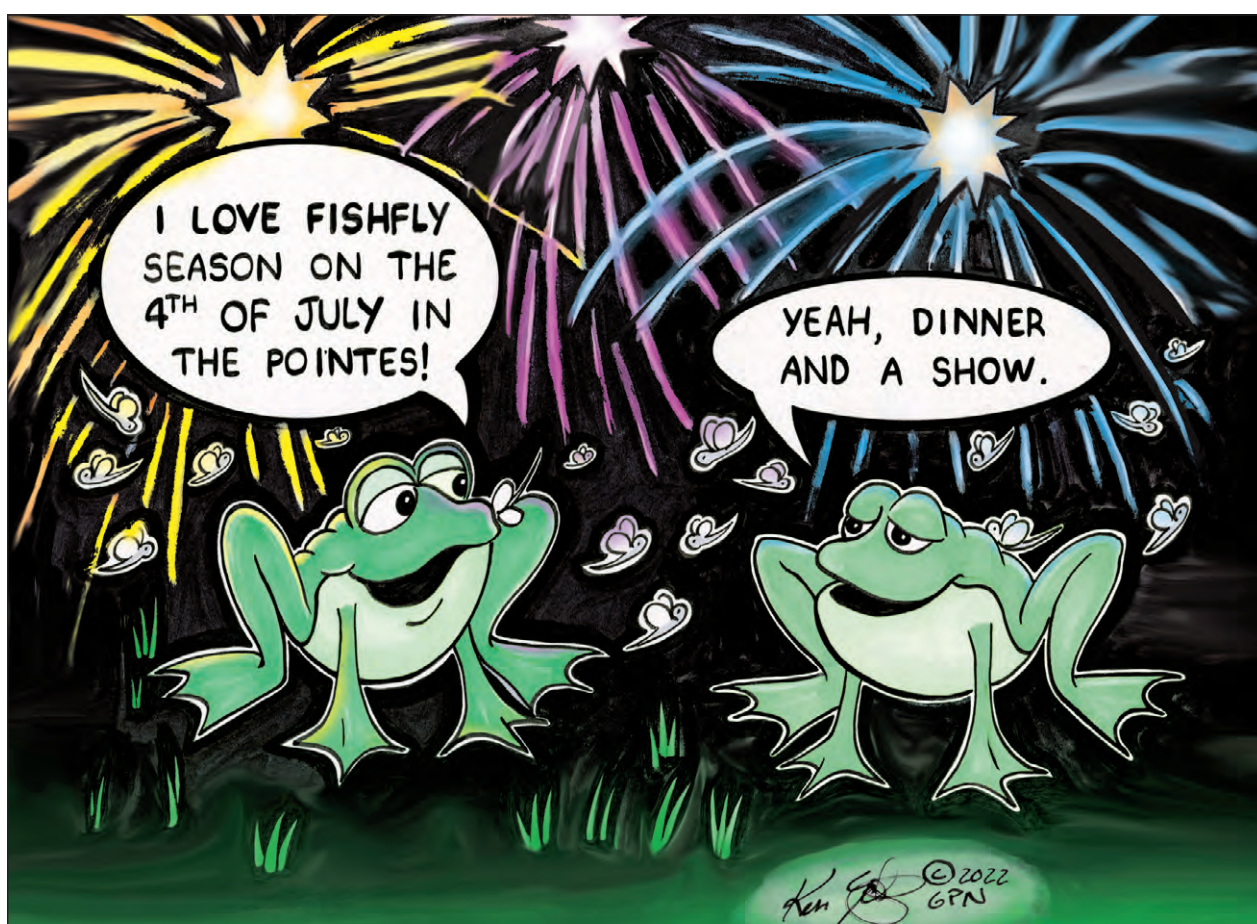


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OUR VIEW

Brevity is the soul of wit in letter policy

Insights, timeliness tantamount

As a newspaper, we love receiving letters to the editor. It not only provides us valuable feedback but also gives you, the readers, a voice to respond to the articles and editorials we publish, akin to a town square.

Your letters can help offer an enhanced understanding on an issue, additional context to a story or just a personal, thought-provoking opinion on something we have published.

The Grosse Pointe News has long held a Letter to the Editor policy for letter length, with a submission deadline of 3 p.m. Monday for each week's issue. In many instances, we have made exceptions to that policy, with the justification that we are offering readers ample opportunity to have their voices heard.

Instead, with increased frequency, these lengthy

pieces have compromised the letter's readability and have limited available space for additional letters to be published in any given week.

Beginning with our July 7 issue, we will abide by our policy as a rule and not the exception. We strongly believe our policy establishes fair access and ease to engage with us and our readership.

We encourage you to keep sending letters of 250 words or less by 3 p.m. each Monday. As always, we reserve the editorial right to withhold letters that attack individuals or groups, or at our discretion.

Also, if a subject has been thoroughly debated over multiple weeks, we will only publish additional letters if they provide a new insight on the topic.

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relay team in a cocktail dress or tux, or encouraging their swimmers to kick harder on their backstroke, while wearing a Superman or Wonder Woman costume.

The season also brings about so many precious moments. A young swimmer who could barely complete the 25 yards to qualify improves enough to swim a 50 by season's end. Some delight in their ninth-place ribbons. Others never take home anything less than first. Yet they all sit with each other after each meet, win or lose, celebrating the team, bonding and creating more memories.

And don't forget about unique team traditions that have been passed on throughout the years. Fight songs, paper plate awards, team picnics, moonlight swims and talent shows. Coach and parent relays at Finals. Toilet papering houses before prelims (yes, that's why you see the white stuff hanging on trees all over town at the end of July). The memories are endless and the nature of the kind of goofiness these teams have together is timeless.

Summer swim teams also bring an important sense of belonging to kids, who will carry that with them long after their days at the pool end.

And where else but the Pointes will you sit at a meet and know parents who swam against you for Lakefront teams as kids? Countless parents remember who won finals in 1988, or which mom or dad from your team once held the league record for 12-and-under 50 backstroke. Whether

swimmers come from veteran parents or newbies, the coolest part is they cheer on their teams together, united as one.

Mind you, this all happens against the breathtaking backdrop of Lake St. Clair. Do we need to remind ourselves we live in Michigan, but get to pretend we are a warm-weather state, complete with outdoor swimming facilities? On those warm, poolside evenings, hearing the splashing water and watching a sun that appears like it's resisting to set, it sure feels like we hit the jackpot around here.

Also of note are the Pointes' three additional swim teams that compete in the summer league for MICSA — the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association. The aforementioned Country Club of Detroit Stingrays, Lochmoor Country Club Sea Dragons and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailfish compete in an intense, 14-team league, representing golf and country clubs throughout metro Detroit. Fun flourishes there, too.

We highly recommend soaking it all in at a swim meet this summer. Be sure to count your lucky stars while we're at it. Our summer swim teams are yet another reason why there's no place as special as the Pointes.

Check out the first in our series of summer swim team profiles in Sports on page 4D. What's your favorite swim team memory? We would love to hear about it. Write us at media@grossepointenews.com.

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Locals should take the lead

To the Editor:
Regarding the Grosse Pointe Public School System gun safety resolution, in order to better educate and instruct our district's students about

gun safety and safe gun storage, wouldn't it be advisable for the district to appoint our local police chiefs and public safety officers to take the lead? These valiant men and women officers are the people who engage with

our elementary students, who bring the smoke house and fire equipment and effectively teach "stop, drop, and roll" to our youngsters.

Recently, our community witnessed the life-saving results of an elementary student's speedy actions in saving his family when he detected smoke and told his family the house was on fire — just days after the public safety officers had been to Defer Elementary School to instruct the students on safety measures.

These officers are recognizable faces in the community and have pledged their lives to keeping us safe. We can't love what we don't know, and we can't treasure

and appreciate what we don't love. For the district to invite any non-profit organization coming in from the outside to handle this task would be silly.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Showing our Pride

To the Editor:
What a joyful day at GP Pride 2022 by WE GP! Since the start of GP Pride in 2017, our vision has been a youth-focused event, showing our youth joyful support. LGBTQ youth have higher rates of mental health struggles and suicide. Data shows that with support

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Hell and Paradise, both in Michigan



Hell, Michigan. According to Google Maps, depending on where in the city you're starting from, Hell is located about 59.6 miles away, which is approximately one hour from Detroit. In the town of Hell, there are places named Hell Hole Diner, Hell Hole Bar and Screams Souvenirs. Inside Screams Souvenirs is an ice cream counter called the Creamatory (get it?) with fresh made waffle cones and a sundae called the Gravedigger. It is also the

home to Damnation University, which offers over 100 different types of degrees — and you can purchase a diploma from Dam U.

The town really seems to have embraced its name. Every year it draws in more than 100,000 visitors. It even has a Chapel of Love where you can get married.

Hell is an unincorporated community with no definitive town boundaries. A theory of how Hell got its name is shortly after Michigan gained statehood, a man was asked what he wanted to name the settlement he helped start. He replied, "You can name it Hell for all I care." The name stuck and became official in 1841.

Its website address is gotohellmichigan.com and when its webpage

opens, it says, "More people tell you to go to our town than anywhere else on Earth." Clever.

I'm a bit surprised that someone hasn't purchased some land near Hell, created a town and named it Heaven.

If you mail something there, the post office burns and sings every piece of mail or you can send yourself a postcard and buy a stamp that says, "Been thru Hell."

Here are a couple gift ideas for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. You can purchase a piece of Hell, one square inch to be exact, for a mere \$9.99. This will make you a member of the Hell Landowner's Society. But wait, it gets better. You — or anyone — can be the mayor of Hell for an hour or an entire day. If you are mayor for a day, it costs

\$100 and you receive a set of devil horns to wear while you take phone calls and make mayoral-type decisions. But after your short stint as mayor, you are impeached.

In April this year, a rescue cat named Jinx was mayor for a day. Her young human companion thought it would be fun and cheer people up. She received many messages that said just that. Since Jinx's reign, other animals have signed up to be mayor for a day.

Some other interesting names of cities in Michigan are the unincorporated town of Vulcan, Paradise and Christmas, all in the Upper Peninsula. There's Temperance, which is also an unincorporated community, Bad Axe, Wyoming, Jugville and White Pigeon. Then there's Climax and Bliss.

How do these cities get their names? Well, Bad Axe got its name because of a broken ax left at an abandoned camp and found by a surveyor who said, "I've found an ax, but it's an awfully bad ax. Well, that's a good name for our camp." I read that and thought, that's it?

However, Paradise is perfectly named because it's surrounded by forests and is the gateway town to Tahquamenon Falls State Park. When locals are asked how Paradise got its name, they say, "Look around you."

Hickory Corners, just north of Battle Creek, got its name because surveyors found a large hickory tree in the center of a section of town. After building the first residential house and a schoolhouse, the town became known as Hickory Corners. Apparently people didn't

think too hard about some of these names. They just used the obvious choice.

We can't forget Mackinaw or Mackinac. Mackinaw City is spelled with a "w" and the island, straits and bridge are spelled with a "c," but both are still pronounced with an "aw" ending.

Climax got its name from the son of an early settler who had been searching for farming land. In the early 1800s, he came across a prairie and climbed a tree to get a better view of the land. Once in the tree he said, "This caps the climax of everything we saw." Not what you were thinking, is it?

They don't all have good stories for their town or city names, but it's still interesting to discover what they're called and why.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

POINTE BUILDING BOOM UNDER WAY:

Home building operations in Grosse Pointe, which is common with the rest of the country has been practically non-existent since the war started, are picking up quickly, a survey disclosed this week. In addition to the actual construction, either started or definitely planned for the near future, there has

been an active buying of lots by parties who intend to build homes on them.

1972

50 years ago this week

DEFICIT FACED BY SCHOOLS:

For the first time in the history of the Grosse Pointe Public School System it anticipates a deficit balance of approximately \$88,000 in the general fund on June 30. At the special meeting of the school board, the

board unanimously approved floating a 60-day loan dated July 1, and due Sept. 1, in the amount of \$475,000 to finance the existing deficit and for general operation for July and August.

1997

25 years ago this week

SOC BOARD RESCINDS LEASE, PROJECT:

The Grosse Pointe school board and Services for Older Citizens signed an agreement June 23, rescinding the ground lease that would have per-

mitted the building of a separate facility to house SOC administrative offices adjacent to Barnes school on Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. A committee of municipal leaders, school board members and residents will be formed to help SOC determine the best option to address its facility needs.

HILL NBD TO CLOSE AFTER 40-PLUS YEARS:

The National Bank of Detroit branch located within the Hill shopping district will close sometime within the last quarter of this year, bank officials announced. It is one of 25 NBD branches

to be closed in Michigan sometime between October and December, as part of a campaign on the bank's part to close its lesser-used facilities and, in turn, pour \$28 million into upgrading and modernizing some of its other branches and its ATM network in southeast Michigan.

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10 years ago this week

BASHARA ARRESTED:

Bob Bashara, a person of interest in the January murder for hire of his

wife, Jane, was taken into custody by Grosse Pointe Park police for allegedly soliciting the murder of Joe Gentz. Gentz, a handyman who worked for Bob Bashara, has been charged with Jane Bashara's murder, as well as conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

GPYC, SHORES SETTLE:

A unanimous Grosse Pointe Shores City Council agreed to compensate its largest water customer, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, for mistakenly bloated water bills from 2000 to 2007. Compensation totals \$400,000. Payment will be spread over 16 years.

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those rates decrease considerably. We want our youth to feel welcome and supported in our community. Thank you to the 1,000 neighbors who joined us to demonstrate that Grosse Pointe's commitment to being a great place for families extends to all families and that no matter who you are, who you love or how you experience or express your identity, you are one of us and are a valued part of our community.

We are grateful for the support from The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, GP Pride's Presenting Sponsor, the Ford House and the community support from 60 businesses, organizations, churches and individual sponsors that together made GP Pride possible. Thank you to Main Street, The Village of Grosse Pointe for welcoming GP Pride in the heart of our community. Thank you to the public safety officers for helping to ensure a safe event.

GP Pride is an all-volunteer effort — thank

you WE GP volunteers who worked tirelessly to make Pride happen!

Thank you to everyone who attended GP Pride 2022 by WE GP Together we showed support, joy, love and our commitment to full equality.

SHANNON BYRNE,
PRESIDENT WE GP
Grosse Pointe Farms

Miracle workers

To the Editor:

Recently there have been a couple articles in this paper regarding the medical emergency of a heart attack victim at Panera Bread on Saturday, May 14. I am that victim! Out of nowhere, with no prior warning and a clean medical history, I had 100 percent blockage of my main artery, the one called "the widow maker." Let there be no doubt that without the quick actions of all persons involved in keeping me alive, I would not be here to write this. To each and every one of them, I am so grateful that they got involved and helped a stranger when it was most needed. A good outcome to a story such as this does not happen very often.

The gravity of their efforts really sunk in when I found out that the staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe had nicknamed me "the miracle man." It will take some time, but I am told to expect a total recovery. My wife, Karen, also sends her heartfelt gratitude to one and all for saving my life.

DENNIS VICTOR
Grosse Pointe Farms

Strengthen, not dismantle

To the Editor:

Basking in the glow of a picture-perfect day for the recent Pride event in Grosse Pointe, my daughter and I observed a jubilant crowd, listened to inspiring speeches and marched through the neighborhood to celebrate diversity and stand with our LGBTQ neighbors.

This annual event also highlights our shared values of love, acceptance and support — values that make Grosse Pointe a great place to live, raise a family and send our children to school.

With discussions of

race and sexuality at the forefront of the school culture wars, parental involvement in education has gained momentum. The parental rights movement has been fueled to some extent by Christopher Rufo of the Manhattan Institute and critical race theory hysteria. In April, Rufo spoke at Hillsdale College, where he encouraged the audience to sow "universal public school distrust." And Betsy DeVos, perhaps the nation's most ardent school choice proponent, has made dismantling public schools part of her life's work and funds privatization efforts through the DeVos Family Foundation, according to a former lobbyist for school privatizers.

It appears that some local residents are heeding Rufo's call to action and assisting DeVos in her crusade, as evidenced by the constant drumbeat of negative letters to this newspaper criticizing the GPPSS. I'm curious about the shared values animating this movement. And what is the

ultimate goal? How does undermining public education serve our collective interest?

Will love, acceptance, and support prevail? I want to believe these are the values that will con-

tinue to move us forward, guide our efforts to foster a more welcoming and inclusive community and strengthen, not dismantle, our public schools.

MARIA WILLIAMS
Grosse Pointe Park

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Chartwells debate continues as food service contract passes

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

A debate about whether to follow the recommendations of a committee set up to recommend a food service provider for the Grosse Pointe Public School System ensued again at the June 27 Board of Education meeting.

Prior to the board's vote of re-approving the contract for food service provider Chartwells, Secretary Lisa Papas made comments expressing her continued dissatisfaction with Chartwells and said while she deeply respects the committee members who made the recommendation, she would rather approve a contract with food service provider Taher.

"I'm not disrespecting the people on the committee," she said. "I'm disagreeing with their decision. I'm doing this because I care about how the students are eating in our district. (If) you want them to score better on tests, you want them to get better grades, then they should eat good food. Let's try something (new); if it doesn't work, we have it for a year, but we (are renewing a contract with a) company that we already know doesn't work great."

Papas and several other board members, in their arguments for or against renewing the contract with Chartwells, referenced the scoring criteria the committee used to evaluate the district's potential food service suppliers.

The scoring criteria shows Chartwells and Taher ranking close to each other, with Chartwells earning 82.87 points out of 100 and Taher earning 81 points out of 100. Because the

rubric was scored with 51 percent of the points being weighted for cost and 49 percent being weighted for non-cost criteria, Chartwells made up for its more expensive contract price — \$233,763 more than Taher — with a 12-point lead over Taher in non-cost criteria.

Trustee David Brumbaugh said the large discrepancy in non-cost criteria between the two companies largely was because Taher did not respond to many questions on a proposal form sent to them, which may explain several discrepancies in non-cost criteria factors on the form.

Brumbaugh said while he also has been disappointed in Chartwells in recent years, he has faith its food service will improve with the implementation of this newly structured contract.

"I think that one of the key things that the committee said that struck me is that if (Chartwells) delivers on this contract as proposed, we're gonna have some really phenomenal food service out of them and it's going to be a big change from our past experience with Chartwells," Brumbaugh said. "(Chartwells) did a more complete, thorough and professional job with the proposal; we have an ability to apply greater oversight on the contract (and) hold them accountable to the promises they're making; and (we can) give feedback to Taher and the other (companies) who proposed and (let them know) the defects in (their) proposals."

The board voted 5-2 to approve the new contract with Chartwells, with Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Papas voting against its approval.

Flagpole dedicated to alumna

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

The morning of Friday, May 13, University Liggett School alumni, faculty, staff, parents and three brothers gathered at the Boll Campus Center to dedicate a flagpole to a woman who dedicated herself to preserving history and taking care of the community.

Nena Dahling, a 1950 graduate of Liggett's predecessor, Grosse Pointe Country Day, was a strong believer in community. One of her three sons, Dick Dahling, said, "Mom's vision of an ideal community is one where everyone gives back to it."

She led by example, as she participated in multiple efforts to keep Liggett's history a part of the school. Both a gate and a weather vane on campus were rescued by Nena Dahling and brought over from past campuses.

"Mrs. Dahling was a guiding force with so many things at the school, especially in the area of preserving our history and history just in general," said Cressie Boggs, director of development and alumni relations at Liggett. "And so I think having this particular piece (the flagpole) of the school in her name, in her memory, is just so important to who she was as a person and who we are as an institution and our history."

The dedication of the flagpole was fitting, Dick Dahling said, as his



mother was a big patriot and history buff.

"Mom and Dad were passionate believers that history, and American history especially, must be a subject studied by all," Dick Dahling said.

Growing up, he added, his mother endured experiences throughout World War II, like air raid drills and rationing, during which she saw Grosse Pointers rally around each other and pitch in whenever possible.

"She witnessed all that as a very young person and saw her neighbors (helping out) and that developed her sense of community and affection for Grosse Pointe, as well," Dick Dahling said. "She saw everybody she knew ... just pitch in and do something, and so that was the foundation."

On behalf of their mother, the three Dahling



PHOTOS BY KATE VANDERSTELT

Top, a flagpole outside University Liggett School's Boll Campus Center was dedicated to Nena Dahling, a class of 1950 graduate who was committed to helping promote Liggett and the community. Above, a plaque sits at the bottom of the flagpole to commemorate Dahling.

brothers joined together to create the Dahling Challenge, which concluded in 2019 and raised more than \$400,000 for Liggett. The dedication of

the flagpole to Nena Dahling celebrated the end of the challenge, though it was delayed three years due to COVID-19.

Skilled trades scholarships available

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Local contracting company GP Epoxy is launching a new scholarship program this summer for graduating Grosse Pointe Public School System students who are going into the skilled trades industry.

Jen Johnson, who co-owns the company with her husband, Andrew, said she was inspired to start the scholarship after finding her own role in the skilled trades industry.

A graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, Johnson said she experienced significant pressure during high

school to pursue a college degree, which led her to obtain a bachelor's degree in film and media studies. While she admits the experience was beneficial for her development, she thinks that if other options had been presented to her, she may have been able to avoid the cost of a degree while still doing what she loves now in the skilled trades industry.

"We really care about our community and so we wanted to start something (with which) we could connect with kids and enrich their lives," she said. "College was really pressed upon me when I was in school and we've just come to a time when people have other options and we are trying to change the conversation behind the skilled

trades option."

The Johnsons said as a result of the pandemic, their industry experienced an even greater skilled labor shortage than in the past. They not only heard from clients there was a lack of people willing to do skilled trades projects, but also a downturn in the quality of work completed.

Realizing that not only the viability, but also the reputation of their industry was at stake, Johnson said they were further compelled to take an active role in the development of future skilled trades professionals.

"I think the pandemic really made us take a hard look at what it is that we're often telling skilled trades workers — that they aren't valued," she said. "We've also noticed that there are a

lot of people unsatisfied with contractors and where, to a certain extent, people have unrealistic expectations, but there really is an under-qualification going around (in the industry). We want to change that. We want to help change the reputation of the entire industry."

The Johnsons reaffirmed their commitment to the community by saying their two \$500 scholarships — one for a 2022 Grosse Pointe North graduate and one for a 2022 Grosse Pointe South graduate — are just the start. As their business expands over the next year, from one that specializes in concrete restoration to one with multiple specialty areas, they are hoping to

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

John Schulte of Grosse Pointe, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester at Baldwin Wallace University. Schulte also

graduated cum laude from the university with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

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Brenna Finley of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Julia Hudson** of Grosse

Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2022 semester. Finley also graduated from the

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being in default by not closing by May 30. We are not moving forward at this time with them."

Menuck said the reason for the default is his company is dealing with current economic conditions and he still is interested in pursuing a deal with the district.

"I think it's a beautiful

building," Menuck said. "I think it deserves preservation and I'm hoping that the school district will continue to work with me on trying to get it to close so that I can do what I sought out to do."

2022-23 budget passes 5-2

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

At the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, June 27, board members passed the 2022-23 budget in a 5-2 vote, with Secretary Lisa Papas and Trustee Ahmed Ismail voting against it.

The vote largely was characterized by a disagreement between two factions of the board who debated about their ability to ask questions during meetings.

Papas and Ismail formed one of these factions, with their “no” votes representing their opinion that they could not get all the information they needed to vote on the budget.

During a series of questions, prompted by Ismail to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Amanda Matheson, President Joseph Herd interjected and asked Ismail to refrain from asking questions that were not asked at the board’s work session meeting or that were not

sent to Matheson prior to the meeting. Herd said he hoped this request would make meetings run more efficiently.

Ismail then raised concerns about the ability of board members to ask questions they thought of during meetings or to ask questions based on information Matheson sent them on the same day of a board meeting.

Herd said while board members are allowed to ask both, he took issue with Ismail’s questions because he felt they had not likely been thought of

on the spot and because he thought similar questions already had been asked to Matheson via email.

Papas commented on the discussion, recounting her own difficulties of asking questions in the past and defending Ismail’s right to ask them.

“I am very uncomfortable with the way this conversation is going towards a board colleague asking a question,” Papas said. “And I think he is asking important questions that the

public might want answers to. I think we are treading (in) very difficult waters right now.”

Herd reaffirmed his intention was not to silence board members, but make meetings run more efficiently.

Trustee Christopher Lee echoed Herd’s statement, saying he felt the meetings could be unnecessarily long.

“I think these meetings can be more efficient,” Lee said. “We can get them over and done with quicker. ... And I think the public would appreciate it if we could make them more efficient.”

Later in the meeting, following this conversation and the budget’s subsequent passage, Superintendent Jon Dean thanked Matheson for her work on the budget and echoed how pleased he was by her team’s ability to reach the 12 percent fund equity goal set by the board in its budget parameters.

On the first date of the 2022-23 fiscal year, July 1, the district’s fund equity is projected to be approximately 10.39 percent, with it increasing to 12.16 percent by the end of the fiscal year, as a result of the \$1,670,950 budget surplus.

BOE passes bylaws, policies manual

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Following the presentation of the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s updated policy manual at the June 13 board meeting, the school board was asked to vote on it at the June 27 meeting, where it passed in a 6-1 vote.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail voted against the passage of the manual because of policy 1.24, which states board members must sign a code of ethics at the time of the enactment of the bylaws.

Ismail said he was concerned

about having to sign a paper of which he did not know the contents and his requests for a copy of the code were not returned.

Superintendent Jon Dean said although he did not make paper copies of the code for board members, the code would be identical to the board of ethics adopted by the National School Boards Association. Furthermore, he said although the bylaws were being voted on that night, they would not go into effect until the fall, so the statement would not need to be signed until then.

While Secretary Lisa Papas

voted for the policy manual, she also raised concerns about its approval because of the dozens of instances in which the manual ceded its own authority to the administrative guidelines manual, which is not voted on by the board.

Dean and Treasurer Margaret Weertz, as two people who worked to craft the policy manual, said although there are many references to the administrative guidelines manual from the district’s policy manual, the school board still would have the authority to override what the administration publishes in its own manual.

Resolution for gun safety, safe gun storage passes

A resolution in support of gun safety and safe gun storage passed 6-1 at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting June 27, with Secretary Lisa Papas voting against the measure.

While Papas expressed her overall support for the resolution, she voted against it because it includes language about the district working with nonprofit organizations and mental health agencies to achieve its goals.

She said she felt the language was too broad and she had concerns about which nonprofit organizations the district would collaborate with.

Before voting against it, she requested that the language be removed, but because other board members disagreed with her about the removal of the language, she voted

against it.

Vice President Colleen Worden said she supported the inclusion of the contested language because she does not see value in the resolution without it.

“I support this and I think this paragraph is actually pretty important because it really gives (purpose to) the rest of the resolution,” Worden said. “If we don’t do something to try to promote this and we don’t work with local agencies to promote this, I don’t really know what purpose the resolution has.”

In her closing comments of the meeting, Papas clarified that if she had any indication the resolution would not have passed as a result of her “no” vote, she would have voted for it.

— Michael Hartt

Academy launches Junior Ranger program

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Thursday, June 9, The Grosse Pointe Academy held a special event for its seventh-grade students, bringing in the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership for a presentation about the new Junior Ranger program the organization is launching.

The program encourages students to explore sites that relate to the Detroit region’s rich automotive and labor heritage. A local MotorCities National Heritage map is provided to offer students and their families places to go.

Brian Yopp, director of programs and operations for MotorCities, opened the event by explaining his organization’s overarching goal of preserving, interpreting and promoting the region’s automotive and labor her-

itage. He further described how the Junior Ranger program, by encouraging students to explore their community with their families, helps accomplish this goal while enriching students’ understanding of local history.

He later walked students through the process of registering for the program and offered guidance on how to best choose the four activities or sites they wanted to explore in order to earn the Junior Ranger badge.

While the program was presented as an extracurricular pursuit in which students can participate, facets of it are being incorporated into the students’ seventh-grade summer project, according to Trevor Clor, one of the Academy’s middle school teachers.

Clor said his department was inspired to further integrate the

program into students’ coursework because of how well it complements the eighth-grade history curriculum.

“In eighth grade, we study American history,” Clor said. “When we read stories about things that happened in our past and we associate these events with a location, often the locations have become part of the National Park Service. And (the local MotorCities National Heritage map) is our closest national park site.”

The partnership with MotorCities builds on the academy’s legacy of taking students on National Park Service-related trips, as well as on its Montessori educational philosophy.

Clor said while middle school curriculum is not strictly Montessori-based like the early school, the freedom of choice stressed by a Montessori program of studies still is

present at the middle school level. This is why the Academy strives to make broad opportunities involving student choice — like the Junior Ranger program — available to students.

“Once we get to the middle school (level), we’re not officially Montessori. (However), we still strive to teach to each child’s strengths,” Clor said. “So I think what we do in middle school is have a broad program so that students can find their niche. And I think (the MotorCities’ Junior Ranger program) is one of the options that allows us to do that.”

Following the presentation, students were given the opportunity to ask questions about earning the Junior Ranger badge. Clor said more information about the students’ summer project also would be presented to them.

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

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The following students were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the spring semester: **Hadley McSunas** of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Claire Koeppen**, **Anders Stoehr** and **Aaron Vyletel** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Camryn Simon** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

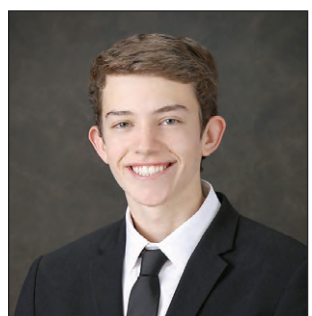
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Paul Gusmano of Grosse Pointe Farms, majoring in mechanical engineering at Cedarville University, was named to the spring 2022 Dean’s Honor List.

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Giovanni Procopio of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester at Aurora University.

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Anders Stoehr



Camryn Simon



Paul Gusmano



Jack Michaud

semester.

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Susie Moesta of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Jack Michaud** and **Bridget Clark** of Grosse Pointe Park named to the Dean’s List for the

spring 2022 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Moesta also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computational mathematics from the university this spring.

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partner with local schools to establish a comprehensive co-op program. As they continue to offer scholarships, they will open them up to students from more high schools in the area.

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A view of Lake St. Clair from the grounds of The Grosse Pointe Academy.

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Historical Society celebrates Lake St. Clair, The Academy

Tickets on sale now for 'Le Nom du Lac'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society will host its first official gathering since 2019, celebrating the history of Lake St. Clair during its summer fundraiser, "Le Nom du Lac," from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, on the grounds of The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Aug. 12 marks the christening of Lac Sainte-Claire, named after St. Clare of Assisi by French explorers in 1679. It is only the most recent name for the body of water, known by a variety of Iroquoian-language and French names, including Lac des Eaux de Mer, Lac Ganatchio, Otsekita, Kandequiu,



Above, nuns play basketball at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Right, sisters get silly on convent grounds.



Oitatinatchiketo and Ph.D., is chairing the Waawiyaataan(ong) event. Honorary event chairmen are Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Leslie Wagner, Louis Theros and his

wife, Patti Theros, senior major gifts officer at the Beaumont Health Foundation; and Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback and his wife, Suzy Berschback, healthy communities manager for Beaumont Health.

"This is a dream — to have a tented party looking over Lake St. Clair, while waltzing to French music like our forbearers did, all dressed in white and vintage attire," Wagner said. "This is a great time for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, a time to celebrate and come together. We're picking up where we left off in 2019."

Guests to "Le Nom du Lac" will be treated to open bars — including authentic French-Canadian drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a catered,

strolling supper.

"The menu is a nod to our Native American ancestors, as well as French cuisine and Michigan cuisine," Wagner said.

"La Compagnie Musial" features authentic early Grosse Pointe music and entertainment, including re-enactors of Voyageurs, the early settlers in the region. Additionally, historic cars will be on display and products from the Academy's Farm-to-Table classes will be featured.

This year's gala will be the first for Giles Simmer, the Historical Society's development associate, who joined the team in January.

"Getting to help plan

and host a big event after hearing so much about it is exciting," she said, "especially after everything we've missed the last few years. This fundraiser is one that does a lot for us."

While in years past the gala has been hosted at various historic houses in the community, this year's event features a different type of historic venue.

"Typically we're in people's beautiful homes," Wagner said, "but I've always been enchanted with this site in particular."

"This is actually something we've wanted to do for a long time — an alternative to a private

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38th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day is July 13

Registration required before July 7

A highlight of summer for more than 34,000 youngsters from metro Detroit is the annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, this year celebrating its 38th anniversary on July 13. It is the largest youth event in Michigan and one of the largest in the nation.

Metro Detroit Youth Day began following altercations between youth and Detroit merchants during the summer of 1980. Two youngsters and one business owner were killed. The event was created to show youngsters that businesses, the community and civic organizations do care about our youth.

“Metro Detroit Youth Day is a success story about people and organi-

zations working together to motivate students to do better in school and to encourage harmonious community relations,” said Ed Deeb, co-founder and coordinator of the event, and founder of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. Today, more than 340 community groups participate in Metro Youth Day.

“The fun-filled day gives kids a chance to enjoy time away from home in the middle of summer while participating in a supervised, constructive setting with 1,600 volunteers helping and supervising,” Deeb said. “The day emphasizes education, sportsmanship, fair play and leadership.”

Youth Day is a catalyst

in channeling children’s energy in a positive and constructive setting. Special games and activities also are included for the growing number of disabled youngsters participating.

In addition, Metro Detroit Youth Day will feature entertainment from musicians and singers from various schools. Also, the 11th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day Youth Idol Contest takes place, featuring performances from students of area schools and organizations.

“Today, we are more than fun and games,” Deeb said. “Originally, the goal was to offer games and inspire community goodwill and harmony.”

Following receipt of

the Presidential Point of Light Award in 1991, Metro Detroit Youth Day became more serious and was expanded to include youth guidance, mentors, role models, anti-substance abuse activity, motivational speakers and entertainment, as well as awarding more than 100 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. To date, more than 1,400 scholarships have been awarded to graduating high school seniors from the tri-county area.

Metro Detroit Youth Day also honors 10th and 11th graders from metro Detroit high schools for academic achievement and community service each year.

Youth between 8 and 15 years old will be able

to participate in various sports clinics, contests, races and entertainment, as well as visit the education area — including College Row, where some 15 colleges and universities will be on hand. Also, groups will display activities in the exhibit and education tents. In addition, there will be mini-workshops on

anti-bullying, fighting crime and anti-obesity. An entrepreneurship workshop also will take place to teach kids the basics of starting and running a business.

Sports stars, government officials, media celebrities and others attend the event and provide upbeat messages and encouragement to youth. At noon a free lunch will be served to youth participants and volunteers, provided by Michigan’s food industry

and members of Michigan Food and Beverage Association, Deeb said.

More than 340 community and youth organizations participate in Metro Detroit Youth Day, including more than 220 businesses, civic organizations and government agencies as sponsors.

“When we help and work with our kids, we provide meaning to their lives and service to humanity, which I feel is the best work of life,” Deeb said. “We want to inspire our youth to do the most good, in a crime-free environment.”

To learn how to participate in the future as an organization, volunteer or sponsor, or to register youth, call the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation at (586) 774-4000 or visit metrodetroyouthday.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Cocktails with Collections, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Admission for members only is \$20.

◆ Opening Reception: “The Color of Water: en Plein Air Painting in Michigan,” 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, July 5 through Aug. 30. Children can enjoy a snack and learn about a different animal each week. Cost is \$5 for children, \$4 for children of members.

◆ Member picnic, 6 p.m. Thursday, July 7. Cost is \$60 for two diners.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the following programs:

◆ Candlelight Concerts—The Soul of Detroit, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Tickets are \$35.

◆ Opera MODO: The Wedding Singer, 7:30

p.m. Thursday, July 7; Friday, July 8; Tuesday, July 12; and Thursday, July 14. General admission tickets are \$40; student tickets are \$20 and VIP adult tickets are \$60. Register online at warmemorial.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 1, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 11, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

org.

◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at Ghesquiere Park.

◆ Nailed It! Under the Sea Edition, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7, via Zoom.

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:

◆ Cake Decorating, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 8, with instructor Erika Clark.

◆ The movie “West Side Story” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$2 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.

◆ Pinochle Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning July 12. The club is free for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

◆ Meet the Author: JT Mestdag, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

◆ Lunch with a Doc, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, with facilitator John Putnam of Back to You Rehab, PLLC. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

◆ Games on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Games are free for members, \$5 for non-

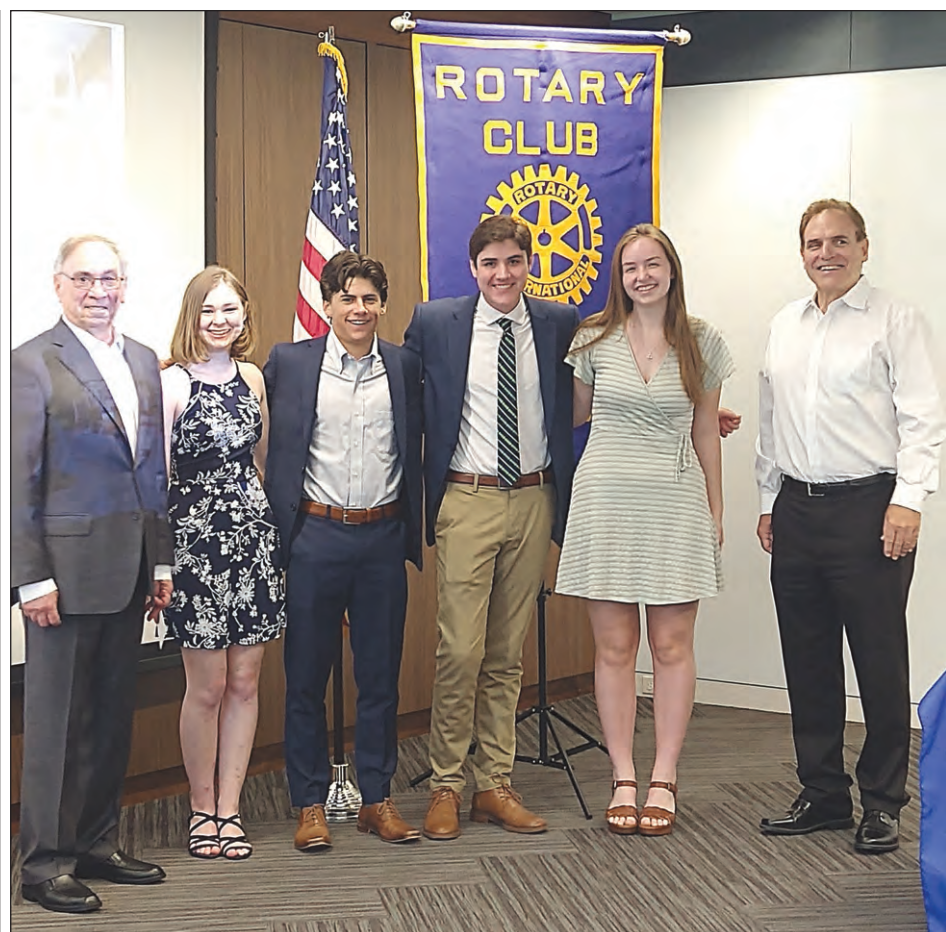


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Scholarships awarded

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club recently awarded scholarships to several students. Pictured from left are Sunrise Rotary Club President Patrick Moran; Stephanie Westrick, Grosse Pointe North High School; Douglas Cowan, Grosse Pointe South High School; Sean Guibord, Grosse Pointe North; Fiona LaCroix, Grosse Pointe South; and Robert Duker, Sunrise Rotary Club board member.

Men’s Club

members.

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Father Rich Bartoszek, chaplain and director of spiritual care with Beaumont Health, will speak. To reserve a seat,

email gmccattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. New Grosse Pointe Rotarian Carolyn Graham will give a vocational speech.

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Conner Creek expansion underway

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ground was broken Tuesday, June 14, for an expansion project at the Salvation Army's Conner Creek Corps, 3000 Conner, Detroit.

The ceremony marks the first addition to the building — a former Chrysler union headquarters — since the non-profit purchased it in 2015.

"I said back then it was the perfect location, the perfect building for us," said Richard Strowger, a City of Grosse Pointe resident who serves on the Conner Creek Advisory Council. "The only thing it needed was more space for athletics, for a basketball court."

That need — and several others — will be met upon the 2023 completion of the \$6.8 million expansion project, which will nearly triple the space, from 7,900 square feet to 23,038 square feet.

"There are 13 corps centers in metropolitan Detroit, but only three in the city, of which Conner Creek is one," Strowger said. "If you look at the city of Detroit's east side, you'll find the median household income is \$34,000. The poverty level is at 43 percent. Family households headed by single mothers is at 70 percent. The percentage of third graders who can read and per-



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Grosse Pointers involved in the project include, from left, Robert Brown, Gary Marowske, Richard Strowger, Kurt Tech and Polly Tech.

form math is 13 percent. Fifty percent of high school students graduate.

"A community center that can provide services to that population is a critical need," he continued, "not to say there

aren't other nonprofits operating in the area, but Salvation Army is particularly suited to deal with those needs."

The Salvation Army was founded in London in 1865, to meet human needs without discrimi-

nation. The organization first arrived in Detroit in 1888. Its Conner Creek location provides social services, church, food assistance, shelter, holiday assistance and much more to the populations it serves — which, in

addition to Detroit's east side, includes the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. The increase in capacity at Conner Creek will allow for additional meeting space for the community, as well as more social service space, including financial literacy training, medical clinics, GED classes and cooking instruction, among other programming.

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League hosting virtual candidate forum for Congress District 13

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe, in partnership with the League of Women Voters Detroit, will conduct a candidate forum for the U.S. Congress, 13th District primary race. This forum will be privately recorded via Zoom, with League members serving as moderator and time-keeper.

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

John Conyers III (D), Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D), Michael Griffie (D), Adam Hollier (D), Sharon McPhail (D), Sam Riddle (D), Portia Roberson (D), Lorrie Rutledge (D), Shri Thanedar (D) and Martell D. Bivings (R).

The public can participate in this forum by submitting questions to the League via its website, lwvgrossepointe.org. All questions must be submitted by noon Monday, July 11. Submitted questions should be directed to all candidates.

The forum may be viewed on the LWVGP YouTube channel on or after Wednesday, July 13.

Voters may find information about any candidate on the League of Women Voters nonpartisan Voter Guide at vote411.org.

ENGAGEMENT



Nicholas Organek and Ann Padesky

Padesky—Organek

Michael and Rosemary Padesky of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Padesky, to Nicholas Organek, the son of Richard and Carolyn Organek of

Dearborn. Miss Padesky graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004, and from the University of Michigan School of Education in 2008. She is a curriculum specialist in the Warren Consolidated Schools district.

Mr. Organek earned a

degree in finance from Western Michigan University and is an accountant.

An August 2022 wedding is planned.

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Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers Self-Defense Training for Women, July 22, at neighbor from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday,

July 24. This comprehensive approach to safety training includes awareness, risk reduction, posture and verbal skills, as well as physical fight skills. Instructor Joe Ferrera has more than 30 years of experience in martial arts and defense tactics.

Ages 16 and older are welcome. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Registration is required by Friday, July 22, at neighborhoodclub.org.

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SHEER CLASS

This stunning creation by Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries is half work of art/half wedding cake! So elegant, it sets a theme depicting classic wedding beauty and chic.

The wedding formalwear cookies, also by Morning Glory, below left, make adorable favors or table treats. The talented bakers at Morning Glory can create cute, customized formalwear cookies that match your actual wedding attire! The cookie pair below perfectly captures one bride's one-shoulder lace gown and the groom's actual tux. Too sweet.

Love means sharing a big cookie like this delectable favor, bottom, another amazing creation by Morning Glory.

Talk to their specialists to book incredible, edible cookie art for your wedding or shower.



Themed weddings make celebrations more fun and personal, letting your guests get to know a little bit more about you.

Whether it's a simple color scheme carried throughout or something more, there are certainly plenty of ways to create a wedding vision that everyone will fall in love with.

Favors are one easy way to execute your idea, and truly everyone loves the little take-home tokens of your appreciation for attending.

The sky is really the limit, and here in Grosse Pointe we have some wonderful places that can provide unique treasures that will be perfect for your wedding theme.

We've seen mini bottles of wine, olive oil, or essential oils as token gifts. Bags of tea, spices and even lottery tickets have been used as wedding favors! It's all up to you.

Whatever you and your intended dream up will have your guests leave on a happy note with wonderful memories.

We've put together some ideas for wedding tokens and favors, many edible, and have used beautiful wedding cakes as a starting point for the various themes.

Enjoy all the pretty things! We hope something will be an idea-starter for you.



This Salisbury rope-edge engravable silver-tone key ring, above, is an elegant keepsake favor for your wedding, shower or engagement party. It's the perfect memento of your big day. Available at The League Shop.

Morning Glory's hand-dipped caramel and chocolate bride-and-groom apples, left, are as delicious as they are pretty. A great take-home wedding favor for special guests and for the little ones in your wedding party.



METALLIC MAGIC

Metallic icings are all the rage for this year's brides. This intricate metallic-themed cake would be the piece de resistance of any wedding! Made by the pastry artisans at Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries, in your choice of flavors and fillings. Choose from traditional white, yellow, chocolate or marble or go with red velvet, lemon, funfetti, spice or almond flavors. Premium flavors are available too — like carrot, coconut, banana, cherry chip or mocha (ask about flourless flavors). Delicious fillings come in several varieties as well, such as cream filling, mousse, preserves or fruit, ganache, lemon curd and more. Your guests will be delighted by the beauty and flavor of a Morning Glory masterpiece!

Add on edible favors for each guest like metallic-frosted cookies or handmade truffles with gold accents and your theme will shine like the real thing. Morning Glory can individually wrap your favors to place on the table or you can feature them as part of a dessert spread for your guests.



A lovely metallic frame from The League Shop is a beautiful wedding favor or gift for special guests. Use small frames as name plates for table settings and guests get to keep the frame as a memento of your wedding. The League Shop has oodles to choose from.



WITH LOVE, FROM MICHIGAN

When you're proud of your hometown and home state, choosing a theme that reflects it is easy. Great ideas for wedding favors and gift bags for out-of-town guests abound from our local shops. At left, a Michigan extravaganza gift bag contains all the delicious hometown treats this adorable Michigan-themed Scout bag can hold! Sanders candies, chocolate-covered cherries and even Mackinac fudge will be a welcome treat for hotel room or trip home. Find these amazing home state items in the bountiful Michigan section at Small Favors.



Couples can show some home-team spirit with Detroit Tigers cookies. They make the perfect lighthearted wedding, shower or engagement party favors for couples who love their Tigers as much as they love each other. From Morning Glory.



NATURAL STATE

For the nature-loving couple who adore all our Great Lakes state has to offer outdoors, there is plenty of beauty to inspire a Michigan nature theme. A birch-bark-look cheesecake from The Cheesecake Shoppe is a beautiful centerpiece. Michigan beach cookies or birch bird cookies make great individual favors or dessert table pretties. Mushroom cookies celebrate the state's

claim to being the mushroom capital of the United States. All these creative cookies are designed by Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries.

Plant seeds of love with Michigan wildflower seed packets. They look so cute on the table or plate, or in a Michigan-themed gift bag. Guests can grow memories of your big day even after the wedding. From Small Favors.



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ROSE GOLD FANTASY

Rose gold is hot, hot, hot! These heartwarming cookie and truffle favors are the perfect pieces to tie together a theme in this trendy color scheme.

Metallic rose gold heart cookies from Morning Glory would look sweet as individually-wrapped favors on every plate for a wedding or bridal shower.

The rose and blush dress cookies can be custom-designed to match your wedding dress and bridesmaids' attire, down to the jewelry!

Handmade Morning Glory truffles are melt-in-your-mouth goodness, individually packaged as colorful edible wedding favors.

The elegant rose gold cake was designed by the award-winning Elegance in Sugar for the bridal shower of Jennifer Cecchetti. The matching party favors were pretty rose-colored fabric drawstring bags, assembled by her wedding party and friends, and were filled with small candles and hand sanitizer for guests. The bags were decorated with a rose gold key that could be used as a bottle opener.

By selecting a few key elements, in this gorgeous tone, your theme can come together beautifully!



PHOTO BY ALISA CORMENDY

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

For the bold bride who has never been shy about bright, beautiful color, the theme options from bridesmaid dresses to cake toppers and favors is endless. Exciting aqua, fearless fuschia, bright purple and tangy red-orange are all up for grabs!

It's fun to mix bold colors for a really dynamic effect that makes a statement while looking fun and festive.



Macarons have become everyone's French favorite, and these beautiful hand-painted versions, left, really take the cake. Pink floral macarons favors complement the bright live flowers on this simply beautiful cake.

The precious turquoise blue heart cookies with a touch of floral accents, above, make pretty table favors packaged in pairs or as singles. All from Morning Glory.

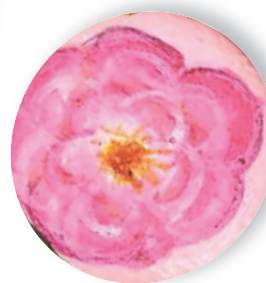
Pink strawberry cheesecake tarts, below, brighten the dessert table while adding unmistakable color and flavor. Yum! From the Cheesecake Shoppe.

Morning Glory also has individual cello-wrapped bags of assorted candies, lower left, making planning party favors super easy. Choose candies that align with your color scheme or are the childhood favorites of the bride and groom. Add your own customized stickers to commemorate your day or add a personal message for guests.



There is a cookie for every season, so whether your nuptials take place in summer or fall, Morning Glory can match a cookie to your decor and style. The adorable floral pumpkin cookie is ideal for a late summer/early fall wedding or shower.

Cake pops add happiness wherever they go! Serve these, below, at your midnight snack buffet for a sweet ending to the evening. From Morning Glory.



HONEYMOON SUGAR

Morning Glory even has cookies for honeymoon celebrations covered! Send off the happy couple with a parting gift or desserts for the bon voyage party. If you've got a bridal idea, Morning Glory has the sweet solution!



FRUITY FAVORS



Chocolate and fruit are the combo guests love. Hand-dipped strawberries and chocolate fruit cups or fruit tarts make delightful favors or desserts for any bridal celebration.

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Visit the bakery website at morningglorygrossepointe.com for more information on what's available, or call (313) 647-0298 and talk to one of their wedding experts.



MELLOW YELLOW

There's nothing more cheery to start a couple's new life together than a yellow theme!

Pretty lemon-painted coasters, right, can be separated and given as individual gifts that not only make a nice wedding favor, but also add to the decor of your wedding tablescape. The League Shop has a great selection of many coaster styles and colors so that every bride or groom can match their theme.

A happy yellow ombre-frosted cake, far right, by Morning Glory, sets the party tone perfectly. Yellow heart and 'love' tile cookies, below, are the cutest favors or decor for the dessert bar.

Lemony cheesecake tarts, lower far right, cap off the theme with a tangy surprise in every bite. By The Cheesecake Shoppe.



SOMETHING BLUE

Who doesn't adore a fresh spin on time-honored traditions? Something borrowed...Something blue...

This precious blue wedding cake, left, is reminiscent of Wedgwood china and just as beautiful. Check out the sweet 'pearl' adornments! Add wrapped lacy cookie favors, below to each plate and your 'something blue' theme is more than taken care of. Or go with a hand-painted wedding cake with charming blue flowers, also by Morning Glory. It's the unique spin on a traditional cake that your guests, and you, will remember.

Linen butterfly napkins make ideal bridal shower favors or game prizes. These pretty embroidered napkins, below, are from The League Shop.



This lovely hammered-silver sugar spoon is a cute favor, tied with a bow, or a soon-to-be-treasured shower gift or prize. From The League Shop.

Our favorite wedding shower gift has to be this Two's Company deli container holder, left. Buy something from the grocery store, throw it in this beautiful holder and voila — instant elegance. Trust us, everyone will love this!

A mini ginger jar, right, with hinged top is adorable and functional. A cute favor or shower prize that can be used for toothpicks, mints, rock sugar for coffee and so much more.

Both are under \$20 and available at The League Shop. Browse their store to get inspired. Every day is a day to be fabulous.



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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.

Christine Therese Norris

Christine Norris (nee Wyborski) died Thursday, June 16, 2022, at home in Grosse Pointe Woods, surrounded by family. She will be remembered as an amazing high school history teacher, a lover of dumb jokes, dark humor and sarcasm, and one of the most compassionate people to walk the earth.

Christine was born Oct. 25, 1951, in Ypsilanti. She came into this world 70 years ago and spent her days learning everything that happened before her arrival, at least in America and Europe. She taught AP U.S. history and AP European history at Grosse Pointe South High School for 20 years. She started there in 1996, and was a teacher at the same time her two daughters attended the school.

Christine was adored by her students. Her passion for the material and commitment to seeing her students succeed made all the difference. She championed her courses because she knew her students would never have a shot at making it on her favorite TV show — “Jeopardy!” — without knowing a few facts about the French Revolution or the rise of Industrial America.

Christine was routinely voted Grosse Pointe South’s Favorite Teacher. Students even created a Facebook group dedicated to the funny things she said. It was titled “Mrs. Norris > Chuck Norris.” Beyond her ability to educate and entertain, Christine was celebrated for preaching compassion. She considered being kind to one another the most important thing and often said that any act of kindness is never wasted.

Christine practiced what she preached by taking care of others. She was the primary caregiver to her mother-in-law and then her own mother. She always told people to sit down and asked what she could do for them. Christine had a knack for remembering everyone’s favorite snacks. She also was a talented writer and published humorous greeting cards in her spare time.

Christine enjoyed the therapeutic nature of gardening because she could rip weeds out of the ground and create something beautiful in their place. She loved reading and was happy to replace her students’ essays with fiction upon retirement. Above all, Christine enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Christine is survived by her mother, Faye Wyborski; daughters, Katherine White (Toby) and Leah Anastasakis (Nicholas); siblings, Martha Biechler, Mark Wyborski (Terri) and Raphaela Fodale; grandchildren, Brynn, Elise, Stella, Evie and Thomas; and many nieces and nephews. Christine was predeceased by her brother, Paul Wyborski (Sally).

A Celebration of Life

will be held at a future date.

Timothy J. Zens

Timothy J. Zens, 71, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Tim was born Sept. 29, 1950, in Detroit, to Harvey and Florence Zens. Tim graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1968, then attended Eastern Michigan University. He honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Tim worked as a sales representative for Parker Chemical and later as a global service manager for Henkel in Madison Heights. His job took him around the world until retirement in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Kristin Remillet (Jeffrey) and Kelly Brown (Stephen); and grandsons Jackman, Judd, Lucas and Reid. He was predeceased by his brother, Harvey; and is survived by his sisters, Mary Kessler (John) and Beth Heinrich (Walter). In addition to being a loving husband, father and grandfather, he was an uncle and cousin.

A lifelong Grosse Pointer, Tim was an avid sailor, dog lover and friend to many. He especially enjoyed sharing a meal with his family.

Tim will be remembered Friday, July 1, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, beginning at 11 a.m., with a memorial service at 1 p.m.

Barbara Marco Voorheis

Barbara Voorheis (nee Marco), 84, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 18, 2022, at home, after a battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Barb was born Oct. 24, 1937, in Grosse Pointe, to Paul and Peggy Marco. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan, earning a master’s degree in English in 1960. A lifelong “Let’s Go Blue!” fan, Barb enjoyed teaching high school and college students both English and French, at Cherry Creek High School in Denver and Wayne State University in Detroit.

Barb married V. James Voorheis Jr., in 1963, in Grosse Pointe. They lived there until 1972, when they moved to Fort Lauderdale. An avid horseback rider, downhill skier and ice skater in her youth, Barb became passionate about tennis and golf while living in south Florida.

Her true passion remained consistent throughout her adult years: her relationship with Jesus Christ. Barb was a committed Christian and spiritual leader, teaching Bible studies to many friends and others pursuing their faith. Barb also was active in many charitable organizations and sup-

ported causes that promoted and strengthened the family unit.

Barb is survived by her husband, Jim; daughter, Anne Marie Reid (Mike) of Cincinnati; sons, V. Jim Voorheis III (Nelli) of New York City and Paul Voorheis (Marti) of Dallas; and 10 grandchildren.

Mass will be held in her honor at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Fort Lauderdale at a later date. A private family memorial service will take place in Grosse Pointe.

In remembrance of Barb’s life, charitable donations may be made to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, P.O. Box 845, Dania Beach, FL 33004.

Sign the guestbook at sun-sentinel.com/obituaries.

Robert “Bob” A. Rahm

Robert “Bob” A. Rahm of Spread Eagle, Wis., passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at his home.

Bob was born in 1935, in Grosse Pointe, to Dr. Lambert and Vera Rahm. After graduating Fountain Valley School of Colorado in 1954, he had a chance to advance his talents in pitching baseball, but love got in the way. In 1959, he met and married his wife of 60 years, Nancy Shonyo. Because of his strong Swedish roots in Iron Mountain and Spread Eagle, he and Nancy moved their family to the area in 1972.

Whether traveling across the country on a train, eating his favorite breakfast at Barb’s or a scoop at the Ice Cream Shoppe, Bob loved to connect with people. Two of his greatest passions were his grandchildren and Griggs Steel Co. Sometimes, he would drive across the country, meet with customers and visit national parks along the way with Nancy and the grandkids.

Bob was the family news reporter, catching up with everyone’s day and disseminating the information throughout the family. He loved hearing what everyone was up to and his family loved the way he answered the phone with, “Hello there.”

Bob is survived by friend, companion and love, Barbara “Kay” Smith; sons, Lars Rahm, Nils Rahm (Jennifer) and Robert S. Rahm; daughters, Kristin Rimal (Sanjiv) and Trina Murdoch (Andrew); grandchildren, Sage Rahm, Asa Rahm Rimal, Ana Stina Espinosa (Rocky), Margaret Gottlieb, Per Rahm (Jessica), Linnea Rimal, Cyrus Gottlieb, Seth Rimal (AnJenae), Ava Rahm, Gray Rahm, Tilly Rahm, Elaine Rahm and Robert “Buck” Rahm; great-grandchildren, Rishi Espinosa, Aria Rimal, Sukhi Espinosa, Kavya and Alana Rimal; loving nieces and nephews; and close friends, Joanne and Pat Wloszczynski.

Bob was predeceased by his wife, Nancy;



Christine Therese Norris



Timothy J. Zens



Barbara Marco Voorheis



Robert A. Rahm



Linda Cragg Buzon



Donald R. Briggs, D.D.S.

brother, Phillip Rahm; and sister, Karin Vincent.

A service of remembrance took place Wednesday, June 29, in Iron Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Florence Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 278, Florence, WI, 54121.

Friends may share a memory at jacobsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were handled by Jacobs-Lundholm Funeral Home & Crematory, Florence, Wis.

Linda Cragg Buzon

Linda Cragg Buzon, loving mother of three, passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022, at age 74.

Linda was born Aug. 15, 1947, in Detroit, to Richard and Margaret Cragg. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1965, and Wayne State University. While working as a medical technician at Detroit Memorial Hospital, she met her future husband, Gualberto Buzon. They raised two daughters, Jessica and Luisa, and one son, John.

Linda had a passion for quilting, gardening, hiking, traveling, ice cream and Tom Selleck. She cherished her time with friends, from going on quilting retreats on Beaver Island to speed walking the sidewalks of Fashion Square Mall with fleet-footed friends. Of note, her walking speed was that of others’ jogging pace. Such was Linda’s nature, as she had things to do and places to be. To be idle was not her nature; however, that did not stop her from enjoying many of the finer things in life.

She loved to kayak the still waters of Little Round Lake in Petoskey, and once even whitewater rafted the rivers outside Denali, Alaska. An avid international traveler, she set foot in Italy, England, Scotland, Spain, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the Philippines. But most importantly, she loved her family.

Linda was predeceased by her father, Richard; and mother, Margaret. She is survived by her three children, Jessica Vogel (Kevin), Luisa Murray (Scott) and John Saint Buzon (Lila); niece, Amanda; brothers, Tom Cragg (Melissa) and David Cragg (Marsha); sister, Marsha Janiten (Allan); grandchildren, Juliana, Nadya, Baxter, Sebastian, Orion and Ruby; and many other

beloved family and friends.

Linda will be laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Services will be announced at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to the Women’s Alzheimer’s Movement, thewomenalzheimersmovement.org/.

Arrangements were handled by the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, Temperance, pawlakfuneralhome.com

Donald R. Briggs, D.D.S.

Donald R. Briggs, D.D.S., passed away peacefully Monday, June 27, 2022, with his beloved wife of 69 years, Mary, at his side.

Don was born Nov. 17, 1928, in Ypsilanti, to Anna Ruth (Wenderlein) and Arthur Briggs. He spent his grade school years in a two-room schoolhouse in Hamburg, under the tutelage of his favorite aunt, Helen. Don graduated from Dearborn High School, where he discovered his love of and talent for baseball. He subsequently graduated from the University of Michigan with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. While at U of M, he met and married the love of his life, Mary Theresa Grazer.

Don served in the U.S. Navy as an LTJG at Naval Station Great Lakes from 1954-56, as the dental instructor in the dental technician school. He also played on the Navy baseball team. Don and Mary, with their two sons, settled in Mary’s hometown of Grosse Pointe, where Don started and enjoyed his dental practice and patients for 54 years.

Don wasn’t one to light up the room. His was a quiet presence. He was the one who at the right moment made the humorously insightful remark that put everything into perspective. He was a man of integrity without pretensions and he will be forever loved and missed.

Don is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Don (Deborah) and Joe (Mira); grandchildren, Amalia, Donald, Joseph and Lindsey; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Sharon Klamerus; and brother, Patrick Briggs.

Visitation takes place 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 2, at The



Richard Henry Seagram

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For times and details, visit verheyden.org.

Richard Henry Seagram

Richard “Dick” Henry Seagram, 91, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, June 27, 2022. Richard was born Dec. 6, 1930, to Fred and Gertrude Seagram, both now deceased.

Richard was predeceased by his siblings, Ruth (Mark), Bud, Betty Mae (Don), Jeanette (Desi), Joe (Colette) and Jim. He also was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Kathy.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Gizela Rose “Toots”; his loving children, Debbie, Karen, Rich (Kelly), Dave (Kathy), Mike (Gail), Elizabeth (Mark) and Mary Beth (Walter); son-in-law, Bob; brother, Pat (Jan); sister, Mary (the late Bill); and sisters-in-law, Mary and D’Ann. He also will be dearly missed by 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from St. Martin High School in 1949. St. Martin was a special place to Richard, because it was where he met his beloved wife, Toots, and also where he held the state record for many decades for scoring 83 points in a single basketball game. Richard was a crane operator for 40 years and a proud 70-year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324. Richard also enjoyed spending time with his family and fishing.

A visitation for Richard takes place from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service will occur at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, with in state at 9:30 a.m. at A. H. Peters Funeral Home.

Fun in the sun

On a hot summer day, the splash pad at Patterson Park was the perfect place to cool off. Top, CeCe DeRosier and her mom, JJ, walk through the water sprays to cool off while Wyatt Severe gets soaked by the bucket of water and his brother, Weston, tries to crawl away from it. Bottom, JP Albrecht, left, sits on one of the water streams while his brother, Will, gets pumped up to run through a water stream.



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Sophie Byrn and Nina Politano realize a bit too late how cold the water is.

Memorial presents free carillon concerts beginning July 5

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on four Tuesday evenings in July. These recitals are played on the church's refurbished set of 48 tower bells.

The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and the first program is Tuesday, July 5. Listeners are invited to gather outside on the front lawn of the church. Some listeners bring picnic dinners to enjoy during the music. A closed-circuit television is provided so the audience can see the performer at the playing clavier in the tower. The 45-minute concerts are free and are presented rain or shine.

The first performer is Keiran Cantilina, who first began playing while



Keiran Cantilina

attending Cornell University and has since studied in St. Paul, Minn., and Belgium. He now lives in Cleveland where he works as a research engineer at the Cleveland Clinic and also serves as assistant carillonneur at Church of the Covenant. He frequently performs on tour.

Summer concerts, performances scheduled at The War Memorial

A variety of performances are planned for the lakefront back lawn of The War Memorial this summer.

The action kicked off June 23, with "Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More," performed by the Listeso String Quartet. The Quartet will return to The War Memorial for an encore performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21. Tickets are \$35. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start time and late entry is not permitted. The age requirement is 10 years old or older; anyone younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

"The Soul of Detroit, featuring Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and More," will be performed by PureSoul Detroit at 7 and

9:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30. An encore Soul of Detroit appearance also is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28. Tickets are \$35.

PureSoul is a diverse collective of world-class musicians who prove that rhythm and romance never go out of style. Devoted to living the electrifying musical history of soul, jazz and the early days of rock 'n' roll, PureSoul celebrates decade-spanning legends like Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington by bringing their hits to life.

For four nights only, Opera MODO presents "The Wedding Singer" at The War Memorial. This story is set in 1985, and revolves around Robbie Hart, a rock-star wan-

nabe who sings at weddings, his failed relationship with his former fiancée and his romance with a new love, Julia.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8; Tuesday, July 12; and Thursday, July 14, on the back lawn. Tickets, available through Opera MODO, are \$60 for VIP adult, \$40 for general admission adult and \$20 for general admission student.

Also in July, "Shakespeare in Detroit: A Reading of The Tempest" comes to The War Memorial at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 10. This abbreviated version of the play will be read by the theater company's performing members.

Shakespeare in Detroit is the city's premiere classical company, having pioneered the first-ever park performance of the bard in a city park. The pioneering organization has been featured on the BBC, NPR and several additional local and national platforms.

General admission tickets are \$40 and include one beverage. Student tickets, with ID, are \$15 and also include one beverage. There will be a full cash bar. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

The summer performing arts scene at The War Memorial wraps up with an appearance from the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Concert planned

The debut performance of Circle of Friends takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. The trio includes Laura Roelofs on violin, Judithy Vander Weg on cello and Robert Byrens

on piano. They will perform the music of Mel Bonis, Robert Schumann, Sergei Prokofiev and Joseph Haydn. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information, call (313) 231-5839.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors older than 60, \$5 for college students and free for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. The program features selections like "Williams: March from

Superman," "Holst, arr Jacobs: Suite No. 1 in Eb" and "Holst: A Fugal Concerto."

To learn more and for ticket information on all events, visit warmemorial.org/arts.

EXPAND:

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"Our senior lunch program, which is oversubscribed, we can always use more space for that," Strowger said. "We'll have more programming space for youth sports and senior fitness, too."

"... Conner Creek has always had a food pantry, where people on the east side can go, without cost, to pick from the shelves whatever they need," he added. "Included with

this project is an expanded food pantry — with room grocery carts. ... It's foodstuff that comes from Forgotten Harvest and other places and is supplemented by monies the Army pays to make sure there is a broad spectrum of groceries available. From food insecurity to computer classes and basketball games, it's all part of the expansion of 3000 Conner."

An original estimate of the project — for which a capital campaign was

launched five years ago — was \$4.3 million. The latest cost estimate is \$6.8 million, of which \$5.8 million has been raised.

"The increase was partly because of inflation, but also, when the plan was displayed to a specific donor who asked to remain anonymous, when we described to her the key part of the expansion was a new middle-school-sized basketball court, she asked why wouldn't we want a full-size, high-school-sized basketball court. We told

her it was a cost issue."

The donor, he continued, not only convinced Salvation Army of the necessity to increase the size of the basketball court, she also funded it.

"Part of \$2.5 million (estimate difference) is the expansion of the project itself based on her philanthropy," he added. "We have \$5.8 million raised to date. We are \$1 million short, but are well within a reasonable point where we can start construction. The estimated completion and opening

date is 2023."

Among the major donors who "did the heavy lifting," not including the anonymous donor, Strowger said, are the Ford Motor Company Fund, Cynthia and Edsel Ford, Toyota Motor North America and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund.

"I'm delighted this project is going forward," Strowger said. "... It's close to my heart and my base of operation."

Those who would like to donate to the Conner Creek expansion project

may call John Hale, director of development for the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan District, at (248) 361-0341.

"The negative statistics speak for themselves," Strowger said. "If you had a residential neighbor who was in need, most people would feel sympathetic and do what they could to help. That's not different just because there's a city boundary between Grosse Pointe Park and the city of Detroit."

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home,” said Stuart Grigg, vice president of development.

The grounds of The Grosse Pointe Academy overlooking Lake St. Clair have tremendous history of their own. The grounds once were the site of Grant’s Castle, an imposing manor house frequently visited by Chief Tecumseh and other indigenous peoples.

“I knew about Grant’s Castle, but didn’t know this was the site of it,” Grigg said. “It was a famous mansion/home/trading post in the late 18th century that lasted until early 19th century.”

In 1860, the land was purchased by the Society of the Sacred Heart. In the 1880s, Mother Van Dyke led the way to construct a convent and school. In 1969, ownership and operation were transferred to The Grosse Pointe Academy.

The Academy’s buildings represent the work of an array of national and local 19th and 20th century architects, styles and trends. The original 1883-85 boarding school and convent building was designed by German-born architect William Schickel, who trained in the studio of Richard Morris Hunt. It was designed in the Colonial-revival style, which became popular after the American centennial celebrations of 1876.

William “Buck” Stratton worked on the design of the addition, a free school for the chil-



Above, The Grosse Pointe Academy, present day. Right, the Convent of the Sacred Heart was built in 1883.



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dren of St. Paul’s Parish. In 1899, design of a gothic-style chapel next to the school was undertaken by Harry J. Rill, a Boston-based liturgical architect. Enhancements including the stained-glass windows were created in Munich, Germany. Enhancements continued until 1930. In the 1920s, the “new” school building was designed in the English-revival style by Boston-based Maginnis & Walsh.

“This is a way to partner with another organization that has historic opportunities and historic challenges,” Grigg said. “It will bring to the public the unique quality of living in the Pointes and ... provides interest-

ing enlightenment.” The society is capping attendance at 270 guests, but will allow for some flexibility, Grigg said.

General admission is \$175; tickets may be purchased online at gphistorical.org or by calling (313) 884-7010. Guests age 35 and younger may purchase “NexGen Leadership” tickets, offered at a reduced ticket price of \$100 each.

“It’s more important than ever to support operations,” Grigg said. “We have so many people who are supportive who really look forward to our events. We certainly appreciate the support.”

Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Simmer at

giles@gphistorical.org or (313) 884-7010. Sponsorship opportunities also are featured on the website.

A reception for supporting sponsors, including cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and entertainment, begins before the gala.

“Anyone with questions about tickets, sponsorships or memberships can call me,” Simmer said, noting information also is available on the Historical Society’s Facebook and Instagram pages.

“We’re all really excited to get together with everybody, to raise money for the Historical Society, but also to see everyone face to face,” Simmer said.

Added Wagner, “I can’t

wait to have everybody all together, to see each other’s faces and to have fun while doing good. We really hope people will find vintage attire to wear or wear white, to get that old-time picture feeling. ... A party like this was done a century ago. We want to celebrate it again and celebrate our bewitching lake. We’re lucky to have that body of water.”

Proceeds from the event benefit the general operations of the society, which protects historic artifacts, shares Grosse Pointe history through its collections and website, as well as brings history to life through programs, lectures, exhibits and activities. With its new headquarters opening later this year, the organization is looking forward to offering more varied programming.

“The new archive and resource building is almost complete, but really, the biggest thing is being able to get back to

the educational program-

ing the Historical Society has offered,” Simmer added, “and to return the archives and research we had available prior to the pandemic, and also make what we haven’t had available, available.”

Archives, including more than 5,000 blueprints, currently are stored in multiple storage units, she said. The new building will help preserve the archives in a temperature-controlled setting.

“Without the proper temperate storage, things our ancestors left behind will be lost,” Wagner said, “things from our Native American heritage, our French heritage and the many other cultures who came here after. The paintings and pictures and artifacts, we want to have a place to store them and digitize them to share with future generations.”

For more information, visit gphistorical.org.



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Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, partners break ground on Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and its partners broke ground last week on the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, a 22-acre world-class park located on Detroit's West Riverfront, marking a major step forward in the conservancy's goal of completing 5.5 miles of revitalized riverfront. Ralph Wilson Park will dramatically transform the Detroit Riverfront into one of the most beautiful public spaces in the country and is a \$75 million investment for the community. The park's name honors the legacy of the late entrepreneur, veteran and philanthropist Ralph C. Wilson Jr., and will be completed in 2024.

Mark Wallace, president and CEO, and William Smith, CFO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, were joined by Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation President and CEO David Egner, as well as numerous other dignitaries, special guests and community members.

"We have known for years that this part of the riverfront had tremendous potential and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation encouraged us to dream big," said Matt Cullen, chairman of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. "Parks like this only happen once in a lifetime. Ralph Wilson Park will rank among the best parks in the country and have a profound impact on neighborhoods, and generations of Detroiters will gather together here and make memories that last a lifetime."

Partners involved in bringing the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park to fruition include the city of Detroit, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, William Davidson Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Delta Dental of Michigan and DTE Energy Foundation, which announced a \$2.5 million gift for the park's DTE Foundation Hill.

Additionally, the conservancy announced several gifts totaling \$7 million from philanthropists in support of Ralph Wilson Park. Rachel Bendit and Mark Bernstein are providing a \$1.5 million gift to support programming geared toward climate change awareness and are being recognized with a naming of the signature bear slide. The Mort and Brigitte



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A rendering of an aerial view of the completed Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park.

Harris Foundation is making a \$1.5 million investment in educational programming and will be recognized with the naming of the outdoor classroom. Sarah and Chip McClure made a gift of \$500,000 to support the transformation of Ralph Wilson Park and will be recognized with a naming of the treehouse slide; and the Michigan Department, Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) provided \$1 million in support of the environmental clean-up.

In October 2018, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation announced a \$40 million capital and \$10 million endowment commitment to the conservancy for the future Ralph Wilson Park. The foundation also provided additional capital support to ensure key connections to the park could be made between the East Riverfront and West Riverfront and beyond with the addition of the Southwest Greenway.

"Today's groundbreaking milestone would not be possible if not for the bold and ambitious vision set forth by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and their partners nearly 20 years ago to develop five-and-a-half miles of riverfront," Egner said. "The conservancy has led with community voice in every step to plan the future Ralph Wilson Park — and paired with the incredible collaboration and support across multiple entities and organizations — will contribute to this park reaching its full potential as a beloved destination for Detroiters and visitors from across the

region and beyond. It's this dedication and teamwork that our founder Ralph Wilson valued very much throughout his life."

"As a longtime patron of the Detroit Riverfront, I am proud to kick off the construction of Wilson Park," Gilchrist said. "Michigan is full of unmatched natural beauty and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park will be no different. Gov. (Gretchen) Whitmer and I have made historic investments in Michigan's state and local parks and we are committed to ensuring that every Michigander can experience and enjoy our natural resources."

"Twenty years ago nobody would have believed that Detroit's riverfront — with its cement silos and parking lots — would become one of the most beautiful and accessible waterfronts in the country," Duggan said. "But through the work of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, city government and countless partners, that's exactly what we have. In just a couple of years, our riverfront will achieve true world-class status when the new Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park opens with its incredible amenities and physical features. Even better is the fact that it will connect to the Joe Louis Greenway, giving residents in neighborhoods across the city direct access to this extraordinary new park. Detroit is so fortunate to have been the beneficiary of this incredible gift from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation."

The world-class Ralph Wilson Park will feature a

water garden, the William Davidson Sport House, the Delta Dental Play Garden with an array of animal structures and the DTE Foundation Hill, an expansive lawn for special events.

The William Davidson Sport House will add to the public offerings on the Detroit Riverfront and features a raised canopy and skylight in a multi-use flexible space for a range of programs and events. The William Davidson Foundation granted \$10 million in support of the conservancy's campaign.

"Great public spaces are at the heart of any great city," said Darin McKeever, president and CEO of the William Davidson Foundation. "Ralph Wilson Park will be a thriving, wonderful place where generations of Detroiters and visitors can gather, play, exercise and enjoy the beautiful outdoors alongside Detroit's incredible waterfront. We are thrilled to partner with the community in this exciting effort."

In 2019, Delta Dental of Michigan made a \$5 million investment in a four-acre playground, the Delta Dental Play Garden, which will feature a 20-foot bear play structure that children can climb up and slide down, as well as otters, beavers and other imaginative creatures. The play garden will become a popular destination that will help young Detroiters spark a connection with nature and develop a life-long love for active living and recreation.

"The Delta Dental Play Garden will be a safe, fun and educational space for

the children and families of Detroit and southeastern Michigan," said Goran Jurkovic, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. "Beyond fun and exciting, we fully expect the West Riverfront projects to drive economic development and energy just like the Riverwalk has done on the east."

In fall 2020, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and Huron-Clinton Metroparks announced a multi-year pilot partnership through which Metroparks will establish a physical presence in Detroit and contribute \$6 million to the conservancy for expanded programs and operations at Ralph Wilson Park.

"We are excited beyond words to directly invest in the creation of a vibrant park in the city of Detroit that will, for the first time in our history, establish a Metroparks presence within the city," said Amy McMillan, director, Huron-Clinton Metroparks. "The Metroparks are proud and honored to be included among the extraordinary partners and community members that have worked so long and so hard to make the dream of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park a reality."

DTE Energy Foundation's gift of \$2.5 million supports the DTE Foundation Hill, which is expected to become one of the most popular destinations at the park and home to special programming like concerts, movies in the park, outdoor fitness classes and sledding in the winter.

"Ralph Wilson Park and the DTE Foundation Hill directly align with our mission to revitalize communities — making them safe, connected and a catalyst for local, economic growth," said Lynette Dowler, president and chairwoman, DTE Energy Foundation. "We're grateful for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's leadership and partnership in striving to make Detroit an even more vibrant community and beautiful destination."

New York-based landscape architect firm Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates was selected as the winning firm of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's international design competition to transform the 22-acre West Riverfront Park into the future Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. The park is comparable in size to other MVVA projects, including Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York City and Maggie Daley Park in Chicago. MVVA also is designing a "sister" Ralph Wilson Park in Buffalo, N.Y., the other geography of focus for the Wilson Foundation.

The design for Ralph Wilson Park has incorporated one of the most inclusive community-led processes in which the public was invited to share their ideas and input. Leading up to the groundbreaking, the conservancy team has hosted more than 100 community meetings.

Additionally, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy assembled a Community Advisory Team of 22 Detroiters who visited public places in world-class cities like Chicago, New York and Philadelphia so they could report back on their experiences.

"Ralph Wilson Park will be a magnet that brings our community together," said Wallace. "The best places in Detroit are those places where everyone feels welcome. Everyone who comes to Ralph Wilson Park will find a special place where they can express themselves and make memories."

Named the Best Riverwalk in America in 2021 and 2022 by USA TODAY, the Detroit Riverfront attracts 3.5 million visitors annually. The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy has invested more than \$200 million in the revitalization of the Detroit Riverfront, which in turn has generated more than \$2 billion in public and private investment.



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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Better luck next time, kid

Dear Gabby: Recently, my son did not make the allstar team for baseball, and he's crushed. Arguably, he deserved to make it, but the politics seem to decide about one-third of the team.

I want to tell him it's not fair and he deserves to be on the team, but that opens up a can of worms, and I don't think it is a good idea.

How do I handle this?

— Lost in the Woods

Dear Lost,

Gabby: I feel your pain. No, actually — I do. Having several baseball players of my own, including some that haven't made the all-star teams and probably should have, it's a tough pill to swallow — for the entire family. I very much agree that you should not say anything to your son other than "great job, you tried — maybe next year!" Being able to see this more clearly from the outside

now, here's the deal: First, it's good for kids to fail sometimes. It gives them the opportunity to work toward a goal, if that's what they want. And as a wise man once said (Teddy Roosevelt), nothing worth having comes easily! Secondly, I have personally spoken with high school coaches about this, and guess what? None of them are going through the all-star team rosters making notes of who makes the 9-year-old (and even

12-year-old!) all-star teams. If you have some skill and you want to play ball — you have just as much chance as the all-stars to play for your high school. So, if your son decides that he wants to make the tournament team next year — my advice is have your son start now and put in the work! And keep your lips sealed — there's little value in complaining about it, especially in earshot of your kids. My advice is



grab your popcorn as you watch some of the drama baseball dads (and you know who they are), implode and enjoy a peaceful summer with your kids.

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Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Recently, you printed a letter from a woman whose husband had moved out, her bag and baggage, when she wasn't home. Welcome to the club.

After 30 years of what I thought was a pretty good marriage, my husband vanished. He didn't leave a note. What he left was unbelievable chaos and a wife who didn't know what hit her.

Of course, there was another woman, and she went with him. Before he left (with all my good jewelry), he emptied our bank account. I had exactly \$300 in the sugar bowl.

Unknown to me, our \$600,000 house was listed in his girlfriend's name. Due to a huge error on my attorney's part, there was nothing I could do about it.

My husband's \$100,000 bonus from work was deferred until after the divorce. I was ordered by the court to pay \$10,000 to "equalize" the divorce when he had thousands hidden away. I had no

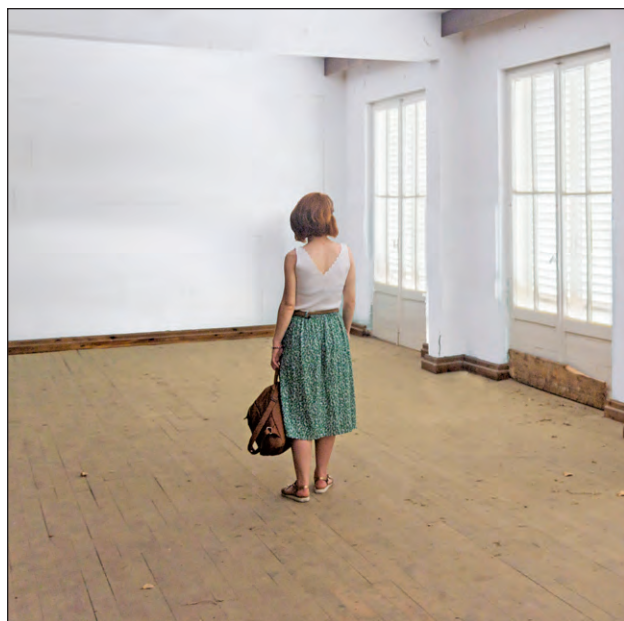
money for "asset searching" and didn't know where to look. It was an incredible mess, and I paid a big price for my ignorance.

Within a year, my ex-husband died unexpectedly. His wife got it all. Our children got nothing. She immediately sold the home and promptly disappeared.

This is what can happen when a wife is a world-

class dumbbell and a trusting moron with a brainless lawyer who may have been in cahoots with her husband's girlfriend. I hope every wife who reads this will learn something from what I have written. I sure wish I had read such a letter a few years ago. — No Name, No City, No State and No Brains

Dear No Name: You did more good today than you will ever know. Because you wrote, thousands of wives are going to make sure what happened to you will not happen to them. My thanks as well as my condolences.



Dear Ann Landers: When we retire, my husband and I plan to build a new house in the country. To date, I have bought 14 house-plan books and have concluded that most architects must be men.

No woman would put the bedrooms and bathrooms at one end of the house and the laundry room at the other end, attached to the garage.

If I may speak to all the architects out there, I suggest you consider these things when you draw up your next house plan:

1. The laundry room should be next to the bathrooms and near the bedrooms so we don't have to carry 40-pound loads 100 yards to and from the laundry. Don't put it next to the garage unless the bedrooms and baths are on the second floor and there is a laundry chute.

2. A kitchen is not a highway. Nobody should have to go through the kitchen to get anywhere except the pantry or the dining room. It is very inconvenient, and also unsafe, to have to dodge foot traffic while you cook.

3. We need in-the-house storage space for paper goods, books, vacuum cleaners, brooms, fans, serving platters, folding

chairs and card tables, seasonal decorations, large roasting pans, exercise equipment, winter blankets, extra pillows and so on.

4. We need more one-story house plans. Many older people who can afford large, even luxurious, homes do not want to climb stairs.

I know I can hire an architect to draw my house plans to specification, but maybe this will help other women down the line. — Future Builder in Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: I hope all the architects and folks out there who are considering building (or buying) a home someday will clip this column. You have made some splendid suggestions that are worth heeding.

Dear Ann Landers: Like millions of others, I have grown up reading your column, but I never thought I would need to write to you. Today's incident, however, has changed all that.

As I sat in the doctor's waiting room, I walked a woman who smiled pleasantly and took a seat next to me. Within a minute, I thought I'd pass out. She had on enough perfume to asphyxiate an army.

First, I should tell you, I'm a smoker, but I do try to be

respectful of others. I obey all no-smoking signs and never light up in a no-smoking area, nor do I smoke in a group without asking permission.

My complaint is about women who douse themselves in perfume. After being around them, I get choked up to the point where I CANNOT breathe, and I lose my voice. This is exactly what happened to me in the doctor's waiting room.

I know I can't be the only person in the world with this problem, so please, Ann, print my letter in your column. It would be a tremendous service to millions of readers. — D.P., Somewhere in Texas

Dear D.P.: Here's your letter, and for whatever comfort it may be, you have a lot of company. I have received hundreds of letters from both men and women who cannot tolerate perfume, cologne or men's aftershave lotion. Some have written, "My throat closes up." Others have said, "I break out in hives."

I hope your letter will alert millions of readers to the fact that a dab of perfume behind the ears is fine, but please, don't drown in it.

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Grilled romaine with chicken

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My original intention was to talk to you about how amazing charcoal grills are. Alas, the wind picked up at the tip of the thumb and I could not get mine lit. The kids were getting hangry and luckily my neighbor offered up her gas grill. But again, that's how cooking works. When a failure happens you have to think on your feet.

This recipe is one that I would make when the older two kids were little and had separate dinners from us. Grilling lettuce yields an amazing and deep smoky flavor, especially over charcoal. I chose to use romaine hearts as they tend to stand up to the heat. Everything I did for this meal was done on the grill aside from the dressing. I grilled up tomato halves and a baguette to go alongside.

A homemade caesar dressing is used to both marinate the chicken and dress the salad. It's lemony with a great umami flavor from anchovies and Worcestershire sauce.

It really is a perfect meal for a hot day, gas grilled or charcoal.

- Caesar Dressing**
- 4 lemons, juiced
 - 4 minced garlic cloves
 - 4-5 anchovies
 - 2 tbsp mayonnaise
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
 - ½ grated parmesan
 - ¾ cups olive oil
 - 1 tsp pepper

In a blender, combine all ingredients except the olive oil. Blast the heck out of it with a top on and then slowly drizzle in the oil so the dressing can emulsify.

The outcome should be thick and creamy. No need for salt but pepper is necessary. This should yield two cups of dressing.

Reserve 1 cup for the marinade.

Grilled Romaine with Chicken, Grilled Tomatoes and Bread

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 hearts of romaine lettuce, halved
- 4 roma tomatoes
- 1 cup caesar salad dressing
- 1 baguette
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Start by slicing your chicken breasts in half horizontally. The thinner sliced cuts brine faster and are less likely to result in a dry cut of meat.

Add the meat to a gallon size ziploc bag and pour in the caesar dressing. Marinate for at least 30 minutes or up to two hours.

Next, prepare the vegetables and bread. Slice your tomatoes and baguette in half, again horizontally. Toss the tomatoes



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with olive oil, salt and pepper.

Drizzle the baguettes with the same as well as your romaine halves.

Set your grill to high heat and place the marinated chicken and tomatoes on at the same time. Cook for four minutes per side.

Careful when flipping grilled tomatoes

because they tend to fall apart. High heat helps with them staying together.

Once you flip everything, add the bread face down and let it toast for a good four minutes.

Once everything is off the grill, add your romaine halves. You want to char them for

about three minutes while the meat rests. Grab a big platter for assembly.

I like to slice the meat and tomatoes and serve over the grilled lettuce with lots of reserved sauce.

The charred bread serves as a crouton and might be my favorite part. Enjoy!



Regionality

As a winegrowing paradise, California has always been blessed with loads of sunlight and beneficent weather, allowing it to ripen wine grapes almost anywhere.

But in the early years, distinctiveness was non-existent. In the era between the end of Prohibition (1933) and the end of World War II, pretty much every wine made here was generic and was relatively inexpensive.

Some people knew fine California wine was possible. One of the earliest was a 1940s East Coast wine merchant by the name of Frank Schoonmaker, who suggested in a book that California focus on individual varietals.

By the 1960s, we began to see grapes like chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and zinfandel appearing on labels.

And by the early 1970s, it was obvious that not all grapes did well in all regions.

Grape growers and winemakers soon realized that some varietals did better in some smaller regions, a move that was heralded, curiously, by a Broadway musical.

On May 3, 1956, a Broadway musical opened called "The Most Happy Fella," by Frank Loesser. It helped change the fortunes of the American wine industry.

The musical had a showstopping song with lyrics that included, "I'm the most happy fella, in the whole Napa Valley." From that moment Napa Valley was branded as America's wine country.

Soon the U.S. government began certifying dozens of regions as American Viticultural

Areas, some of which were ideal for certain grapes and judged ill-suited for others.

Today, Napa Valley remains one of the most prestigious of AVAs, and the government has also certified numerous smaller "sub-AVA" areas inside Napa, like Stags' Leap, Mount Veeder, Oakville and Pope Valley.

Four years ago, moves begin to take place to add many smaller sub-regions within vast Sonoma County, which has long prided itself on several prestige zones like Alexander Valley, Russian River Valley, Sonoma Valley and Dry Creek.

The government recently approved Petaluma Gap, just east and south of Bodega Bay, a wind tunnel in which cold weather allows for great pinot noir, chardonnay, syrah and other varieties.

The Petaluma Gap was carved out of the amorphous, huge Sonoma Coast AVA, a step seen as long overdue as the Gap, as locals call it, is truly different from the rest of the Sonoma Coast.

Another recent relatively new AVA is called

Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak in northern Sonoma County. (It includes land stretching into southern Mendocino County.) It's mostly high-mountain terrain and produces outstanding cabernet, merlot and sauvignon blanc.

It was originally part of the Alexander Valley, most of which is warmer than is high-and-hilly Pine Mountain.

Now another new AVA, also drawn from Alexander Valley land, has been proposed. Proponents submitted to the government for certification a new AVA called Pocket Peak.

This is another mountainous region, one not quite as high in altitude as is Pine Mountain. It removes acreage from the eastern edge of Alexander Valley and stretches to the border of Knights Valley -- essentially due north of Napa Valley.

All this renaming of districts ultimately will have tremendous benefits in the marketplace, especially for consumers who pay attention to

the AVAs on wine labels.

Still, not all wineries like the new designations. For example, today several "Sonoma Coast" wines were actually from grapes grown in Petaluma Gap. It confounds me why a winery using fruit from highly regarded Gap vineyards would ignore that appellation on their labels.

But I suspect time will cure that malady.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



For a while now I've needed a large, lightweight tote bag I can use to store household items, take on road trips and hold sports equipment. I've been looking for something easy to clean (or hose off) and that can be used for many different purposes.

I love and stand by my trusty blue IKEA bags (if you know, you know), but I needed something better. Enter Amazon zippered storage bags.

I can honestly say this product is life-changing — and I don't use that term lightly. I'm sure there are many bags out there that are similar, but these bags are special for a few reasons.

They come in a six-pack on Amazon for \$38. In the world of luggage and



organization, this is practically free.

These bags are super large and great for big families. They have a sturdy zipper at the top to secure your items for travel or sports outings, and they hold A LOT of stuff.

I use them to transport laundry to everyone's bedrooms, pack snacks for day trips or weeklong trips, and hold miscellaneous items in the trunk of my car.

They are made out of a thin, soft material that can easily be wiped down, hosed off or cleaned.

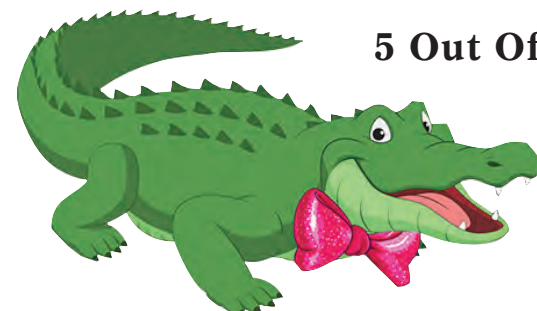
You know when you pack to come home from an up-north vacation and everything is damp and smells musty? It's so much better throwing them in a waterproof bag

and hosing it down when you get home than using a nice suitcase.

I cannot gush about this product enough. For the price, this purchase is something you won't regret. I love finding simple solutions to everyday problems and these bags hit the nail on the head. I'm sure there are an infinite number of ways to use them, so if you discover a new use for it, let us know!

The brand to search is Ticonn on Amazon. There are a bunch of options and we can't speak to others, but would imagine they are all similar. This is a five out of five alligator product.

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



5 Out Of 5

Hospice volunteer stunned by family's generous gift

DEAR ABBY: For a few years, I volunteered to tend to an elderly woman through a hospice organization. My role was to visit with her while her son ran errands or enjoyed an evening of entertainment. I grew fond of her and her family.

For my 70th birthday, her daughter, son and daughter-in-law hosted an at-home dinner in my honor. It was good fun.

In addition to a tasty dinner and homemade birthday cake, there were presents: wine, gag wine glass and a birthday card with a gift card enclosed. The wine is long gone, and I have used the wine glass ever since.

I left the gift card in the birthday card and set it aside. I recently wanted

to buy a \$20 coffee mug online, so I pulled out the gift card and was shocked to see the value of the card is almost four times more than the mug I fancied. I feel the gift is too much. How do I gracefully return the very generous gift? — **OVERWHELMED IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your heart is in the right place, but please do not reject that family's gift of gratitude for what you did for their mother -- and for them -- during a difficult time. To do otherwise would be a breach of etiquette. Your acts of kindness are worth every penny, and you are deserving of what was given to you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 55 years never talks to me anymore. Unless I initiate conversation, he sits in silence, staring off into space. He says he has "nothing to say." It drives me crazy. I suppose, after all these years, anything he says has been said before, but still, it leaves me feeling lonely and unloved.

When I tell him how it makes me feel, he says it isn't the case, but he never changes. We don't have TV, and I can read and do crossword puzzles by myself for just so long.

I really look forward to the evening, when I can start drinking my whiskey, so I have a little pleasure in my life. I don't have more than a couple of drinks

because I understand the health risks, but tell me, what else can I do? — **TALKING TO MYSELF IN TEXAS**

DEAR TALKING: What you can do is quit drinking to ease your loneliness and get out of the house. Socialize with others at least once a week.

Look into opportunities to volunteer in your community. Take your husband with you if you can pry him out of his chair. The only thing you should NOT do is continue on the path you're on.

P.S. If your husband's passivity is new behavior, consider going with him to the doctor so he can be screened for depression. (While



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

you're there, it might not be a bad idea for you to be screened for it as well.)

DEAR ABBY: This is not a big drama, but I think that if someone wants to give out my email address, they should first ask me for permission. I just received an email from an acquaintance telling me they had given out my email and THEN asking me if that was OK. No, it wasn't! Abby, I'm not in witness protection, but my email address is private. Am I crazy? —

CRANKY ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR CRANKY: Crazy? Not at all. What your nery acquaintance did was breach whatever privacy is left in our society these days, which was thoughtless, rude and inexcusable.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

» **Candlelight | Open-Air Concert**

The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive.

» **An Evening With Ann Wilson**

Music Hall Center, 8 p.m. 350 Madison.

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Movie Nights in the D**

Campus Martius Park, 6-10 p.m. 800 Woodward Avenue.

» **The Sound of Music**

Parcells Middle School Auditorium, 7:30-10 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave., at Vernier Rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

» **Candlelight: A Tribute to Queen and More**

St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 6:30-7:35 p.m. 438 St. Antoine.

» **Detroit City FC Womens vs. Indy Eleven Womens**

Keyworth Stadium, 7:30 p.m. 3201 Roosevelt St.

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals**

Comerica Park, 7:10 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Friday Beach Party at Campus Martius Park**

Campus Martius Park, 4-10 p.m. 800 Woodward Ave.

» **GPLL at Neff Park**

Offsite, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. grossepointelibrary.org

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Lunchtime Acoustivs**

Cadillac Square Park, 12-2 p.m. 662 Woodward Ave.

» **Market Fridays**

Cadillac Square Park, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 662 Woodward Ave.

» **Park visit: City of Grosse Pointe**

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» **The Sound of Music**

Parcells Middle School Auditorium, 8-10:30 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave., at Vernier Rd.

» **GP Badminton Association**

Parcells Middle School, 6:30-8 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

» **Detroit Music Weekend**

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 10 p.m. 350 Madison St.

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals**

Comerica Park, 4:10 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Independence Weekend Summer Slam**

Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m. 2645 Woodward.

» **The Sound of Music**

Parcells Middle School Auditorium, 8-10:30 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals**

Comerica Park, 12:05 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Machine Gun Kelly - Mainstream Sellout Tour**

Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m. 2645 Woodward.

» **The Sound of Music**

Parcells Middle School Auditorium, 8-10:30 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave., at Vernier Rd.

MONDAY, JULY 4

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians**

Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

» **Complexions Contemporary Ballet Summer Intensive**

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m. 350 Madison St.

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians**

Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

» **Complexions Contemporary Ballet Summer Intensive**

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m. 350 Madison St.

» **Detroit City FC vs. Hartford Athletic**

Keyworth Stadium, 7:30 p.m. 3201 Roosevelt St.

» **Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians**

Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit Detroit**

Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit (Harmonie Club), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Outdoor storytime with Miss Rachel**

Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m. grossepointelibrary.org

» **PJ Morton**

The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m. 2600 E Atwater.

» **Storytime with Miss Rachel**

Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m. grossepointelibrary.org

» **Workout Wednesdays with First Responders 4 Fitness**

Cadillac Square, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 662 Woodward Avenue.

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

“Packing For Mars For Kids”

By Mary Roach

Have you ever wondered what it was really like to be in space? Through wit, informa-

tional facts, and humor, this book answers questions such as, “how do astronauts go to the bathroom?” and “what happens if you vomit in your helmet during a spacewalk?”



“Anatomy, A Love Story”

By Sana Schwartz

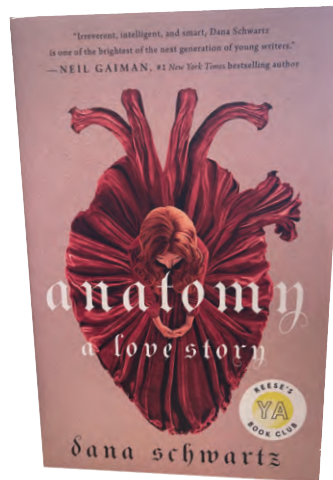
This fast-paced mystery/romance novel will leave you on the edge of your seat the whole time.

Follow Hazel through

a tale of love and unfair events, where she proves the man wrong again and again.

Though more focused on her surgical studies than marriage, Hazel meets a boy she might just like.

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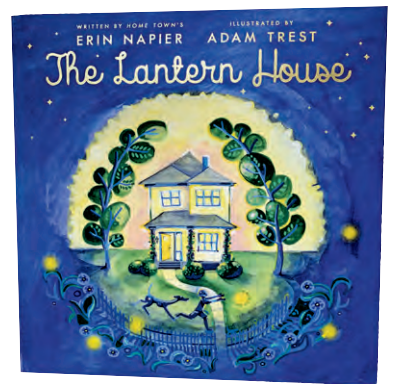
academia story will take you with it straight into 1800’s Scotland, and you’ll never want to return.

“The Lantern House”

Written By: Erin Napier and Illustrated By: Adam Trest

In this beautiful picture book, the coming and going of families is narrated by the house they live in. It shows children and the beauty of time, and how something old can become something new.

With lovely illustrations and a heartwarm-



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From left, Queen Latifah as Teresa Sugerman and Adam Sandler as Stanley Sugerman in the 2022 Movie “Hustle,” directed by Jeremiah Zagar

MOVIE REVIEW “Hustle”
2022 - Rated R
1 hr 57min

I’ll be the first to admit, I’m not a huge Adam Sandler fan. Sure, I enjoyed “Happy Gilmore” back in the day. But I find most of his attempts at comedy since then to be absolutely cringe worthy, and I avoid his films at all costs.



Juancho Hernangomez as Bo Cruz.

However, over the years I have to admit, he’s done a decent job in several serious roles including “Reign Over Me” and the more recent “Uncut Gems”. I was a bit hesitant to watch his latest film “Hustle,” but after seeing it got favorable reviews, I thought I’d give it a shot.

Let me preface this review by saying, even though it’s about basketball you don’t have to be a big sports fan to appreciate it.

Adam Sandler, as some of you may know, is a huge basketball nut in real life. So he was perfectly cast to play Sandy Sugerman, a talent scout for the Philadelphia 76ers. You can tell he had a blast making this movie.

It begins with him on the road in Europe, looking for young players to draft. He’s in and out of airports, hotels, and cabs. He’s also striking out with every player on

his scouting list.

His last stop is in Spain and when he’s just about to give up, he hears a big commotion at an outdoor basketball court. There he witnesses a phenomenal young player who can run, pass, and shoot circles around everyone on the court. Sandy immediately engages the player who has a name that practically screams NBA, Bo Cruz, played by the real life Utah Jazz player Juancho Hermangomez.

When he returns to Philly, he meets with 76ers owner and staunch supporter Rex Merrick (Robert Duval). He’s shocked when he’s offered his dream job, that of assistant coach.

Unfortunately, Rex dies expectantly and the team is now run by his son Vince (Ben Foster), who’s a bit of a slime ball, shall we say. When Sandy tells him he’s recommending the team sign Bo rather than another player they’ve



been pursuing, he’s demoted back to his old scouting job. After a confrontation with his new boss, he quits.

He then goes on a mission to help groom Bo and get him drafted by a major league team.

When he tells his family what he’s done, they’re firmly behind his decision. His wife Teresa (Queen Latifah) backs him 100 percent. I’ve enjoyed her in all her roles and she really shines here.

His daughter Alex (Jordan Hall) also contributes to his success. She an aspiring filmmaker, and she helps her dad by putting together a video featuring the real Julius “Dr. J.” Erving and Bo showing off his moves. Thanks to exposure on social media, the video goes viral.

A good portion of the film is devoted to Sandy working with Bo to hone his skills. In addition to all the physical drills he puts him through, he helps him deal with anger issues. Bo has a temper and it’s obvious he’ll need help deflecting the taunting he’ll receive from his opponents.

There are so many scenes of Bo running up and down the hills of South Philly, it’s almost exhausting to watch. It’s also an obvious reference to the film Rocky.

In spite of all their efforts, Bo fails to get signed and has to return to Spain penniless.

Sandy is forced into bankruptcy and has to sell their home and his family moves into his parent’s home. It’s a heartbreaking ending to what could have been an uplifting story.

Just kidding! This is a Hollywood movie after all. I won’t give away the rest of the movie, but you pretty much know where it’s heading the whole time.

“Hustle” is one of those fun, upbeat movies, supported by great directing, cinematography, and acting. While I’m not a huge fan of rap music, its inclusion gives the movie a bit of an edge, and is totally appropriate here. I thought it was a couple hours well spent.

The only negative comment I can make is, I watched the movie on my laptop—I think it would have been much more exciting on the big screen. Kudos Mr. Sandler! Just do us a favor and stick to the dramatic roles in the future. Note to parents: The film is rated R, but as far as I can tell, it’s due mainly to the swearing. Nothing a teenager hasn’t heard before.

Currently streaming on Netflix and in theatres.

★★★★☆

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!

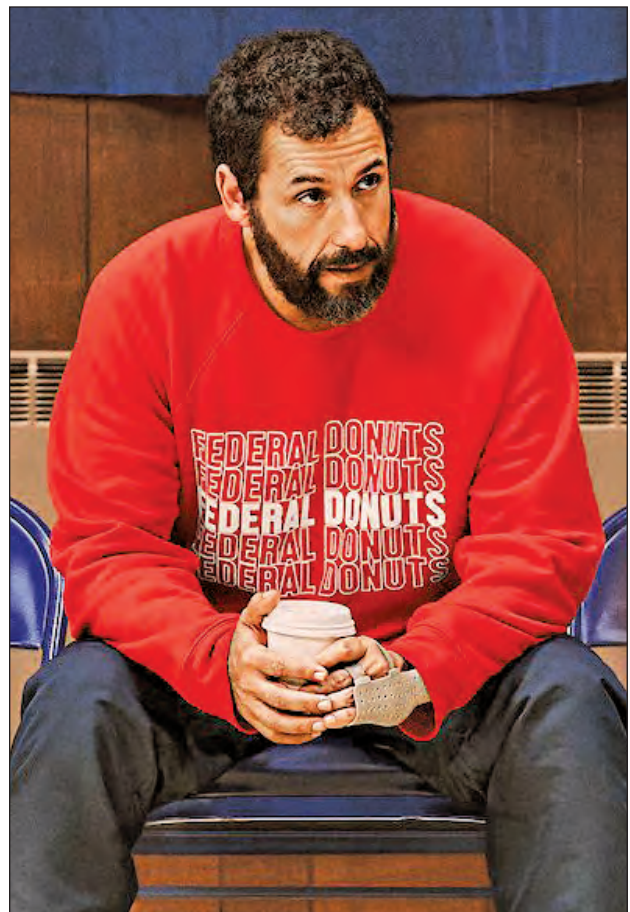
About this column:

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





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Eleven-year-old Jack Horst, left, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught a 15" smallmouth bass at Farms Pier. From top; Will G.'s 17.5" largemouth bass, caught at Farms Park, Katy Boyle's 16.5" walleye, caught in Grosse Pointe Park, Walled Deeb's 15" smallmouth bass, caught in Grosse Pointe, and Andy Hauswirth's 23" walleye, caught at City Park.

Classic comes to a close

The 2022 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic has wrapped up another great year of big fish and even bigger smiles. Everyone was a winner, whether they took a category prize, won in the weekly raffle, or just got outside to enjoy some amazing weather and waterside fun.

The final winners are announced this week, and there were some truly remarkable catches. Fishers of all ages took part throughout the contest, and it was great to see whole families jumping in on the good times. Several entrants proved to be consistent winners, and had a chance to hone

their already advanced skills with a rod and reel each week.

We would like to thank our Grosse Pointe News co-sponsors; Fishbones, Lakeside Fishing Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy and The Chocolate Bar Cafe. They made the weekly raffles extra-fun for all contestants.

And a big thank you to everyone who participated. This contest was all about you, your love for enjoying the many gifts of beautiful Lake St. Clair, your sense of adventure, and the joy of friendly competition in a wonderful community. Thanks for being a part of it all.



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Top left, Jon Clark, 19, caught this 17" largemouth bass in Grosse Pointe Farms. Joseph L. Miller's 20.25" smallmouth bass, center left, was caught at Windmill Pointe Park. Charlie Stroup, 19, caught this 22" walleye, left, in Grosse Pointe Park. Above, Dane McGuckin, 11, caught a 22.5" pike at Neff Park.



This week's WINNERS



DIVISION A: 12 years and under

- Smallmouth bass** - Liam Gilmour, 12, caught a 16.5" fish at Windmill Pointe Park
- Largemouth bass** - Theo Chin, caught an 18" fish at Farms Pier
- Pike** - Dane McGuckin, 11, caught a 22.5" pike at Neff Park
- Walleye** - Katy Boyle, 12, caught a 16.5" walleye in Grosse Pointe Park

DIVISION B: 13-19 years

- Smallmouth bass** - Charlie Stroup, caught an 18" fish at Little Club
- Largemouth bass** - Jon Clark caught a 17" fish off of Farms Pier
- Pike** - Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 26" pike at Neff Park
- Muskie** - Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 25" muskie at Neff Park
- Walleye** - Charlie Stroup caught a 22" walleye in Grosse Pointe Park

DIVISION C: 20 years and older

- Smallmouth bass** - Joseph Miller, caught a 20.25" fish at Windmill Pointe Park
- Largemouth bass** - Steven Kujawski caught a 16" fish at Farms Park
- Pike** - Andy Hauswirth caught a 27" pike at Neff Park
- Walleye** - Andy Hauswirth caught a 23" at Neff Park

Weekly raffle winners:

- Chocolate Bar Cafe gift card - Jack Horst
- Fishbones \$100 gift card - Walled Deeb
- Lakeside Fishing Shop gift card - Dane McGuckin
- Whistle Stop gift card - Asher Chin

Lakeside Fishing Shop FISHING REPORT

Bass and walleye are plentiful - try a Rattle Trap lure — they are catching everything. Muskie have been very elusive. Good luck fishermen!



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By Anne Gryzenia
Special Writer

Sure, we all marvel at the beauty of our “great” lake in our backyard — Lake St. Clair. Though it’s not technically a Great Lake, it covers 430 square miles — a large lake in any book.

Lake St. Clair borders Canada and connects Lake Erie and the Detroit River. Did you know the average depth of Lake St. Clair is about 10 feet? The deepest part of the lake is only about 30 feet, just enough for the freighters to get through in the channel. These conditions make it a prime fishing lake for fish like bass, muskie, walleye and perch. Because there are so many open sand areas, it makes for the perfect conditions for bass and other predators to prey on smaller fish.

Lake St. Clair is widely and often regarded as one of the best fishing lakes in

North America. Fishing provides a significant social and financial boost to the local economy. According to a Michigan State University Extension article, the Michigan waters of the Lake St. Clair system generate more than \$36 million a year.

Of the lake’s four big species of fish — perch, walleye, bass and muskie — perch provide great fishing year-round. Around half of the total fishing on Lake St. Clair is focused on yellow perch. Every year around 750,000 perch are caught and most are kept to eat. Walleye make up around 30 percent of Lake St. Clair fishing, with more than 40,000 walleye caught each year. Roughly 80 percent of walleye caught each year are kept to eat.

Smallmouth bass make up around one-fifth of Lake St. Clair’s sport fishing, with more than 100,000 reeled in each year. Ninety percent of smallmouth bass

are released, because they are more of a sport fish than a food fish. Bass are the big attractor of sport fishing tournaments. Many out-of-state anglers visit our great lake each year to fish in tournaments.

Muskie are incredibly large and fun fish to catch, and are legendary in Lake St. Clair. At least one-third of all fishing trips on the lake are in search of muskie and almost all are released.

The website michigan.gov has lots of information on fishing, including great places to give fishing a try — not that you need to leave good ‘ole Lake St. Clair. It also offers printable certificates — first fish, biggest fish, etc. — for kids just getting started in the sport. You also can get patches via the DNR program, Master Angler. Check it out today at michigan.gov.

Source: MSU Extension, 2014, Steve Stewart
Source: Great Lakes Commission

Lake St. Clair facts

Area: 430 square miles
– 26 miles x 24 miles

Average Depth: 10 to 11 feet

Deepest depth: 30 feet

Most popular fish to catch:
Perch, walleye, smallmouth
bass and muskie

Fishing brothers



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Chin brothers, Asher, 5, top, Oscar, 3, above left, and Theo, 9, whose catch is shown above right, of Grosse Pointe Park, caught some really impressive largemouth bass at Farms Pier. Oscar and Asher reeled in 13” and 13.5” bass, respectively, while Theo fished an 18-incher. Well done, young fishermen!

Coloring Contest Winner



**WINNER:
ROSE PICEK**



HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Coloring contest winner, Rose Picek, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the recipient of a \$25 gift certificate from Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy.

Congratulations, Rose and thank you to all of the coloring contest entrants. You did a fantastic job.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!

See every beautiful entry on our website: grossepointenews.com

Many thanks to our great sponsor:



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Lena Picek, Grosse Pointe Park

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Grosse Pointe Pride

The sixth annual Grosse Pointe Pride event took place Saturday, June 18, in The Village. This year's event included a walk led by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who also spoke after the walk, as well as activities for children, a book bicycle from the Grosse Pointe Public Library, entertainment and information about local organizations.



Two colorfully dressed walkers in the Pride parade.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Audience members listen to a rendition of "Imagine" by John Lennon. Singing the song is a GP Pride tradition that was started by choir director Tamm Whitty, who passed away last winter.



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel spoke to the crowd at the Grosse Pointe Pride event.



Zoey Crossley signs the community banner.



Bowie and Violet Salvona dressed for the occasion in colorful rainbow outfits.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. EDT today (1 p.m. to 6 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 30, 2022: You are witty, outgoing and friendly. You are a kind, giving person who has poise and self-control. You love to share intelligent ideas and interact with groups. The theme of this year is service to others, especially family. Remember to invest in yourself as well by taking courses or doing a makeover.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will need to practice patience with family members today (especially Mom or female relatives) to avoid arguments and testy encounters. This is because the Moon is at odds with both your ruler, Mars, as well as Pluto. Oh yeah, this is a classic indication of power struggles. Run for cover! Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be an accident-prone day because emotions like anger and irritation can make you distracted. This is because arguments with siblings, relatives and neighbors are likely. Someone will want to take control, and it might be you. Tonight: Cocoon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Power struggles about financial matters might take place today. This could involve a group or an organization. Might involve who is responsible for what. Disputes about payments, bills or how to divide or share something (like an inheritance) might be at stake. Tonight: Conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today it might be difficult to get along with partners, spouses and close friends without having a little dustup. This is because the Moon is in your sign and it is at odds with both Mars at the top of your chart, and Pluto, directly opposite your sign. This can create intense conflicts with others. Stay chill. Tonight: Money talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, steer clear of controversial subjects -- for example, politics, religion and racial issues. These issues can trigger arguments with others. Power struggles related to publishing, the media, the law and medicine also might take place. Oy! Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be gracious today and do your best to avoid an argument with a friend or a member of a group. Power struggles with others, especially about shared property or shared responsibilities, can arise. If you sit tight for 48 hours, this tension will pass. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Demonstrate grace under pressure today, especially when dealing with parents, bosses, VIPs or the police, because power struggles with people in authority are likely. You also might have difficulty dealing with a partner or close friend. Remember: Patience is the antidote to anger. Tonight: Schmooze.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Hotheaded discussions about sensitive issues are likely today. In addition, work-related disputes also might be a problem. Some of you might lock horns with someone about an issue related to your pet.

(Is there no justice?) Oh yes, this is a tricky day! Tonight: Pay attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be careful about acting rashly today, especially regarding bills, shared property or inheritances. This might be something you will recklessly do because you feel irritable or emotionally upset. Even though you might have cause for your grievances, think before you act. (For your own good.) Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Disputes with family members or close friends and partners (especially about some kind of chaos taking place at home) might arise today. You might be discouraged about something, and because of this, you deflect your disappointment into anger about something else. (Relax. We all do this.) Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Let's face it. This is a grumpy day. People are grumpy. Family members are grumpy. Co-workers are grumpy. Bus drivers are grumpy. You get the picture. Deal with this as best you can with style and a smile. Tonight: Listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This is a challenging day because financial disputes about vacations, social occasions or kids might arise today. Power struggles also might arise that are related to group situations and social outings. Remember your objective: You want to be happy. Stay chill. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY Actress Lizzy Caplan (1982), actress Molly Parker (1972), champion swimmer Michael Phelps (1985).

Contract Bridge

DEFUSING A POTENTIAL THREAT

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
	♠	8	
	♥	K 10 8 3	
	♦	A 6 5 2	
	♣	K 9 6 4	
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 10 4	♠	9 5 2
♥	Q 7	♥	J 9 6 5 4
♦	J 9	♦	10 8 4 3
♣	A Q J 8 3 2	♣	10
SOUTH			
	♠	A Q J 7 6 3	
	♥	A 2	
	♦	K Q 7	
	♣	7 5	

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♣ Pass Pass 2 ♠
Pass 2 NT Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the ace of clubs followed by the queen. When you play the king from dummy, East ruffs with the five and returns a low diamond.

Let's say you win West's nine of dia-

monds with dummy's ace and return a trump, East following with the deuce. It might seem normal to finesse the queen, but if you did, you'd regret it.

West would take your queen with the king and return a low club, which East would ruff with the nine. You'd overruff with the jack and play the ace, but when East showed out you'd have to lose a trump trick to West's ten and go down one.

In retrospect, it's easy to see that it's wrong to take the trump finesse. West is marked with the king of spades, since he could hardly have opened the bidding without it.

To attempt a finesse that is destined to fail, and at the same time subject yourself to the danger of an "uppercut" by East on the next club lead, amounts to going out of your way to try to lose the contract.

The correct play at trick four is to go up with the ace of trump and then lead the queen, which is the best you can do under the circumstances. In the actual deal, your only losers would be a club, a club ruff and a trump.

The hand dramatically illustrates that when there is nothing to gain and everything to lose by taking a finesse, it is clearly better to reject it.

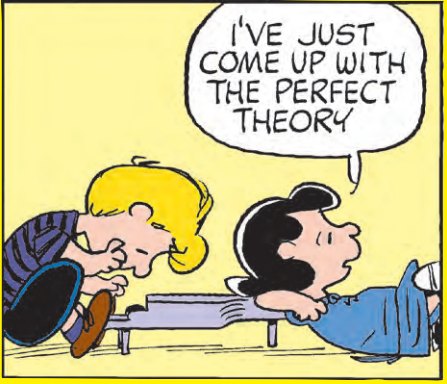
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Comics

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Charles M. Schulz

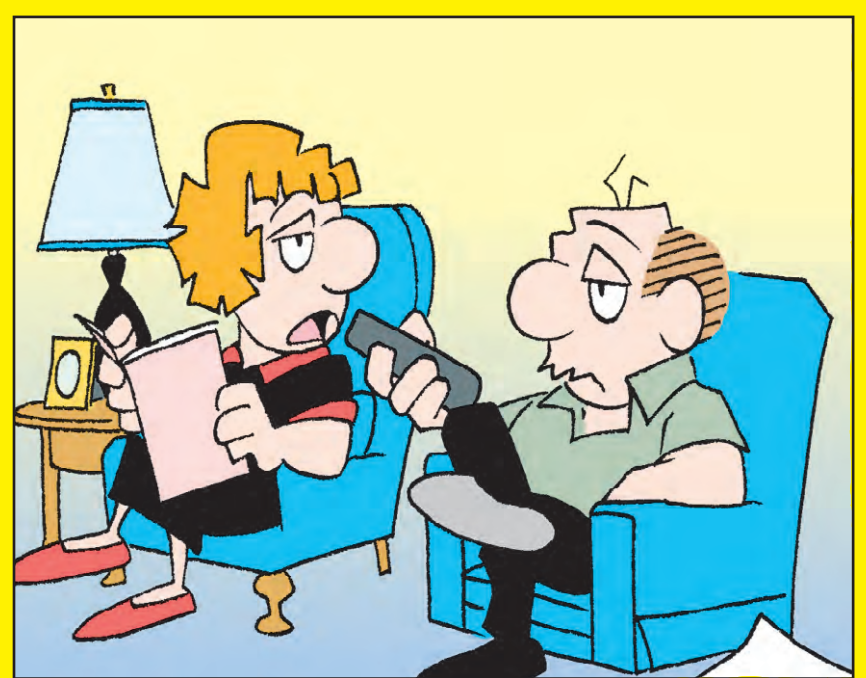
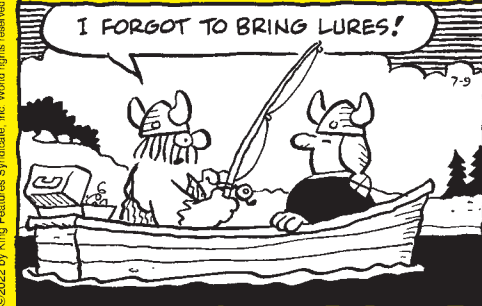


Hagar The Horrible

Dick Browne and Chris Browne

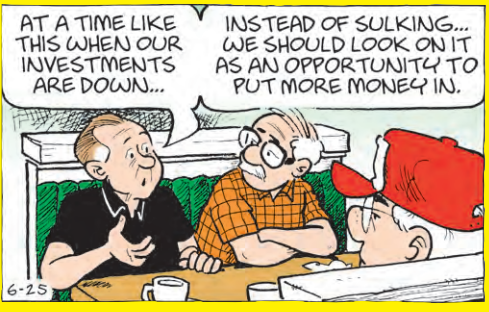
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

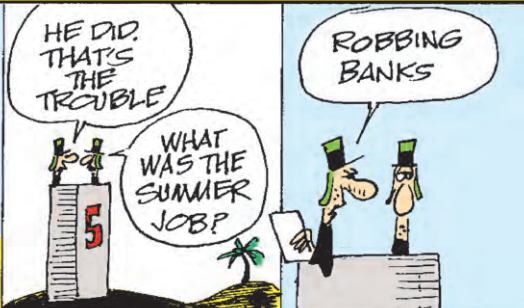
Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker

"WHEN DID 'YOUNG AND IN LOVE' TURN INTO 'OLD AND COULDN'T CARE LESS'?"



Close To Home

John McPherson



"Ever since we ate that cannabis store, I've had a crazy desire to eat a potato chip factory."

F Minus

Tony Carrilo



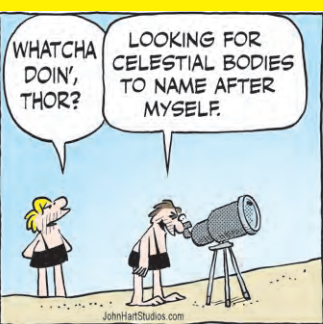
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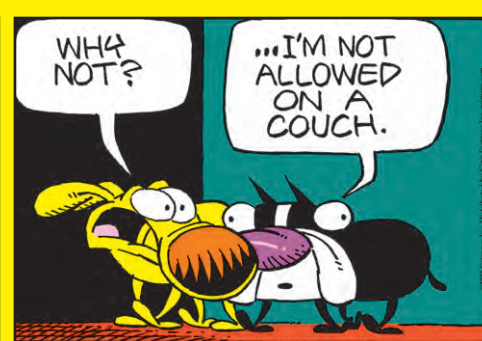
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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

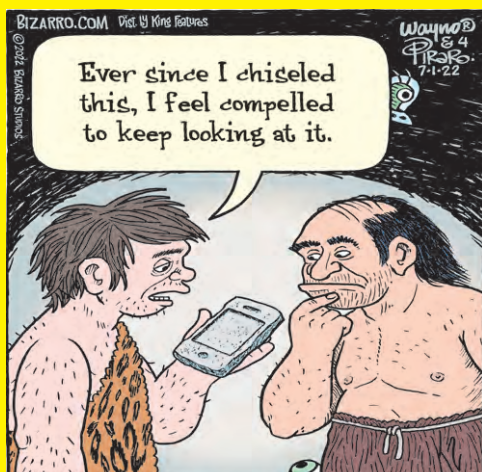
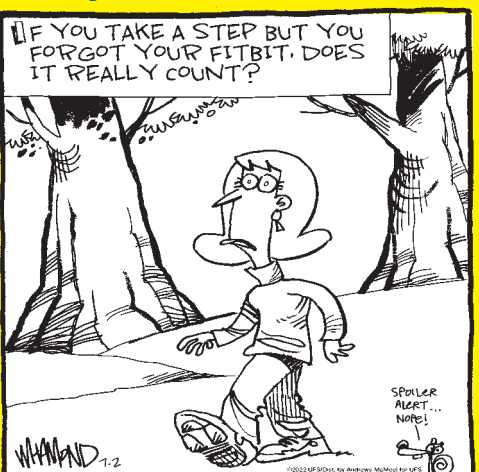


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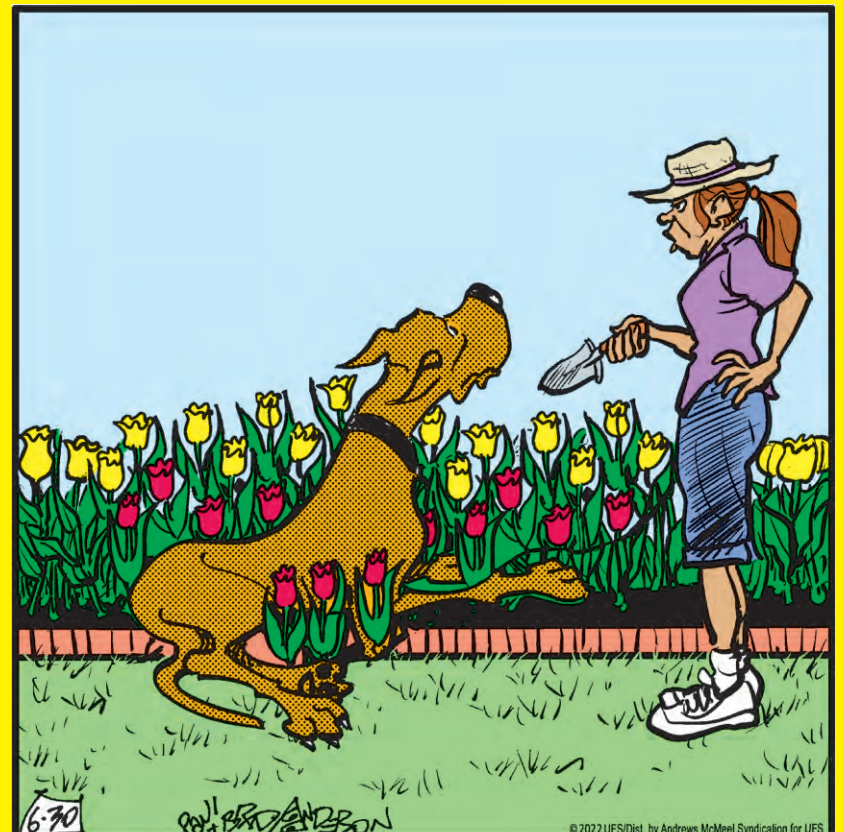
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Dan Piraro and Wayno



Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Why can't you just tiptoe through the tulips?"

SPORTS

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A family affair

South field hockey hosts second annual alumni game PAGE 2D

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All-State honors keep rolling in for Pointe athletes

By Mike Adzima
Sports Writer

To cap off some exciting months of spring competition, various

coaching associations from Michigan's different spring sports continue to announce their All-State teams. With baseball and lacrosse

announcing its All-State lists last week, here are more athletes from around the Pointes who earned honors this spring.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZA HIX

South's Maeve Hix, right, with her partner Megan Kornmeier and North's Helaina Pietrowsky, left, can now claim All-State status for girls varsity tennis among their Spring 2022 accomplishments.

Tennis

The Pointes were well represented when the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association announced its list of All-State honorees following the spring girls tennis season. In total, seven athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett earned the right to be named All-State for their efforts.

In Division 2, the Norsemen and Blue Devils players received some All-State accolades. North junior Helaina Pietrowsky and South senior Moira Hix earned All-State in singles competition. The Blue Devils also had two doubles pairs make the All-State list, with the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Olivia Dimuzio, in white, scored 16 goals this season for South, just part of the reason she was named All-State honorable mention for her performance on the pitch this spring.

Girls Soccer

teams of Maeve Hix and Megan Kornmeier and Molly Perkins and Meghan Wysocki earning All-State honors.

Liggett's Maddy Zampardo earned her right to be an All-State team member in Division 4 this spring. The Knights junior capped off a spectacular spring season earlier this month with a state championship victory in No. 1 singles for Division 4.

A pair of players from the Pointes earned All-State honors from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. In Division 1, South junior forward

Olivia Dimuzio was an All-State honorable mention after scoring 16 goals this spring. "She turned a page from last year where she was in a little bit of a slump," South girls soccer coach Chris

Bolio said, praising Dimuzio's performance this season. "She scored a lot of goals for us this year and a couple of them were really defining goals in the playoffs."

The Liggett Knights were represented in the All-State list when it came to Division 4. Forward Sofie Ancona was named an All-State honorable mention in her sophomore season with the Knights.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The last couple of seasons for the Grosse Pointe North baseball team will go down among some of the best runs in the program's history. The team made it to the Division 1 elite eight in 2021 and finally made it back to East Lansing this spring for the first time in more than a decade.

Those runs were put together by a talented core group of players for the Norsemen, including Jake Tedesco.

Tedesco just finished his

senior season with the Norsemen, where he could be found on the pitcher's mound or at first base. Next year, Tedesco will continue his career playing college baseball at the University of Dayton. Even with his college career on the horizon, Tedesco and his teammates had their hearts and minds set to one thing this year. The Norsemen were focused on making it further than they did in 2021, and their focus on determination ultimately paid off.

"We were speaking things into existence,"

Tedesco said. "After every game or every practice, coach (Kevin) Shubnell would ask us what our goal is and the answer was always to make it further than last year and ultimately that's what we did."

The work ethic that Tedesco and his teammates had throughout the spring and in the offseason brought them to that ultimate goal. His hard work also shows how versatile of an athlete he can be. From playing multiple positions on the baseball diamond to playing multiple sports, Tedesco's ability to practically do it all comes from an early passion to play.

"I loved sports from a very young age and carried that with me my whole life," he said. "I've played multiple sports and continued into high school where I've gotten to play soccer, some basketball and of course baseball."

When it comes to baseball, Tedesco has made himself known both for his work on the mound and his work at the plate. There has been a growing trend in baseball in recent years to encourage pitchers to become more involved in the offense by



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North senior Jake Tedesco can shut down opposing offenses as a pitcher and come up with big hits at the plate.

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South field hockey makes game a family affair

The field hockey team at Grosse Pointe South celebrated the pride of the program and the players who have made it great by holding its second annual alumni game last week. The game included 39 current and former Blue Devils, including players from 2021's state championship team.

South field hockey began hosting an alumni game last year as COVID prevented the team from having a formal banquet. Coach Jessie Rouleau organized the game as a way of honoring the graduating seniors and the program itself. After seeing the game grow this year, coach Rouleau knows that her idea has become a great way for current and former play-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSIE ROULEAU

Current and former Grosse Pointe South field hockey players pose together at the program's second annual alumni game.

ers to recognize the impact that they have had on the team.

"Playing as alumni for the first time, the graduating seniors are able to

immediately identify a way to stay connected with the program they

worked so hard for during their high school careers," Rouleau said.

Rouleau also acknowledged that the alumni game is a great way of reminding players and even their parents that their love for sports does not need to go away once their playing days are done. The Blue Devils also welcomed into the stands potential future players from the GP United field hockey club.

Players on this year's alumni team included: Margi Scholtes Whittingham, Veronica VanRossen, Betsy Oliver, Hope Whitney, Lucy Roraff, Bridget Doyle, Katy Griffin, Kate Adams, Katherine Bsharah, Molly Ryszewski, Elise Charbonneau, Julia Gebeck, Emma Riley, Alyse Applegate, Caitlin Rionda, Suzanne Breen and Katelyn Carion.

ATHLETE:

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being able to hit as well as pitch. Tedesco can certainly be considered part of that.

"It's all about doing something for the team, so if I'm not on the mound I like to be at the plate scoring runs and giving support to the team," Tedesco said. "I like being on both sides of the ball because I can impact the game in both ways. I enjoy doing both and want to do both for as long as I can."

Impacting the game both ways is exactly what Tedesco does. Putting in hard work throughout the season and offseason to make himself a better hitter or to add a few miles per hour to his fastball helped bring Tedesco to his personal goal of showing how great of a player he can be. It also gave him the strength to benefit his entire team, stepping up in big moments to accomplish that ultimate goal with his teammates of competing for a state championship.

When Tedesco and the Norsemen reached their goal, it brought them to a showdown with state and national powerhouse Orchard Lake St. Mary's. North ultimately lost the state championship game, but put up a fight and impressed many people by only falling by a score of 1-0. Tedesco and his



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Tedesco will continue his baseball career in college at the University of Dayton.

teammates were ready for the challenge and are proud of the way they competed, knowing that being themselves gave them the best chance at winning.

"On paper, they're an amazing team and on the field they're an amazing team...but nobody's perfect," Tedesco said. "All the pressure was on them and everyone expected them to beat us...We were

playing with no pressure and ultimately just being ourselves and playing loose and having a good time while trying to beat the best team in the country."

The great chemistry that Tedesco and his teammates have, as well as their incredible work ethic, helped them get to that moment. What brought them there was the trust they have in each

other to each do their jobs for the better of the team.

It is so important in baseball for everyone to bring their "A" game in order to contribute. This season and during his entire career with North, Tedesco learned a valuable lesson in that regard when it comes to teamwork, and it is something that he knows will stick with him at the next level.

"Trusting everybody else," Tedesco said. "Everybody's there for a reason and to do their job. When I get to the next level, I'll know to trust my team and that everybody will have each other's

back in every at-bat and every pitch."

Stay tuned to September, when we resume our Athlete of the

Week feature. To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointe-news.com/athlete-of-the-week.

Metro D Basketball Camp comes back for 28th year

Basketball players from different ages and skill levels can have a chance to work on their game this summer at the 28th annual Metro D Basketball Camp. The camp returns this year for four days of basket-

ball fun and instruction from July 5-8 at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center. The camp is open to both boys and girls players ages 7-13. Both the boys and girls camps will be led by Grosse Pointe resident and longtime Macomb Community College women's basketball coach Jay Ritchie.

Through drills, individual instruction, station work and more, campers will be able to focus on and improve their skills in both offense and defense. Campers will receive instruction from college and high school coaches as well as current Macomb players. Throughout the week, players will also get to participate in games and tournaments and compete for awards. For more information on the Metro D Basketball Camp, email Jay Ritchie at ritchiej@macomb.edu.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective June 26, 2022, and is hereby published by title:

A ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 ZONING, SEC. 50-340 SPECIAL LAND USES AND SEC. 50-373 DESIGN STANDARDS REGARDING COLONIAL THEMES.

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

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TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 50 - ZONING, SECTION 50-1 - DEFINITIONS, BY REPEALING THE DEFINITIONS OF "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM" AND "SOLAR PANEL", AND REPEALING SECTION 50-539 - SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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Little League Champs 2022

Little League teams from Grosse Pointe softball and Grosse Pointe Park closed out their seasons by hosting championship games in June, where several teams won their divisions in intense, hard-fought playoff victories.

GROSSE POINTE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE

MAJORS — TIGERS



After giving up the 2 home runs to start the game, the pitcher for the Tigers, Sharp, would not allow another hit for the rest of the game.

The team includes, from left to right, standing: Manager Josh Nyenhuis, Rocco Deschaine, Coach Jeff Sharp, Connor Sharp, Coach Eli Gergics. Second row: Zach Nyenhuis, Anthony Nahas, Nolan Kidder, Milo Alvarado, Dexter Pata, Parker Simpson. Front row: Ben Ryan, Gavin Gergics. Missing: Spencer Crosby and Jake Mallooney.

GROSSE POINTE SOFTBALL LITTLE LEAGUE

MAJORS — SCRAPYARD DAWGS



The team includes Evie Baer, Audrey Wyse, Evelia Messenger, Sofia Brennan, Addison Brownsberger, Addison Moses, Mia Frattaroli, Gianna Bufalino, Mae Stanley, Mallory Moran, Sophia Husek, Cheyenne Holtz and manager Andy Husek.

AAA — TWINS



The Twins started the playoffs losing its first two games then came roaring back with six straight wins to clinch the World Series.

The team includes Kenny Blanchard, Sam Chudy, Ryan Evans, Drew Hathaway, Oliver Kidder, Kayin Kumasi, Grayson Miotke, Benjamin Muzingo, Korver Richards, Gregory Spiro, Andrew Woolums, Coaches Kyle Kidder, Ryan Hathaway, Chad Woolums.

MINORS — TIGERS



The team includes Gracie Cursi, Marah Pickett, Lily Getz, Sophia Dragovic, Harper Puma, Eloise Purcell, Charlie Cursi, Ada Meyers, Hope Howard, Katelyn Quigley, Athena Politano, Alyson Camaj and Manager Michael Pickett.

AA — BRAVES



The Braves won it on a walk-off hit 12-11 over the Blue Jays.

The team includes, from left to right (front row), Oliver Deenik, Leighton Pellegrini, Grant Markijohn, Dean Stackpoole, Theo Ryan, Johnny Martin, Brody Barczyk, Brian Cuke, Campbell Fox and Dash Shettler and (back row) Mike Markijohn, Mark Stackpoole, Brock Barczyk, Jeffrey Fogel and Eric Fox. Players not pictured: Ezra Fogel, and Christopher Lung.



GROSSE POINTE SUMMER SWIMMING

Get set, go!

The Lakefront Swimming Association includes six teams from Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores, who compete against each other throughout June and July. The Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas, City of Grosse Pointe Norbs, Grosse Pointe Park Mutants, St. Clair Shores Sea Serpents, Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks and Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors battle for bragging rights at season's end, where one of the six teams is crowned Swim Finals champion. This week's featured swim teams are the Barracudas and Sharks.

Eat Their Bubbles

By Clare Ramsdell and Grace Cueter



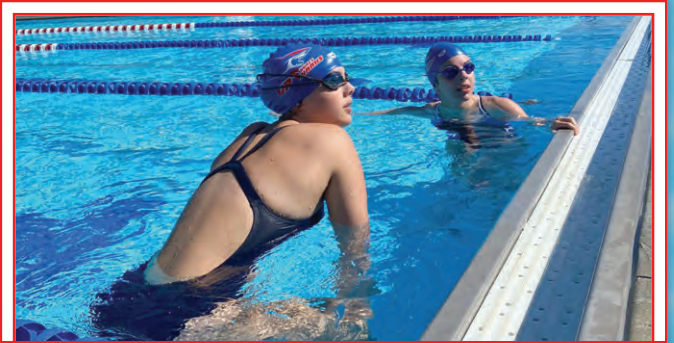
The Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks practice twice a day throughout summer at Osius Park, where 85 swimmers are competing for the team this year. Although the team is small in numbers, they often find themselves on the podium, winning second place last summer, and hope to achieve even more this season.

We asked Sharks head coach Nick Rancilio to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about his 2022 team:

- Name: Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks
- Team colors: Blue and Red
- Coaching staff: Head coach Nick Rancilio and assistant coaches Ian Campbell, Victoria Treder and Katie Flynn
- Favorite tradition: Game day on Thursdays
- Biggest rival: Grosse Pointe Park Mutants
- Claim to fame: Small but mighty
- Goal(s) for the 2022 season: To be as successful or more successful than last year



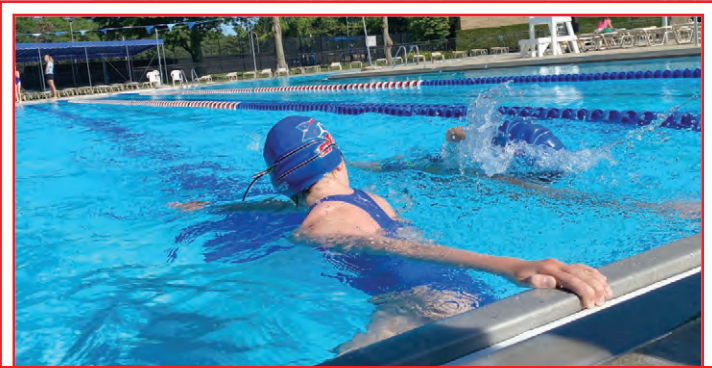
A Shark leaves the pool with a smile on his face and high spirits after practicing dives at the end of the swim team's morning practice.



Shores swimmers await instruction from head coach Nick Rancilio during practice.



Members of the Shores swim team perfect their dives in preparation for their upcoming meets.



Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks trade off swimming 100 meter freestyle during warm up at their morning practice at the Shores Park.



The Barracudas' girls 12 and Under relay team gets ready to rock the block against the Norbs at last week's meet.

We hate to beat you, but we must, we must!



By Meg Leonard

The Grosse Pointe Shores Farms Barracudas practice twice a day throughout summer at Pier Park, where 164 swimmers are competing for the team this year. The team frequently finds itself atop the winner's podium at Finals, and opponents often hear the team's victory chant, "ashes to ashes dust to dust. We hate to beat you, but we must, we must. 'Cause when you're up, you're up; when you're down, you're down. When you're up against the Farms, you're bound to drown. Go Farms! Beat 'em, yeah!"

We asked Barracudas head coach Mia Kinkade, who also competed for the team beginning in 2009 before joining the coaching staff, to tell the Grosse Pointe News a little more about her 2022 team:

- Name: Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas
- Team colors: Blue and green
- Coaching staff: Head coach Mia Kinkade and assistant coaches Ethan Kinkade, Ava Macgillis, Diona Johnson and Jill Pilluti
- Favorite tradition: TP'ing (toilet papering) houses for prelims
- Biggest rival: Grosse Pointe Park Mutants
- Claim to fame: Our winning streak and undefeated seasons
- Goal(s) for the 2022 season: Have fun and bring home a trophy



Grosse Pointe Farms swimmers race against the City of Grosse Pointe during the first dual meet of the season at Neff Park on June 22.



Leading the 2022 Barracudas swim team are (from left to right) assistant coaches Diona Johnson, Ava MacGillis, Ethan Kinkade, Mia Kinkade (head coach) and Jill Pilluti.



Members of the Barracudas swim team prepare to line up at the starting blocks against the City of Grosse Pointe Norbs' swim team.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Construction junction

Upgrades underway at South, North

Pointers passing by the athletic fields at Grosse Pointe South have had to crane their necks recently to discern these dirt mounds from pitchers' mounds on the school's baseball, top, and softball, bottom, diamonds. With construction taking place at both South's and North's baseball and softball facilities, the \$1.3 million renovation project will upgrade turf, batting cages, backstops, nettings and paddings. Expect these improvements to make the fields just a bit dreamier in time for next season.



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Flying high

The 14U Grosse Pointe Red Birds won the AABA Battle at the Lake tournament in St. Clair Shores on June 12. The Red Birds defeated 5-Tool Baseball 6-5 in the semifinals and Jet Box Baseball 9-4 in the championship game to take the crown. The team includes: Eugene Agnone, Charlie Bronk, Cole Champine, Jake Chaptini, Henry Chesterton, Jack Danielewicz, Alex Foote, Ravi Hines, Jacon Jarackas, Elliot Karr, Carson Kennedy and Andy Schmitt, along with coaches Joe Schmitt and Joel Danielewicz.



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