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Back to the budget drawing board

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — After a Grosse Pointe Public School System

Board of Education meeting Monday, May 22, that lasted nine hours and featured some 79 public commenters, Trustee David Brumbaugh and

Treasurer Sean Cotton agreed to meet with Superintendent Jon Dean to find a compromise between their budget resolutions.

“I know the students are coming back Sept. 5, and I see a couple pathways available,” Dean said. “One is a 4-3 vote on a budget we all saw com-

ing, because this board, like our community, is divided. We can only have one budget and I guarantee it won't be David Brumbaugh's.

“But we're only about \$800,000 apart and I think to be in a healthier place we need to land in

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Pointe's mutual-aid efficiency updated

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — As small cities without dedicated fire departments — with the exceptions of Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods — the five Pointes and Harper Woods have operated under a mutual-aid agreement since September 2012, enabling multiple departments, and therefore more personnel, to respond to fires in each of

the cities. Since its inception, the agreement has worked in terms of alarms equivalent to intensity of need. “First alarm” calls the department in the city of origin, while that city then can call “second alarm” to bring in a second department and “third alarm” to bring in a third. The Pointe departments already are known for impressive response times; however, a fire response automatic

mutual-aid agreement — intended as an addendum to the original agreement — now will mean two additional departments automatically will respond as soon as a fire is confirmed in any of the six cities. “In my three-plus decades here, we almost always need a minimum of three alarms on a working structure fire,” Public Safety Director John

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Mark W. Barker was grounded Wednesday, May 17, near Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.

Freighter grounded

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

BELLE ISLE — As a fire-fighting specialist with Farms public safety, Larry Stocking often is in a rush. It was normal for him, then, to beeline it to Belle Isle last week to see a freighter grounded near Dossin Great

Lakes Museum. “Oh, yeah,” he said, standing a few feet from the island's southern shore. “I've been a freighter-watcher my whole life.” With the right kind of eyes or wrong kind of imagination, when the bow of the 639-foot freighter Mark W. Barker grounded

Wednesday morning, May 17, on Belle Isle, it resembled the kid in “A Christmas Story,” who accepted a triple-dog dare to lick a frozen pole and couldn't free his tongue. “Thtuck, thtuck, thtuck,” he cried, the tip of this tongue affixed. Words from the Barker's helmsman are undocumented, but it is certain

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Farms consolidates November precincts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — “If it was contested, I don't think it'd be happening,” Mayor Louis Theros said, before Farms city council reluctantly approved a singular polling location at the Pier Park community building for this November's election. With no need for a primary, the Farms will see the uncontested re-election of Theros and council members Joe Ricci, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood come Nov. 7. Paired with

an estimated 10.68 percent of registered voters expected to turn out, and assuming at least 50 percent will vote absentee, the majority of council agreed during the May meeting the consolidation would be acceptable under the specific circumstances. “The primary benefit of this is logistically it makes the election a lot easier to manage,” City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki explained. Park passes will not be

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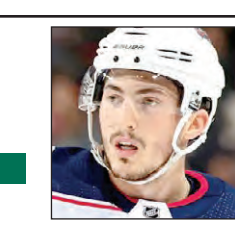
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The November election in the Farms will be held at the Pier Park community building at 350 Lakeshore.

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something was said of the kind.

Electrical problems fouled steerage and forced the grounding at 7:35 a.m. a few hundred yards upstream of the museum boardwalk and riverside viewing shelter.

The location was fortunate. Farther down the Detroit River there are no natural banks on which to beach. If it happened a mile upstream where Lake St. Clair empties into the Detroit River, who knows where the freighter may have wound up.

"There's a lot of current in the Detroit River," said Roger LeLievre, editor and publisher of the Great Lakes boat-watching guide, "Know Your Ships." "If you lose power, you start going backwards really fast. The bow is going to get swung one way or another by the current, so as soon as you get your bow someplace where you can drop the hook (anchor), you try to make the best of the situation."

Grounding was an inglorious step for a freighter just getting its feet wet. The Barker launched last summer and is the first such vessel constructed in the United States in 40 years.

Freighter groundings

aren't unusual.

"It's more common than you might think," LeLievre said. "With modern electronics, computer modules and what have you — you know how those things are. Mark Barker had the misfortune of depositing itself right in front of a webcam."

The Dossin River Live Cam recorded the incident backlit by the still-rising sun and the racket of the starboard anchor paying out.

"A lot of rumbling happens when you drop an anchor," LeLievre said. "I live right by an anchorage at the Soo and I hear that all the time."

With help from the 2,000-horsepower Great Lakes Towing Company tugboat Pennsylvania, the freighter slid backward off the bottom at 12:02 p.m. and drifted stern-first to a designated anchorage near Detroit Riverwalk Park

for a few days' damage assessment.

The anchorage is comparable to a parking lot.

"Boats wait there for a dock to open, they fuel boats in that anchorage and drop anchor there because where they're going may have bad weather," LeLievre said.

"Sometimes salt-water ships going to Toledo anchor in the Detroit River because its sheltered ground. When there's a good rain in the Toledo area, current running from the Maumee River is impossible to navigate. They have to wait it out for it to lessen."

As the Barker drifted under the tug's nudging, the oldest active freighter on the lakes, the Alpena, launched in 1942 in the same Ecorse shipyard that built the Edmund Fitzgerald during the late 1950s, gave it a wide berth heading downbound to Detroit.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Barker, free, hoisting starboard anchor and tug Pennsylvania helping.

Shores budget in good shape

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After increasing its millage rate last year to cover a budget deficit, city council at its meeting Tuesday, May 16, approved a budget with nearly \$800,000 more in expenditures for fiscal year 2023-24 and lowered the millage rate.

"What happened was, the city collected more than it needed in taxes and so we had some reserves to offset spending," said Dale Krajniak, former Grosse Pointe Park city manager who is now the Shores' financial director.

Total spending for the new fiscal year is \$7,79,300, up from \$6,999,600 in FY 2022-23. The city's fund balance is estimated to be \$2.75 million come June 30, 2024.

That's 36 percent of budget. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends municipalities should have a minimum 20 percent fund balance.

"That means we keep our AAA bond rating," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "Standard & Poors will be happy if we have to go back to the well."

The total millage rate for the coming year will be 18.0201, down from 18.7031 last year. A mill is equal to \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value on a home. The decrease comes from a drop in the general operating millage from 13.8 to 13.6, and a reduction in the debt service millage from 1.28 to 0.756.

Krajniak said one reason the debt service millage was reduced is because a \$2.4 million gen-

eral refunding bond from 2013 only has two payments left of \$315,000 each and will be retired in 2025.

One mill in tax collection for the city equals \$343,000 in revenue. That's up from \$324,000 in the current fiscal year, mainly due to higher home values and the rate of inflation.

"Council could have chosen to collect more but decided not to," Krajniak said. "They could have increased collections 7.9 percent because we're not at the Headlee limit, but stayed at 5 percent."

Under Michigan law, increases in taxable value are limited to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. This is the first year since Proposal A passed in 1994 that the 5

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City cuts costs to balance budget

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Settling in at 16.8390 mills, residents in the City of Grosse Pointe will see a slight tax decrease of 0.0804 mills heading into the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

"This is the first year in a few years we have not had a Headlee rollback," Finance Director

Kim Kleinow said, "so the only reason the millage went down is because the debt service millage could go down because of principal and interest payments."

Managing a balanced budget amid quickly shrinking finances, city staff had to defer upcoming planned projects and trim its capital improvement expenditures to \$216,000 for the coming fiscal year. The funds will go toward the purchase of one public safety vehicle, resurfacing six of the 10 Elworthy

Field tennis courts — if pending private donor funding doesn't come through — and replacing the slate around the court building roof.

"We started off the current fiscal year that we're in right now with \$1.3 million, but with what we're spending the current year, proposed for next year, as well as the second year, we'll have run out of money in year two," Kleinow reported. "In '24-'25, we'll be \$41,000 short,

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required for entrance into Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, on Election Day and voters will be invited to park at the inner lot directly outside the community building, which has 22 regular parking spaces and two additional handicapped spaces.

"We estimate that over a 13-hour day, we're going to have 38 voters per hour," Kozicki said. "It's a short ballot, so that translates into a quick in-and-out, so every 15 minutes, 10 voters voting."

While the plans appeased council concerns over the possibility of asking voters to walk to the community building from the main parking lot in winter, the majority still noted discontent with the risk of discouraging voting by switching up familiar locations and consolidating all precincts to a location that isn't central.

"I have no problem approving this for this November," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said. "I'm not in favor of doing this on a permanent basis at all."

While the city hall campus was proposed as an alternative singular location, Councilman Neil Sroka reported city administration informed him the space is too small to accommodate all the Farms precincts, parking would be more limited and voters likely would have to use the elevator or stairs to cast their ballot on the second floor.

With Councilman John Gillooly absent, Sroka was the sole vote against the proposal, stating he understood the reasonable argument for it, but

was voting as a matter of principle.

"The idea of collapsing precincts for the city elections and primary elections, I don't have a problem with," he explained at the April council meeting, when the topic first was publicly broached. "I think it makes sense. There's going to be low turnout and we can save some money by putting it in one space and just making it easier for folks."

"... My concern is our parks are blessedly private," he then clarified. "Only residents can go in there. Even if everyone in the community is able to get into the park on Election Day, whether they have a park pass or not, I think putting the polls behind a gate that requires people to show card entry is a bad message."

While voting at Pier Park only is approved for the singular upcoming election, time will tell where Farms voters may end up in future years.

"This was somewhat of a learning curve too of how that site would be utilized as a joint precinct," City Manager Shane Reeside noted, "so this was kind of an ideal election that fell in our lap that will be very magical in terms of handling voters and this is only for this cycle, this November election for this year."

"Next year there (will be) changes in voting law," he added. "We're still waiting for some of those changes, how it will impact us. Early voting will be going into effect in 2024, and so we will be back before city council with recommendations for a long-term set up for our precincts."



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DPW building officially open

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The new, multi-million-dollar DPW building is making its mark all the way up Mack Avenue.

"I'm glad to see something like this that is so productive and expanding on the good things going on," said Arthur Bryant, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods. "I care about what happens on Mack."

Bryant traveled four miles from Woods city hall Monday afternoon, May 22, to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Park's public works headquarters and garage between Maryland and Wayburn at the border of Detroit.

"The last time we were gathered here was Oct. 27, 2021, to break ground," Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. "We've obviously come a long way in opening the most beautiful DPW facility around. You have to invest in your community if it's going to thrive."

"We hope this development will help spur future investment and development for Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit," said Nick Sizeland, Park manager. "Mack Avenue has a bright future with new development of Michael B's Café, just a short walk from us, and the joint community effort of Grosse Pointe Park, City and city of Detroit with the Mack Avenue Corridor Plan."

Planning for the building began during the term of prior Park Mayor Bob Denner.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

With a snip-snap of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's oversized scissors, Park Mayor Michele Hodges cuts caution tape — the public works equivalent of ribbon — to officially open the DPW headquarters and garage on Mack between Maryland and Wayburn. Officiating are, from left, DPW Supervisor Tom Jenny, City Manager Nick Sizeland, Hodges, DPW mechanic Dave Rudrich, water department Supervisor Joshua Chaffin and water department employees Brian Gippich and James Pachla.

"The existing DPW building wasn't meeting the city's needs and was in terrible shape," he said.

"You had to have been in the old building to understand how badly this is needed," said Mike Fikany, a planning commissioner at the time. "This is a first-class facility."

COVID-induced labor and supply shortages lengthened the original 10-month construction schedule.

The roomy, block-long building has 10-inch concrete floors to support portable hoists capable of suspending heavy-duty rubbish trucks and fire trucks.

"We are very, very appreciative of the new digs," said Tom Jenny, public works supervisor. "It makes us feel really appreciative and welcome."

The department outgrew its former DPW headquarters on Jefferson one block from city hall.

"It was time for this," said Joe Habeka, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, attending the ceremony. "It's a great gesture to the men and women who serve our city and work so hard, to give them something like this to walk into every day."

"This new facility allows us to be more efficient," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the municipal infrastructure committee. "It streamlines things and goes into the basket of trying to be more proactive. Knock on wood, we're going in a good direction."

Tax revenue raised in the Tax Increment Finance Authority dis-

tributed funded construction through up to \$4 million in bonds. Park officials expect the building to have a useful life of 50 years.

"I am so excited for the future and to make our residents and employees of the city proud for years to come," Sizeland said.

"It also is an important gateway for folks traveling the Mack Avenue corridor," Hodges said. "As the city manager said, it's so important that we be good partners to all of the jurisdictions touching Mack Avenue." Demolition of the former public works site, which straddles the Park-Detroit border, is delayed while permits to do so are obtained from Detroit.

The location will become the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery.

Woods looking for state money to help with projects

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Officials are hoping money from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy will help fund three projects, two of which are required by law.

City council approved

a resolution at its meeting Monday, May 15, to apply for a nearly \$3.8 million loan under EGLE's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The money would pay for water main replacements on Hidden Lane, Lee Court and Marian Court; replace lead water service lines to houses; and conduct a Complete

Distribution System Material Inventory.

The last two items are required, regardless if the city gets the money.

"They take disadvantaged cities into consideration first, so I'm not real optimistic about our chances," Public Works Director Jim Kowalski

said. "Although it's definitely worth giving it a try."

The program offers 20-year loans at 1.875 percent interest and 30-year loans at 2.125 percent interest. There also is a principal for-

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Hutchins told Farms council before it approved the updated agreement during its May meeting. "... Everybody's in agreement that it's going to get people and equipment there more quickly. As we said over the years, fires increase in size in just seconds and so it just makes sense."

By putting fires out more quickly, Hutchins added, the goal is to incur less damage and lessen the risk of exposure to hazards for firefighters.

The new automatic response is as follows:

◆ for fires in the City, the Farms and Park immediately will respond;

◆ for fires west of Kerby in the Farms, the City and Park immediately will respond;

◆ for fires east of Kerby in the Farms, the Shores and Woods immediately will respond;

◆ for fires in the Park, the City and Farms immediately will respond;

◆ for fires in the Shores, the Farms and Woods immediately will respond;

◆ for fires north of Lochmoor in the Woods, the Shores and Harper Woods immediately will respond;

◆ for fires south of Lochmoor in the Woods, the Farms and Harper Woods immediately will respond;

◆ for fires north of Lochmoor in Harper Woods, the Shores and Woods immediately will respond;

◆ and for fires south of Lochmoor in Harper Woods, the Farms and Woods immediately will respond.

"It's not changing what we currently send," Hutchins clarified. "If there's a Grosse Pointe or Grosse Pointe Park (fire) right now, we're 'third alarm.' We're going to get called. Now we're just going as soon as they confirm it's a fire. So it's not changing what we're sending, it's just sending it sooner."

As of press time, councils in the Farms, Park, Woods and Shores have approved the new addendum.

The proposal will go before council in the City during its next meeting, Monday, June 12.

Cast your votes!

Best of the Best contest kicks off today

The third annual Grosse Pointe News Best of the Best contest is here once again and this go around, there are 13 new and exciting categories.

As always, this is the most enjoyable election of the year and a great way to support your favorite go-to destinations. Best of the Best is an easy, fun and free way to give a nod and a boost to your local favorite Grosse Pointe businesses.

This year's 40 categories include new fresh options, such as best place for a date, best orthodontist, best Italian food, best Mexican fare, best wedding venue, best barber, best auction house and more.

These are just a few of the categories in which you can help crown a "Best of" champion. With only two weeks to vote, cast your vote now to

ensure your favorites make the podium.

Votes may be cast using the ballot on page 11A or via a form on the Grosse Pointe News website, from Thursday, May 25, through Thursday, June 8. Visit grossepointenews.com/best for details and to use the online voting form.

Paper ballots may be delivered in person or mailed to GPN Best of the Best, 16980 Kercheval Place, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Winners will be announced in the July 20 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. All votes must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8. Voters are limited to one vote per email address.

For information about the contest, email media@grossepointenews.com or call (313) 882-6900.

3rd annual Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic is underway

On your mark, get set, fish! The Grosse Pointe News's fun yearly contest starts today, May 25, and runs until Thursday, June 29. Each week, anglers have the chance to win cash prizes in several categories. Divisions are based on age and fish are based on length only for bass (combined smallmouth and largemouth), pike, muskie and walleye.

This year features even more exciting prizes, including gift certificates from Fishbones, Whistle Stop and Lakeside Fishing Shop, as well as electronics and more. Be sure to enter no matter the size of your fish — everyone who submits a fish is eligible to win great prizes via random drawings.

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Zach Werenski's journey from Bulldogs to the NHL

By Clare Ramsdell
Intern

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, NHL player Zach Werenski discovered his love for hockey playing for the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs. His parents threw him on the team with his brother, Brad Werenski, who is two years older than him. They played together on the Bulldogs until Werenski was 13, and later reunited when Werenski was a sophomore and his brother was a senior on the Little Caesar's AAA team. It wasn't until he was around 15 that Werenski realized he had the potential to make it to the NHL.

"When I was 15, I was playing AAA with my brother and then the U.S. national team called and wanted me to play there," he said. "I didn't know too much about it, but after looking into it and seeing all the guys they produce that got to the NHL, it was kind of a no-brainer to go there. And then when I got there you kind of start to realize the next step is college and NHL, so I kind of realized it at that age."

Werenski finished high school a year early — two years at Grosse Pointe North and one at Ann Arbor Pioneer — before finishing his senior year online and heading to the University of Michigan at 17. His time at Michigan was filled with accomplishments, including leading all Big Ten defensemen in scoring, being named AHCA First Team All-American, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and a first-team All-Big Ten selection.

"(They were) probably the best two years of my



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Defenseman Zach Werenski was drafted by the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2015, and is entering his eighth season with the team.

life playing there," he said. "I got drafted playing there, we won a Big Ten championship. Playing for your school is always fun so I enjoyed it."

During his time at Michigan, Werenski didn't give much thought to the NHL draft, focusing on enjoying his college experience. However, as the season ended and the draft talk started picking up, he began to feel the excitement. After going through the extensive process of the combine, including interviews, medical screenings and fitness tests over four days, draft week arrived and Werenski traveled to Fort Lauderdale.

"I kind of had an idea I was in the first round, but I wasn't sure where," he said. "Then draft night comes and you have no idea what's going to happen and right before the Columbus pick the cameras came over and my agent looked back at me and gave me the nod like, 'This is you.' That was a pretty cool moment in my career."

Selected eighth overall by the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2015,

Werenski has spent his entire NHL career with the team and is now entering his eighth season as their strongest defenseman. Balancing personal life and professional hockey hasn't always been easy, with only one day off per week during the season. However, Werenski finds solace in the flexible schedule during the summers, allowing him to spend time in Grosse Pointe and engage in activities with friends and family.

"At the end of the day I'm doing what I love, so I wouldn't change it for anything," he said, "and there's gonna be sacrifices you have to make, but it is what it is."

Werenski's advice to aspiring NHL players is to enjoy the journey while striking a balance between fun and hard work. He credits his parents, Ken — the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety director — and Kristen Werenski, for knowing when to encourage him to take a break and when to push him.

"You gotta find that balance of having fun with it and also putting in the work," Werenski



Zach Werenski learned to play hockey with his older brother on the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs, staying with them until he was about 13.

said. "I think if you just have fun with it and try to enjoy it and enjoy the process along the way, I think that's the best way to achieve your goal."

Forming lasting friendships within the hockey community is one of Werenski's favorite aspects of the game. He treasures the bond with his teammates, both on and off the ice.

"For example, our captain, Boone Jenner, I've played with him for seven years, going into my eighth year now," Werenski said. "He's a lifelong friend. And there are guys I'd played with for half a season that get traded that I still text every day. It's just one of those things when you're going to battle with guys, whether that's someone sticking up for you in a fight or someone scoring a big goal or just a big moment in a game, your friendships grow closer; as teammates you grow

closer. You play a long season together, your families are together, girlfriends, wives. So I think just that part of the game, getting to know all of the guys and getting to be friends with them, is probably my favorite part about hockey."

This season Werenski was named recipient of the Blue Jacket's Community MVP Award for exemplifying service, dedication and leadership. His recognition comes during a season where he has been sidelined due to injury, allowing him to focus more energy on contributing to the community. Looking ahead, Werenski has set his sights on bringing the Stanley Cup to Columbus. With five years remaining on his contract with the Blue Jackets, he aims to make a lasting impact and improve as a player overall.

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givenness aspect.

"We applied for 20 years," Kowalski said. "As far as forgiveness, I'm not sure where that might fall. It could be 5, 10, 40 percent. Disadvantaged cities can even get up to 60 percent."

The city already has begun replacing lead water service lines. Kowalski said 120 have been found and 50 have been replaced. The state requires all of them to be replaced by 2041, with a minimum of 5 percent done each year.

"We're replacing water mains on Hampton this year and Roslyn next year, so I'm sure we'll find more," Kowalski added.

The CDSMI is of greater urgency since it must be completed by Jan. 1, 2025.

"We'd love to get the money and outsource that project because it's very time consuming," he noted. "It involves a three-point process where you have to dig down to the main and take pictures to prove it's copper or plastic."

The same has to be done at the dropbox for each location, which is what connects the water main to the service line running to each house. The line inside each house also has to be inspected to ensure it's not lead.

The Woods has to perform 365 such examinations.

"The Great Lakes Water Authority generates a list of addresses based on population and spreads them out through the city to get a good representation," Kowalski said.

According to EGLE's website, some 280 municipalities across the state filed intent to apply forms seeking \$1.9 billion in loans through the DWSRF. Kowalski said the city should know by August how much, if any, funds it might receive.

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so that's why we need to find ways to build this fund up, as well as not spend it on things for solid waste, parking (and) water. Those (are) things that need to be covering their own cost. "The problem right

now," she added, "is the only source of funding for this fund is any surplus we have in the general fund and that surplus has been going down every year, because our expenditures have been rising higher than our revenues."

The greatest among increasing expenditures next fiscal year will be

covering a full year of retiree health care costs, as well as the City's required pension contribution, which is increasing from \$70,000 in the current year to \$195,000.

The City also will pay \$11,662 more to the Park for covering its dispatch service, which now will cost \$130,605 as of July 1, and include a 3 percent increase

each year. Both councils agreed to the increase last month to address the Park's annually rising costs to operate the dispatch center, particularly in regard to personnel.

The City's contracted services with MedStar Ambulance also will see an increase.

"They haven't raised prices in a while,"

Interim City Manager Steve Poloni said. "They have some serious shortfalls, about \$600,000 in operating shortfalls that they're looking to make up. Part of that increase will be contingent upon whether Grosse Pointe Park eliminates their service and joins in. If that happens then the number we would pay would be less than what we budgeted, but we had to budget just to be prepared in case they're not joining in. Those negotiations are ongoing."

Set to bond out \$3.3 million, the city will use borrowed funding to cover cleaning and inspection of the storm sewer lines from Maumee to Jefferson; a Kercheval Place sewer project and storm replacements on city streets; Neff water main replacement from Maumee to St. Paul and Kercheval to Charlevoix, as well as the replacement of the water main on Kercheval Place; and state-required lead water service line replacements of 5 percent of its estimated 699 total.

"When I'm looking at the capital improvement projects for down the road, those are some pretty big numbers

where we don't have funding for those," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted, "so we are going to have to get creative about what we're going to do, but I'm confident that we can work through that and come up with some solutions going forward."

On the savings front, the general debt fund will see a decrease in mills from 1.8894 to 1.8090 for the new city facility bonds.

Staff is anticipating \$657,000 in state sharing of gas and weight taxes to help pay for local road maintenance, while parks and recreation costs will be down as the current year required \$11,000 for hosting last year's swim team finals.

"State shared revenue is budgeted at \$683,000, which is an increase of approximately \$86,000 over last year," Kleinow reported, "but we are still dealing with the loss that we felt between 2003 and 2017 of \$2.5 million."

Council approved the 2023-24 fiscal year budget 5-0, with council members Chris Walsh and Terence Thomas absent, during its May meeting.

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Identity theft

An unknown person opened three credit card accounts in a Grosse Pointe resident's name with a total balance of approximately \$13,400.

An investigation is ongoing.

Indecent exposure

A Grosse Pointe woman in her late 60s was walking westbound on Charlevoix near Grosse Pointe Court at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, when a well-dressed man walked by and exposed himself to her.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 1-inch, 20-year-old black man wearing glasses.

An investigation is ongoing.

Monopoly scam

Two black men made eight small purchases at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval over several hours Tuesday, May 16, using eight \$100 prop money bills.

They received more than \$90 in change through each purchase from the same cashier.

Stolen prescription

An unknown suspect stole a Lakeland resident's ADHD prescription between late April and Thursday, May 18.

Drunken speeder

After being stopped for speeding 48 mph at Mack and Washington at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 21, a 43-year-old Washington State resident was found to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen bike

A dark green, boy's mountain bike was stolen from an open Rose Terrace garage between 9 and 11 p.m. Friday, May 12.

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percent threshold has been met.

Spending in the local and major street funds, as well as debt payments, are increased in the new budget, but will be offset by reserves.

Wages and benefits make up 66 percent of the general operating budget, of which the public safety department makes up 57 percent.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

No. 1 fan

Officers were called to a high school softball game at 5:02 p.m. Thursday, May 18, when the athletic director reported a 56-year-old Park mother for intoxication and yelling at the coaching staff because her child was benched.

The woman denied being intoxicated or causing a disturbance, but did so with slurred speech and officers could smell alcohol.

At the request of the athletic director, she was asked to leave the property and not return.

Bad break

An officer applied the scout car brakes to avoid a collision at Mack and Moross at 9:10 p.m. Thursday, May 18, when a vehicle made a U-turn in the intersection and proceeded directly in front of the scout car.

The 27-year-old Clinton Township man was found to have a suspended license with 10 prior suspensions. He was cited for driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

Sticky situation

After doctors refused to treat her because she threw a cup of urine at a staff member, a 24-year-old Woods woman refused to leave a local hospital at 11:23 a.m. Friday, May 19.

Amid officers asking her to leave voluntarily, the pregnant woman threw medical equipment around the room and refused to get dressed.

When she was stopped from entering the hallway naked, she scratched and kicked an officer, but ultimately her brother took her home without further incident.

Armed robbery

A 57-year-old Detroit man told officers an armed man climbed into his vehicle while he was stopped at a red light at East Warren and Cadieux at 2:07 a.m. Saturday, May 20, and told him to drive to an ATM.

When he was unable to get money from an ATM on Moross, he said the sus-

pect then drove away, stealing his gray 2009 Chevrolet Equinox.

The man told officers he did not know the plate number and could not remember exactly where he had purchased the vehicle, adding he bought it two weeks ago from a dealership in Ohio from an ad he received in the mail.

The suspect was described as a black man in his 30s with a swollen eye, missing some teeth and wearing a dark hoodie.

Prank call

A caller reported a 14-year-old black male armed with a gun riding a dirt bike at La Belle and Bournemouth at 2:54 p.m. Saturday, May 20, but when officers arrived, the subject on a dirt bike immediately drove away while holding what appeared to be a cell-phone facing the scout car's direction.

Officers terminated the pursuit for safety reasons and upon further investigation believe the caller was the subject on the dirt bike who intentionally misused 911 to report a false claim for an unknown reason.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Under the radar

A complainant reported a radar detector was stolen from his vehicle sometime between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 14, while visiting relatives in the 800 block of Woods Lane.

The man said the vehicle was parked in the driveway and there was no sign of forced entry, but he could not remember if it was locked.

Fee required

A resident in the 1300 block of Edmunton told officers around 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, he began investing in crypto currency in November 2022 through a woman named Sophia. After

some small profits, he began sending the woman more money to invest, eventually totaling \$615,000.

He further told police his account now shows a profit of \$6,000, but he can't access the money until he pays a \$25,000 fee.

Bank on it

A woman in the 1700 block of Aline reported she was on Facebook the morning of Thursday, May 18, when she clicked on an alert and was told by someone claiming to be with Microsoft her computer had been infected with a virus.

She was told to wire \$26,000 to a bank in New York, but a teller at her bank refused to make the transfer.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Crew ripped off

While members of a landscaping crew groomed the backyard of

a house in the 1300 block of Audubon a few minutes before 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, thieves stole three Redmax backpack blowers with a combined value of \$2,100 from a landscape trailer.

A witness saw the suspects cruising the area and approaching the trailer in a white Jeep Compass and white Chevy Trailblazer.

Converter stolen

Someone during the nearly 20-hour period starting 7:30 a.m. Thursday May 18, cut the catalytic converter off of a vehicle parked in a municipal lot in the 15000 block of Mack.

Steals cart

A shopping cart worth \$500 was stolen from a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix between 11 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, and 10 a.m. the following morning.

Stolen flag

Overnight Thursday, May 18, someone stole a flag emblazoned, "Trump

2024 make America great again," displayed on the front porch of a residence in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield.

Paintings stolen

Several paintings were taken from a vehicle that was broken into while parked and locked overnight Friday, May 19, in the 1000 block of Harvard.

Access was accomplished by smashing a window. The paintings are sized 5-by-5 feet.

Doesn't want to pay

Police arrested a 34-year-old Park woman for shoplifting at a store in the 15000 block of Charlevoix at 8:06 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

An employee reported her concealing several items in her purse, which officers said they recovered.

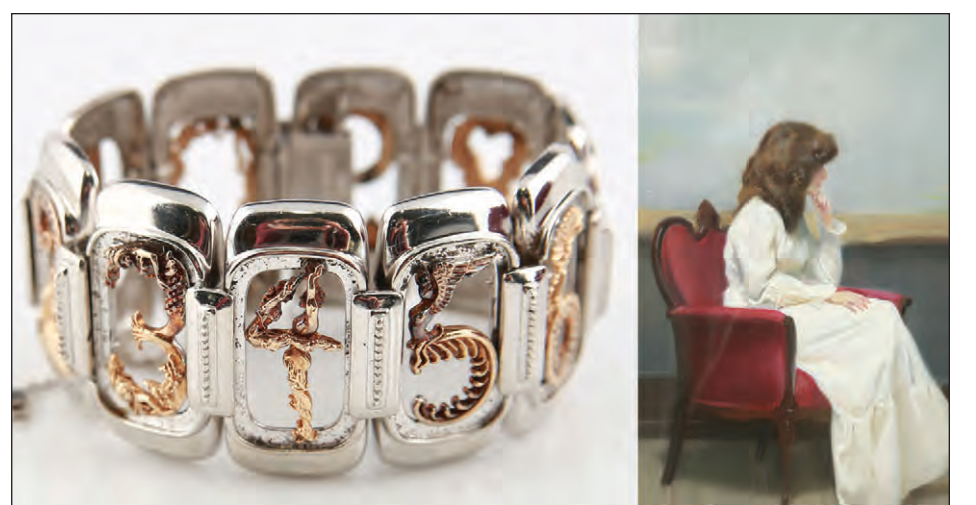
— Brad Lindberg
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OUR VIEW

Meaningful ways to commemorate Memorial Day

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude.” — Harry S. Truman

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States, delivered these words in a radio address to our country and its Armed Forces April 17, 1945. His speech was broadcast a few days after the death of our 32nd commander in chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Delivered in what would become the final months of World War II, the address was solemn, but patriotic, and filled with reverence for our troops and our country. Those same adjectives describe how we should mark this year’s Memorial Day Monday, May 29.

We at the Grosse Pointe News would like to formally thank all who have served or currently serve our country. We also would like to offer several ways Grosse Pointers can remember and honor our troops on this national holiday, including:

1.) Visit The War Memorial

As a community, we may not fully appreciate how fortunate we are to have The War Memorial on our lakefront, especially as we approach Memorial Day weekend.

As Laurel Kraus reported in the May 11 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, The War Memorial is planning several activities leading up to the holiday. The first includes a reception complete with evening-ending fireworks for the \$20 million, 25,000-square-foot Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities, beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

On Thursday, May 25, hundreds of people are expected to attend the formal dedication of “Les Braves II: At Water’s Edge,” the official twin of a structure that rests on Omaha Beach in Normandy, in recognition of D-Day. The enormous structure was constructed by French artist Anilore Banon, who will speak at the ceremony, which begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Advanced registration is requested at warmemorial.org/veterans/lesbraves.

The schedule of events concludes with the annual tradition of The War Memorial’s Memorial Day service beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29, at the base of “Les Braves II.” It is free and open to the public, but advanced registration also is requested at warmemorial.org/veterans/memorialday2023.

2.) Know the “why” of Memorial Day

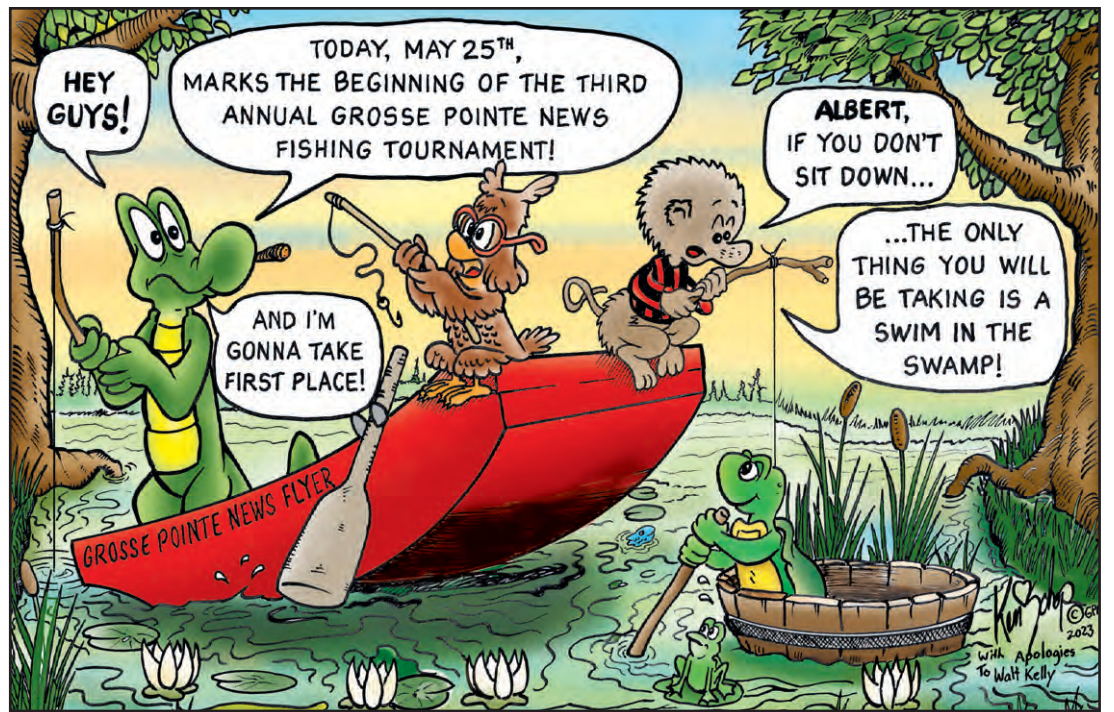
While most of us associate Memorial Day weekend with the unofficial kickoff to summer, its history is long and rich. Decoration Day was initially established by Gen. John A. Logan as a day for Americans to lay flowers on the graves of fallen Union soldiers from the Civil War. In 1971, Congress decreed Memorial Day as a federal holiday on the last Monday in May to honor fallen armed service members from all America’s wars.

3.) Honor a Gold Star family

Gold Star families are those who have lost a beloved armed service member. Understandably, Memorial Day may be a difficult day for them. If you know a Gold Star family, consider sending a card or dropping off a meal or flowers to let them know you care.

4.) Watch the National Memorial Day Parade

If you aren’t attending a parade in person, you can watch the National Memorial Day Parade live at 2



GUEST VIEW By Patrick Fabian

Parking initiatives not a fit with Grosse Pointe

I write to express my profound concern and disagreement with the rapid cascade in the adoption of pay stations to replace metered and attended parking adjacent to Kercheval Avenue in the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park. As a business owner, I have heard dozens of customers and residents express their frustration and outright contempt for the system being gradually installed in the City of Grosse Pointe, only to have Grosse



the recommendation of the City’s mayor and now former city manager. Within a week, the city of Grosse Pointe Park selected the same system creating a so-called “uniform parking experience.” Does the public not have a right to speak their opinion before such drastic changes are implemented? The implementation in the City was pushed through despite concerns expressed related to the reported savings not adding up by several property and business owners following a presen-

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p.m. Monday, which will be televised live from Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. Military tributes, music and veterans will be a part of this special event, available at americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/.

5.) Share your family’s history of service

Be sure to share your family’s history of service by passing their stories along to your kids, extended family and friends. Share photos of them on social media and encourage others to do the same.

6.) Fly the American flag and wear a red poppy

Memorial Day is the perfect day to deck your home in red, white and blue and hang your American flag. Another way to display your patriotism is to wear a red poppy, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a medical doctor who served on the front lines during World War I. Following the poem’s publication, the red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle.

7.) Donate to a military charity

This weekend also is a great time to donate to a military charity. Several nonprofits provide services for veterans and their families, including Wounded Warrior Project, Gary Sinise Foundation, America’s Gold Star Families and Freedom Service Dogs of America.

8.) Enlist your “troops” and plan a celebration

Thanks to the freedoms we enjoy in our wonderful country, there is ample reason to celebrate and honor this day. Put up patriotic decorations, plan a barbecue and maybe watch an inspiring war movie to end the day. There are countless tear-jerkers to choose from, like “Saving Private Ryan,” “Schindler’s List” and “Unbroken.”

No matter what activity you choose to mark this Memorial Day, be sure to demonstrate

the gratitude Truman spoke of nearly 80 years ago. Thank a veteran or active military member for their service. We are free because of the brave, indeed.

‘In Flanders Fields’

by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

LETTERS

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Memorial Day ceremony

To the Editor:
At last year’s Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day ceremony I stood when they asked World War II veterans to do so.

I am not a veteran, but I was assisting Robert Lee Wayland, a decorated WWII veteran and my 97-year-old grandfather, in doing so.

For the first time in more than two decades, since we started attending the ceremony together with family, he will not stand.

He was laid to rest this past year in a military cemetery in his hometown of Fort Madison, Iowa, after passing away peacefully July 20, 2022.

He was drafted by the U.S. Army during his junior year of high school at 18 years old and later spent 64 years as a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

A long overdue tribute to America's pastime



Memorial Day weekend is here. As most of us know, growing up in Michigan makes this holi-

day weekend the unofficial start of summer. The past couple of years, I've spent Memorial Day weekend in northern Michigan at my family's lake house, which is the ideal way for most Michiganders to spend the holiday. However, this Memorial Day weekend I'll be leaving the state in order to cross off an item on my personal "sports bucket list" that has been long overdue.

Three of my closest friends and I are making

the short trip to Chicago so I can finally see a baseball game at Wrigley Field. I'm not necessarily one of those people who has the goal of visiting every MLB ballpark, but I do want to get to as many as possible and for many years people have been shocked that Wrigley is not on my list of the ones I've been to.

I've been fortunate enough to see games at some of the nicest and most notable ballparks already. Comerica Park

in Detroit, obviously, Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, both Citi Field and Yankee Stadium in New York (I've actually been to both the old and new Yankee stadiums), PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Oracle Park in San Francisco, Rogers Centre in Toronto, Angels Stadium in Anaheim, Fenway Park in Boston, Progressive Field in Cleveland and Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago, home of the White Sox.

Wrigley has been at the top of the list of the parks I still need to visit for a long time. Everybody I know who has been says the gameday atmosphere around Wrigley is unmatched, from the history of the stadium itself to the neighborhood surrounding it and the fans all around.

What better way to spend this Memorial Day weekend than by watching America's favorite pastime at one of the true cathedrals of the game?

We will even be sitting in the famous Wrigley outfield bleachers to get the full experience.

Most importantly, I'm just looking forward to not looking like a bad baseball fan anymore for not being to Wrigley. That's how I'll be enjoying this holiday weekend and I hope you enjoy yours too. Whether you're watching baseball too, getting out on the lake or just staying home enjoying the day off, have fun and stay safe!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

CITY PARKING ROW REACHES FEVER PITCH:

An earnest and vociferous group of citizens stormed the City council meeting Monday night with a grievance over the parking lot provisions the city has recently made in its efforts to relieve the parking congestion on Kercheval in the Village for a block or more north and south of that thoroughfare. Just what they wanted done about it was not too clear, but they all were loud in their innuendoes that some skulduggery had been put over on them by the council or city officials.

FARMS MOVES STEP FURTHER TO CONVERSION INTO CITY:

The Village of Grosse Pointe Farms moved a step closer to conversion to city status with a report submitted Monday night to the Board of Trustees by the City Government Plan Committee. The committee unanimously recommended the present police radio system, operated by the township for four villages, with a separate system owned and operated by the City of Grosse Pointe, be changed in favor of a modern police radio system serving all five

Pointes on a cooperative basis.

1973

50 years ago this week

CANDY BURGLAR RAIDS MACHINE:

The burglar who broke into Grosse Pointe South High school during the early morning hours of Friday, May 18, apparently had a "sweet tooth." The culprit raided the candy machine in the school cafeteria and took the candy bars after smashing the glass. The break-in and theft were discovered by Thomas Lubeski, boiler operator, when he arrived for work at 3:17 a.m. and found the door at the north side of the building open.

1998

25 years ago this week

STARBUCKS COFFEE OPENING ON BACK BURNER:

In January, Starbucks Coffee said it would be up and running in its new Village location by May 1. But it's almost June and the shop on the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame is nowhere near ready to open. It still sports the sign of the former tenant and the interior sits gutted like an unfinished addition.

2013

10 years ago this week

CAMERAS WILL PROTECT PUBLIC OFFICERS:

The latest thing in public safety fashion is a body camera. City

of Grosse Pointe officers are getting six cameras purchased with aid of grant money. Some 90 percent of the \$5,511.70

cost is being paid by a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant obtained in conjunction with the Michigan State Police.

GUEST VIEW By Veronica Raussin

Drug addiction in the veteran community

This Memorial Day, millions of American families will take a moment to honor the memory of the men and women who lost their lives serving in the U.S. military. It can be a somber day for current veterans and their families.

Outside of this day, we must not forget the veterans who made it home but face a new battle with substance use or mental health disorders. Unfortunately, countless veterans have died because of substance use and suicide.

In Michigan are over 560,000 veterans, with the majority aged 65 and over, followed by those aged 35 to 54. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, over 3.9 million veterans have a substance use disorder or a mental illness.

Substance use disorders significantly increase suicidality among veterans ages 18 and older. Unfortunately, suicidal thoughts and behaviors are common among veterans ages 18 to 49.

"Early intervention is key to helping veterans who are struggling with addiction or mental health issues. Ultimately it can help save their life and get them access to treatment," said Michael Leach of addicted.org.

There are numerous reasons why veterans turn to drugs or alcohol and become addicted. Veterans often struggle to adjust to civilian life. They may experience financial hardships, difficulty finding employment or accessing their benefits.

Veterans are at high risk of experiencing mental and emotional health concerns. In addition, untreated trauma, injury and chronic pain are common. Drugs and alcohol are used as a means to cope, whether it's legally prescribed or not.

Countless other veterans face barriers when accessing treatment. This could include cost and

insurance gaps. Communities struggle with inadequate funding and veterans in rural locations have limited access to support. Stigma regarding addiction and mental health is still problematic.

However, there are support and resources families can take advantage of. Outside of the VA-Facility locator and help provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, other options include:

- ◆ The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, 1-800-642-4838, which offers support and other services;

- ◆ The Veteran Support Center of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that helps veterans and their families;

- ◆ SAMHSA, which provides a treatment facility locator to help veterans find substance use and mental health disorder

treatment; and

- ◆ Helpful hotlines for veterans include the Veteran Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, and the Lifeline for Vets, 1-888-777-4443.

Families exploring financial avenues can consider combining VA benefits with other insurance, such as Medicaid or private health insurance.

Family support is also critical for veterans. When speaking to them about their substance use, do so openly and honestly and express concern. Help them find treatment. Be patient and show compassion; avoid casting judgment. Remember, addiction and mental health disorders are treatable.

It takes families and communities to come together to help struggling veterans. Too many men and women who served this country are silently battling these problems. Early intervention now could help save a life.

Veronica Raussin is a community outreach coordinator for addicted.org, passionate about spreading awareness of the risks and dangers of alcohol and drug use.



LETTER:

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I was lucky enough to grow up a short distance away from him in Grosse Pointe Woods (GPN Class of '04) and honored to attend the city's Memorial Day service with him every year it took place since I was a teenager.

The service held a special place in my grandfather's heart and still does in mine, even though I am no longer a resident of the city.

I write this to say thank you to all those who have organized and took part in the Memorial Day ceremony to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives for our country for the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans.

I also would like to encourage all those who can to attend the ceremony (or ones like it) to celebrate the veterans who are still there to stand, as well as those who served and never made it home, to do so.

MICHAEL ROBERT WAYLAND
Formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods

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tation by the aforementioned city manager at a Main Street meeting, as well as other concerns related to public safety, potential loss of business and reduced efficiency. It makes you wonder in whose favor these initial expenditures and recurring costs truly are.

The Grosse Pointes are not Royal Oak, Ann Arbor or Ferndale. Just because they implemented such a system does not mean it is a right fit for our community. It is not just the elderly whose experience is impacted, but often parents with small children. It is far easier to put a coin in a meter or quickly pay an

attendant than stand in line, log in to an app or wait at a kiosk, particularly in inclement weather. At night, this presents a public safety hazard. Why was public feedback not solicited and these issues addressed? All things considered, this will lead to decreased quality of life, heightened risks to the safety of residents and visitors, and alienated customers small businesses depend on for their survival.

We have three distinct, upscale business districts on Kercheval Avenue that should be welcoming and offering ease to visitors. These parking initiatives promote the opposite of the white-glove treatment Grosse Pointe is known for and should be associated with.

Patrick Fabian is the president of The League Shop Inc., in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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GPPSS still looking for answers on enrollment decline

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System is considering hiring a data analytics firm to conduct a comprehensive look at why families pulled their students from the district in recent years.

Kimberly Doherty of Livonia-based escalent told the Board of Education's Community Engagement Committee about her firm's quantitative and qualitative research methods at its meeting Wednesday, May 17.

"We're an unbiased third party who can tell you what the facts are," she said. "We have no stake in the ground. We'll tell you what we learned

because this is about more than birth rates."

Plante Moran Cresa, which consults the district on a number of matters, has said falling birth rates are a factor in enrollment decreases. The firm said it has been 99.6 percent accurate in projecting enrollment numbers since it started working with the district in 2017. PMC also said last year the loss of 590 housing units across the Pointes played a role in the decline, although an analysis by the Grosse Pointe News found little to no evidence to verify the claim.

Doherty said her firm would determine why students left and where they went, making sure to spread its research across a wide audience.

"We'll take a look at a

cross section that includes those who left mid-year, those who didn't return the following year and at which grade levels," she said. "We'll find out the reasons and what you can do to improve."

Ted Coutilish, a member of the committee and a marketing executive at the University of Michigan, said the results could help the district with future decisions.

"This can tell you what impact a certain decision had, what the outcome was," he said.

In an exit survey the district conducted in November 2020, 55 percent of respondents said it was the preference for in-person instruction, something many area private and parochial schools were offering at

the time. District reconfiguration also took effect that fall with the closing of Trombly and Poupard elementary schools.

Doherty said phase one of the project would be to conduct telephone interviews with five parents, selected by the district, across all grade levels whose children no longer attend GPPSS.

"These will be 30 to 45 minutes over the phone to really do a deep dive as to their reasons," she said. "The district will select 10 to 20 families using a list of screening criteria and then we'll randomly select those for interviews."

When asked if five was a big enough sample size, Doherty said her firm's experience is that after five interviews they begin hearing the same

answers.

"We need to get the right bucket of people," Superintendent Jon Dean said. "For example, it wouldn't help to talk to people who moved out of state because of their job."

Those who agree to participate will be given \$50 in exchange for their time.

The second phase will be an online survey of 20 to 25 questions based on the information gleaned from the interviews, but would not include the \$50 enticement.

"We'd be looking for 100 to 150 people to participate," Doherty said. "It would be emailed directly to people to make sure we only have one response per household."

Doherty also empha-

sized that all personal information would be redacted before results are given to the district.

Cost for the first two phases is \$10,000, which committee members agreed was well worth it to pursue.

A third, optional phase, for an additional \$3,500, would be a real-time, online interview with five to six participants and a moderator. That also would include the \$50 offer.

"Everyone would be online at once, so the participants can interact with the moderator and bounce ideas off each other," Doherty said.

The first two phases would take 14 weeks to complete, with an additional two weeks if the district were to proceed with phase three.

BoE approves gun violence resolution

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved a resolution at its meeting Monday, May 22, recognizing the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

As with many discussions at board meetings this year, however, the matter was not without controversy.

"I don't think there needs to be a resolution for this because we already have freedom of speech and can wear different colors for different

causes we want to support," Secretary Ginny Jeup said. "A lot of families left the district because of politics in the classroom."

Jeup went on to list several causes that have various colors associated with them, wondering if the board would pass resolutions in support of each, including respect for law enforcement, calling attention to child abuse and the sanctity of life.

Public commenters speaking in favor of the resolution mentioned GPPSS graduates Arielle Anderson and Brian Fraser, two of three students killed by a gunman at Michigan State

University in February.

"This is not a political thing, this is a public health crisis," said Trustee Colleen Worden, an assistant prosecuting attorney in Macomb County. "And that hit home tragically with Arielle and Brian."

Vice President Lisa Papas noted there are "lots of awareness days and colors for this and that, but the day comes and goes" with no change. She suggested it might be more impactful if the district established a scholarship fund commemorating Anderson and Fraser in cooperation with their families.

Papas was the target of a failed recall petition ear-

lier this year that noted she was the only board member to vote "no" last year on a resolution supporting safe gun storage.

At one point a woman in the audience interrupted board discussion by standing up and shouting, "Do you want to get shot at school?" at a group of Grosse Pointe North High School students, to which they responded, "No," with the question and answer being repeated several times, each louder than the last.

The resolution eventually passed 6-1, with Jeup the lone dissenter.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day started as a remembrance of Hidiya Pendleton, a high school student shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, in a case of a mistaken gang rivalry.

Supporters wear orange the first Friday in June, noting it is a color of safety and that hunters and highway workers wear the color and life jackets also are orange.

Celebration of Research showcases ULS seniors' Academic Research Projects

University Liggett School seniors will present independent research projects during the Celebration of Research, which is open to the public 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, through Thursday, June 1.

The Academic Research Project is the cornerstone of a University Liggett School education and the culmination of nearly two years of research on a chosen topic. Students will showcase everything from artwork, science experiments, films and creative writing to presentations about economics, sports, mental health and history.

Each night of the Celebration of Research begins with a lecture or film series for an hour, followed by poster and gallery presentations in common areas and work-


shops in various classrooms.

"The program this year resembles that of a conference in which participants can choose a platform to learn about all sorts of interesting topics," said Shernaz Minwalla, head of Upper School. "Members of the community can enjoy a different experience each night."

For their projects, students developed a research question, then designed and carried out a research plan over the course of three semesters, culminating in a major research paper and presentation of their findings.

Students worked with mentors at area universities, health systems and corporations, while others work with out-of-state mentors and experts around the world.

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the middle," Dean continued. "But the middle means everyone has to give something up. That's the true meaning of compromise and I'd be happy to facilitate that."

Brumbaugh and Cotton both agreed to meet with Dean.

Brumbaugh's plan would keep in place the \$3 million in cuts administration found based on budget parameters the board approved earlier this year, with an additional cut of \$1.3 million by reducing the number of full-time equivalent teachers by 10.

The administration also suggested eliminating elementary school Spanish, not filling vacant paraprofessional roles, closing the three

middle school pools, eliminating one secretary at each high school, eliminating one middle school principal position, reducing the custodial ranks and eliminating one communications role in the central office.

Brumbaugh also suggested conducting a strategic review over the next several months to determine further savings, including the reduction of low-enrollment classes, building consolidation and moving grade levels between buildings.

Brumbaugh's proposal also would extend the contracts of the six executive administrators through June 30, 2025, but any vacancies in those roles would not be backfilled.

Cotton, meanwhile, has suggested eliminating the positions of dep-

uty superintendent for student services and the director of secondary instruction, something many making public comments disagreed with.

Beyond the administration's cuts, Cotton's plan also would eliminate one counselor at each high school and reduce teacher FTEs by 16.9. Total cuts would be just shy of \$5 million.

Cotton's plan was reviewed at a recent Finance and Facilities Committee meeting, with most members agreeing to recommend it to the full board.

Trustee Colleen Worden, who sits on that committee, said she disagreed with the process.

"These are community members who are making substantive decisions, often in secret," she said. "We should leave these decisions up to the experts, not volunteers who ran for office."

Cotton disagreed that decisions were made in secret because committee meetings are open to the public and has noted on several occasions that the district has to make tough financial decisions because of actions the previous board — of which Worden was treasurer — took or failed to take.

The board will hold a public hearing on its fiscal year 2023-24 budget June 12, with a final vote June 20.

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Foundation's annual spring benefit is June 1

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education will host its popular annual spring benefit beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. This year's benefit theme is "Experience the Impact," highlighting the direct impact the GPFPE and its supporters have had on the Grosse Pointe Public School System since its inception in 2006, with more than \$4.1 million and counting donated to the schools.

The event is the foundation's largest annual fundraiser, allowing the organization to support its biannual and Social Emotional Encouragement and Development, or SEED, grants. The evening will include cocktails on the lakefront, a sit-down dinner and live auction.

"Spring benefit is an important part of our year," said GPFPE President Cynthia Sohn. "Not only does it give us a chance to celebrate and reflect with our amazing donor community, but it is also one of the most critical pieces of our fundraising."

"This year's theme — 'Experience the Impact' — will be especially memorable because we are going to bring a few of our grant recipients to the event, allowing our guests to directly experience the difference the GPFPE makes in our school district."

This year's honorary chairs, Mary Ann and Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, know a lot about the impact of the GPFPE. Both are well

known throughout the Grosse Pointe and Detroit communities, with leadership and volunteer positions at countless cultural and nonprofit organizations. Bob Bury is a past president of the GPFPE.

"Mary Ann and I are thrilled to be this year's honorary chairs because this organization and the school system, where our daughter went for kindergarten through high school graduation, means so much to us," he said. "We are especially looking forward to the live auction because the bidding is always lively and the auction packages have something for everyone."

The live auction will feature several items, including a northern Michigan tour featuring

some of the area's best resorts; a private wine tasting party; an immersive learn-to-sail experience on Lake St. Clair and much more. There also will be a wine pull and paddle raise, with all of the funds going toward the GPFPE's mission of providing extraordinary opportunities for the GPPSS community.

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The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is an independent, not-for-profit organization with the mission of funding extraordinary educational opportunities for the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Since 2006, the GPFPE has provided more than \$4.1 million in funding to the GPPSS, supporting a diverse roster of programs and projects at every school and every grade level across the district.

North performers nominated for Sutton Foster awards

Each year, high school musical stars from across Michigan are professionally judged in their local productions for the opportunity to compete for outstanding lead actor/actress for their performance as part of the Sutton Foster Awards.

Named for Broadway star and Tony winner Sutton Foster, this program recognizes individual artistry in vocal, dance and acting performances, as well as the commitment of Michigan teachers and schools to excellence in perform-

ing arts education.

This year, three lead actors from Grosse Pointe North's fall production of "Beauty and the Beast" were among those students nominated — junior Avani Davis for her performance as Belle, senior Ryan Lutes for his performance as the Beast and senior Jake Sachs for his performance as Gaston.

These three performers were invited to participate in a competitive showcase at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit Sunday, May

21.

"Broadway in Detroit" featured 130 high school students performing selections from their school musicals and a variety of Broadway medleys.

Two winners for outstanding performer in a leading role were selected to compete in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards. Jillian Armstrong from Milford High School and Mark Bonney from Detroit School of Arts were named Outstanding Performers in a Leading Role

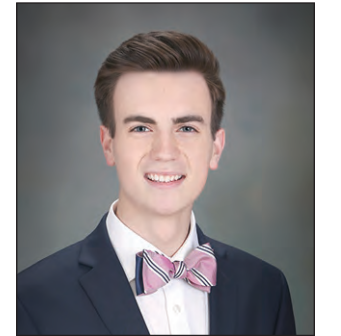


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From left, Avani Davis, Jake Sachs and Ryan Lutes

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Margaux Flournoy of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at Berry College. She also is among 2023 graduates. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing.



John O'Dell

John O'Dell from Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at Bob Jones University. O'Dell, who majored in molecular biology, also graduated this spring with a degree in biochemistry.



Emily Reed

Shreya Rana of Grosse Pointe Farms recently was initiated into the High Point University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.



George D. Burke

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Emily S. Reed** and Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Elizabeth M. Becker** were named to the spring semester Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee and Martin.

George D. Burke of Grosse Pointe Farms recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political sci-

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Woods budget largely unchanged

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council unanimously approved its 2023-24 fiscal year budget Monday, May 15, with total spending at \$41.6 million, roughly \$100,000 less than the current budget.

The operating millage remains unchanged at 12.9269, with an overall millage rate — including solid waste, public relations and road debt — remaining at 16.9560 mills.

That will raise \$14.6 million in property taxes

for operating revenue, a 9 percent increase over the 2022-23 fiscal year budget.

A mill is \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value on a property. Part of the reason for the increase in collections is the city's taxable value went up 7 percent, to \$861 million. Under Michigan law, taxable value can only increase by 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. This is the first time since Proposal A passed in 1994 that the 5 percent threshold has been reached.

General fund spending

is set at \$16.7 million, up about \$324,000. The largest expenses there are public safety, public works and parks and recreation.

The city is planning to spend around \$380,000 on upgrades at Chene-Trombley Park.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said lifeguards at Lake Front Park will receive a \$1 an hour raise to \$11 as a way to attract and retain them.

"We've got about 65 to 70 lifeguards and we used to give bonuses based on how many hours they worked," he said. "We consolidated that money

in order to give raises."

Some \$425,000 has been budgeted for a splash pad at the park, but Treasurer-Comptroller Shawn Murphy said bids are expected to come in below that, primarily because it can be built to tie into the existing water system at the pool.

Public safety will see an increase of about \$300,000. Part of that is due to a grant the Grosse Pointe Public School System received to fund a school resource officer at Grosse Pointe North High School, with the district paying the city

for 75 percent of the position and the city covering the other 25 percent.

A transfer of about \$300,000 from the local street fund to the major street fund will go toward a \$2.8 million project to install a new water main and resurface Roslyn Road.

Some \$989,000 will be taken from the city's \$6.9 million general fund balance and be spread across the budget to avoid a deficit. The fund balance stands at 45 percent of obligations, more than twice the amount recommended by the

Government Finance Officers Association.

The Milk River Drainage tax, to be levied this winter, stands at 4.6912 mills, which will raise \$3.7 million. The Woods is responsible for 60 percent of the system's operations and maintenance cost, and 51 percent and 36 percent, respectively, of two state revolving fund loans.

"We're by far the biggest user," Public Works Director Jim Kowalski said. "We have a combined sanitary and storm sewer system, so we send everything through there."

Taxes going up despite mill decrease

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Despite Farms council approving a 0.25-mill decrease as part of its annual budget discussion earlier this month, the average residence still will see an approximately \$118 increase thanks to the rate of inflation bringing taxable value increases.

Bringing the total tax rate for fiscal year 2023-24 to 16.4655 mills, this maintains the Farms' standing as the lowest tax rate among the five Pointes.

While the city's budget and audit committee considered as much as a 0.5-

mill decrease to somewhat balance out the inflationary increase, negotiations ultimately settled on 0.25 mills, explained Lev Wood, councilman and chair of the budget and audit committee.

"The second reason we wanted to have a tax reduction is we were looking a little forward," he added. "The future has us being engaged in a very important sewer separation project. It's going to be extremely expensive. We're going to have to pay that through a small tax increase and it was our committee's feeling that we wanted to lesson that blow for the future for

our residents."

With a \$614,000 increase in property tax revenue — as the city only receives 33 percent of resident taxes — general fund revenue is anticipated to increase 1.5 percent from the current year to \$18,895,140, which is equal to the planned general fund expenditures.

"We're anticipating just under \$4.7 million in fund balance at the end of June 2023, which will be 24.9 percent of our proposed budget," Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller Tim Rowland said, "which is right in line with the city's fund balance policy and it means we're keep-

ing the appropriate amount of money on hand, while putting the city's tax dollars to work."

Including \$1.2 million in grants for seawall repairs and \$478,880 in American Rescue Plan Act funds, \$3.1 million is allocated toward capital projects and split between:

- ◆ the sidewalk repair program, \$50,000;
- ◆ technology, office equipment and furniture, \$93,000;
- ◆ public safety and public works vehicles, including contributions toward future replacements, \$757,880;
- ◆ improvements at Pier Park, city hall and the

public works department, \$555,000;

◆ seawall repairs, \$1.2 million;

◆ and Mack Avenue streetscape improvements, \$500,000.

Of \$3,770,950 going toward road projects next fiscal year, about \$1.8 million is garnered from the road millage, with approximately \$1.2 million incoming from Act 51 state funding.

For its legacy costs, the city will pay an estimated \$1.1 million toward health care premiums next fiscal year, as well as an additional \$300,000 toward its long-term liability.

With \$767,306 of required contributions to

be put toward pension costs, the city also will make additional contributions of \$475,000.

While the Farms will be paying nearly \$1.5 million toward debt service payments next fiscal year, it also will see the 2014 Pier Park refunding bond and 2014 refunding water bond mature in 2024. However, that also is when principal payments on a 2015 water improvement bond will kick in.

"We'll see a bigger decrease in the debt payment in 2026, when the harbor payments fall off," Rowland noted.

Council approved the recycling and water and sewer rates 6-0, with Councilman John Gillooly absent, during the May council meeting.

Pointe public safety comparisons

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Park spends a greater percentage — 59.87 — of its general fund budget on public safety than any other Pointe.

It also employs the second-most public safety officers.

Figures come from the five cities' latest municipal budgets and public safety department annual reports available on their respective websites.

	City	Farms	Park	Shores	Woods
Land Area, Square Miles	1.06	2.73	2.17	1.11	3.24
2010 Population	5,421	9,479	11,555	3,008	16,135
Current Officers	23	36	28	15	26
Per Capita Officers	235	263	350	200	620
% Budget for PSD	55.3	36.8	59.87	43.57	43.52

Given that some reports are from the current fiscal year and others from the one forthcoming, comparisons may veer into apples-to-oranges mode.

As Park Councilman Tom Caulfield said during the May 8 council meeting, "You can't

compare." Nevertheless, such similarities and differences between the cities can be both revealing and deceptive.

Grosse Pointe Shores, for example, has the smallest force among the Pointes. Yet, its 15 officers are the most per

capita, at one per every 200 residents, of the sister jurisdictions.

The Farms spends the lowest percentage (36.8 percent) on public safety, but has the most officers, 36, including four specialists that operate fire trucks and free up PSOs at fire

scenes.

Roster totals include department directors, who often patrol their cities.

Shores Chief Ken Werenski spent part of last Thursday telling two fishermen on the Lakeshore breakwall they can cast their lines anywhere they want, anywhere in the world, except on the Lakeshore breakwall.

During the Park's busy May 5, during which one of two home invasions sparked deployment of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods special response team to make an arrest in Detroit, Park Chief

Bryan Jarrell deployed himself to investigate a suspicious person on Charlevoix.

Retired Farms Chief Dan Jenson sacrificed Hugo Boss suits by going hands-on at fire scenes.

During the May 8 Park council meeting, City Manager Nick Sizeland mistakenly said 76 percent of next fiscal year's general fund budget is spent on public safety. He corrected himself later, explaining the figure was overstated because it included pension costs.

The chart, left, simplifies comparisons between the five Pointes.

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Lower Jefferson sidewalk repairs

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Nearly \$10,000 in repairs are being made to the Jefferson sidewalk in front of city hall.

Members of the city council Monday, May 8, approved a \$9,230 contract with Asphalt Control Corp., to replace concrete in the target area.

"The concrete walkway in front of city hall facing Jefferson between the city hall driveway and the pump station driveway has various tripping hazard concerns that need correction," Tom Jenny, head of Park public works, wrote in a report to council. "Asphalt Control has completed various jobs for the city. Their quality of work is highly recommended for this job."

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—Brad Lindberg

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Dow, second from right, with a recent soccer squad.



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Coach calling it a career after 45 years

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Before Stu Dow could even begin to reflect on 45 years of coaching soccer at the Neighborhood Club, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident was quick to acknowledge two men he called “giants of Grosse Pointe soccer.”

They are Jean-Claude Elie, who founded the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association in the 1970s and earned the nickname “The Godfather of Soccer,” and John Bruce, who was the executive director of the Neighborhood Club from 1971 to 2011. Elie, Dow said, introduced soccer to Grosse Pointe and Bruce introduced girls soccer to Grosse Pointe.

“My activities couldn’t have happened without those two men,” he added.

Now, after 45 years, Dow is bracing for retirement from a sport he knew nothing about when he first volunteered. His lengthy coaching career likely would not have happened without his daughters, Sarah Dow Reimers and Laura Coon.

“It started with Sarah, my oldest,” Dow said. “I went to her first game and there was no coach, so I went out and helped. I didn’t know anything about soccer, but I helped a referee who did. After that first game, I went to the library and got a bunch of books on soccer.”

Subsequent practices and games helped him pick up a thing or two.

“Every game the girls played, I learned something,” Dow recalled. “We finished that first season thanks to John Bruce. In the spring, I went to Grosse Pointe Soccer, where they played coed, and I learned some more. Then, my younger daughter, Laura, became involved.”

As Dow became more schooled in coaching soccer, girls’ interest in the sport also began to grow.



Stu Dow with his first travel soccer team, circa 1980.

In one year, two teams became four and from there, “it exploded,” Dow said. “Grosse Pointe girls soccer thrived. It was started on the shoulders of giants and continued with the help of many parents.”

According to Bruce, Dow put great effort into establishing and growing the girls soccer program.

“Stu made it his passion in life,” Bruce said. “In the late ’70s, early ’80s, he established not only a community program, but he made sure it was a community program that connected with the travel programs available. I have the utmost respect not only for his leadership, but for how he related to the kids and put youth sports in the context so that it can enhance any family, any child’s life.”

“He wanted to make sure young people had the most opportunities to play some kind of sport and soccer was that sport,” he added. “I can’t imagine any other person in Grosse Pointe doing this. His impact on girls and women through soccer is incomprehensible and priceless.”

The beginning

Reflecting on her father’s coaching career, Sarah Dow Reimers was reminded of a quote from author Frederick Buechner: “Vocation is

the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”

“There’s always going to be a need for people to invest in young people,” she said. “Coaching soccer always brought my dad deep joy. The trick is to have your calling line up with the right need, then it’s magic.”

“... This all started with a need,” she added. “The Neighborhood Club needed someone to raise their hand and Dad always was a hand-raiser. It started as a need, but it quickly became clear that it was also his calling — becoming a coach and investing in kids’ lives. It kept him going all these years.”

“He started coaching to

spend time with us, me and my sister, and help us in learning something new,” Laura Coon said. “Dad was a lifelong learner. ... His favorite line for these 6-, 7-, 8-year-old kids was, ‘Do you know how to speak Japanese?’ They’d say no. He’d tell them, ‘Don’t say no; say not yet. You can learn anything.’ He was always about being lifelong learners.”

Dow’s love for coaching began with Dow Reimers’ participation and was passed on to Coon, now a mom of five, who has coached all of her sons’ soccer teams.

“When my sister first started playing, he brought me on as his manager. I was 7 or 8,”

Coon said. “... I have vivid memories of being 8, 9, 10, and sitting with Dad talking about line-ups. He would include me and take in my opinion. That is literally what I’m doing now with my kindergarten and his team. It brings back so many fun memories.”

While Dow Reimers was an A-level player, Coon was better suited to being a coach or referee.

“Laura came to me and said, ‘Dad, I’m the worst one on my team,’” Dow reflected, “but she wanted to keep that connection with me, so we took a refereeing class together.”

Coon, however, told her father she couldn’t referee with him, because she wouldn’t get the experience she needed, so while she refereed, he coached.

“I’m so grateful for that training,” Coon said. “He was so sad when I told him he couldn’t ref with me. I loved that job and the connection it gave me to Grosse Pointe.”

Even now when Coon visits her father, he lights up when she asks him soccer advice.

“I’ll say, ‘I need a drill to teach them how to trap,’ and he’ll say, ‘Use this drill or this drill,’” she said. “Soccer is something Dad and I still share. It’s such a source of joy in his life. It’s the thing he most looks forward to other than being with family.”

Helping hands

For a time, Dow coached travel teams, then decided to stay closer to home when his children started having children of their own.

“So I went back to coaching house for the Neighborhood Club,” he said. “It’s been a wonderful career coaching house. ... This year is my 45th year and my final year. I decided it was time to turn it over to the younger generation.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BRUCE

Dow during soccer practice in 2020.

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Giving thanks

♦ “The gift Stu Dow has given to Grosse Pointe over many, many years, the lives he’s touched, the experiences he’s created for those girls. He created two generations of women who have changed our world. What better legacy can a person leave? His impact will continue to influence future generations.”

— John Bruce, former executive director, Neighborhood Club

♦ “Stu has been so helpful to the Neighborhood Club, coaching, helping put teams together, teaching clinics. It’s amazing, his dedication to the Neighborhood Club. He’s a tremendous asset. We’re lucky to have him here all these years.”

— Kevin Zizio, facilities manager, Neighborhood Club

♦ “Stu’s levelheadedness, calming influence, ability to make sure doors were always open made him, in my mind, a community idol in sports.”

♦ “Stu, thank you. We are a strong community because of what you brought to it, particularly what you’ve brought to girls.”

— Don Lindow, president, Neighborhood Club Board of Trustees

♦ “Thank you, Stu Dow, for your years of commitment to our boys and girls soccer program at the Neighborhood Club. Your 35-plus years of being a volunteer coach and program coordinator for our girls soccer program is very much appreciated. Your generosity is unmatched. Your support and kindness will always be remembered. I can’t thank you enough. Words cannot express what you’ve meant to girls soccer and in the Grosse Pointe community.”

— Jim Troyer, recreation manager, Neighborhood Club

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Kevin's Song founder honored for suicide prevention work

Nonprofit celebrating 10th anniversary

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Bittersweet is one way to describe the 10th anniversary of Kevin's Song, a charitable organization dedicated to raising awareness of the causes of suicide, its prevalence in society and possible preventive measures.

The nonprofit was formed by Gail and John Urso two months after their son, Kevin, died of suicide in 2013.

"It's really remarkable and also sobering when I realize that 10 years ago, we lost our son in March," Gail Urso said. "Sometimes it seems like it was yesterday and sometimes it seems like a long time ago.

"To think this organization has not just survived, but thrived over 10 years is remarkable."

For the past decade, Kevin's Song has fulfilled its mission through offering an annual conference, developing a website that offers support and resources and, in doing so, has helped countless loved ones of those who have died of suicide, as well as survivors of suicide attempts and their families.

For her efforts, Urso recently was awarded the 2023 Loss Survivor Award from the American Association of Suicidology. The award is presented to survivors of suicide who transform the trauma of their loss into suicide prevention efforts and/or survivor support.

"Due to her extraordinary commitment to supporting other families, Gail stands out among the many courageous and generous loss survivors active in our community," AAS President and CEO Leeann Sherman said. "We are happy to present her with this prestigious award."

Urso said she knew she had been nominated and learned just a few days before the conference



COURTESY PHOTO

Gail Urso recently was recognized by the American Association of Suicidology for her suicide prevention efforts.

she had won.

"It was quite a thrill," she said. "I've been going every year since Kevin's Song was founded. People from all over the country working in suicide prevention go. I remember people receiving these awards. I felt very honored.

"What struck me the most in my winning is that this is not so much about me, but about Kevin's Song," she added. "This is a national award, which means Kevin's Song is receiving national attention."

Longtime Kevin's Song board member Leo Nouhan nominated Urso, providing numerous letters of support along with the nomination. Such letters were written by Dr. Thomas Joiner, who has spoken at the Kevin's Song conference every year, as well as Dr. Bart Andrews, both national experts in suicidology.

"As I said that night, it's so much more than my award," Urso said. "I'm not being modest. My husband, John, has

had no idea suicide was a possibility," she said. "Kevin suffered from some depression. He lived in Florida. We had just seen him a couple months before he died. After he died, we began to understand suicide is a public health crisis. The year he died, 45,000 other people died of suicide in the U.S.

"We were shocked," she continued. "We thought we were fairly educated, well-informed people ... but we had no idea suicide was a possibility. Kevin died in March. In May there was a Newsweek cover story called 'The Suicide Epidemic.' It was a long article about suicide. We thought, 'If we didn't know this, a lot of other people didn't know this.'"

"At his memorial service, we talked openly that he died by suicide. People were coming up to us in the church. One woman said, 'My father died of suicide 30 years ago and no one ever acknowledged it.' ... I knew that by talking about it, by being open about it, it would help other people feel more comfortable — because there's a stigma around it."

Urso said people often don't know how common suicide is, nor do they know what signs to look for.

"In hindsight, there were some signs with Kevin," she said. "We didn't know the signs. We said, 'Let's find a way to spread the word.'"

"When we founded Kevin's Song, one of our first goals was to have a conference with media attention and experts, to bring all the nonprofits that work in this field together in one place," she said.

In just three years, the Ursos debuted the Kevin's Song Conference on Suicide, which now has grown into a three-day event. While the first two days are geared toward school employees, mental health professionals, clergy, first responders and other professionals, the Saturday portion is for loss survivors.

"It's a different audience," she said.

Hundreds of attendees spend the weekend at the conference, which takes place each January in Plymouth. The pandemic did little to slow their efforts, as the Saturday survivor event went virtual with help from Detroit Public Television.

"In one day we had 5,000 people following the Saturday session on Facebook Live," Urso said. "This year, the Saturday portion was also live-streamed. It's just an amazing presentation."

Apart from creating a conference, other early goals included creating a website that would be a resource, as well as making a film. In 2016, Kevin's Song released a documentary with filmmaker Keith Famie called "Death is Not the Answer," which was well received after airing on Detroit Public Television.

"Since then we've done a number of films and documentaries that are on our website," Urso said. "'We Need To Talk' is about suicide prevention in schools.

"We came up with goals in the very beginning, but I don't think we realized how much it was needed," she added. "We immediately got support from people in the field. I'm extremely grateful and thankful."

To support and further its efforts, Kevin's Song hosts an annual gala, which this year takes place Sept. 21, at The Roostertail in Detroit.

"It has become a great event," Urso said. "It's grown so much we have to keep moving it. It's a lovely evening."

Kevin's Song also offers two workshops each year, including "Understanding Suicide," which takes place next month at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

"We also have a support group we sponsor for loss survivors," Urso said. "We meet virtually the first Wednesday of the month and in person the third Thursday of the month at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church."

Meeting information is available on the Kevin's Song website, as is information about other local loss support groups.

"People who have lost someone to suicide really feel a lot of comfort and support by meeting with others who have lost someone to suicide," Urso said. "It's a different kind of loss. It's a complicated grief."

Looking to the next 10 years and beyond, Urso said she and the board are searching for an executive director to take the reins.

"It has gotten to the point where we need that person," she said. "We have tremendous support from volunteers, advisors, sponsors, but we've grown to the point where we need an executive director. And that will just lead to more growth. We just need to find the right person to lead us."

For more information about Kevin's Song, visit kevinssong.org.

been a part of this from the beginning. Our sons, Brian and Justin, have also been very supportive and engaged with Kevin's Song. There are board members who are still on the board who were there when we were figuring out what we were going to do. There's a lot of commitment from board members, advisors, people who are very knowledgeable in the field of suicide prevention who have guided us along the way. I'm thrilled to receive it, but it belongs to many."

The first 10 years

Urso cannot reflect on the early days of Kevin's Song without reflecting on the event that gave rise to the organization.

"When Kevin died, we

AREA ACTIVITIES

Concert

The Smoke Jones Band will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Cornerstone Village Bar and Grille, 17315 Mack, Cornerstone Village, Detroit. Cover charge is \$15. Call (313) 821-4998.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe,

18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, American House Lakeshore, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ford House

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

◆ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered

at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced.

◆ Storytime: "This is the Nest That Robin Built," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through May 30.

◆ 10 Out of 10 Tour, 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through July 29. Explore the Ford family's home while learning about 10 artifacts. Admission fees vary.

◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, from May to September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members.

◆ Making it Work tour, a look at the employees that helped operate the Ford estate, 3 p.m. June 1 to 29. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for ages 6 to 12; members pay \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12.

◆ Tai Chi for Health, 6 p.m. Thursdays, June 1, 8 and 15. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4.

Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Storytime: "Nothing Special," by Desiree Cooper, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, June 6 to 27.

◆ Making it Work: The Staff of Ford House, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, with Ford House Director of Material Culture Lisa E. Worley. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Explorers: Gardens, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 10. Cost is \$5 per child.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ "Your Honor, Your Honor: A Journey Through Grief and Restorative Justice," book discussion with Judge Leonia J. Lloyd, 6

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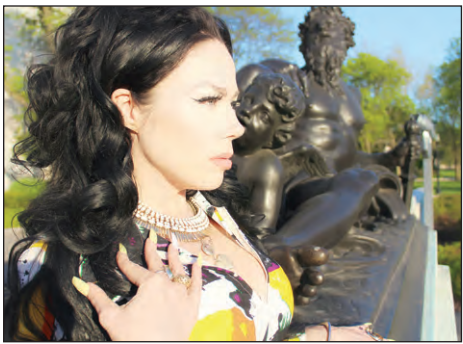
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Weekly music series kicks off

Singer Laura Rain is no stranger to booking music. Her award-winning Detroit ensemble Laura Rain and the Caesars performs internationally and when she started performing locally at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille on Mack Avenue, it was evident she had helped create a fulfilling opportunity for local business and entertainment.

Cornerstone Village owner Rokib Myles and Rain, both residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, conceived "Rise Up Detroit" to engage the surrounding community and promote positivity and diversity in an inclusive environment. The artists slated to perform during the weekly music series all share a deep commitment to metro Detroit, either through philanthropic work or sharing uplifting messages in their artistic expression.

Because Rain believes collaboration with like-minded people is key to all successful endeavors, she also will feature female artists from the forthcoming documentary, "Women Who Rock Detroit,"



Laura Rain

by Grosse Pointe Park resident Joya Koch.

Both Koch and Rain noted similar goals within their projects — showcasing independent artists that raise awareness, and uplifting Detroit to inspire, encourage and engage the community.

The "Rise Up Detroit" music series kicks off Saturday, May 27, with jazz and soul vocalist Smoke Jones at 8 p.m.

More confirmed dates and artists are listed below:

- ◆ Saturday, June 17 — Songwriters Circle with Maureen Kaiser, featuring Nashville recording artist Jacob Morris and followed by Laura Rain and the Caesars

- ◆ Saturday, June 24 — Tosha Owens

- ◆ Saturday, July 1 — Gwenyth Hayes

- ◆ Saturday, July 8 — Sean Blackman In Transit

- ◆ Saturday, July 15 and 22 — Laura Rain and the Caesars

- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 5 — Kathy Kosins, featuring live painting onstage

- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 12 — Nadir Omowale Funk Trio

- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 26 — Nikell Johnson and Groove Session

The "Rise Up Detroit" music series begins Saturday, May 27, at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mack, near Cadieux, in Detroit.

All shows begin at 8 p.m. and reservations are recommended. Admission is \$15 at the door. Reservations may be made online at cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com or by calling (313) 821-4998 Wednesday through Saturday after 4 p.m.

WEDDINGS



Lincoln and Hannah Grace Veitenheimer

Lemanski—Veitenheimer

Hannah Grace Lemanski and Lincoln Veitenheimer were married Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Dallas Arboretum.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Stacey Lemanski of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Russell and Gayle Veitenheimer of Fort Worth, Texas.

ENGAGEMENT

Friedman—Bayer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bayer of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Colin R. Bayer, to Sasha Beth Friedman, the daughter of Shelly S. Friedman and Elissa Myers of New York City.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Material Science from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration degree from the NYU Stern School of Business in Manhattan. He works at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City.

The bride grew up in the Berkshires, Massachusetts and attended Berkshire Country Day in Lenox, Massachusetts, before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in political and environmental science from Dickinson College. She works at Jabra Hearing in New York City.

An October 2023 wed-



Colin R. Bayer and Sasha Beth Friedman

ding is planned in Lenox, their home in New York City. The couple plans to make

Bertakis—Meier

Christa Marie Bertakis and Jordan Peter Meier were married Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Cabo San Lucas, during a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Diego Vidal. A reception followed at the Chileno Bay Auberge Resorts Collection.

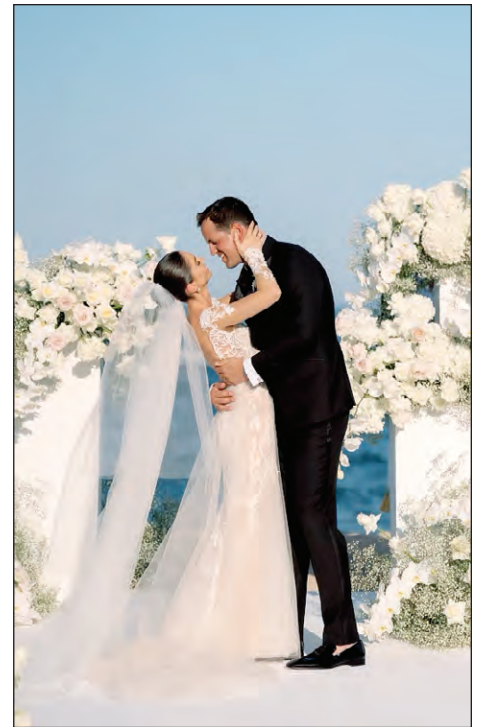
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Bertakis of Grosse Pointe Shores. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Meier of Verona, Wis.

The bride wore a long-sleeved sheath gown designed by Berta Privee featuring hand-applied lace cuffs, a beaded appliqué with pearls and a bateau-style neckline. The skirt featured appliqué streams and tulle layers throughout. The gown was complimented by a cathedral-length veil and a bouquet of white peonies. The wedding venue was dotted with sunset-colored roses in vintage shades and jumbo white orchids.

The bride's sisters, Marianna Bertakis, Alexandra Bertakis and Carina Bertakis, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were her cousin, Angela Giorgio; and friends, Alexandra Nolting, Natalie Bruton and Dana Starr. The bridesmaids wore sandy-colored Hailey Paige chiffon-layered dresses with ruching at the waist and strapping detail on the back. They carried bouquets of white roses.

Best man duties were shared by the groom's brothers, Max and Austin Meier. Groomsmen were his friends, Jordan Armentrout, Adam Burish, Ryan Suter, Jake Dowell and Davis Drewiske.

The mother of the bride wore an off-



Christa and Jordan Meier

shoulder periwinkle blue satin gown with ruching and a sheath bodice featuring a large satin flower. The mother of the groom wore a pale blue gown with floral appliqué and a sheer overlay.

The bride earned a master's degree in nursing from Michigan State University. She is a nurse practitioner with Radiance Skin Therapy.

The groom studied at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He is an entrepreneur.

The couple honeymooned in Italy. They live in Madison, Wis.



Hudson Michael Fekin

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Gregory and Jessica Fekin of Warren announce the birth of their son, Hudson Michael Fekin, Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael McKenzie of Clinton Township and Mrs. Rose Bucci and the late Paul Bucci of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Fekin of Grosse Pointe Park.



Andriana Lovett

Andriana Lovett

Alicia and Andre Lovett of Detroit announce the birth of their daughter, Andriana Lovett, Monday, March 13, 2023, at Ascension St. John Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Ena and Andre Lucci of Detroit. Her great-grandmother is JoAnn Thomas of Detroit and Great Auntie Dorie of Detroit.

BIRTHS

Alice Margaret Casazza

Marisa and Eugene Casazza IV of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the birth of their daughter, Alice Margaret Casazza, Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Maternal grandparents are John and Martha Hamel of Syracuse, N.Y.

Paternal grandparents are Eugene Casazza III of Detroit and Linda Casazza of Harper Woods.

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BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS



Makeup for spring/summer wedding looks are soft and glamorous

By Danielle Paquin
Special Writer

Your bridal season will be full of opportunities to look stunning, from showers to parties to the big day itself. The trends for warm-weather weddings are soft — with a hint of drama.

It all starts with the skin. The latest trend is bare skin — but better! By using a tinted moisturizer or foundation that incorporates nourishing ingredients, you can actually boost the health of your skin. Look for buzzwords like hyaluronic acid and squalene for plumping or retaining moisture, vitamin C or caffeine for brightening undereye darkness and always use SPF products for daytime wear. Don't use active products like retinols for daytime that can make your skin sun-sensitive — those are better for nighttime.

Can't find the ideal product? Create your own! Add your SPF moisturizer or liquid highlighter to your foundation to thin it out and create your own glowy, tinted moisturizer with benefits.

Rare Beauty tinted moisturizer has a built in SPF, Supergoop makes a glowy tinted SPF product, and for an extra-bronze tinted glow underneath foundation, add Vita Liberata Face Primer Beauty Blur, which evens out skin tone and adds additional bronze-toned radiance.

Cloud skin is in

This lush look brings a soft, velvety matte finish to the skin. It's like the "Paris" filter on Instagram, but in real life. Cloud skin can also be described as the matte version of dewy skin. If your skin has a little texture or is naturally oily, regular dewy foundations will quickly look greasy or emphasize your skin texture, but cloud skin adds a matte finish to fix that.

Begin the cloud skin process by moisturizing really well — because your skin has to be prepped and hydrated first. Then add your matte foundation — but mixed with a blurring primer or a little loose powder — and apply. The end result is cloud skin!

I like Bobbi Brown vitamin-enriched face base, set with e.l.f. blurring powder. Finish with Mac Studio Fix for a matte velvet look. If skin is dry, I use Armani Luminous Silk vitamin-enriched face base, set with a blurring powder or illuminating powder by Bobbi Brown.

The natural look

Inspired by celebrities like Sophia Richie and Hailey Bieber, this look is designed to enhance your features while making it look like you're not wearing any makeup at all. Keep in mind, this will look very, very natural on camera. Sometimes brides think they want this look, but when the photos come back, it's not what they expected. The "no makeup" makeup look is actually still a fully made-up face, just a very light application to look very natural.

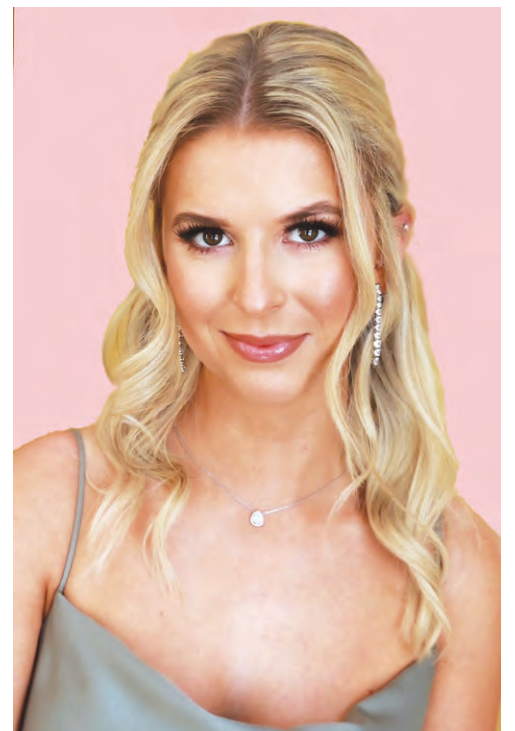
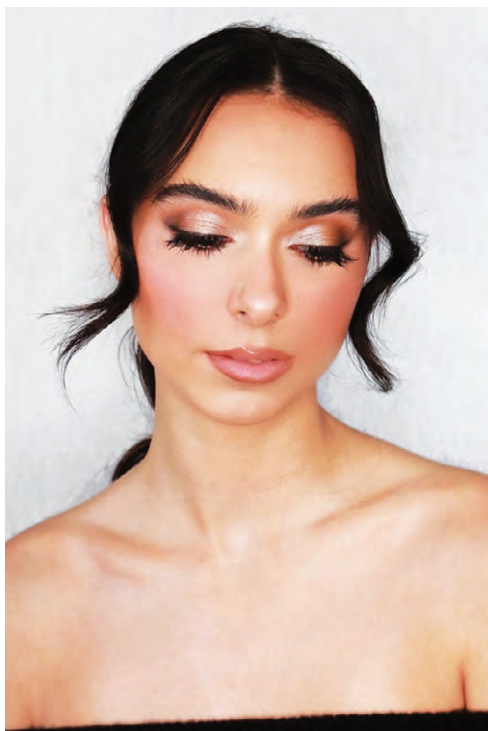
BRIDAL faces

Match it up

It's hard to know where to start when determining the right tones to use for your unique skin and hair coloring. Both the brunette and blonde model, right, can wear these lovely bronze palettes — because both have warm undertones. I can help you determine your undertone as well as the colors that will look best for your skin tone.

Hot for hair

- Butterfly cuts or face framing hair
- Shaggy haircuts
- Bouncy blowouts
- Side parts
- Warmer hair color tones, like copper and auburn
- Preppy hair accessories like hair claws, ribbons and bows



Underpainting

This technique has you applying your contour and blush cream sticks and blending *before* you layer your foundation or tinted moisturizer. It's more seamless and enables you to still maintain a light foundation coverage without worrying about streaks on your face.

Nudestix in Bondi Bae and Cherry Blossom Babe are my favorites for light to medium skin tones.

Rare Beauty Happy liquid blush and Bobbi Brown Cool Walnut foundation stick are top picks for medium to darker skin tones.

Coquette makeup

Coquette is a trending word that you may hear a lot in 2023. It means coy, flirty and is applied to a young woman trying to attract suitors. Think Bridgerton. The look is all doe eyes, heavy lashes and flushed cheeks, as if you were blushing in response to a flirtation.



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Bleached or embellished brows

Dramatic brows remain in style with a few new angles. Bleaching brows is hitting the scene for the super-adventurous. Also, the skinny brow from the 90s is making a comeback, but don't pull out your tweezers just yet. To get this look temporarily, simply add some eyebrow gel and brush your top and bottom brows together to create a thinner brow line. Then you can experiment without tweezing brow hair — which may not grow back quickly (or ever, as some of us have learned the hard way.) Anastasia Brow Freeze is a great product for brushing up or brushing brows together for an all-day look.

Tubular mascara

This product is great for hooded eyes. It's made with fiber that wraps around each lash — instead of a gel — so no smudging once it's dry. It's perfect for people who constantly find their mascara transferring on their eyelids. Tower28 and Halfcaked are just a few of the great tubular mascaras.

Grunge-y, alternative makeup

Think smudged, like the Courtney Love or Kate Moss look from the 90's. Looks great with a shaggy hair cut. To create, use a soft eye pencil and then blur it with a brush. Bobbi Brown waterproof eyeliner sticks are my pick to create a smudgy look that stays on.

Siren eyes

To create this sultry look, add a cat eye on the inner corner of your eye as well as the outer corner — for an extra elongated look. Elongated cat eye and bold liners will be in for this year so you'll see the siren eyes a lot in runway or photography — but this look is really hard to maintain for longer periods because it tends to smudge.

Nails, nails, nails

Popular now are 3D nails, which means adding jewels or gems to your manicure for extra glam. For polish — look for ombre nude-into-metallic nails.



Blush for contour

Skip your contour and replace with a blush instead. **More** blush is in. Placement of blush is high and elongated on the cheekbone instead of placed on the apples of the cheeks (but personally I still like the apple blush placement as well.)



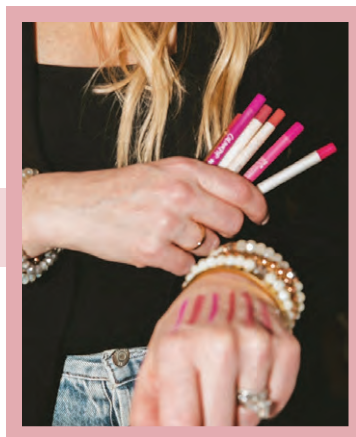
Mascara gone wild

Lots of layers of mascara is going to be a big trend. Believe it or not — smudged and clumpy is actually the look! It's not for everyone — but you can achieve this by adding layers of setting powder in between your coats of mascara.



'No makeup' makeup

This look is the epitome of understated elegance. Beautifully natural and — from the camera perspective, looks like you're not wearing makeup at all. Achieve the look with minimal to no eye makeup, just mascara, very light glowy skin and a touch of soft blush.



Multiple use sticks

Eyeshadow, blush and lip color — all in one cream stick — great for on the go! The Nudestix brand comes with a brush on the end for blending. A matte finish is just what you need for eyes sometimes — so lids don't crease.



Pop color

Bright colors, bold neons, pastels and silver are on the scene. Use a flick of neon liner, create siren eyes, or do an all-out color block. Think icy blue eyes of the 90s-2000s.



Ice ice, baby

Create a Y2k look with lots of icy tones — with pretty silvers, shimmery pastels, holographic, powder blues. Tone down with a little brown or pink for definition.



Embellishments

It's the year of extra — and the eyes can have it too. From tiny gems to painted accents to flower petals, look for added oomph to create a dramatic artsy look.



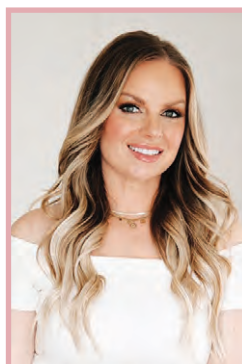
Cherry coke lips

Browns and reds have a baby — and it's the cherry coke trend! Line with brown and add a red gloss to achieve this pouty pucker. It's right in line with the grunge makeup movement that is carrying over from last year. Charlotte Tilbury Iconic Nude and Fenty Beauty Hot Cherry lip gloss are good bets.



Statement lips

Whether it's brown red or magenta, the lips are making a statement in 2023. This especially goes well with the 'no makeup' makeup look for eyes, because it follows the rule of thumb of letting one feature be the focal point. Remember: Bold eyes — nude lips, nude eyes — bold lips.



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6B | OBITUARIES

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.

John Ladendorf

John Ladendorf, 73, died Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was born Sept. 14, 1949, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to J. S. "Jack" Ladendorf and Bernice Grunewald Ladendorf.

John married the love of his life, Barbara Jean Hakim, May 18, 1985. In September 1990, Barbara and John happily witnessed the birth of their son, Christian, and adopted him soon after.

In 1972, after receiving a bachelor's degree with distinction and an MBA from the University of Michigan, John continued his pursuit of a career in banking and finance. He joined Comerica Bank, previously Detroit Bank & Trust, holding key positions in corporate banking, international banking, consumer lending and private banking for more than 20 years. During his career, he was able to visit 90 countries; although never domiciled overseas, John's travel aggregated to a combined total of nearly two years overseas.

John was active in his community. He served as chairman of the board of The Grosse Pointe War Memorial between 1999 and 2001. He also was a founding member in 2001 and, since then, chairman of the board of Champ Life, previously Vision HOPE.

John also enjoyed many years as a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Detroit Athletic Club. His real pleasure was entertaining family and friends at their "Up North" home on Torch Lake. Armed with his Sea Ray, he taught many nieces, nephews and friends the joys of waterskiing and other sports.

John was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Bernice, who passed when he was still in his teens. John is survived by his wonderful wife, Barbara; son, Christian; brothers, Kurt and Robert Ladendorf; and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A celebration of Life will be held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10,

with a service at 10:30 a.m. immediately followed by brunch.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Frankel Cardiovascular Center at University of Michigan Health, umvc.org/ways-give-frankel-cardiovascular-center, or Champ Life Kids Camp, mychamplife.com/ways-to-give.

Ursula Elizabeth Stieber

Ursula E. Stieber, 94, passed away Thursday, May 4, 2023, after a brief illness.

Ursula was born Sept. 19, 1928, to August and Elizabeth (nee Kujawa) Stieber.

Her family moved from the east side of Detroit to Grosse Pointe Park in 1953, and Ursula became a valued member of St. Clare of Montefalco parish. After graduating from college, Ursula taught English in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and later worked as a marketing professional for a Detroit architectural firm. She volunteered as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts and enjoyed sharing her knowledge and love of art with everyone she encountered there.

Ursula also volunteered at St. Clare of Montefalco by singing in the choir for 25 years and serving as a sacristan and a Eucharistic minister, delivering communion to patients at Bon Secours Hospital. She became a lector and headed that ministry for 20 years, as well as worked as the wedding rehearsal coordinator for six years, making sure every ceremony went just right.

Ursula loved her Detroit Tigers and was interested in all college football. She loved to debate current events with her friends and always had an inquisitive and open mind.

Ursula was predeceased by her parents, August and Elizabeth Stieber, and her sister, Therese Cataldo.

She is survived by three nieces and two nephews and will be greatly missed by her friends and the staff at American House-Grosse Pointe.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Louis William J. Mueller

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Louis William J. Mueller, 94, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023. He was born Nov. 13, 1929, in Oak Park, Ill., to Helen and Louis Mueller.

Louis graduated eighth grade from St. John Evangelical School and then graduated from Collinwood High School in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1948. He attended Kent State University and also enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, from which he was honorably discharged in 1950. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and served five years, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. During his last year in the Air Force, he served from a hospital bed due to significant injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Louis was medically and honorably discharged in 1955.

In May 1955, he met Janet Synder and the couple were joined in holy matrimony Sept. 2, 1955, at St. John Evangelical Church. The new couple first lived in Ravenna, Ohio, where Louis continued his studies at Kent State University while working for the Glidden Paint Company.

In 1957, the Muellers moved into their first home in Willoughby Hills, Ohio. In 1958, they were blessed with a son, Jeffrey Louis. The Glidden Paint Company transferred the family to Woodridge, Ill., in 1961, where Louis sang in and directed the church choir. In 1962, they welcomed another son, Scott Edward.

Eventually, Louis left Glidden and began a career with Uniroyal Tire Company. In 1968, the company transferred the family to Detroit and they settled in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1969. There, they joined Christ the King Lutheran Church.



John Ladendorf



Ursula Elizabeth Stieber



Louis William J. Mueller

Lou sang in and directed the choir, as well as filled in as organist.

Louis left Uniroyal and began working at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. During this time, he attended Wayne State University in the evenings and completed his degree in business administration. He joined the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and directed the men's chorus for 10 years. When Louis retired from Blue Cross, he returned to Wayne State University and graduated with a degree in music.

Louis and Janet enjoyed traveling together with family and friends. They frequently attended the symphony and other musical events. In 2015, Louis and Janet moved into a condo at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Louis is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janet; sons, Jeffrey (Ann) and Scott (Eleanor); grandchildren, Kelly, Bethany (Matt), Benjamin, Graham, Nick (Lindsay), Ashley (Aaron), Alex and Joshua; and great-grandchildren, Adalyn and Jayden.

Visitation takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 27, with a Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Contributions in Louis' memory may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org/donate.

Henry Jude Heck

Henry Jude Heck, 82, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 6, 2023. He was the beloved husband of Barbara L. Heck.

Henry "Chick" was born Sept. 12, 1940, in Monroe, to Henry Anthony Heck and Kathryn Crimmins Heck, both now deceased. After graduating from Austin High School, Henry attended Michigan State University and had a



Henry Jude Heck



Christopher M. Wenzler

career as a financial investment advisor.

Chick was loved by his family and friends. He was known for his wit and sense of humor and could add laughter to any occasion. He had a passion for cooking and loved to prepare meals for his family and friends. Chick loved spending time with his children and grandchildren in Chicago.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, Barbara, he is survived by his daughters, Sarah Lane (Matthew) of Chicago, Rebecca West (James) of Chicago and Abigail Siegrist (Corey) of Chicago; grandchildren, Robert "Bobby," Daniel, Henry, John "Jack," Elizabeth "Libby," Emma and Charles "Charlie"; brother, Edward Heck (Martha) of Boston, Mass.; and sisters-in-law, Eileen Heck of Petoskey and Joyce Heck of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. He was predeceased by his brothers, William Heck and Dennis Heck.

A funeral service will be held for Henry at 10 a.m. Monday, June 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, helmlife.org/donate.

Christopher Mark Wenzler

Christopher Mark Wenzler, 75, died Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Chris was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio. He

was one of 11 children and the sixth son of Otto F. and Josephine C. Wenzler. Chris was a graduate of John Carroll University and a U.S. Army veteran.

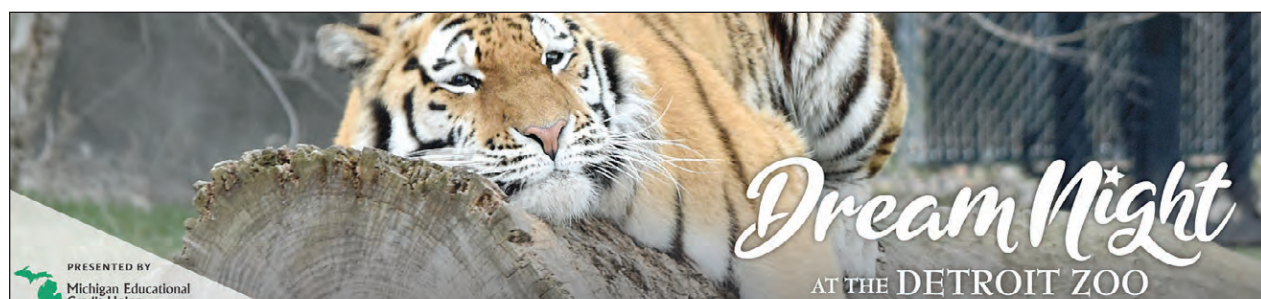
Chris enjoyed a long and successful career as a manager in the financial services industry and later as a turnaround expert, consulting with firms in the consumer credit sector.

As a youngster, he learned to sail on Lake Erie and sailing, both racing and for pleasure, became a lifelong joy. He was a warm and gentle man who welcomed rich conversations and treasured his family and many friends.

Chris is survived by his beloved partner, Ashish Ahlawat; loving sisters, Mary DiSalle (the late Dan), Sarah Gillespie (John) and Emilie Owens (Ralph); dear brothers, Martin Wenzler (Susan) and Peter J. Wenzler (Annie); caring sister-in-law, Patricia Wenzler (the late Joseph); and numerous nieces and nephews across the country.

Chris was predeceased by his sister, Anne Nagel (Scott); and brothers, David, Otto, Joseph and Stephen Wenzler.

A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, with a gathering at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bayview Yacht Club Foundation to perpetuate the Bayview Mackinac Race, byc.com.



Dream Night returns to Detroit Zoo June 2

This June, the Detroit Zoological Society is bringing back an event that makes dreams come true.

For the first time since 2019, the Detroit Zoo will host Dream Night, presented by Michigan Educational Credit Union, from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 2. During this special evening, children and families living with chronic or terminal illnesses and/or disabilities

will enjoy a no-cost, stress-free night to remember. All programming is curated for minor children.

Dream Night features additional accommodations to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, including:

- ◆ Reduced or altered music and effects throughout the zoo's footprint
- ◆ Limited free wheelchair, wagon and electric convenience vehicle rentals

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- ◆ More than 60 available KultureCity sensory bags, equipped with noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools and verbal cue cards
- ◆ Weighted lap pads and strobe glasses, upon request
- ◆ A dedicated sensory room
- ◆ A flat, paved and easily accessible path throughout the main area of the zoo.

The evening also will include special activities like a silent disco, habitat chats with animal care staff, education stations, rides and attractions and free access to the zoo's BRICKLIVE exhibit — an immersive, walk-through experience featuring sculptures made of more than 2 million toy bricks.

"Dream Night is a great opportunity to make lasting memories surrounded by your favorite animals

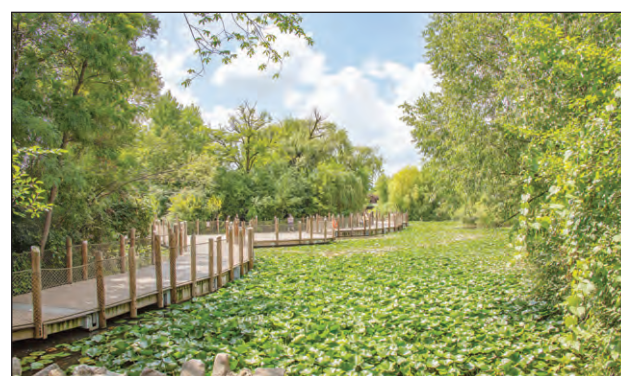


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The Detroit Zoo boardwalk.

and fun activities," said Dr. De'Andrea Matthews, DZS vice president of diversity and community engagement. "This no-cost event is a way for us to give back to our community and further our commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming organization."

To make this event as stress-free as possible for guests, Dream Night is

limited to 1,000 people who complete a short application process and are approved by DZS staff. Prospective guests can apply at dzoo.org/dream23.

Dream Night also is sponsored by Galloway and Collens, PLLC.

For more information about other upcoming events, visit detroitzoo.org/events.

Woods-Shores Little League showcases new diamond

Funds needed for additional upgrades

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As the Woods-Shores Little League team gets in the swing of things this season, board members hope to draw attention to a newly restored diamond at Ghesquiere Park.

It's a visual of what the rest of the diamonds could look like with a little help. It was accomplished through fundraising efforts and community support.

"We started in 2020 selling banners," board member Paul Stapleton said. "That was a major source of funding for field improvements. The goal was to get Diamond 1 completed as a showcase."

The diamond features new slabs under new aluminum bleachers.

"We skinned all the insides of (diamonds) 1, 3 and 4, and put in new sod," he added. "This year, we're putting in two new dugouts in Diamond 1, and new fencing around the bullpen and dugouts. And we're paint-

ing the fencing around the fair and foul lines."

These upgrades are in addition to three new scoreboards — one more needs to be replaced — as well as new public address and camera systems. Spectators can watch live Little League action from almost anywhere thanks to 5G-connected cameras at the ballpark.

"We had that last year as a prototype to the community," said board member Doug Stapleton, "and now it's up and active all year."

It's been more than a decade since upgrades were implemented at Ghesquiere, save for a facelift to Diamond 2, the girls softball diamond, for which the league received a grant. In 2020, softball participation had grown to 120 girls.

"There are 335 kids in Little League this year," Doug Stapleton said, "and over 400 girls in softball, which covers all the Pointes. We're running out of places to play. Not just places to play games, but places to prac-

tice are not as available as we all like."

The scope of the banner campaign it kicked off in 2020 included adding drainage, overhauling the infields, cutting in warning tracks, extending fair/foul lines, adding new fencing to the backstops and repairing bullpens. While some of those details have been accomplished, there is plenty more work to be done.

One challenge the league faces is not having a major sponsor to help with improvements. The league is 100 percent funded through registration fees and donations.

"We're putting together an overall layout, an overall plan for the park, but it all depends on funding," Doug Stapleton said.

The scope of that work includes a new gateway to showcase the field's entrance, as well as new bathroom facilities, a pickleball court and splash pad.

"We'll tweak every diamond," Doug Stapleton said. "At the rate we're



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Upgrades to Diamond 1 serve as a visual to what the rest of the diamonds at Ghesquiere Park could look like with community support.

going it'll be a year or two longer. ... A large boost would make a huge difference."

Added Paul Stapleton, "We're looking for funding to do the complete project."

"... The banners are our main source of income," he added.

Banners cost \$500 each, \$400 of which go to the team with \$100 covering the cost of the banner.

"The community did support us quite a bit," Doug Stapleton said. "We have two and a half fields full of banners now. ... Everybody understands we don't have great resources to pull in cash.

It's a misnomer; people believe the city pays for everything. It's not like that. It's not in the budget to maintain the fields. We rely on community resources and private donations."

The Stapletons said Grosse Pointe Woods and its mayor and council have been helpful and accommodating in the league's efforts to fundraise and improve the park.

"The city helped with the demo, helped with moving dirt," Doug Stapleton said. "The sewer system needed maintenance to keep the field dry. ... It starts with

us and cascades to the city lending a helping hand with crew and equipment."

The cost for new dugouts and bullpen fencing for one diamond is \$45,000, which includes demolition and installation.

"It's been a bit of a battle," Doug Stapleton said.

Added Paul Stapleton, "But we're starting to see progress."

"It looked good last year, but this year it's going to look better," Doug Stapleton said.

For more information or to make a donation, email gpwslittleleague@gmail.com.



Boxed in

Above, Father Jim Bilot of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church watches as cereal boxes fall down in domino fashion. The Junior High Leadership Committee at St. Paul began setting up 2,015 cereal boxes at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, which took an hour and a half. All of the boxes were knocked down in about 10 minutes. The boxes lined the hallways on the first and second floors, including along stairways and hallways leading up to the gymnasium, where it all ended.



One of many cars students filled with cereal boxes to be delivered to the charities/food pantries. The back of this van has 100 boxes in the trunk with more in the back seat.



Above, Sister Felicity Marie Madigan, co-director of Deo Gratis Ministries Detroit; Tricia Kesteloot, coordinator of evangelical charity and service, St. Paul; Anne Crowe, food program coordinator, Nativity of Our Lord church Nativity Pantry. Crowe and Madigan are two of the four food banks that will receive the cereal for their food pantries. Left, sixth graders Andrew Morris and Grace Bieri load one of many boxes in a parent volunteer's van for delivery to a food pantry.

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Winner, winner!

Ann McHugh, a mother of five, was the winner of the Grosse Pointe News' Mother's Day Giveaway. This giveaway featured generous gifts from IRIS, Glitter & Scotch, Pure Beauty Med Spa, Small Favors, Bakehouse 46, Irish Coffee, Savvy Chic, Champs, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Posterity Gallery, El's Boutique, Wild Birds Unlimited, Capricious, The League Shop, Maple & Mill and Village Palm. Regarding motherhood, McHugh said, "Children are the jewels in a mother's crown." The St. Clair Shores resident, who formerly lived in Grosse Pointe Woods, enjoys spending time with her five children and many grandchildren.



EVENTS:

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to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Summer Reading begins Thursday, June 1, at all three branches.

Film screening

The documentary, "America You Kill Me," will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The film explores the rise, the fall and the legacy of gay rights warrior Jeffrey Montgomery. Limited tickets to the screening are available. Visit fordhouse.org/events/film-screening-america-you-kill-me/

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. The club hosts its Grosse Pointe graduating seniors scholarship night. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe

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

◆ "Imitating the Landscapes of the Masters," with Donald Cronkhite. Martin Johnson Heade's landscapes will be the focus of classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, June 8 and 15. Cost is \$115 for GPAA members, \$135 for nonmembers.

◆ "Painting Fresh Flowers on Yupo Watercolor Paper," with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Cost before June 23 is \$75 for members, \$95 for nonmembers. Cost after June 23 is \$95 for members, \$115 for nonmembers.

Seminar

Dr. George Goodis hosts an educational scientific program for all dental generalists and specialists Friday, June 9, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Brunch is available 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and lectures take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lecturers include Dr.

Richard Klein, Dr. Charles Goodis and Dr. Suheil Boutros. Singer Marella Piazza will kick off the program by singing "God Bless America." Call (313) 477-5909.

Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fulllotusyoga.net.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

COACH:

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The younger generation includes Matt Montagne, who, in his third year coaching soccer, stepped into the role much like Dow did 45 years ago.

"I was at practice," he recalled. "Stu asked me to come and help out, so I did. And I just kept coming back. I didn't think I'd be interested in coaching soccer. ... I like his style of coaching youth sports, which is having fun and helping kids get better at the game."

Montagne, whose daughter, Meadow, currently is on the team, said he tries to emulate Dow's coaching style.

"Some of the things he teaches the kids I noticed right away, like he shakes each kid's hand and makes them look him back in the eye," he said. "It's those soft skills, within the context of teaching the skills of soccer. And he's keeping it fun, which is a big thing."

Bruce agreed. "He'd have 50 kids at a clinic and he would connect with every one of them," he said. "He's so positive and well organized. Also the thing he did for organized soccer was he got the parents involved. He educated himself and then got the parents, who were watching on the sidelines trying to figure out what's going on, involved. What a wonderful gift he has given our community. Almost 50 years of soccer and Stu Dow has been involved every step of the way."

In addition to Montagne, Dow gets help from other coaches, including Lee Benjamins and Courtney Hamidi.

"Courtney's mother was on one of my first travel teams," he said. "She's a terrific coach in her second year. It's fun to have her here. ... I'm really happy that Courtney is able to book-end my whole career, as one of my players and one of my coaches."

Hamidi, who played for the Pointe Girls Soccer Association in the 1990s, said Dow was incredibly involved in the club as a parent and a coach.

"He knew all the players at all the different age levels and he always held everyone to a very high standard of excellence as a coach," she said. "When my oldest daughter first started playing soccer, I reconnected with Stu at the weekly skills clinics that he ran for the Neighborhood Club. I was amazed that he was still coaching and that he still remembered me, even though so many years had passed."

Dow invited Hamidi to assist with the Neighborhood Club's Grade 2-4 league, which Hamidi said has been a true honor.

"Stu is always so encouraging to every player, no matter what their ability level is," she said.

Dow also gave props to an even younger generation of coaches, including Cassidy Woolums, an 11th grader in her second year of coaching; University Liggett School student Kerith Short, who reffed last year but now has started coaching; and ULS grad Ania Dow, his nephew's daughter, who also helps coach.

"You get kids involved in coaching and a lot of them come back to tell me how much they've learned," Dow said. "There are a lot of people who want to help the girls get better. I'm grateful they've stepped up to the plate."

Full of gratitude

Dow still gets a kick out of watching kids succeed. It's what's propelled him through 45 years of coaching.

"I enjoy seeing the girls go off to college on scholarships," he said. "More than a dozen girls got full-ride scholarships for soccer. They had gotten that good. And they get to keep playing the sport they love at a higher level."

"Another highlight is, every day, interacting with young parents and young children," he added. "It keeps you looking forward. It's a breath of fresh air."

Dow recalls recently seeing one of his coaches pull aside a young girl and give her a compliment. Her reaction is what Dow said exemplifies the program he teaches.

"She got this big smile on her face and skipped back to midfield," he said. "Seeing her smile, seeing her skipping, that tells you why I'm out there. My program has always been a positive program. There's no criticism, no yelling at the kids when they make a mistake. I use the sandwich method: Give them a compliment, then say, 'You could have done this better, but you're having a great game.' Kids respond to



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The Neighborhood Club recently presented Dow with a plaque honoring his 45 years of volunteering to coach soccer.

that. They want to be recognized."

His method not only is appreciated by his athletes, but by others who've noticed his gift for coaching.

"Stu will be remembered by a lot of people for his commitment to women's athletics, particularly girls soccer," said Don Lindow, president of the Neighborhood Club Board of Trustees. "My daughter played for him. Most girls who played soccer in Grosse Pointe played for him. ... He was a mentor for so many of these young women."

"If you saw him on the sidelines, you'd hear him encourage, not admonish; instill confidence, not tear down," he added. "His method of coaching is unique. ... In our realm, the Neighborhood Club is an introduction for kids to learn about teamwork and to give them opportunities and help them enjoy it. That's what Stu did. You could build a program around Stu's qualities. Stu is a champion and leader to this community."

Added Coon, "He teaches them firm handshakes, to say please and thank you. He doesn't just teach soccer; he teaches them to respect themselves, respect the players and the other teams."

"He loves watching people learn," she added. "Even someone who never gets good, he loves that they show up and they're committed and they work hard. It's not about scoring goals. It's about effort and team building and camaraderie. He's always positive. My dad is just such an optimist in all things. That doesn't mean he never got frustrated, but he always turns a negative into a positive. It's in his bones, who he is, making people want to try harder on the soccer field."

As a former player and current coach, Hamidi believes Dow will leave a lasting legacy through the building blocks he's taught his players over the years, "things like focusing on the fundamentals, practicing discipline, listening to directions, doing things the right way and holding the players accountable in a firm but kind way when they don't," she said. "These lessons will all last well beyond anyone's time playing soccer. It's such a testament to Stu's devotion to youth soccer that he has now coached multiple generations within the same family and I feel lucky that my daughters were also able to learn from his vast years of experience as I did. His retirement will be a great loss for youth soccer in the Grosse Pointe community."

On the soccer field and in life, Dow Reimers said lessons she learned from her father still hold immense value.

"Goals and projects are important, but people are the most important," she said. "Dad struck a balance. ... What I've learned from him is the people along the way are just as important as any project you're doing. He's had a lot of visitors this past week as his health is declining, but he's still asking people about themselves and their kids. You can be passionate about projects, but you have to be more passionate about the people."

Dow sincerely credited the Neighborhood Club and its people for his long coaching career, calling it "the best organization I've come across for youth sports. It was when I started and it is now. It's a fabulous organization that offers so many opportunities. ... It is emblematic of what a good neighborhood organization should be."

And to his current and former athletes, Dow said:

"I love you all. It was a pleasure coaching you and watching you grow up. You've been a big part of my life and a very pleasant, happy part of my life."

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Meet the staff who made Ford House a home in 'Making It Work'

Every home has unique needs that must be tended to and the home of Edsel and Eleanor Ford is, and was, no exception.

Hundreds of employees worked on the estate during the family's residency, from when the Fords moved into the home in 1928, until Eleanor Ford's passing in 1976.

Now the lives and labors of that staff are being explored in a new exhibition, "Making It Work," opening June 1, in the Gaukler Pointe Gallery inside the Visitor Center at Ford House.

The previous exhibition, "Driven by Design,"



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Above and right, conceptual renderings of the "Making It Work" exhibition, which opens June 1 at Ford House.

has been reinstalled in the now-open historic Garage at the Gate Lodge and includes two additional

vehicles: a 1934 Brewster Town Car and a 1952 Lincoln Town Car Limousine, which was custom engineered to allow Eleanor Ford to enter without stooping.

"Making It Work" invites visitors to meet and learn about several staff members who had a significant impact on the family and the estate.

"Some worked here for

Right, guests will get an inside look at the lives of Ford family staff from 1928 to 1976.



decades and lived on the estate," Ford House Director of Communications & Engagement Tommy Karr said.

"The head of security was here until the 1970s, with more than 50 years of service," Ford House Director of Material Culture Lisa E. Worley added.

Interviews with staff members were recorded in years past and those, combined with artifacts, news clippings, photos and more, were curated to present a unified story

of the staff experience. Seven former employees, including a butler, chauffeur and housekeeper, will have their stories shared through oral histories in the exhibit's video presentation.

"This is the rare chance to look behind the family, to see and understand the efforts that went into supporting a huge country house estate like this," Karr said.

"Making It Work" will be on exhibit for two years and is free to all guests. Visitors can go more in-depth with the

staff by taking the 55-minute "Making It Work" tour, in which guests travel to the main residence to explore the dedicated staff spaces of the home. Additionally, Worley will give a talk Thursday, June 8, discussing the staff and what it took to run the estate and support the Ford family.

Tickets to the "Making It Work" tour and "Making It Work" lecture may be purchased online at fordhouse.org/events or by calling (313) 884-4222.

Shores artist Yamasaki curates woodblock exhibition

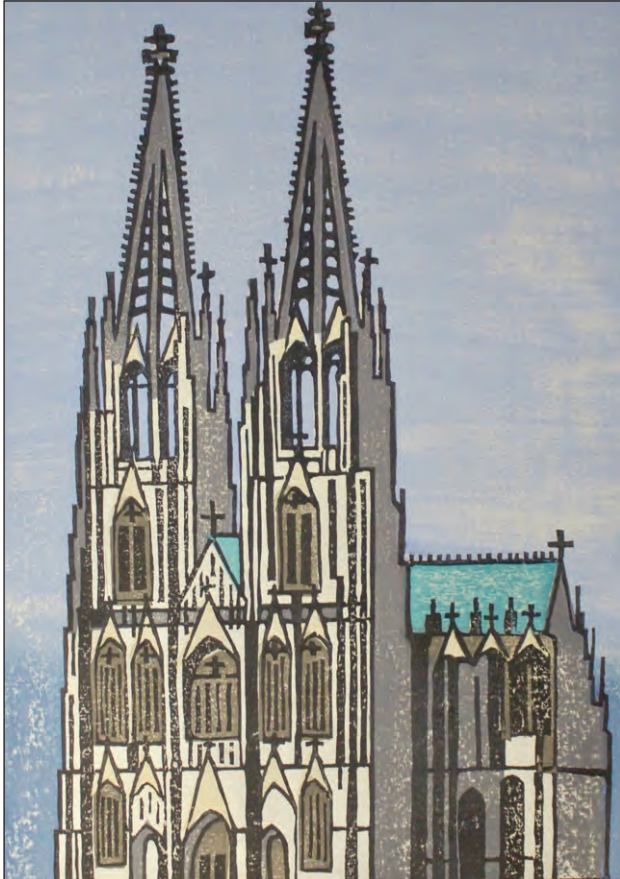
Color | Ink Studio & Gallery presents "Nobuko Yamasaki: Mokuhanga Workshop Show," an exhibition of woodblock prints curated by artist Nobuko Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Shores. The show opens June 9, and runs through July 7.

According to Yamasaki, mokuhanga is a traditional Japanese technique for woodblock printing. It is best known for the ukiyo-e style prints popular in Japan during the Edo period (1603-1868). Similar to Western woodcut prints in some regards, mokuhanga uses water-based inks instead of oil-based inks, providing a wide range of vivid colors, glazes and transparency.

Yamasaki has selected for the exhibition prints by seven artists who have participated in her workshops: Jacki Boyer, Werner Croonen, Marcia Guestschow, Linda L. McCauley, Ann Elizabeth Mesritz, Antonia Oakley and David Prescott. Several of Yamasaki's own works will also be on view.

Gallery Director Candace Law added, "We're pleased to welcome Nobuko back to the gallery and delighted to feature a selection of the creative woodblock prints produced by Detroit-area artists who have studied with her."

The public is invited to attend a free artists reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists and discuss the exhibition in person. Light refreshments will be



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"Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral)" by Werner Croonen.

offered. The exhibition will be on display online at colorinkstudio.com or in person most weekdays by appointment. The gallery is located at 20919 John R, Hazel Park.

Yamasaki learned woodblock printing in the tradition of Hiroshige at Seika University in Kyoto, Japan. After graduation, she studied with Richard Steiner, a noted woodblock print artist and teacher, in his Kyoto studio. She has gone on to create award-winning work and share woodblock printing techniques with her students. Yamasaki teaches at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association

studio and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center.

Color | Ink Studio & Gallery is a working visual art and photography studio and gallery space that exhibits contemporary art by emerging and established artists. It offers occasional workshops and other programs for the Detroit-area arts community. The principals are Candace Law, a visual artist who works primarily in encaustic and mixed media, and Eric Law, a fine art and commercial photographer. For more information, call (248) 398-6119.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Kids can't agree on family meals

Dear Gabby: Help! We are a family of six, and my three college-aged kids have returned home for the summer. Not only is our house now brimming with extra "stuff" that we have to store for them over the summer, I am quickly becoming a short-order cook at dinner time.

One of my kids is a vegetarian, one is gluten free and another thinks nachos are a food group, preferably eaten an hour or so before dinner, or late at night (the nacho eater also is great at leaving his cheese-encrusted plate in his bedroom!).

The rest of my crew

would eat steak seven nights a week (not my favorite), but at this point I am too tired to even think about eating. Any tips or tricks to make everyone happy before I decide to run away to a spa?

— Food Fighting in the Farms

Dear Food Fighting,

Have you ever thought about making a weekly dinner schedule every Sunday, and giving each person with a dietary preference a day to be in charge of making dinner? That would take some of the load off of your plate, so to speak.

Another idea is to build

in a "YOYO" night, as in You're On Your Own for dinner. This lets each person eat whatever they want. The best part is you are no part of it — they are responsible for whatever they want to eat that night.

Finally, it's summer and I say take advantage of all of the great restaurants in Grosse Pointe that have al fresco dining options. Make a list of these places and put it up where your family can reference it on the night of the week you decide to go out.

Places like Red Crown in the Park, Bronze Door in the

Farms or DaEdoardo's in the Woods come to mind. You could even bike or take the trolley to your destination and make it a family affair.

Bottom line: It's summer, so keep the stress low and your spirits high.

The good news is, no one will starve. And remember, your kids can always pour a bowl of Lucky Charms or Raisin Bran for dinner (Lucky Charms are gluten free. Who knew?!).

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointenews.com.



Abuse survivor has turned to food to deal with past

DEAR ABBY: In many ways, I am blessed. I have an amazing family, a great husband and a well-paying job that I enjoy. My only problem is, I hate myself. I hide my pain with humor (I'm pretty funny).

I have some childhood sexual abuse trauma and have had a lot of counseling. I'm hesitant to blame my current issues on something that happened so long ago, but why can't I get my life together? I'm so happy now, so why is this dragging me down?

I combat my inner pain, stress and hate by eating. I cannot stop. I have gained so much weight it is hard to do normal activities. I am tired, disgusted and ashamed of being so out of control.

None of my clothes fit. Every social situation is unbelievably overwhelming. I have tried diet after diet. Some work, but nothing sticks long term. I have removed all the mirrors in my house so I won't have to look at myself.

My family and friends are amazing, loving and supportive. My world would be nothing without them. How can I mentally wire my jaw shut so I don't shove every piece of food I see down my gullet? — EXPLODING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR EXPLODING: You are far from the only person who has used food to mask emotional pain. There is truth in the saying, "It's not what you're eating, but what's eating you that may be the problem."

Two trusted organizations may be able to help you conquer this. The first is the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (rainn.org). RAINN has been mentioned in my column many times. When you contact this group, it could connect you with counseling tailored to survivors of sexual abuse and help you to deal with any lingering issues from your childhood trauma.

The second organization is Overeaters Anonymous (oa.org). OA is a support group for people who can't control their eating, based on the principles of AA. When you make contact, you will find them to be sympathetic and supportive -- there is no judging, weighing or shaming. It may give you the moral and emotional support you need to regain control. I'm rooting for you.

DEAR ABBY: The other day I went to the pool in my neighborhood and found there were four lounge chairs

with towels on them indicating they were "reserved." They are the best chairs in the pool area because they are covered by a small roof and protected from the sun. I then had to use another chair that only partially covered me.

It wasn't until three hours later, when I was about to leave, that a couple carrying party items showed up to claim the chairs. Would it have been OK to move the "reserved" chairs to another area and put mine under the roof, and then put them back when I leave? What if the people come and I'm still there? — ALL WET IN FLORIDA



DEAR ALL WET: What those neighbors did was rude. Yes, it would have been OK for you to sit in the shade, protected from the sun. If the entitled folks who tied up the chairs (for hours) came down to use them within 15 minutes, you could

have moved. But under the circumstances, you should not have given up yours.

DEAR ABBY: A My wife and I have a dear friend who comes from out of town to visit a couple of times a year. We have known him for many years and enjoy his company. The problem is he has started wearing an excessive amount of cologne. It has reached the point where the scent is overwhelming. It gets into the upholstery, the mattress in the guest bedroom, etc.

It's not that either of us is allergic, it's just that he uses way too much, and the fragrance lingers on long after he departs. So how do we have a conversation with someone who has "good" hygiene? — MAKES NO SCENTS IN TEXAS

DEAR MAKES NO SCENTS: A diplomatic way would be to tell this friend that you or your wife has developed a "sensitivity" (do not use the word "allergy," which would be a lie) to scents, so you would appreciate it if he refrains from using any during his visits.

DEAR ABBY: A lonely friend who lives several hours away wants to visit me for a few days. He keeps bringing up the

subject of visiting while I try to steer the conversation in another direction. My wife isn't keen on the idea of someone she's not familiar with staying with us.

I don't consider us close friends, and I have never invited him to stay. I prefer he not visit, mainly due to my wife's concerns. Is there a way to get him to stop asking without losing his friendship? I suppose I could live without the friendship, but I don't want to hurt him. — FLUMMOXED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FLUMMOXED: Long-Tell this pushy individual you and your wife "cannot accommodate" a houseguest. Whatever the reason may be, it's the truth. Keep repeating it as often as necessary.

DEAR ABBY: Please urge your readers to turn off their TVs and shut off their phones. My husband died while we were celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary. He was watching a TV program I didn't care for, so I went in the other room to watch something else. I fell asleep, and when I went back into his room at the resort, he was dead.

I'm having a hard time forgiving myself for not staying and watching it

with him. How I wish we had turned the TV off and just talked that night — talked about everything that had happened since we met, the things we did right and the things we did wrong. I wish we had stayed awake and talked until he took his last breath.

I can't change what happened to me, but I know some of your readers can prevent it from happening to them. I miss my darling every day. Put those phones down! Turn your TVs off! Enjoy the love of your life while they are here with you. — JUST SAYING IN THE WEST

DEAR JUST SAYING: You did nothing to feel guilty for. Anyone who has lost a loved one has regrets; some more than others. What stands out most in your letter is its message to appreciate what we have while we still have it, because it applies to more than just widowhood.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss, and thank you for wanting to warn others..

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

I am a chronic over-packer and if you are too, these packing cubes will be your new best friend. My sister was the first to order these packing cubes from Amazon and seeing how she could pack all her things into a carry-on for our trip to California while I still had to check a bag convinced me to try them.

If you look up packing cubes on Amazon, a ton of different brands and options pop up and they seem to all practically be the same thing.

The ones I ordered specifically were called, "Packing Cubes 8 Sets Travel Luggage Organizers Include Waterproof Shoe Storage Bag Convenient Packing Pouches for Traveller," by the brand Betlemory.

This set comes with eight storage pouches in different shapes and sizes, including special bags for shoes and cosmetics.

The best part: They're only \$17.00.



The top of each cube is

mesh, which I find particularly helpful because you can easily find which pouch you put your pants in and which one has your tops. Additionally, the cubes have a closing clip to keep all of your items secure, as well as make it easy to zip and lay it flat in your suitcase.

I found I could pack so much more in a smaller space with these cubes. It also helped me

be more selective with what I was bringing, because I would only allow myself to take what would fit in the cube.

These packing cubes made packing a breeze and helped me stay organized throughout my travels. Now, my mom, sister and I all use them and we would never travel without them.

If you want to simplify your packing process and stay organized on your next trip, I highly recommend giving packing

cubes a try. I rate these packing cubes 5 out of 5 alligators because they are so helpful and easy to use.

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

Savory and Sweet Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Memorial Day is right around the corner. I personally do not prefer sweets but also know that when I host, most do! This checks all the boxes.

Creamy cheese thrown on the grill melted just until perfection is paired with a sweet and savory blend of strawberries, blackberries and balsamic.

Make sure you are quick with the cheese—it cooks fast if your grill is hot. The end result is complete, easy perfection for all to enjoy.

Cheers, Mombeau

Grilled Brie with Berries

1 8 oz wheel of brie

1 tbsp olive oil

1 cup sliced strawberries

½ cup fresh blackberries

1 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tsp sugar

Place the strawberries in a bowl with vinegar and sugar. Let sit for 10

minutes while preheating the grill.

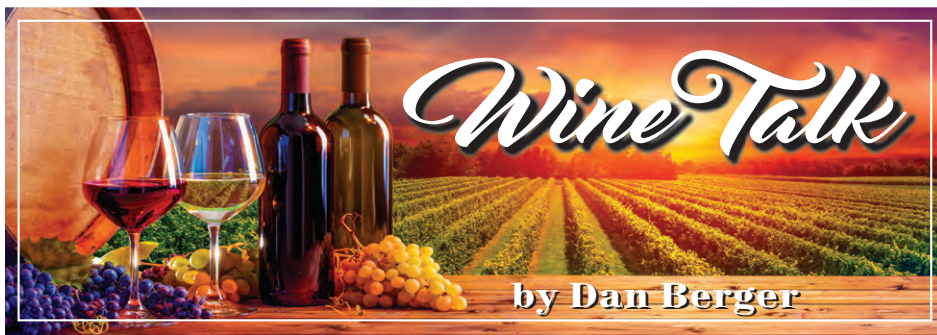
Take the wheel of brie from the container and brush both sides with olive oil.

Place on a medium to high heat grill. Grill for one to two minutes per side. Remove from the heat and add to a platter with a sliced baguette and sturdy crackers.

Top with the wonderful strawberries and blackberries. And revel in a great gathering of friends this Memorial Day.



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Older wines

"Like fine old wine." We've all heard people use versions of this timeworn saying, which suggests that the aging of any wine improves it. That may be true for about 1 percent of the wines in this world, but it has sad consequences for the other 99 percent.

Most of the wines we drink tend to be young and fruity — and it's that very fruit that we all cherish. We speak of chardonnay's bright citrus, gewurztraminer's spiciness, riesling's apple-y/floral sprightliness and sauvignon blanc's herbal freshness.

Too much age will diminish those elements.

Though it's true that some of these wines will improve in the bottle, most people still appreciate wine in its youth — especially those wines that are reasonably priced. That includes the most interesting aromatics and flavors that we find in red wines.

A few red wines do benefit from time in the bottle, which creates the multiplicity of flavors that wine collectors cherish in mature wines. But most wine drinkers prefer to drink wines that are youthful.

Occasionally someone asks me if a particular older wine is "ready to drink" or "over the hill." In most cases my first assessment is of the person asking the question. If it's someone

under the age of 35, my reaction usually is, "It's best to drink it as soon as possible."

Although I love the complexity that comes with aging many different wines, I realize that it takes a learning curve to appreciate older reds and especially older whites. In most cases, younger consumers haven't yet reached that level of sophistication where they can appreciate maturity.

Here are a few examples:

Chardonnay: Aging wines made from this popular grape is probably not a good idea, though a few examples can prove to be fascinating and/or extraordinary a few years down the road from their vintage. I generally suggest drinking them as young as possible.

Sauvignon Blanc: Most of the best wines made from this variety are at their peak of freshness as young as

possible. Still, a few dry versions (such as those from the Napa Valley or the Loire in France) can take on bouquet aromatics that make them fascinating as old as 10 years or even older.

Pinot Gris: Almost all of the wines that carry this designation on their labels are made to be enjoyed when very young. Unknown to most people (including



Pinot Gris

some so-called experts) is that this variety ages nicely for a few years beyond the vintage. Three or four years after the harvest date, pinot gris' aromatics will change, but the



Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the most age-able wines in the world. Time in the cellar can transform a finely made boisterous young Cabernet into an Aged Cabernet Sauvignon.

wines may actually display fascinating characteristics.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Fine examples of this wine often improve with a few years in the bottle, and some of the finest cabernets in the world require 20 years or more! But if you spend \$10 to \$20 for a bottle, it probably wasn't intended for long-term storage.

Merlot: I like this medium-weight grape variety, especially when it's grown in cooler climates. Then, depending on its acidity, it may improve for several years after its vintage date. Inexpensive ver-

sions, however, probably are best as young as possible.

Petite Sirah: This typically dark red wine is either blessed or cursed with significant amounts of tannin, which allows it to age nicely for at least a decade. Even inexpensive versions can improve, with the wine taking on sublime elements.

Syrah, Malbec, Zinfandel, Grenache, Pinot Noir: All five of these red wines can benefit from some time in the bottle, but as with any red wine, they are usually at a peak of development sooner than later.

The more you age any wine, the more it diverges from what it originally was. And although the diversity among all these different varieties can be fascinating, most wines never retain much if any

of the original fruit components that were available in their youth.

In general, most wines are best younger than older.

Wine of the Week: N2019 Frescobaldi Chianti "Castiglione" (\$16) — There's no real need to age this lovely classically styled red wine from Tuscany because it already has a perfect affinity for red-sauced dishes. The aroma is classic Chianti with red and plum fruits and a trace of forest-y complexity. The flavors are Tuscan personified with ample acidity to work with lighter meat dishes like Bolognese pastas.

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Left, Kirsten Dunst as Eden and Jim Sturgess as Adam in the 2012 movie "Upside Down," directed by Juan Solanas.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Upside Down"
 2012 - Rated PG-13
 1 hr 49 min
 ★★★★★

I saw this interesting film several years ago, and it really took me by surprise. I've never seen anything quite like it, and that's a big part of its charm. I recently decided to rewatch it, and I think it's held up quite well — it simply bowled me over a second time. "Upside Down" could loosely be described as a sci-fi romance film, with less emphasis on the science and more on the fiction. I've noticed that only a handful of reviewers share my enthusiasm for it, but that's okay. I invite you to view this film and decide for yourself.

the door when watching the movie. The two worlds co-exist, however their inhabitants are forbidden to interact.

The visuals in the movie are absolutely spectacular. The writer/director Juan Solanas is a true visionary. I read that it took him seven years to make this film, and I can certainly believe it. Most of the scenes that take place in the upper world are bathed in a nostalgic, warm glow. The sequences that take place on the lower world are by contrast, dimly lit,

fall in love. It's another retelling of the "Romeo and Juliet" story, but I can guarantee you've



Eden, (Kirsten Dunst) demonstrates the upside-down Martini.

never seen it presented quite like this. The two young lovers are smitten with each other, and you can feel the chemistry between Sturgess and Dunst in every scene

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



at the scientific arm of Transworld, he takes a job there to find her and rekindle their relationship. Two major obstacles are in his way. Because of her accident ten years ago, Eden suffers from amnesia and doesn't remember him when they reconnect. And to survive in the upper (upside down) world, he has to wear a special suit loaded with

anti-matter metal bars. These heat up and can burn human flesh after just an hour. The first time Adam enters the office for a job interview practically takes your breath away. It's a large, open work-

space, and we see people from the upper world going about their business upside down on the top half of the screen. The workers from the lower world are right side up on the lower half. The effect is just one of the many visual spectacles that make this such a wonderful movie.

On the first day at his new job, Adam meets a fellow inventor Bob, who has a cubicle directly above his. Timothy Spall, one of my favorite actors, plays him. Bob is an amiable chap, and when he's abruptly fired after 30 years with the company, he becomes Adam's accomplice in his quest to win Eden back.

I can almost guarantee

you've never seen a film quite like "Upside Down." It's just a wonderful, heart-warming tale the whole family will enjoy. It could almost be a film from Disney or Dream Works. And it's a movie worth watching more than once.

You have several viewing options. Watch it for free on Hoopla.com (with your library card), Freevee, and Tubi. Also on Peacock and The Roku Channel.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd

recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column: My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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



The two worlds bridged by the Transworld Corporation.

In the opening moments of "Upside Down," a narrator explains the setting of the story. It takes place in another universe where two planets rotate around each other as they travel around their sun. Each planet has its own gravitational pull, which is opposite of the other. The upper world is home to the "haves" while the "have-nots" inhabit the lower world. The concept is described in more detail, but, you need to check reality at

and are depicted in brown and gray hues. And in the middle, connecting the two worlds is a massive structure built by the Transworld Corporation. The atmosphere in this building is filled with dazzlingly bright blues and cool white colors.

Our story is about a young couple, Adam (Jim Sturgess) and Eden (Kirsten Dunst) who meet one day on the mountaintops of their respective worlds. They play together, and soon

they share. Then tragically, while being pursued by the police for their forbidden relationship, Eden takes a horrible fall and that chapter in their lives is closed.

We jump ahead 10 years. Adam has been working in a laboratory headed by his mentor Albert (Blu Mankuma). He's developed an anti-aging cream that's based on anti-gravity principles. (Again, try not to apply logic here.) When he discovers his one true love is alive and working



Adam, (Jim Sturgess) in his laboratory.



The young lovers share a special moment.





The beginning of summer, as many would say,
Starts out on the very last Monday in May;
It's a day off from work and a barbecue spread
And the Indy 500 and poppies of red
And oh, so much more for, lest we forget,
Those defenders of freedom — we owe them our debt!
The men and the women who selflessly gave
Their own lives for ours that our banner might wave
O'er the land of the brave and the home of the free;
Oh, yes, they've delivered for you and for me!
Let's give a salute and a tip of the wing
To those who gave all that our freedom might ring
As well as the families who suffered the cost —
May heaven reward them for all that they've lost.

Joan LeGro Bushnell



Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 25, 2023: You are attractive. You have charisma. You are also laid-back and easy-going, which means people like you. This year is the first year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means you can expect new opportunities, new beginnings, adventures and major changes in your life. Get ready!

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
This can be a playful day. It's a good day to explore hobbies and creative projects. Sports events and playful activities with children are also excellent choices. Financial delays are diminishing, which means you can move forward with more confidence at work. Tonight: Protect children.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
With increased activity and chaos on the home-front (possibly due to visiting guests, residential moves, renovations or redecorating projects), whatever the case, it's a small wonder that you need to focus on home and family today. Fortunately, your communications will be more effective! Tonight: A surprise.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
This continues to be a powerful time for you because the Sun is in your sign. Make the most of this advantage! Go after what you want. You have increased confidence and good fortune now. Today, communications with siblings, neighbors and relatives are likely. Stay busy. Tonight: Avoid accidents.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Despite your impulse to work alone or behind the scenes right now, today you are focused on financial issues, shopping and cash flow. Guard against impulsive decisions. (Usually, you are wise about how you handle your money because you are careful and thrifty.) Tonight: Be alert.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual; however, it also boosts your good luck a tiny bit. This means you have an edge over all the other signs. Perhaps you can test this. Ask the universe for a favor. Tonight: Stay in control.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Mixed messages are in the air for you today. With the Sun high in your chart, you are high-viz. In fact, people admire you! However, the Moon is hiding in your chart, which means you want to be reclusive and work alone or stay behind the scenes. You can juggle these energies today. Tonight: Solitude.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Competition with a friend or a group might be taking place for many. You certainly have the energy to direct group dynamics. Today, a heart-to-heart conversation with someone could be important. You might explore future travel plans with a friend or a group. Tonight: A new friend?

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
For some reason, personal details about your private life seem to be public today. People might talk about you or read about you. Do be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Possibly, you can

work this to your advantage. Tonight: Be wary of authority.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are always keen to travel and discover new vistas and meet new people. Today you have this urge. Do what you can to satisfy your need for some fresh stimulation. Go someplace you've never been before. Talk to a stranger. Learn something new! Tonight: Plans change.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You are work oriented right now, which is why you're putting out a lot of effort to accomplish as much as you can, as efficiently as possible. Today shared property, inheritances, wills, estates and insurance issues could be your primary focus. Get stuff done! Tonight: Check your finances.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This is no biggie. It simply requires a little patience, cooperation and a willingness on your part. You are in a playful frame of mind! Tonight: Patience.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
While focused on family and your private life, today you will take care of hygiene details. You want to get better organized. You also might want to do something that will promote your own good health. Many of you will also deal with the details of taking care of a pet. Tonight: Be mindful.

BORN TODAY
Actress Octavia Spencer (1970), actress Jacki Weaver (1947), actor Cillian Murphy (1976).

Contract Bridge

SNEAK ATTACK

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 5 3
♥ J 3
♦ 8 6 5
♣ A K Q J 4

WEST

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 9 6 5 3

EAST

♠ A 8 7 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ 7 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ A K Q 10
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠			

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Assume you're East and declarer gets to four spades on the sequence shown. Your partner leads the diamond three, and you cash the K-A of diamonds before playing another diamond, ruffed by declarer with the nine of spades. South leads the king of trump, your partner following suit, and the question is whether to take the king with the ace or duck it.

Let's say you decide to duck the king,

which is fairly standard play. This does not turn out well, because South next leads the queen of trump, disclosing the 4-1 trump division. You are now a deceased pigeon, whatever you do.

If you take your ace, South has an easy time scoring the rest of the tricks. If you don't take it, South has to work harder, but you still wind up behind the eight ball. He cashes the ace of hearts and begins to run dummy's clubs. Whether you ruff the third club high, low or not at all, your cause is hopeless.

Oddly enough, the correct play is to win the king of trump with the ace at trick four and lead a diamond! This might seem like a crazy thing to do — after all, you're presenting declarer with a ruff-and-discard — but it is a play that is virtually certain to defeat the contract.

What do you think South would do if you led the fourth round of diamonds at trick five? He doesn't know that the trumps are divided 4-1, and he would feel foolish indeed if he discarded a winner from his hand and West scored the setting trick with the seven or eight of trump. Holding the Q-J-10 of spades, South would be much more likely to ruff with the ten and hope for a 3-2 trump division. Once he did that, he could no longer make the contract.

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by Steve Becker

FISHING CONTEST



OH, IT'S ON!



Annual Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic kicks off this week

2023 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

Who: You! Age categories:
DIVISION A - Age 12 and under,
DIVISION B - Ages 13-18
DIVISION C - Adults, age 19+

What: 3rd Annual Grosse Pointe News Onshore Fishing Classic

Where: Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land only (no boats)

When: May 25 - June 29, 2023

Why: Great prizes, fresh air and good times in the Pointes.

Prizes: \$50 per fish category for the 12 and under and ages 13-18 divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.

\$25 per fish category for the adult, age 19+ division, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week for adult, age 19+ division.

Details: Visit grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic for full contest rules and details.

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

On your mark, get set, fish! Our fun yearly contest starts today, May 25, and runs until Thursday, June 29. Each week, there are several categories offering the chance to win cash prizes. Divisions are based on age, and fish are based on length only for bass (combined small and large-mouth), pike, muskie and walleye. This year we have even more exciting prizes, including gift certificates from Fishbones, Whistle Stop and Lakeside Fishing Shop, electronics and more. Be sure to enter no matter the size of your fish — everyone who submits a fish is eligible to win great prizes via random drawing.

A huge thank you and shout out to our community sponsors who make these fun and special events possible. Without the engaged and generous businesses around town, life would be a lot less fun. Be sure to consider this when shopping for goods and services.

This year, our premier sponsor is our local Charles Schwab office, which offers personalized full-service financial consulting and investment guidance.

“We’re excited to join fellow members of our community and unite over our shared appreciation of this hobby and the great outdoors,” said Kyle Hecht, independent branch leader and financial consultant at Charles



COURTESY PHOTOS

A couple of our 2022 participants show off their prize catches: Top, Alex Blyth, of Grosse Pointe, caught a 24” pike in the Division B contest. Above, Henry Logan with his impressive 16” smallmouth.

Schwab’s Grosse Pointe Independent Branch. “We’re honored to be the premier sponsor of this special local event. At our Charles Schwab branch, we provide local access to a range of modern investing, wealth management and personal finance guidance and services that combine the best of what people and technology can provide. We are champions of investors, and we’re passionate

about working 1:1 with our clients to help them achieve their financial goals. We’re delighted to be active members of the Grosse Pointe community and look forward to building connections that go well beyond our branch.”

Fishbones, which has been a sponsor since the contest’s inception, is once again offering amazing weekly gift cards. Have you been to their outdoor patio yet this year? It’s the perfect place to enjoy a meal with friends, family and fresh air.

Be sure to pick up all of your fishing gear, bait and tackle at Lakeside Fishing Shop, which provides our fishing reports, gift cards, and rod and reel combos that two lucky winners will receive. And last but certainly not least, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, which has donated \$25 gift cards for a few lucky winners. And new this year from an anonymous donor who LOVES fishing, we have electronic prizes the kids will be sure to love, including a bluetooth speaker (\$150 value), a PC gaming mouse (\$129 value), Wireless mouse (\$30 value), Bluetooth keyboard (\$50 value) and Yeti microphone (\$129 value).

The nitty gritty: Subscribing to the Grosse Pointe News has its perks! Participants must have an adult subscriber in the household to enter this amazing contest. Subscribe online at grossepointenews.com or call 882-6900. See complete rules online at grossepointenews.com/fishing.

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For Captain Dan’s daily fishing report: Call (586) 777-7008

THIS WEEK’S TIP:

Lot of action on the river. It’s a mixed bag on bait. Perch biting near Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Get on out there!

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FISH ON!



Anglers...Let's do it again!

Time to ready your rods and reels for the
**3rd ANNUAL GROSSE POINTE NEWS
 INSHORE FISHING CLASSIC**

Hit the docks to fish for some amazing prizes!
May 25th to June 29th

Winners announced every week for each division
 and fish species. **FOUR** fish categories:
 1. Bass (smallmouth and largemouth combined)
 2. Muskie 3. Walleye 4. Pike
 (Contest is for length of fish)

But be sure to enter no matter the size of your fish...
 All contestants will be eligible to win great raffle prizes!
 (One raffle prize per person.)

Divisions:

- Division A: Ages 12 and under
- Division B: Ages 13-18
- Division C: ADULT, ages 19 and up

CONTEST RULES:

- Longest fish in each division wins.
- Onshore catch and release fishing only - no boats!
- Submit a photo of your catch on an official ruler (on this page or at our official rulers placed at the docks.)
- Enter as many days/fish as you wish!
- Must have an adult subscriber in the household to enter. (Subscribe online at grossepointenews.com or call 882-6900.)
- Complete rules at grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic

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\$50 per fish category for the 12-up and 13-18 divisions,
 \$100 for the biggest fish of the week.

\$25 per fish category for the ADULT 19+ division,
 \$50 for the biggest fish of the week.

PLUS! New this year: Electronic prizes kids will be sure to love!
 Bluetooth speaker (\$150 value) • PC gaming mouse (\$129 value)
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Weekly winners announced in 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 and
 7/6 issues of the Grosse Pointe News.

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One local expert's 'pier-to-pier' review

By Brian Owen
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe News' third annual Inshore Fishing Contest kicks off this week, which means it's time to hit your local pier. I visited three of the piers this week and discovered a lot about what they can offer local fishing enthusiasts.

I fished each pier for 60 minutes and took only the following equipment:

- Two bait caster reels and 7-foot rods
- One rubber fishing net
- One gator grip
- Hook outs
- Rapala X-Rap slash bait
- Booyah Super Shad spinner bait

Thursday, May 18, I made my way to Grosse Pointe Park to fish the pier at Windmill Pointe Park. Over my many years of fishing in Grosse Pointe, this was my first time fishing this storied pier, which has been known to produce some big fish.

It was around 3 p.m. when I arrived and my first cast was at 3:10 p.m. The sun was bright and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. There was a fairly impressive hatch taking place as well and the pier was slowly being taken over by insects.

At 3:19, wham! My first and only fish, a stout 16.5-inch smallmouth bass on the Ra-pala jerk bait. It gave me a solid fight, as most smallmouth do, along with a confidence boost in being able to crack the code at a new spot on Lake St. Clair. There were a few other people fishing and everyone was catching fish.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe fishing aficionado Brian Owen holds up his 16.5" smallmouth bass, caught during his first time fishing at Windmill Pointe Park.

The biggest challenge at this particular pier was the bass fishermen in boats spot locked on the corner of the pier where the lake meets the Detroit River. Not only is it a very strong current with eddies and waves bouncing off the break wall, but you have to compete with anglers in boats who decide to fish an area dedicated to pier fishing rather than any other spot on this giant body of water. Smallmouth bass and silver bass were being caught pretty consistently by everyone along the pier.

By 4:10 p.m., time was up. I had several other good-size followers, but wasn't able

to land another. I was pretty happy with my one fish considering the amount of fishing pressure the pier was under at that time. The views of the freighters up close and talking to the others fishing kept me entertained and left me wanting to return to fish another day.

Sunday, May 21, my son, Ben, and I headed to Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. It was another sunny, beautiful 65-degree day and the wind was out of the east. The pier was peppered with anglers of all ages and especially kids. Ben decided to play with his remote-control monster truck, which

allowed me to focus on the task at hand: landing a big fish.

The wind was out of the east fairly strong when we arrived and made casting more challenging. The smallmouth were biting by the corner of the pier, which was a good sign. For the next 30 minutes we made our way around the pier as a hatch of flies began to noticeably increase. When we got to the other end where the kids were catching jumbo perch — wham! — a 27-inch muskie slammed my spinner bait and of course, I had left my net at the other side of the pier.

After a brief battle with the mid-sized muskie, I walked the fish over toward the kids catching perch and nonchalantly asked if I could borrow a net. Well, they sprung into action and got me a net before I could even finish asking. They were so excited I had caught a muskie and they couldn't wait to help me get it over the wall. Before I could get the fish back in the water, I noticed a few of the kids had switched to a spinner bait. It was fun to see so many young anglers as excited about fishing as I am.

Ben and I watched them catch a few more jumbo perch before our hour was up. We made our way back to the parking lot and ran into another duo who had just lost a big smallmouth trying to lift it over the pier without a net. They were still smiling anyway and it was great to see a youngster fishing the pier with his grandpa. John and Jack Shumaker of Grosse Pointe Farms were having a great afternoon together, enjoying one of the best resources our towns have to offer.

Sunday night I made my way to Neff Park. The lake was flat with almost no wind and there was another hatch taking place, although it did not appear to be the same as the others. Fish on!

Brian Owen continues his pier-to-pier tale in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

Lac St. Clair

A place of wonder and natural beauty

Lake St. Clair facts

Area: 430 square miles – 26 miles x 24 miles

Average depth: 10 to 11 feet

Maximum natural depth: 21.3 feet

Maximum dredged depth: 27 feet in the navigation channel, made deeper to accommodate freighter passage

Elevation: 574 feet above sea level

Most popular fish to catch: Perch, walleye, smallmouth bass and muskie

Fed by: The St. Clair River, which flows to the south of Lake Huron.

Name: In 1687, French explorer Rene Robert Cavellier named the body of water Lac Sainte-Claire, as he sighted it on the feast day of Saint Clare of Assisi. By 1710, the English adopted the name as Saint Clare, but by 1755 the shorter "St. Clair" appeared on official maps, and has become most widely used.

Source: Justfunfacts.com

Gone fishin'



COURTESY PHOTO

There's nothing like a day of fishing with your dad to make happy lifetime memories. Kyle Hecht and 3-year-old son Hunter, above, fish for bluegill on Lake St. Clair. Hunter is mastering his skills so that he can teach his new baby sister, Piper, how to fish someday. What a great big brother! Hecht is branch leader at Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, a premier sponsor of the Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic this year.

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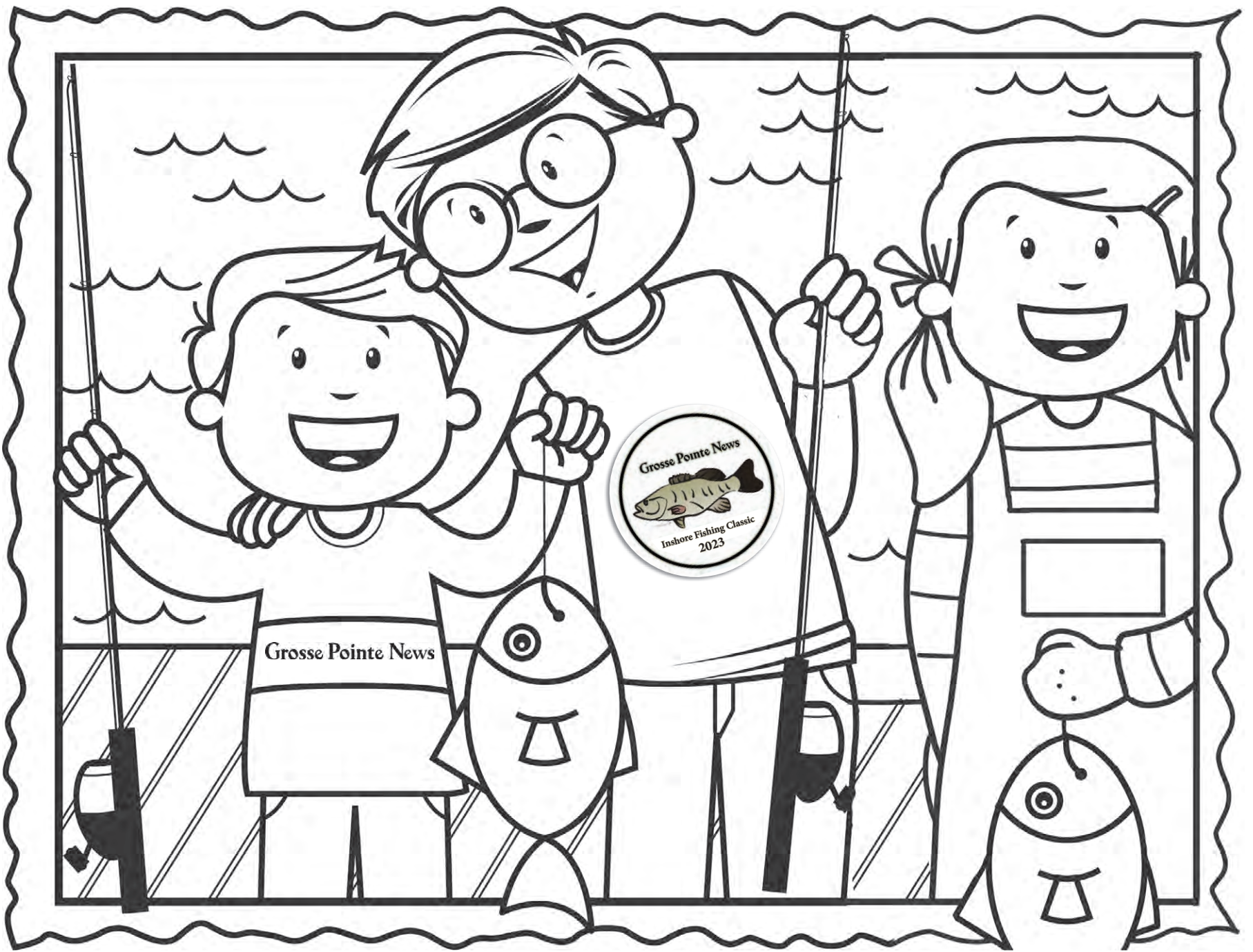
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We are happy to be a part of this great community of kind and engaged businesses.

Now, let's GO FISH – and bring back some legendary catches (and fish tales!)

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LET'S GO FISHING! COLORING CONTEST



WIN a \$25 gift card to Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy!

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 City _____
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KIDS age 2-12, email a photocopy to: marketing@grossepointenews.com or deliver to: 16980 Kercheval Place, GP by 5pm on 6/2/23.

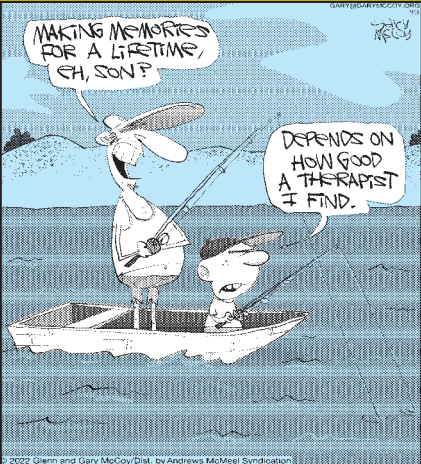


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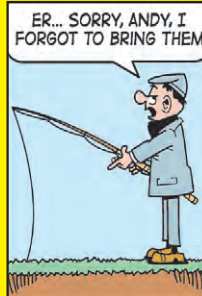
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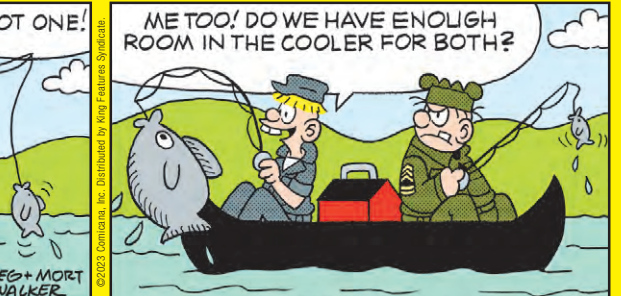


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Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



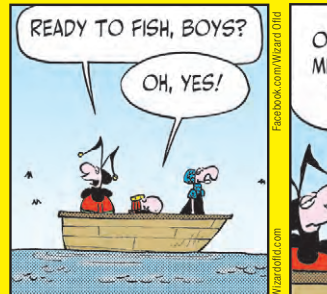
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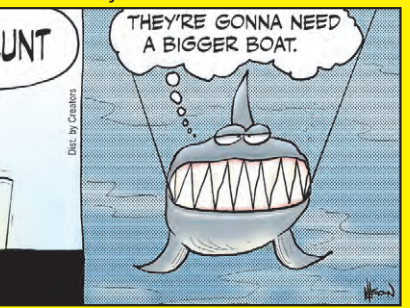
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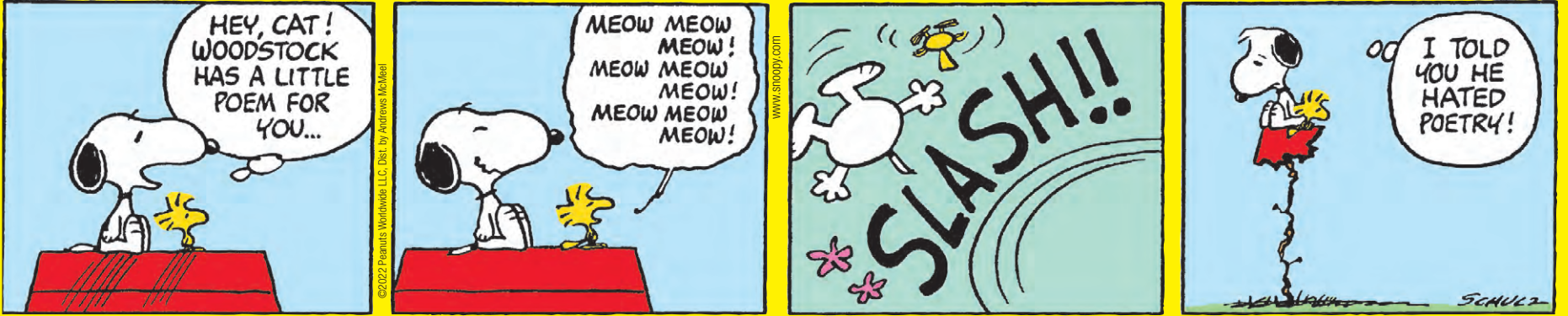
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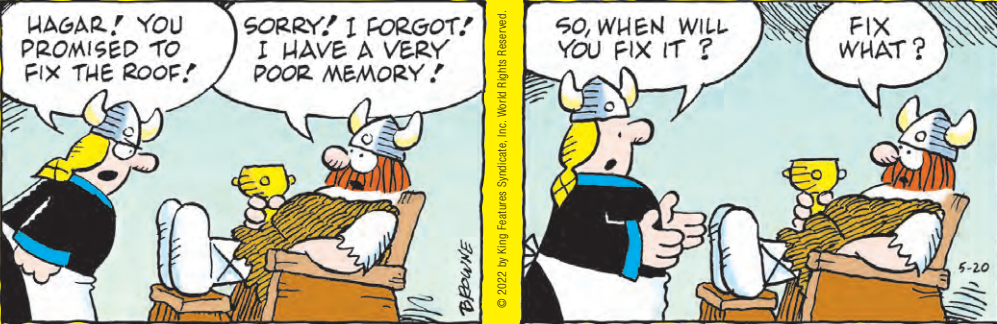
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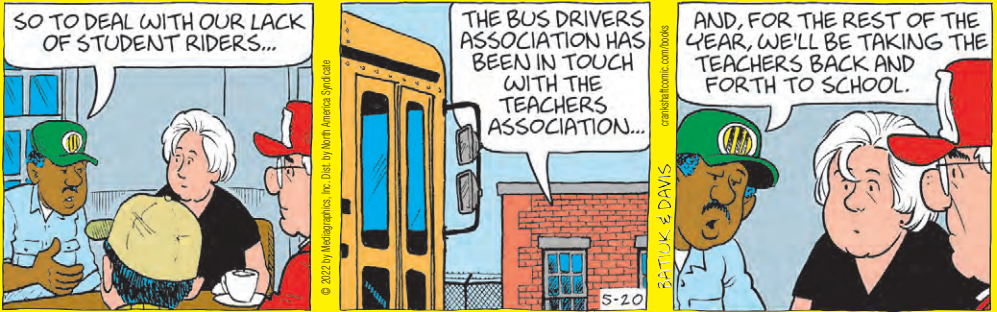
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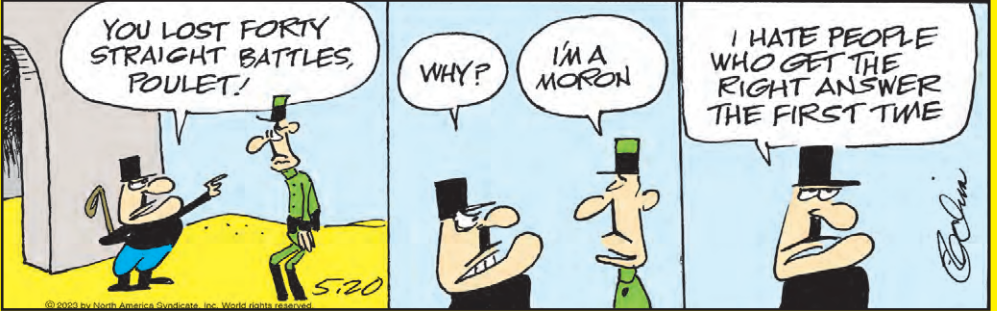
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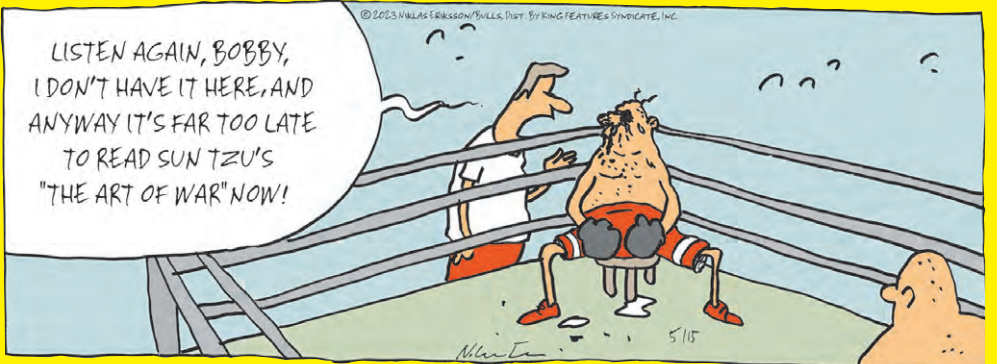
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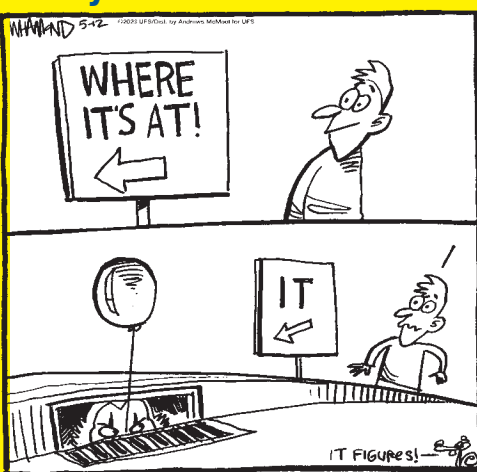
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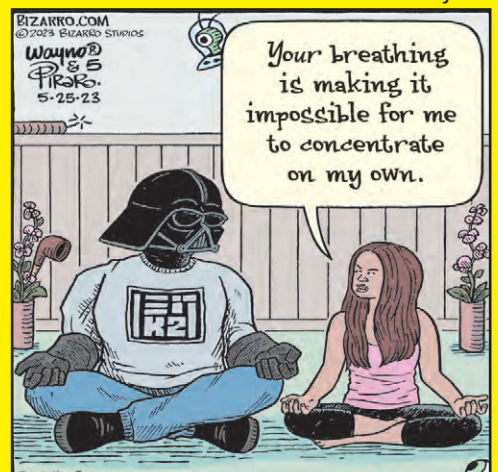
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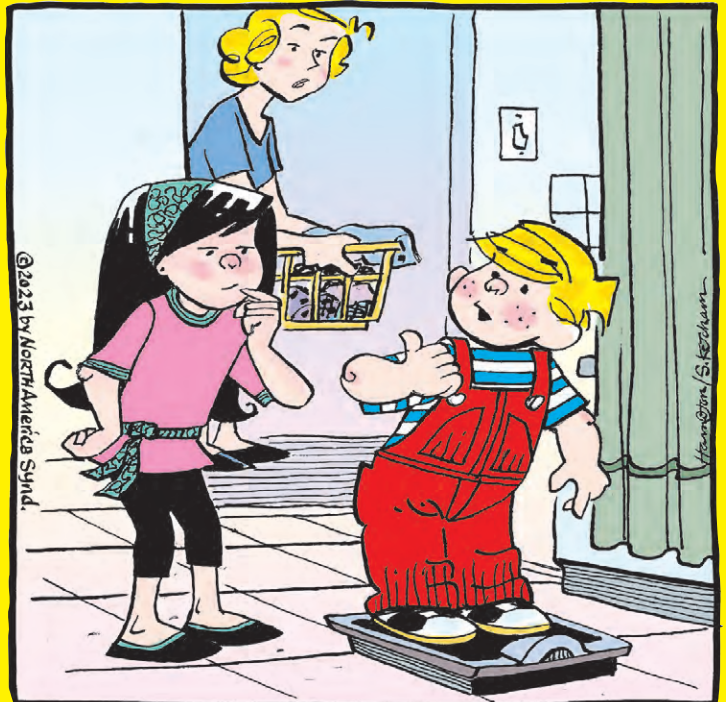
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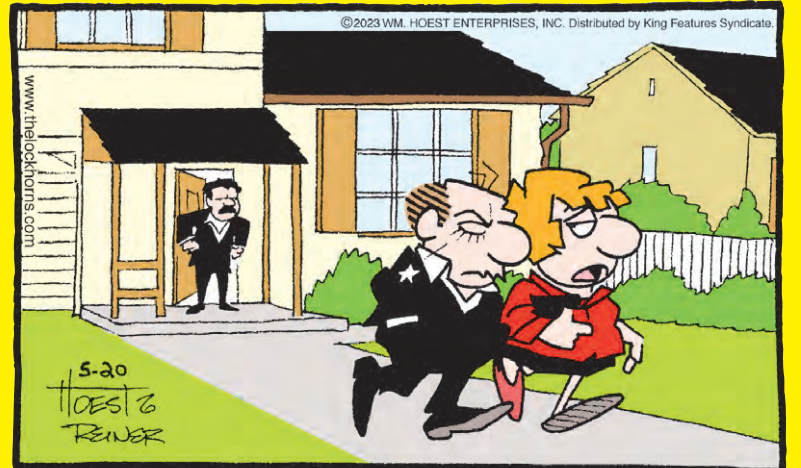
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Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"I couldn't get back to sleep after being wakened by the Squirrel Police."

Kid Scoop



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This week's **Kid Scoop** page is one big chart to keep track of your summer reading! Save this page and post it somewhere so you can track your reading accomplishments!

Kid Scoop Together

Summer Reading Bingo

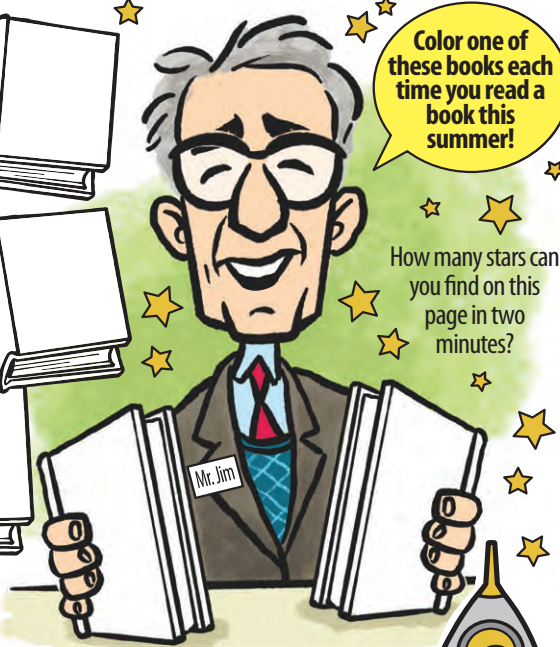
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This summer, be sure to spend time at your local library. Did you know it is a magical place? Kid Scoop's Jim the Librarian says, "Be sure to tell your librarian the kinds of books you like to read. Your librarian is your guide to the magic of the library!"



Color one of these books each time you read a book this summer!

How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes?

Meet Famous People!

Books called **biographies** introduce you to famous people. Read about the lives of some interesting people this summer!

Use the code to reveal the names of some famous people. Read more about them at your library!

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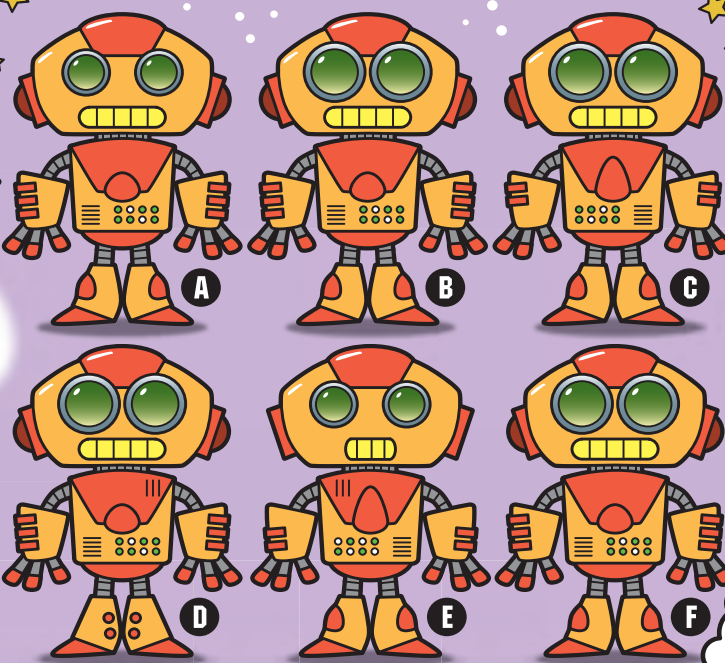
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Books and stories are set in interesting places, all over the world and even in magical places. Color in part of this rocket's trail for each real or imaginary place you read about this summer.



Can you find the two identical robots?

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Magazine Shelf

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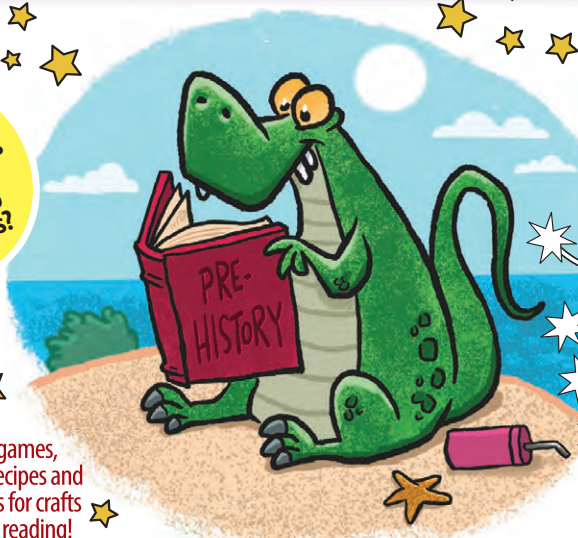
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Do you want to learn about pirates? Dinosaurs? Pyramids? History books can let you travel through time!



Can you find at least 10 differences between these two dinosaurs?

Playing games, following recipes and instructions for crafts all require reading!



Extra! Extra! Reading POPS!

Every time you do a Kid Scoop Extra! Extra! this summer, color in a firecracker!

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Library Adventures

Follow the maze to visit each section of the library.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BOOKS
- FAMOUS
- GUIDE
- LIBRARY
- LOCAL
- MAGAZINE
- MAGIC
- NEWSPAPER
- READ
- ROBOTS
- SHELF
- STARS
- SUMMER
- TRAVEL
- WORLD

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

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 K M A T L A O A R U
 S U M S F G R P T G
 A S L O C A L E A R
 S T A R S M D R A X
 L I B R A R Y S G D

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

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Talking Pictures

Select a picture of a sports star or famous person in the newspaper. Pretend this person can talk to you. Write words for them to say and put the words in a talking bubble to make the picture look like a comic.

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Why did the ghost keep returning to the library day after day?

ANSWER: She went through books very quickly.

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South tennis surprises with regional win, North and ULS finish strong

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week held some of the most highly anticipated days on the calendar for the girls tennis season. Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett battled in their regional tournaments to see who could earn spots in the state finals. In the end, all three teams fared well in their regions, with South taking home first place and both the Norsemen and Knights earning second-place finishes.

North hosted South along with seven other teams last Wednesday, May 17, in the Division 2 regional tournament. The battle for much of the day centered on the Blue Devils vs. the Norsemen, and it ended with South at the top of the standings and North in a close second. The Norsemen dominated much of singles play. Helaina Pietrowsky, Stephanie Karoutsos and Elene Shaheen were all champions in the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles brackets, respectively. The

fourth singles bracket was won by South sophomore Taylor Lewis, making it a sweep for the Pointes in general throughout the singles competition. While North dominated much of the singles brackets, it was the Blue Devils' turn to rack up the wins in doubles play. Megan Kornmeier and Kaitlyn Strong were victorious in the No. 1 doubles tournament for South. Their fellow Blue Devils Maeve Hix and Anamaria Garberding

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

Getting soaked to the bone on a rainy day didn't dampen the spirits of South's boys track and field team Friday, May 19, thanks to its regional win, which qualified the Blue Devils for the state championship in two weeks.

South boys track crushes regionals, scores in all 17 events

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys track and field showed resilience in a steady rain last Friday, May 19, earning 131 points to capture the Region 7 championship on their home turf and beating second-place finisher Detroit Martin Luther King by nearly 50 points. The Blue Devils scored in all 17 events and qualified for the state championship meet, set to take place Saturday, June 3, at Rockford High School, outside of Grand Rapids.

"This whole season has been an unexpected surprise in so many ways," South head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. "I knew we were going to be good, but I didn't know we were going to be this good. It's really been a pleasure. Winning tends to do that. It brings out the best in kids. This has been amazing and the kids just rise up when it matters." Sonnenberg said when he scored the meet in advance to gauge the potential outcomes, his best-case scenario had his team earning 125 points. "But that's being generous and things have to go

our way ... so we end up scoring 131 (points). I mean we dominated. We really did." South qualified for seven events at states, including the 3200 meter relay (4x800) team of Alex Rajewski, Jack Martin, Brendan Downey and Logan Detweiler, who won it in 8:20.61. The team outpaced St. Clair Shores Lakeview's second-place time of 8:36.11. Downey also won the 800 in 1:59.73. He took second in the 1600 in 4:26.63, behind teammate Logan Detweiler, who placed first in

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZA HIX

South's girls tennis team holds the regional championship trophy after finishing at the top of last week's Division 2 regional playoff tournament.



COURTESY PHOTO

Oliver Service is taking his baseball career to the collegiate level next year at the University of Texas, where he plans on offering versatility as a catcher, outfielder and infielder for the Longhorns.

At your Service

- Won 2021 Division 3 State Championship.
- Committed to playing Division 1 baseball next fall at University of Texas in Austin.
- Selected to play in the MLB Draft League this summer for the Chi-town Cream 18U national travel team.

Athlete of the Week

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Standing on the precipice of a high school state championship run and a college baseball career at the University of Texas, Oliver Service walks into every game with a definitive mindset: Bet on yourself. "If you don't have confidence in yourself, then you won't get anything," the University Liggett starting catcher said. "But if you go into something with confidence thinking to yourself that you're already gonna win it or get it, you're most likely going to come out on top because you had that self-confidence. "You've gotta have that dog mentality." Service, a standout three-sport varsity athlete in baseball, football and hockey, is using his bulldog attitude and versatility to help lead Liggett baseball behind the plate this season to a 16-11 record in the

Catholic High School League's Central division, arguably the toughest in the league. At the No. 2 spot, Service is hitting .373

and leads the team with an OBP of .490, five home runs and 29 runs. He's compiled 28 hits, six doubles, one triple and 23 RBIs. He also has

the lowest strikeout percentage on the team at 12.5 percent. But despite his flashy offensive statistics, Service's defense has praise for his catcher's performance. "He has no errors on the year. Teams won't run on him," he said. "Our pitchers hold the runners really well. And when we do that, there's no way they're going on him, because they'll gun him. He's really solidified the running game and our defense. And he controls the pitching staff phenomenally." Though he began playing baseball at age 3 through the Eagle Sports program on Detroit's east side and later with Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, Service did not begin catching until halfway through his sophomore year, when one of the team's catchers went down with an injury. "I had tried it before, but I never really liked it. ... But my coach liked me behind the plate. I thought I could help out the team, so I did it." And now? See ATHLETE, page 5D

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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become his storyline in 2023. His head coach, Dan Cimini, who has known Service since kindergarten, has nothing but

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South erases 11-run deficit to top Ike, North's Hill earns a no-no during busy week of baseball

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

In a packed seven-day stretch of six games apiece for both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, the Blue Devils varsity baseball team managed its biggest comeback in 40 seasons, while the Norsemen took a Brennan Hill no-hitter to ride a win streak into the weekend, when the teams hosted two games each as part of Grosse Pointe Invitational Tournament Saturday, May 20.

For the Blue Devils, after two straight losses to Eisenhower, including a 5-2 loss last Tuesday and a 2-1 loss Thursday, the team was in big need of a win. But its chances looked slim last Friday in its third game against Ike when South found itself down 11-0 by the top of the fifth inning.

"Our offense was kind of struggling all week," said South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. "But hitting breeds hitting and when you don't, you press."

Griesbaum said the walks and errors his team committed in the first half of the game started happening to Eisenhower, setting the table for a comeback.

"In baseball, you can really never give up," he said. "This game showed our kids that."

South found itself inching back, scoring four runs in the bottom of the fifth and feeling the momentum switch, even as the rain picked up.

South pitcher Alex English gave a steady

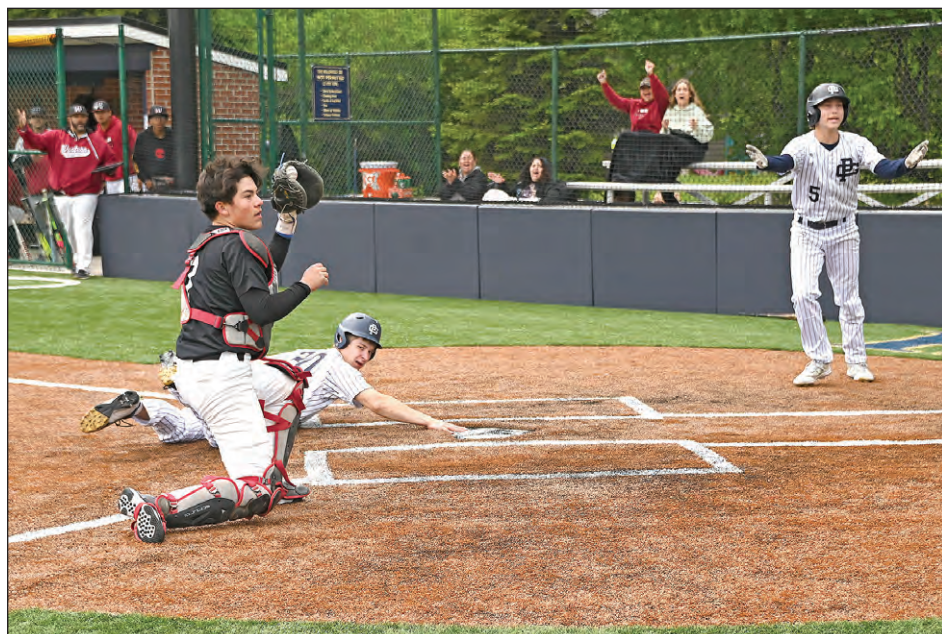


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

With Western's catcher pleading his case that he laid down the tag, Noah Styier is called safe at home in the bottom of the fourth inning.

presence on the mound in the top of the sixth, getting batters to ground out and getting an assist from catcher Ben Domzalski, who gunned down a runner trying to steal second.

But South made the real magic happen in the bottom of the sixth.

After a Joey McEvoy walk and some timely hits, South was down 11-7 with the bases loaded.

Cliff Grabowski reached first on a fielder's choice, allowing Michelotti to score and close the gap to an 11-8 Eisenhower lead. Connor Stafford's sacrifice fly scored Graham and moved Grabowski to third. A balk by the pitcher scored Grabowski before a McEvoy single tied things up 11-11.

"Our comeback was like nothing I've seen in 40 years," Griesbaum said. "Unbelievable."

After two straight

walks, Eisenhower threw a wild pitch, which scored McEvoy to give the Blue Devils a 12-11 lead.

Eisenhower managed a single in the bottom of the seventh, but on a 2-2 count, English struck out the final batter to secure the unimaginable comeback win.

English gave up one hit, no walks and struck out one. The win helped South earn a second-place regular season tie with Dakota in the MAC Red.

The team followed up Friday's comeback with two wins against ranked teams Saturday as hosts of the Grosse Pointe Invitational, beating Detroit Western 7-6 and Mt. Pleasant 6-5.

They played Detroit Country Day after press time Tuesday. They face University Liggett away, as part of the Glynn Conley Invitational, at 5 p.m. Friday, May 26, before hosting two

games Saturday, May 27, against Northville and Detroit Western beginning at 11 a.m.

NORTH

Grosse Pointe North began the week by beating Utica handily in two games by a score of 10-4 Wednesday, May 17, on Senior Day, and again Thursday, May 18, in a 4-2 victory. The wins helped North finish league play at 14-1 and win the MAC White.

"We had a good approach at the plate, some good defense including a few double plays," North head coach Kevin Shubnell said of the two wins. "Bobby Rhodes has some good scoops at first. The key for us is we have had some strong starting pitching, which has been good for us all year."

That strong starting pitching continued for Brennan Hill on Friday, May 19, as the junior

left-handed pitcher tossed a no-hitter against the Division 1 Hartland Eagles at the Legacy Center in Brighton, giving the Norsemen a 2-1 win.

Playing on a grass field in a driving rain, the game was called after four innings. But Shubnell said Hill clearly had the right stuff Friday night, despite playing in less than ideal conditions, with Hill regularly clearing clumps of dirt out of his cleats.

"He rises to the occasion in a big game," Shubnell said. "Because we had clinched (the division), we were able to push him from his usual start to go against Hartland because we felt that was a better matchup for him and he pitched well. He always psyches up for big games and kind of locks in ... which we have seen and that's been his track record."

North got things started in the first inning when a Drew Hill walk and a Cam Schafer single gave the Norsemen runners at first and third. Jordan Arseneau hit into a fielder's choice, scoring Hill to put his team up 1-0.

Hartland tied it up 1-1 in the bottom of the first on an error committed by Brennan Hill, though that would be the only mark against him in his otherwise stellar outing on the mound.

North swung right back in the top of the second when Luke Shanley singled on a line drive to center to knock in Brennan Hill, giving North a 2-1 edge.

From there, Brennan

Hill put on a clinic, mixing his pitches to get batters to line out, pop out and strike out to lead North to a hard-fought win.

North hosted two teams Saturday in a double header as part of the Grosse Pointe Invitational Tournament. North lost 5-2 in Game 1 against Mt. Pleasant, but came back to take a 2-1 win against Detroit Western in Game 2. Drew Hill and Trevor Lipscomb each had two hits against Mt. Pleasant, while the Norsemen scattered five hits from throughout the lineup against Western.

Last Friday's Hartland game was the first of three games against tough competition North has lined up in its final two weeks before districts begin Saturday, June 3. They played MAC Red champ Stevenson Monday, May 22, losing 13-6. The team also played Brother Rice Tuesday, May 23, after press time.

"Playing these types of games is only going to make us better," Shubnell said.

Shubnell said the team will continue to fine tune and approach the post-season without applying undue pressure on the team based on last year's success, when North played in the state championship game.

"We have said from Day 1, we're not comparing ourselves to anything previously," he said. "We're out to become our own identity and our own team."

North wraps up regular season play by hosting Grosse Ile at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 26.

South baseball dedicates new field, scoreboard

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Fans and program supporters attended a special ceremony to dedicate a new privately funded scoreboard and recently renovated all-turf baseball diamond at Grosse Pointe South during the team's annual Grosse

Pointe Invitational Tournament Saturday, May 20.

"I want to pinch myself everytime I look at this field," South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. said. "Our Dugout Club and our alumni have been so supportive and I also want to thank our administration and Board of

Education for approving this field project.

"It's not just an upgrade that helps our program. It was much needed for all groups that can utilize the field and space as well."

Honorees included sports and entertainment attorney and philanthropist S. Gary Spicer and

businessman Peter Mogk, a 1981 baseball state champion at Grosse Pointe North, whose children graduated from South. Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Jon Dean also joined the festivities with Spicer and Mogk, helping throw out ceremonial pitches before South's second game of the day against Mt. Pleasant.

To accompany the upgraded field, the program developed a fundraising campaign for the scoreboard, selling bricks honoring team

alumni and friends of the program. With a large financial gap still to close, Spicer and Mogk stepped up the plate and finished the job.

Dean Graham, a longtime Dugout Club officer and dedicated program volunteer, emceed the ceremony and joked about the long road to make the scoreboard a reality.

"It's probably the most expensive scoreboard in history, between COVID delays and supply chain issues," Graham quipped.

To stay in line with a

district rule that does not allow a field to be named after a current coach, the field ultimately will be named after Griesbaum upon his retirement from coaching.

Griesbaum is in his 40th season as head coach and is a former teacher at South. He was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2008, and has led South to two state championships in 2001 and 2018, state runner-up in 2014, 13 conference championships and eight final fours. He has 893 career wins.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2023
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

CM 05-98-23

**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

RESOLUTION by LaPratt, SUPPORTED by Costantino:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:

PROPOSAL NO. 2

The purpose of Proposal No. 2 is to amend and clarify the process for determining the councilperson who will fill the position of Mayor Pro tem on City Council. Section 4.3 will state that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position.

Should the City Charter, Section 4.3, be amended to provide for, effective with the next election to be held on November 7, 2023, that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position?

Yes
 No

ROLL CALL VOTE
 YES: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant, Williams and Kindler
 NO: None
 ABSENT: Sawicki

CERTIFICATION
 I, Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Harper Woods City Council at their regular Council meeting held on the 15th day of May 2023.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Grosse Pointe South baseball's new scoreboard stands in right field and was unveiled last weekend as part of a ceremony dedicating the Blue Devils' new baseball field this season.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Olivia Kowal winds up for a shot during a match in last week's regional playoff tournament.

TENNIS:

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won No. 2 doubles and the pair of Madeline Mager and Libby Shefferly were champions in No. 3 singles, helping to give South the team points needed to be crowned regional champs.

"This team has improved so much over the course of the season," South girls tennis coach Mark Sobieralski said about his team's efforts to win the region. "...To come through, I was really proud of them and we had some great

scores."

Liggett's Division 4 regional tournament came the next day, May 18, with the Knights traveling to Bloomfield Hills for the tournament hosted at Sacred Heart. The host team ended up in first at the end of the day, but it was not without a hard fight from the Knights, who finished closely behind in second place overall.

The Knights were victorious in three of the four singles bracket tournaments. Alexandra Larrea won No. 2 singles for Liggett, Claudia Hauoilou was the champion of No. 3 singles and

Nina Shanidze took the top spot in No. 4 singles.

After a strong run in singles, Liggett did not win any of the four doubles brackets to finish the day. Audrey DiDio and Sophie Secco came the closest to a doubles bracket win for the Knights, losing in the final of the No. 1 doubles competition.

Tennis state finals are scheduled to begin June 2 and finish on June 3. Players from North and South will compete at the Division 2 finals in Midland, while Liggett's qualifiers will head to the Division 4 finals at Kalamazoo College.

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4:22.83. Detweiler won the 3200 in 10:06.51.

The 4x400 relay team of Downey, Conrad Squitieri, Baxter Russell and Sam Morandini placed second with a state-qualifying time of 3:29.20. In the field competition, Luc Michaud took first in the pole vault, with Grosse Pointe North's Dawayne Lochhart finishing close behind in second. Morandini took second place in the high jump for South.

The Norsemen scored

63 points at regionals, good for a fifth-place finish with three athletes qualifying for states. Reinaldo Williams led North with a first place in shot put. Lochhart qualified with his second-place finish in the pole vault, while David Rochon took second place in the 3200 with a qualifying time of 10:16.76.

The Division 1 state final meet for South and North takes place Saturday, June 3 at Rockford High School.

On the boys side for University Liggett's coed track and field team, the Knights fin-

ished fourth with 74 points at regionals and qualified three athletes for the state final meet. At the May 18 regional meet at Clawson High School, Taurian Dorcy won first place in the 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles. Michael Darlington took first in the 3200 and 1600. Jake Juip won first in the 100 meter adaptive race. Warren Michigan Collegiate topped the field with 144 points.

The Knights will compete in the Division 3 state finals Saturday, June 3, at Kent City High School.

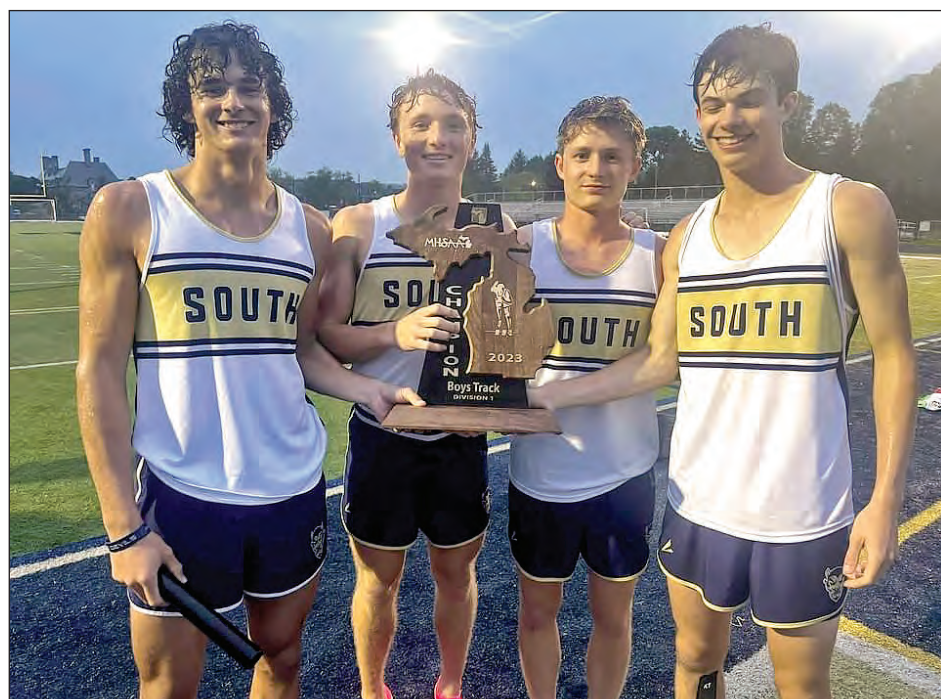


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From left, Conrad Squitieri, Brendan Downey, Baxter Russell and Sam Morandini strike a pose with the Region 7 championship trophy, which they helped win with their second place in the 4x400 relay.

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Michalski's five goals help Norsemen advance past Knights in playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When the Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett boys lacrosse teams met for the first time this season earlier in May, there was little separation between the two teams, at least until the Norsemen were able to pull away for the win late. Things were tightly contested yet again last Thursday, May 18, when North hosted Liggett in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 2 regional playoffs, and it was once again the Norsemen who ended up on top, this time 9-7.

Just like in the first matchup a few weeks before, the first quarter was largely about defense. Both sides had some opportunities throughout the opening frame, including some hard shots by the Norsemen that turned into clutch saves for Liggett starting goalie Ben Combs.

It took nearly ten minutes for someone to finally break through, and that was North. Ronan MacMaster got the Norsemen on the board to take a 1-0 lead, but it did not last long as Liggett's Griffin Marchal struck right back, sending the game into a 1-1 tie at the end of the first

quarter.

Those late-first quarter goals seemed to provide a spark to both offenses. North took the lead right back in the opening minutes of the second quarter when Ethan Michalski scored his first of the game. The Knights responded in quick fashion again with a goal by Michael Eugenio, who would score another right after to put Liggett in front 3-2.

The Knights would then go up 4-2 with a second goal of the day by Marchal. In this game, however, it was already clear that no lead was safe. Michalski put the Norsemen back to within one with a little less than five minutes remaining before halftime, and then it was Massimo Todesco for North who was able to send the game into halftime tied at four apiece.

The halftime tie remained deadlocked for a majority of the third quarter until Caden Martin from Liggett was able to put the Knights back in front. Once again, that narrow lead vanished just over a minute later when Michalski completed his hat trick for the Norsemen and tied the game at 5-5. However, two goals by Eugenio for the Knights in the closing minutes of the third gave Liggett a

7-5 advantage entering the final frame.

Liggett may have had the momentum going into the fourth quarter, but the Norsemen were not going to go down lightly. Todesco and Joe Ban combined for quick goals early in the final quarter that helped the Norsemen tie the game yet again, and then it was all North the rest of the way. Michalski scored his fourth and fifth goals of the game while the Norsemen defense shut down Liggett for the entire quarter in order to help North move on to the regional semifinals.

"It was probably the best game we've played all season as a team," North boys lacrosse head coach Mark Seppala said. "The team showed a lot of grit and tenacity to get the win...Backup goalie Ben Kesteloot really stepped up for us with our starter out sick, and the entire defense was solid for us in all four quarters."

North will play Detroit Country Day in the regional semifinals at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, hosted at Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils will also be in action that day, taking on De La Salle in the other regional semifinal game immediately following North vs. Country Day.



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North's Ethan Michalski celebrates after scoring one of his five goals in the Norsemen's playoff win against University Liggett on May 18.

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Late goals spoil big games for Liggett, North girls soccer

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The last games of the regular season in girls soccer have arrived and playoffs are just on the horizon. This past week brought an opportunity for a league championship for the University Liggett Knights and the chance to end the regular season on a high note for the Grosse Pointe North Norsemen. However, neither chance ended up in favor of the teams from the Pointes.

ULS

The University Liggett

girls soccer team found itself in perhaps its biggest game of the season so far on Saturday, May 20, as the Knights took on Cranbrook for the CHSL Cardinal Division championship. It was a tight one to decide the Catholic League title, but Liggett found itself on the wrong side of a few key bounces that ended up helping Cranbrook to the win 1-0.

The first of those key bounces came in the 20th minute of the first half. The Knights got their first major scoring chance of the game, and ended up getting the ball

past the Cranbrook keeper after she had dropped the ball. However, the Liggett goal was disallowed as the officials ruled that the Cranes keeper had possession of the ball in her hands and it was not a loose ball. The call dealt a blow to the Knights' momentum and left the game in a scoreless draw at halftime.

It was only about three minutes into the second half when Cranbrook became the first team to break through on the scoreboard. The Cranes' early second-half goal would end up being the

deciding one, as the team played defense the rest of the way and fended off the opportunities that Liggett was able to put together before the final whistle.

"It's a really unique opportunity to have a sort of dress rehearsal for those upcoming state tournament playoff games," Liggett girls soccer coach David Dwaihy said following the Catholic League final loss. "...You can always pretend it's do or die time, but once you're in that environment and have a trophy at stake and a bigger crowd, it's ideal preparation for what we hope will be big games in the state tournament."

The Knights went on to defeat Bad Axe 8-3 on

Monday, May 22, in a non-league matchup. Liggett hosts Oakland Christian on Thursday, May 25, before district playoffs begin on Wednesday, May 31.

North

The Norsemen closed out the regular season on Monday, May 22, at home with a final MAC Red matchup against Anchor Bay. While it looked like North might be able to ride some momentum into the playoffs, the Tars struck twice late in the game to finish North's regular season with a 2-1 loss.

The first half was back and forth with some chances but no goals until the 32nd minute. That was when North's Lea Paluzzi was able to

deflect the ball toward the net and with a favorable bounce got it past the Anchor Bay keeper to put the Norsemen up 1-0 at halftime.

That lead for North remained for much of the second half. It was not until there were 13 minutes remaining that Anchor Bay finally answered back. The Tars tied the game at 1-1 setting up an exciting final stretch.

Things looked to be headed for a draw until less than three minutes to go, when Anchor Bay struck again to take the late lead. That left the Norsemen needing to make a late push, which was unsuccessful, with the loss bringing North's regular season record to 4-7-7.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 15, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except for Pro Tem, Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 1, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the Drinking Water SRF Project Loan Program.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing.
- 5) To receive and file the Proposed Update - 2023 Master Plan prepared by the City Planning Consultant and direct that copies of it be forwarded to adjoining communities, SEMCOG, Wayne County and other entities in accordance and compliance with Public Act 265 of 2001.
- 6) to add to the agenda a Resolution to apply for the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127349 through 127426 in the amount of \$334,244.58 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$33,520.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2022 audit. (3) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$35,570.44 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of April 2023. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$60,602.46 for professional services during the month of April 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; 2023 Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-315; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-285 and #180-317; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-318; 2022 and 2023 Storm Sewer Repair, #180-282 and #180-314; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303; DWSRF, #180-302; CWSRF, #180-301; User Charge, #180-296 and FDCVT Grant App, #180-310. (5) . approve payment to Pointe Alarm in the amount of \$8,887.06 for the pump station alarms for March, April and May and also for the security system at City Hall for April and June. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$ 15,600.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a water main break, repair to storm lines, fire hydrants and a stop box and water shut off at various residential locations. (7) . appoint Ms. Malika Williams to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired five year term ending January 2025.
- 2) to designate the acting City Manager as the authorized project representative on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Project Plan and further to adopt the attached resolution "Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Water Distribution System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative."
- 3) to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$57,456.85 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Danbury Lane Improvements, #180-281D.
- 4) to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$34,788.34 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2022 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-283.
- 5) to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$50,217.10 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2023 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-315.
- 6) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. of Farmington Hills for the 2023 Pavement Joint Sealing Program, #180-318.
- 7) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Doetsch Environmental Services of Warren for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Project, #180-317.
- 8) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by FCIPP Project, #180-316.
- 9) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2023 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-314.
- 10) to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$86,905.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 11) to approve the quote submitted by K & S Ventures in the amount of \$27,955.00 for the replacement of the City Hall Air Conditioning Chiller Pump and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.
- 12) to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and further to send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:
The purpose of Proposal No. 1 is to repeal the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter where it is not longer necessary because the City has been and is currently enrolled in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan.

Shall the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter be repealed?

___ Yes
___ No

13) to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:

The purpose of Proposal No. 2 is to amend and clarify the process for determining the councilperson who will fill the position of Mayor Pro tem on City Council. Section 4.3 will state that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position.

Should the City Charter, Section 4.3, be amended to provide for, effective with the next election to be held on November 7, 2023, that the Councilperson who receives the highest number of votes in a regular election for a four (4) year term as Councilperson shall serve as Mayor Pro tem until the next regular election to fill a four (4) year Councilperson position?

___ Yes
___ No

14) to authorize the acting City Manager to file a claim for a grant award and further to certify the implementation of the necessary practices upon the receipt of a grant award as required by the Michigan Department of Treasury

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Norsemen celebrate with Lea Paluzzi, center, after her goal in the first half of Monday's regular season finale against Anchor Bay.

Knights fall to St. Mary's in rain-dampened CHSL semi

By Meg Leonard

Associate Editor

Friday, May 19, the University Liggett School varsity baseball team and droves of its fans headed down to Comerica Park for what appeared to be the must-see game of the CHSL championship weekend against rival St. Mary's Prep. But Mother Nature opened up the skies with a steady rain that forced officials to move the game to Saturday at noon at Catholic Central High School.

As has become habit between these two teams, once Saturday arrived, strong pitching, timely hits and a narrow margin of victory were the game's themes. The Eaglets gutted out a 2-1 win to advance to the CHSL Bishop Division championship against Detroit Catholic Central, which took place at The Corner Ballpark Wednesday after press time.

After quick 1-2-3 innings for Liggett in

the first and second, St. Mary's struck in the bottom of third, stringing together three singles and two walks to take a 2-0 lead.

The score stayed that way until the top of the sixth. With Oliver Service and Jarren Purify on first and third, Reggie Sharpe hit a line drive to right to knock in Purify to close the gap 2-1.

In the bottom of the sixth, strong pitching from starter Preston Barr helped keep St. Mary's off of the scoreboard. But Liggett failed to get a runner in scoring position in the top of the seventh, losing the game by a final score of 2-1.

Barr went six full innings on the mound, giving up eight hits and four walks, while striking out seven. Jake Martin, Service, Purify and Sharpe each had a hit on the day.

But before the weekend's tough loss, Liggett hosted Harper Woods Wednesday, May 17, and cruised to a 14-4, five-inning victory.

Liggett relied on its high-powered offense against the Pioneers, scoring eight runs in the second inning to jump out to a 10-0 lead. Virtually the Knights' entire lineup contributed in the inning, with hits coming from Ryan Knaebel, Joey Randazzo, Service, Purify, Jake Martin, Ryan Jones and Murphy.

Murphy also hit an inside-the-park home run on a fly ball to center to top off the second inning for Liggett.

Pitcher Tommy Schoeck went the distance, giving up four hits, one walk and striking out nine.

Liggett played Cardinal Mooney Tuesday after press time. They host the Glynn Conley Invitational this weekend, beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, May 26, at home against Detroit Western and Grosse Pointe South. They host Western and Northville high schools beginning 11 a.m. Saturday, May 27.

Softball teams look for late wins as playoffs approach

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The chase is officially on for league titles with the end of the softball regular season looming. Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North still have momentum in their respective MAC divisions despite some tough losses last week, while the Knights had a relatively quiet stretch that still saw them pick up another Catholic League victory.

South

With the race for the MAC Blue Division tightening up and only a few games remaining, the Blue Devils find themselves still in contention. The team collected a couple of wins over the weekend in non-league games before a close Monday afternoon loss in the MAC set South slightly back in the standings.

South hosted three games over the weekend in another round-robin event. The first game was a close 3-2 loss to Warren Woods-Tower. With South technically playing as the away team, a hard ground ball in the top of the seventh inning by Katie Steiner led to a Woods-Tower error that allowed the Blue Devils to score and tie the game at two. Woods-Tower struck back in the bottom of the seventh, however, to close the game with a 3-2 walk-off win.

That early loss did not spoil the rest of the day for the Blue Devils. In Game 2 on Saturday, South defeated Warren Cousino 12-7 in five innings. Shortstop Avery Bellish had two RBIs to help lead the Blue Devils' offense, while Katie Dixon, Ellison Smith, Viviana Ostrowski and Lucia Gabel all brought in runs with their bats as well.

The final game Saturday was an 11-0 blowout of Roseville to give South its second win of the day. Eight different Blue Devils recorded at least one RBI each in the

win, with Ostrowski and Gabel leading the team with a pair each. Ostrowski also pitched all five innings on the mound, allowing no runs on five hits with three strikeouts.

Monday, May 22, saw a return to league play for South with a road showdown at L'Anse Creuse. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead with a two-run home run by Gabel in the top of the first inning, her first two of three RBIs in the game.

That third RBI came as part of a big fifth inning for South. Down 4-2, Gabel hit an RBI single that put the Blue Devils back to within one. She then came around to score as part of a two-run double by Addison Waller that put South up 5-4. However, runs in the fifth and sixth innings for L'Anse Creuse spoiled South's advantage and ended up as a 6-5 loss.

South faces L'Anse Creuse again Thursday, May 25, this time at home, before closing out the regular season Wednesday, May 31, with a road game at Eisenhower.

North

Similar to their counterparts from South, last week's league games for Grosse Pointe North did not go quite as well as the non-league schedule. The Norsemen suffered a tough loss late last week to the top team in the MAC Red before collecting a couple of non-league tournament wins over the weekend.

That MAC Red loss came last Thursday, May 18, on the road at Dakota. North's bats were unable to get anything going in a 6-0 loss to the Cougars. All six of Dakota's runs were scored in the bottom of the first inning.

North then moved on for some non-league action Saturday, May 20. The first game of the day was an 8-2 win for the Norsemen against Rochester Adams. If the bats were asleep for North on Thursday, they certainly were awake by

Saturday.

The Norsemen totaled 11 hits in the win, with Sophia Borowski and Natalie Babcock bringing in two RBIs each. Kaitlyn Barr went to work with both her bat and her arm, hitting a home run in the game while also pitching all six innings and striking out 11 batters.

The hot hitting continued into Game 2 Saturday for North in an 11-2 victory over Lutheran North. Borowski tallied three more RBIs, two of them coming on a two-run home run in the fourth inning. This time it was Sarah McCloskey getting the win on the bump, tossing four innings and allowing only two runs on four hits.

Saturday ended with the Norsemen coming up just short of winning the whole tournament. The final game of the day was a showdown with tournament hosts Almont that ended in an 8-1 loss for North. Addison Wakefield had the Norsemen's lone RBI in the loss.

The Norsemen host Ford II Thursday, May 25, in a final MAC Red showdown of the regular season and close out the regular season slate against Fraser at home Wednesday, May 31.

ULS

It was not a particularly busy week for the Knights softball team last week, but it was still a fruitful one. Liggett's lone game of the week was last Wednesday, May 17, and was a 10-2 win over Bishop Foley.

Victoria Nugent had another standout game both at the plate and the mound. The senior brought in five runs with her bat and struck out 15 batters in her seven innings of work pitching.

Liggett faced off against Our Lady of the Lakes in the CHSL Cardinal Division championship Tuesday, May 23, after press time. The Knights then go on the road to take on Center Line Thursday, May 25.

defense has gotten.

"I have really started to pride myself on it too. That DREAM series was huge from the defensive aspect of the game."

Service got important exposure from that experience because the 17-year-old is officially an MLB draft prospect. Jonathan Mayo from MLB.com wrote last January that Service "was part of a vastly improved catching core at the DREAM Series. He's very athletic and instructors loved his swing and how the ball jumped off his bat."

But for now, Service is concentrating on finishing his high school career. He said he has had many "Mt. Rushmore moments" on a baseball diamond, including reaching the 2018 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., alongside future Liggett teammates Reggie Sharpe Jr.,

Jarren Purify and Preston Barr, and winning a state championship with Liggett in 2021.

But he added another moment May 3 of this year, when the Knights beat rival St. Mary's Prep in Game 1 of a double header, 4-3, which ended the Eaglet's historic 84-game win streak.

In the two games combined, Service had three hits, a walk and two RBIs, helping Liggett also take Game 2, and redeeming two losses against St. Mary's to open the season in April.

"It was just amazing to watch all the guys come together and put up two very solid games against a very good team," he said.

Service said the team's ability to have fun in high-intensity environments is a game-side

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South girls track state-final bound for 40th straight year, North finishes fourth

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls varsity track and field played host to 13 teams and finished second overall to Detroit Cass Tech at the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional meet Friday, May 19. The team scored 115.5 points and qualified in six events at the upcoming state final Saturday, June 3.

It marks the 40th consecutive year the Blue Devils' girls team has placed first or second at the state regional, according to South head coach Steve Zaranek.

"This was another true team effort," he said. "We were led by amazing seniors and supported by the full team of 75."

"Our girls earned every single point. We had only one regional champion, yet scored well over 100 points. Our depth, displayed so well all season long, was at a season peak, as we scored points in 15 of the 17 events."

Though South fell short to first-place Detroit Cass Tech (126.6 points), the team's strong performance included several state qualifiers for the Blue Devils, the reigning co-champs of

the MAC Red, including:

◆ Discus: Olivia Barba, who won first place with a throw of 111'4. Malvina Lubanski placed second with a throw of 103'2.

◆ 3200 relay: Morgan Deenik, Sarah Koval, Ella Pazuchowski and Savannah Spangler placed second in 10:18.91.

◆ 100 hurdles: Selga Jansons took second place in 15.13.

◆ 300 hurdles: Jansons finished second in 49.92.

◆ 1600: Savannah Spangler took second place in 5:38.01.

◆ 1600 (4x400) relay: Selga Jansons, Ella Pazuchowski, Madison Duff and Claire Zurowick placed second in 4:16.75.

Grosse Pointe North finished fourth in the regional meet with 90 points and qualified for four events at the state final. Sophomore sensation Lillian Deskins won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, besting South's Spangler in the 1600 with a lightning fast time of 5:08.98. Lucie Leonhard finished second in the 3200 meter run in 12:30.82, finishing behind Deskins' time of 11:27.87.

Zofia Lutoborska won the 800 in 2:58.52, while Liliana Ivanaj finished second in the high jump. With only first- and sec-

ond-place finishes qualifying athletes for the state final, North's 3200 meter relay team ran a season best by 18 seconds, but came up just short by finishing third. Two others who just missed making the state meet include Bailey Hopko's third-place finishes in shot put and discus, and Sarah Westrick's third place in pole vault.

The Division 1 state final meet for South and North takes place Saturday, June 3, at Rockford High School, located just outside of Grand Rapids.

At the Region 27 meet at Clawson High School Thursday, May 18, two female athletes from University Liggett's coed track and field team qualified for the Division 3 state meet. Senior Penny Griffioen placed first in the 3200 in 13:20.15. Sophomore Kerith Short took first in the 1600 in 5:59.55, while Griffioen finished second in the same event in 6:06.09.

Bishop Foley won regionals with 117 points. The Knights finished fifth with 74 points. Griffioen and Short will compete in the Division 3 state final meet, which takes place Saturday, June 3, at Kent City High School.



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From left, North runners Lillian Deskins and Lucie Leonhard helped their team to a fourth place finish at regionals, by finishing 1-2 in the 3200 meter run to qualify for the state meet.

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"I love it. Just being able to have such an impact in the game, like on every single pitch," he said. "And being able to lead the defense and make the pitcher look good."

He credits his defensive improvement this season largely on his participation in the invitation-only 2023 MLB DREAM series Jan. 13 to 16, in Tempe, Ariz. As one of only 50 players in the country selected to attend the camp, Service trained with current and former MLB coaches and players.

"That camp alone has helped so much in my catching ability and I've improved a lot," he said. "And that's been the main thing people have been talking about is how much better my

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8D | SPORTS

ATHLETE:

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changer. "When you mix the competitiveness and having fun, you've got a scary team."

Service, who will play baseball starting this fall at the University of Texas while majoring in kinesiology, has used his time in high school to become as versatile a player as possible. It's part of the reason he played three sports all four years.

"I have seen a lot of people get burned out from playing one sport too much," he explained. "... I feel like that three-sport aspect in high school is good because I get to see sports from different perspectives

and get to try different things instead of just dead-on baseball, but now I'm ready to put all my focus on baseball."

True to his vast athletic skill set, Service said he's open to playing any position as a Longhorn.

"I'm open to anything (at UT)," he said. "If they need me to catch, I'll catch, or if they need me to play outfield, I'll play outfield. To me it's not really a set thing. It's whatever they need me to play."

He models his versatility after his MLB idol, Mookie Betts, of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"He plays like four different positions, like one game will be at shortstop, one game will be at second, one game will be in the outfield, so it's

really cool to see someone like that who's doing the same kind of things that I want to do," he said.

Service credits a few influential coaches for helping him reach the collegiate level, including the team's assistant coach, Reginald Sharpe Sr., and his head coach.

"For me, I love the winning culture that Coach Cimini has created here," he said. "... He built (Liggett) into being one of the best programs in the state. That winning attitude, that winning program, that winning feeling kind of gives you a sense of confidence when you are going out there every day."

He said he particularly admires Cimini's baseball acumen and willing-

ness to take risks with in-game decisions.

"(Cimini) knowing so much about the game of baseball is just such an advantage," Service said. "I swear he has called things where I'm like, 'What is he calling?' and the next thing you know, it works to perfection."

One example of Service trusting Cimini's gambling ways came against University of Detroit-Jesuit earlier this month when he gave Service, one of the team's best hitters, the bunt sign on a suicide squeeze to win the game.

"I was like, uh, I'll do it, and it worked," Service laughed, though he admitted to initially wondering if Cimini made a mistake. "I knew the (bunt) sign, but thought maybe he gave

me the wrong sign or something, but it worked to perfection.

"With coach being a risk taker, it translates into making us 10 times better because it's like, well, if he says it, he's probably going to be right, so let's just do it," he added. "And that gives us a little confidence because we know what he calls is gonna work so we're not really worried about that."

With the state playoffs on the horizon, Service and Cimini are setting the team's sights on winning a state championship in June. Cimini said when that last game ends, Service will be irreplaceable.

"What he's given to Liggett, we could never get from anyone else," he said. "He's given us

everything, three sports, he's given us his heart and soul for all these years.

"I'm gonna miss him tremendously, but hopefully we can come back and look at it and say he won a couple of state championships, including this year."

Service is in lockstep with that goal.

"I just want one thing and that's to win my last game," he said. "A lot of teams don't get to do that, so I want to be able to just go out on a bang, win the last game and hoist the state championship. Then I will accomplish everything I ever wanted."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

As usual in the spring, the kids around town are busy as can be (as are their parents). From the soccer fields to the baseball diamonds, here are a few highlights from the past week.

Detroit Boat Club Crew and Grosse Pointe had a stellar weekend at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships in Ohio. Five different boats featuring 11 high schoolers from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South and five students from local middle schools ended up qualifying for the Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Fla. next month. Four of the qualifying boats finished in second place in their divisions, while the Men's U17 double team of Sam Beleshi from South and Ethan Kent from Cass Tech earned first place.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RYAN KINGSLEY
Grosse Pointe South's Sam Beleshi, left, and Ethan Kent from Cass Tech hold their first place plaque after taking the top spot in the Men's U17 Double division at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships.



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Members from five different Detroit Boat Club Crew boats celebrate qualifying for the Youth National Championships.

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Bulls	12
Grasshoppers	12

Redwings	11
Storm	10

Trash Pandas	14
Grizzlies	6

MAJORS DIVISION

Dodgers	13
Padres	8

Braves	11
Blue Jays	9

EASTSIDE SOCCER

The 2011 Eastside soccer team advanced to the State Cup semifinals by winning two games this weekend. They will play in the semifinals on June 3 in Saginaw with an opportunity to play for a state championship on June 4.



CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MAY 15, 2023 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

CM 05-97-23 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT REPEAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM SECTION 5.16 (a) THROUGH (h)

RESOLUTION by Costantino, SUPPORTED by LaPratt:
BE IT RESOLVED to adopt and submit the following Statement of Purpose and Ballot Question and the proposed amended text to the City Charter, and further to send this information to the Michigan Attorney General for review and approval so that this question can appear on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7, 2023:

PROPOSAL NO. 1

The purpose of Proposal No. 1 is to repeal the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter where it is not longer necessary because the City has been and is currently enrolled in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan.
Shall the Retirement System, Employee Welfare, Section 5.16 (a) through (h) of the City Charter be repealed?

___ Yes
___ No

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES: Kindle, Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt, Toussant and Williams
NO: None
ABSENT: Sawicki
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

CERTIFICATION

I, Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Harper Woods City Council at their regular Council meeting held on the 15th day of May 2023.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



COURTESY PHOTO

Taylor Collins is all smiles after hitting a homerun for the Trash Pandas.



COURTESY PHOTO

Conner Curis celebrates with his team on a beautiful night after a go-ahead home run.



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The GP Sluggers 9U won the Macomb Country Armed Forces Classic over the weekend. The team went 4-0 outsourcing their opponents 64-12, including a 15-0 championship victory over the Plymouth-Canton Lighting. The Sluggers team is made up of GPFFCL players: Gavin and Grayson Ahee, Nathan Crandall, Grayson Farrell, Rain Goddard, Teddy Harber, Michael Komasaara, Wesley Marchal, Jackson Mitchell, Jack Mulvaney, Luke Nickolas and Holden Puma.