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Mulling pool access to non-swimmers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The hippest of Motor City hipsters are desperate to brag about being

into the music of Jack White before he was Jack White.

Back in the early '90s when White was the teenage drummer of Goober & the Peas. Back

when the Peas cut "Loose Lips" anchored by the plaintive, craving chorus, "I love the water, but I don't know how to swim."

Cowpunk music wasn't

on the June 13 agenda of the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, but the "I love the water, but I don't know how to swim" song was the

soundtrack.

An unknown number of unnamed residents reportedly verbally petitioned some members of the commission to allow non-swimming toddlers

access to the municipal pool if wearing life jackets.

Some members of the commission agreed. So

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The future of Trombly

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Although talks have been few and far between regarding the future of Trombly Elementary School, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is turning its attention back to the matter.

It garnered a brief discussion at last week's Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

"We need to do something to get things moving forward," Vice President Ahmed Ismail,

who chairs the committee, said.

The building was closed, along with Poupard Elementary School, in 2020 due to shrinking enrollment.

"I'm not suggesting what we should do, but it's important to understand how much it would cost to get it operational if we did reopen it," Treasurer Terry Collins, who sits on the committee, said.

A representative from Plante Moran said the price tag could be between \$5 million and \$10 million. As it is, if the

sinking fund millage is approved on the November ballot, the district will spend close to \$1.5 million on the building over the next 10 years. A little more than \$1 million of that would be on door and window replacements, according to Ben Matteson, the district's director of facilities.

Vandals recently broke nine first-floor windows on the rear side of the building, which have been replaced. The rest of the money would go

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COURTESY PHOTO

Shown are The Samples founding member, Sean Kelly, seated; and standing from left, the band's longtime bassist, Andy Sheldon, plus the Bouton family: Anna, Howard, Betsey and Jack.

Playing for fun

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Samples rock band had an open date last month until Howard Bouton and his family found out.

"We took it," Bouton said.

Two members of the Colorado-based band, whom Bouton got to know during their performance at the 2021 Park winter festival, performed for nearly 100 people in Bouton's back yard.

"My son and his friends got really into it and tie-

died shirts for all the kids," Bouton said. "It was great to have teenagers so into it."

"It's a pop-rock band that started in 1987 in Boulder," said Andrew Curcuru, owner of Ripe Records on Charlevoix in the Park. "Their first album came out in 1990."

Lone original member and lead vocalist, Sean Kelly, played the Bouton party with bassist Andy Sheldon.

"They have a lot of records out, 32 releases,"

Curcuru said.

He doesn't have any in stock.

"They're mainly CDs, which is probably why I don't have them," said Curcuru, a vinyl specialist. He can special order compact disks.

The band's name? "The Samples (were) named after free food they'd score at the local Boulder King Scoopers (supermarket)," according to an article in the Vail Daily.

Another album is scheduled for release later this year, according to the band's website, the samples.com.

City makes its case for sewer separation millage

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Despite increased flooding events in recent years, the amount of rainfall storms carry hasn't necessarily changed, according to City of Grosse

Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, who co-chairs a healthy climate task force with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"It's just moving more slowly and where we are on the lake, we get stalled — the lake effect — so it dumps more

here," she said. "Those storms are coming through much more slowly than they would when we were kids and so we're getting more rain in a shorter amount of time."

The City of Grosse Pointe's answer to the issue is to divert the majority of the remainder of its combined stormwater to Lake St.

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GFL sells recycling services to Priority Waste

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & SHORES — With any luck, residents in four of the Pointes may not have noticed their recycling services switched over to a new contractor this week.

As of July 1, Priority Waste purchased and is operating GFL Environmental's tri-county residential routes, including in the City, Farms, Park and Shores, which had an existing joint contract with GFL for recycling services.

"There's an assignment agreement that Priority would be obligated to the current terms of the GFL contract," Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said. "So all the existing conditions that are stated within the contract in terms of insurance

requirements, level of service, pricing, have to be honored for the duration of the contract that we had with GFL."

Priority Waste has stated more than 90 percent of GFL's employees will be retained, he added.

Initially, GFL's trucks and equipment also will remain in use by Priority Waste; however, the company plans to invest in new equipment and technology, with the aim to make collection more efficient.

"They know they have some vehicles that need replacement and they're planning some capital investment to replace those vehicles," City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Joe Valentine said. "Those will have GPS locators on them, so they can track their movements throughout all of

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Guards fresh from kiddie pool

GROSSE POINTE PARK — No, the swimming pool at Windmill Pointe Park isn't a fountain of youth.

The lifeguards look that way naturally.

"We usually have a younger staff," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

This summer's crew is as baby-faced as he's seen in years.

"The only college-age lifeguard we have is our pool supervisor," Craig said. "We have eight (high school) seniors who just graduated. The rest are freshmen, sophomores and juniors."

The days of the Park having lifeguards with three to five years' experience began tailing off a few years ago.

It's part of a national trend.

"The shortage of lifeguards has been an ongoing issue, with about a third of the country's 309,000 public swimming pools remaining closed or opened sporadically last year due to the shortage," according to a posting on the website, americanlifeguardassociation.com. "This year, the situation

could be as bad as last year or worse, warns B.J. Fisher, director of health and safety for the American Lifeguard Association."

Reasons for the shortage are many, but include, as many things do, fallout from COVID-19.

"Cancellation of lifeguard certification classes during early stages of the pandemic significantly contributed to the depletion of qualified staff," according to "Combating the Lifeguard Shortage" at sportsfacilities.com. "Additionally, the economic aspects of lifeguarding jobs have been identified as a deterrent for many potential candidates."

"There are a lot of things, like internshipping, that they're switching to," Craig said. "There are other opportunities out there for them."

Methods of reversing the shortage include, according to the sports website, increasing wages, lowering hiring standards and actively recruiting candidates.

— Brad Lindberg

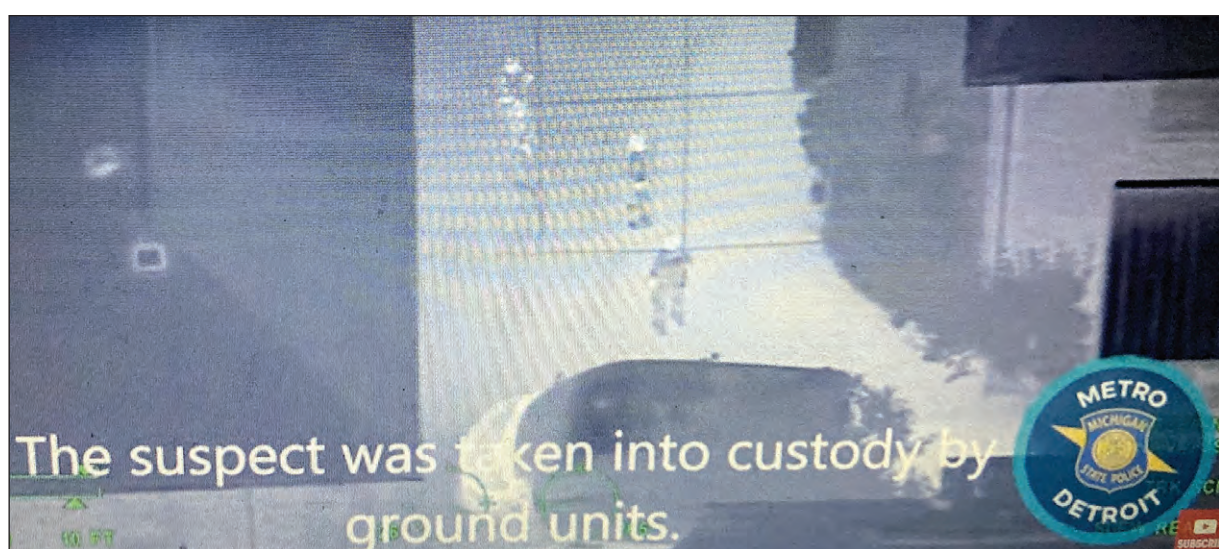


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Unfriendly skies

The crew of a Michigan State Police helicopter in Grosse Pointe airspace sought ground support when someone targeted the aircraft with a laser.

Glare from a laser can distract pilots and cause temporary flash-blindness or permanent eye damage.

Park police preceded state police ground units to the scene. Officers took a suspect into custody, according to troopers, who didn't release the suspect's name.

"We responded with them and they arrested the subject," Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "I don't know what he was ultimately charged with."

At 8:57 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, the helicopter crew was reportedly assisting Detroit police on an undisclosed incident when hit repeatedly by a laser traced to property in the 1200 block of Bedford near Kercheval.

State authorities chronicled the incident in a video accompanying a public service announcement.

"Every summer we seem to see an uptick in people pointing a laser at commercial aircraft and our own aviation units," according to the announce-



ment. "It is a violation of state and federal law to point a laser at an aircraft. Don't find out the hard way like this person did."

Less than one minute into the video, units described as Park police are shown pulling up to the scene.

"The suspect was taken into custody by ground units," according to a caption.

According to state law, penalties for intentionally aiming a laser at aircraft include up to five years incarceration, a fine up to \$10,000 or both.

— Brad Lindberg

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did Chairman Mike Hindelang. Then he thought about it.

"The purpose of a life jacket is to save a non-swimmer in a life-threatening situation," Hindelang said. "Introducing a life jacket to allow recreation beyond your swimming ability — I wouldn't agree that's the purpose of a life jacket."

"Second, lifeguards are a supplemental protection. They're not direct protection for swimmers."

"Third, kids go in deeper water because the life jacket allows them to. (If) it's not properly fastened, it's a heightened risk. It seems to me this breeds bigger problems."

"My initial reaction would be against it, for the reasons you said," Commissioner Mike Bannon told Hindelang. "Even more important, parents are getting lackadaisical. (Life jackets give) a false sense of security; you don't have to worry about your kid."

The Park doesn't allow

people to wear life jackets in the main pool and diving area of Windmill Pointe Park. No one attending the meeting knew why. They only knew that the policy is longstanding, common and among others in effect during decades of no one drowning in the 450,000-gallon facility.

Chad Craig, the city's recreation director, named two features at Windmill Pointe Park constructed specifically to provide non-swimmers access to water amenities without putting them at obvious risk of going under and staying there.

"There's a children's pool and a splash pad," Craig said.

Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the commission, remembered years ago creating a teachable moment out of denying one of his children's request to enter the adult pool.

"I told my son, if you want to go in the deep end, you have to have your big boy pants on," Caulfield said. "You have to know how to swim. That's why you're taking swim lessons."

Commissioners Larry

Haggart, Paul Spratt, James Ceuninck, Howard Bouton and Stacey Jarvis said potential problems generated by reversing the ban could be corrected by implementing more preparation and oversight.

Ideas include verifying a non-swimmer's lack of skill, providing accredited life jackets, teaching people how to use them and increased monitoring of pool activity by lifeguards.

"I would be open to giving it consideration if the city would have to provide life jackets," Haggart said. "That way, we're controlling what's going in the water."

"I go back to our mission of getting as many people to use the parks as often as possible," Spratt said. "I don't see a reason why you wouldn't consider it."

"I want a life jacket for my kids," Ceuninck said, "because I want to work with my 5-year-old and put my 2-year-old in a jacket so I can turn my head without freaking out because, in water, things happen so fast. A life jacket is a safety device."

"What difference does it make?" Bouton said. "I'm concerned about a false sense of security, but I'm also interested in kids having fun at the pool."

Jarvis said, "As a mother of twins, it is very difficult to keep track of your children when they are little. I remember thinking back in the day, 'Wow, why do they not allow this?' I think it's easily controlled."

Caulfield is employed to assess risks on behalf of an insurance company.

"From a liability standpoint, if you're providing (a life jacket), you have taken liability that it is going to be fully functioning," Caulfield said. "It's part of the ownership of Grosse Pointe Park."

"I don't know all the legalities," Craig said, "but for the greater good of our residents and our employees who are 15 to 17 years old, if a 15-year-old lifeguard signs off that little Billy's able to (go into the pool) and then something happens, do they sue (the lifeguard) and his family or the city?"

"I'm still wrapping my head around how kids with life jackets makes it less safe," Spratt said.

"If you put it on wrong, you drown," Bannon said. "If you slip out of it, you drown."

"Once we get to requiring life jackets, we have whole other issues," Hindelang said, namely:

◆ "If we say so long as you say you're inexperienced you can use a life jacket, do we then require a test next year?"

◆ "If you're too inexperienced in May and come back in June and don't want to wear a life jacket, do we keep a registry and say they told the city they were so inexperienced they couldn't protect themselves in the water in May and next week they're out of school and want to be with their friends and look cool. How do we balance that?"

◆ "How do we make people wear them correctly is the biggest thing to me. Wearing them incorrectly can be more dangerous than not wearing them in open water."

◆ "There's a lot of additional logistics we are putting on our high schoolers who are our lifeguards if we did this. One of the questions that I have is are we going to have to limit the number of people at the pool so lifeguards can be doing

life jacket check-in?"

"We're getting way ahead," interrupted Spratt.

"Respectfully," Hindelang said, "I don't think that's true. Because if there are logistical barriers that would prevent us from doing it, whether we think it's a great or terrible idea doesn't matter. Raising those concerns is valid. My view is (that) there are logistical concerns that are very difficult to overcome. I'd like everyone to give thought to what we can do to seek a practical solution."

"It's not a good idea," Commissioner Roy Edmunds said. "It gives a false sense of security. They take risks."

Hindelang told Craig to seek direction from the city attorneys.

"They may blow us out of the water," Hindelang said.

Caulfield said the life jacket request comes up every so often.

Around this time of the meeting, the Goober & the Peas vocalist settled for Plan B: "I'm gonna wade in the water until my ship comes in."

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Woods man to serve two years in brother's death

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Edmond Doheny will serve two years in prison for the shooting death of his younger brother, Dennis Doheny, last October.

Doheny was sentenced Thursday, June 27, in Wayne County Circuit Court. He also will serve three years probation on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. The two-year prison sentence is for the charge of felony firearm. Michigan law says anyone in possession of a firearm during

the attempt or commission of a felony must serve a mandatory two years in prison.

Doheny pleaded nolo contendere — Latin for no contest — to both charges in April, meaning he did not admit guilt but was willing to accept the court's punishment.

"The judge completely honored the plea bargain agreement in this terrible tragedy," said Robert Ihrle, Doheny's defense attorney. "Everyone recognized this was essentially an accident with zero intentionality. We would have preferred no jail time, but the judge

didn't have a choice."

Ihrle added Doheny's family "loves him and cares for him."

"There is no attitude of blame," he said. "They want him back as soon as possible."

The defendant's mother, Elizabeth Doheny, read a letter to the court expressing those sentiments.

"I hope my much-loved son can find it in his heart to forgive himself, as myself and his loving family and friends have done," she said. "I know his baby brother, Denny, would be running to the front of the line to come

to his defense and tell him how much he loves him."

First responders were called to a house in the 1800 block of Brys around 12:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, where they found Dennis Doheny, 19, dead in the kitchen from a gunshot wound to the head.

During a preliminary hearing last December, Isabella Phillipio, Dennis Doheny's then-girlfriend, and her cousin, Emma Miller, testified they were talking with him over an app called Discord to celebrate his birthday the night of the shooting.

They said he stopped responding shortly after 12:30 a.m. Oct. 6, and heard a male voice saying, "I'm so sorry. Just hold your head."

The shooting occurred on the second floor of the house, where detectives later found a 9mm pistol, covered in blood, and a 9mm shell casing. The weapon, registered to Edmond Doheny, was outfitted with a suppressor, commonly known as a silencer.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor James Kehoe during the hearing said the two women did not hear the

gunshot because of the suppressor.

Under cross-examination by Ihrle, Phillipio said in the two years she and Dennis Doheny dated she never saw the brothers fight and thought they had a good relationship.

Woods Public Safety Officer Jarod Smith, who was first on the scene the night of the shooting, said Doheny was "very shaken up and appeared to be intoxicated." He also said he heard Doheny say from his holding cell after his arrest, "Please forgive me. He was such a good boy. I'm going to hell."

Messing with cottonwoods

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A cottonwood tree's immense production of large, clingy, snowy white seeds makes it a nuisance in many communities.

Witness seeds carpeting the curbside median at the intersection of Barrington and Essex.

"There are several large cottonwoods near Fox Creek," said Brian Colter, city forester in the Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Farms. "Seeds blow (into the Park) because of prevailing winds from the west."

Eastern cottonwood, also called Eastern poplar, has little landscape value, except for shade.

In the 1,325-page "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants," author Michael Dirr, former University of Georgia horticulture professor, is unflattering:

"(It is) a messy tree often dropping leaves, flowers, fruits, twigs and branches; will break up in storms as the wood is light, soft and weak."

"They have invasive roots, too, so they get into sewers," Colter said. "They're definitely a nuisance. The seeds clog things like air-conditioning units."

Cottonwoods are best suited for river bottoms, according to Dirr: "(They) should remain there."

Three main ways to combat the spread of cottonwood seeds are to treat trees annually with a growth-stunting herbicide, cut them down or not plant them in the first place.

Colter favors the latter. He drafted most of the Park's updated city code regarding vegetation, including a ban on planting certain types of troublesome trees.

In Section 44-14, a paragraph about "Arboricultural specifications and standards for

public areas" specifies, "The following types of trees are prohibited for planting on the boulevards or public streets in the city: trees of the genus Salix (willow), Populus (cottonwood), Pyrus (pear trees) and the species box elder, silver maple and female ginkgo."

Box elder is a weed tree in Michigan. Silver maple is fast-growing but weak and prone to storm damage. Female ginkgos are messy.

"Couldn't have summed it up better," Colter said.

He has a list of 17 recommended trees linked to the forestry section of the Park website, grossepointepark.org. Access the list by choosing, sequentially, "City Forester," "Information for Residents" and, under the option "resources and informational documents," see "GPP approved tree list."

Large trees Colter recommended — bur oak, male ginkgo, London planetree, red maple, red oak, sugar maple, tulip-tree and white oak — are among 8,000 city-owned street trees growing on municipal property in the Park.

Growth contributes to a 38 percent canopy cover.

"A lot of people think cottonwood seeds have something to do with allergies," Colter said. "But it's not the seeds. It's pollen that contributes to allergies. Those fluffy seeds don't harm people in terms of allergies."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Typical during June and July, cottonwood seeds cover wherever winds take them, as here at the intersection of Barrington and Essex in Grosse Pointe Park.

Village Grille adding on-street dining platform

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Outdoor dining is not a new concept to patrons of Village Grille at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame in The Village.

However, the addition of an on-street dining platform in two Kercheval parallel parking spaces adjacent to the restaurant soon will provide a tentative 26 seats outdoors.

With the caveat it cannot be operated between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., the plat-

form will feature wooden tables and chairs with navy blue fabric, along with navy blue umbrellas. Black aluminum railings — with a wrought-iron appearance — as well as planter boxes will surround the space.

"They're proposing to encroach eight feet onto the sidewalk," City Planner John Jackson noted. "Policy limits the projection onto the sidewalk to

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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the communities. If the routes maybe aren't the most efficient or effective, they can reallocate those and if there's a vehicle that's still in the community and there's a collection that still needs to be made, they can reroute trucks, because they know which truck is the closest.

"We definitely anticipate some service enhancements once this new technology is implemented."

The current recycling contract runs through Sept. 30, 2026, at which time the four Pointes will

have the option to extend.

"We're going to monitor the situation very closely and work with both the residents and the contractors to make sure that we experience a high level of service," Reeside said of the transi-

tion.

Grosse Pointe Woods has a separate contract with GFL, which now is transferred to Priority Waste, because it uses the contractor both for recycling and refuse collection.

Corrections

The article "LWV hosting candidate forum," published in the June 27 edition, should have read the virtual candidate forum July 9, will feature candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, 13th District.

The Ask the Experts column "It all belongs," published in the June 27 edition, should have listed Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, as the author.



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The \$1 boat man

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The forward sheer of a 46-foot ketch that Sebastien Gouin-Davis is restoring symbolizes the optimism with which he mans the helm.

"The biggest thing for me is to keep it fun," he said. "When I get frustrated, I don't sit around being cranky."

He doesn't have time for bad moods.

Gouin-Davis imposed on himself a short deadline to get the boat, a Durbeck cruiser built in Florida in 1977, ready to enter this month's 100th Bayview Mackinac Race, July 20.

"It's good to have a goal," Gouin-Davis said. "You've got to take a big problem and break it down into small pieces."

With the way the race is handicapped, he has a chance to win.

"We intend to do well," he said.

Even in a 40,000-pound, full-keel, wide-beamed, floating condo. Or, on second thought, because of that.

"A boat like ours actually has a shot at the overall finish, even top 10, if we get wind conditions for which the boat was built," Gouin-Davis said. "In heavy air, especially off the beam, we'll dominate all those little J boats. They have to dramatically reduce sail while we can put up more sail."

The boat sat untended the last two decades on a cradle beside South River Road in Harrison Township. Gouin-Davis in 2022 saved it from a landfill.

"A friend sent me a

Facebook post as a joke, 'I found your next boat, dude,'" Gouin-Davis said.

Timing was right. "I was itching for a boat," he said. "I wanted a boat so my family could experience sailing."

Gouin-Davis has a lot of sailing experience to share.

"All summer from the time I was 11, I sailed at Crescent (Sail Yacht Club)," he said.

He was part of the club's junior sailing program.

"I sailed all day," he said. "After sailing, we'd go sailing again on other people's boats. I'm a sailor to the core."

He progressed through various levels of competition, including Port Huron-to-Mackinac races, beyond his college years.

Then life took over — switching career goals from studying to be an aviation pilot to engineering; marrying Paisley Mackie and shuffling off together to Aspen, Colo., for eight years; returning to Grosse Pointe Park as CEO of Amatis Controls, a commercial, hands-free lighting company; and having two children: son, Wallace, 4 1/2, and daughter, Ceilidh, 2.

Competitive sailing didn't fit in.

"Racing wasn't conducive to family life," Gouin-Davis said. "I really like my family and spending time with them. I did one Saturday race and decided not to do that again."

Along came the Facebook message and a sit-down with the boat's owner.

"It was like an interview," Gouin-Davis said, feeling he had to prove

himself worthy, like an adoptive parent.

"I'm big on the concept of stewardship," he said. "Things built well should be preserved if they can. Grosse Pointe houses are among those things (his is 100 years old) and so are incredibly well-built blue water cruising sailboats."

They reached a meeting of the minds.

"I liked him and he liked me — let's do this," Gouin-Davis said.

With that, he became the new owner of an old sailboat. The \$1 purchase price had him worrying about nothing being more expensive than a free boat.

"There was nothing fundamentally wrong with the boat; just superficial grime," Gouin-Davis said.

Now it's a family affair. "I love the boat," said Mackie, a landlubber by nature.

She's prone to queasiness even while spending nights aboard docked at Windmill Pointe Park.

"I sailed with Sebastien maybe two times before we got this boat," Mackie said. "As long as I listen to him and trust him, I feel safe. I had to learn that. Now it's relaxing."

The children are naturals.

"Wallace would be happy if we never left the boat," Gouin-Davis said. "Ceilidh will not sit still."

Outings so far last about 1 1/2 hours.

"I had the family out in 15- to 20-knot winds," Gouin-Davis said. "I put just the mizzen and staysails up. The boat is almost perfectly flat, so the family's comfortable."

The clipper bow cuts through waves and

shields the deck from spray.

"The builder wanted to build a boat that looked like an old ship," Gouin-Davis said.

Self-tending rigging makes it a breeze to control.

"The boat is set up to be sailed short-handed," Gouin-Davis said. "Literally, all I have to do is turn the wheel."

Yet, it is a stoutly-built ketch with a nearly 14-foot beam. Heavier weather isn't a problem.

"I've had it out in 30 knots and it was a pleasure," Gouin-Davis said. "It sits and goes like a freight train. You can feel that 40,000 pounds of water being displaced."

For a juggernaut with a 55-foot mainmast, the boat is surprisingly nimble and heels well.

"The boat was designed to be sailed with the railing in the water," Gouin-Davis said.

Three fore-and-aft sails in a row — head, main and mizzen — required a learning curve.

"Part of the nice thing about a ketch rig is you have a lot more flexibility with what you can do with the sails," Gouin-Davis said. "If you only have a headsail on the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Sebastien Gouin-Davis aboard Bon Vivant, to be renamed John Galt, an inside joke referring to Ayn Rand's, "Atlas Shrugged." Gouin-Davis looks forward to people unknowingly reciting the novel's opening sentence when asking, "Who is John Galt?"

boat, the boat will just go in circles. If wind were coming out of the right, we'd keep turning left.

You do the opposite with the mizzen. If wind is coming out of the right, it pushes the stern away from the wind and the bow goes up (wind) to the right. We'd keep making circles into the wind."

Remember the thing about the cost of a free boat? A contractor wanted \$30,000 to replace the rigging. Gouin-Davis did it himself for one-tenth the price.

In doing so, he designed and produced synthetic deadeyes in China now

marketed as Deadeye Designs for do-it-yourself riggers.

"I took an ancient design, cleaned it up a little and made it smaller," Gouin-Davis said. "You get everything you need in a kit that is streamlined and cost-effective."

The countdown to Mackinac continues. Gouin-Davis and his crew of eight veteran racers are registered in Division II.

"I swore I wasn't going to do another Port Huron-to-Mackinac race until the kids were way older," Gouin-Davis said. "But it's the 100th. It's exciting."

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Clair, rather than its current path through the Neff Road Pump Station, where pumps run the risk of being overwhelmed and causing basement backups.

To do so, voters will need to approve a 21-year, 1.8894-mill proposal on the ballot Tuesday, Aug. 6. The millage would bring in up to \$15 million over the two-decade period, allowing the city to fulfill its match requirement and accept a \$21.6 million stormwater separation grant from the Federal Emergency

Management Agency.

"In order to increase the capacity to deal with today's storms, we would have to dig up all of southeast Michigan and repipe everything and that's just not in the cards," Tomkowiak said. "So the answer is to get as much stormwater out (of the system as possible). We are fortunate that we can drain to the lake. People who are landlocked can't drain to the lake, so they're looking at bioswales. They're looking at collection basins. In Oakland County, they're doing huge, large reservoirs — because they've got a lot of open land — of just storing water

during a flood."

While the project scope is being labeled as a large-scale sewer separation north of Waterloo between Neff and Fisher — stormwater pipes south of Waterloo have been dumping to the lake since the 1960s — most of the stormwater and sanitary pipes north of Waterloo already are separated. However, there isn't the infrastructure in place to transport the stormwater to the lake, so it ends up mixed together with sanitary sewage at the Neff Road Pump Station, before heading to the Great Lakes Water Authority to be

unnecessarily treated.

"This project would eliminate roughly two-thirds or three-quarters of the stormwater north of Waterloo that's going to the Neff pump station and take that water down to the lake," City Engineer Steve Pangori said, adding it could also reduce charges for flows that leave the community.

The project would place a stormwater conductor down Lincoln to St. Paul, St. Paul to Washington, Washington to Jefferson and Cameron to the lake.

If residents pass the millage proposal in August, engineering work will take about six months. Bidding would occur in early 2025, with construction planned to begin in May or June of next year depending on

the availability of materials and contractors.

"It could be up to a two-year project," Pangori said, adding it does not include between Cadieux and Neff north of Waterloo, because that would cost an estimated additional \$8 million.

While the estimated project cost is \$29 million — leaving a potential city match of \$7,432,833 — city council and administration are pursuing a \$15 million bond proposal to cover possible increases in project costs, as well as provide approximately \$1.4 million toward capital needs, including the purchase of new garbage trucks, dump trucks and a front-end loader.

"We do have capital needs in our capital

projects plan that we can't afford," City Manager Joe Valentine said. "... Just like any cycle of capital assets, at some point you have to start replacing those and we're falling into that cycle now, but we don't have the funding to really do that and we end up deferring on our purchases and running on equipment that really needs to be replaced."

The 1.8894 mills would raise the city's overall levy to 18.7284, which remains lower than rates in the Park and Woods. It would cost the average residential taxpayer \$332 per year.

If the city is unable to come up with its share of the burden, it will lose the \$21.6 million FEMA grant.

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Small hit

An unknown person made a fraudulent purchase worth \$15.89 on a Grosse Pointer's Capital One Mastercard at 10 p.m. Monday, June 24.

History repeating

After two individuals the day prior stole \$1,078 worth of clothing from Lululemon in The Village, three black males between 16 and 20 years old ran out of the store with \$2,500 worth of clothing at 3:20 p.m. Monday, June 24.

At 5:25 p.m. Saturday, June 29, the store was hit a third time by five black males in the same age range, who stole approximately \$3,500 worth of clothing.

The thefts are believed to be related and an investigation is ongoing.

The Grosse Pointe Lululemon location repeatedly was targeted upon opening last summer, but has seen few incidents since Grosse Pointe Detective Mike Narduzzi led an investigation that culminated in the December arrests of members of metro Detroit crime ring targeting the chain.

Unlocked

Multiple unlocked vehicles were the targets of thieves looking for crimes of opportunity last week.

◆ Nothing was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 900 block of University that was rummaged through between 11 p.m. Monday, June 24, and 4 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Device chargers and change were stolen from two unlocked vehicles in the 800 block of Loraine at 4 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

◆ A black leather wallet containing multiple debit and credit cards, along with identification, was stolen when two unlocked vehicles in the 800 block of Loraine were rummaged through between 9 p.m. Monday, June 24, and 7:45 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Nothing was stolen from two unlocked vehicles that were rummaged through in the 800 block of Notre Dame between 11 p.m. Monday, June 24, and 8 a.m. the next morning.

Close to home

The cleaning ladies are suspects in the disappearance of an iPad and Louis Vuitton handbag from a home in the 400 block of Lakeland last week.

Drunken driver

When he was found passed out behind the wheel at Kercheval and Fisher, a 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

Keeping the peace

Officers were called to a local hospital at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, June 29, for an unruly patient threatening staff and being verbally aggres-

sive. Upon their arrival, the man agreed to leave.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Two strikes

Both occupants of a vehicle were arrested at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, June 27, after the driver was pulled over for speeding 60 mph on Mack.

The driver, a 26-year-old Clinton Township man, was arrested for a felony larceny warrant out of Warren. When he gave officers consent to search the vehicle, the passenger — a 26-year-old Eastpointe woman — was arrested for methamphetamine found in her makeup bag.

Home invasion

The evening the homeowners left for vacation, a home in the 400 block of Calvin was broken into and ransacked between 9:46 p.m. Monday, June 24, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

A neighbor, who was left in charge of letting the dogs out, found a window broken in the rear of the home, as well as the entire interior in disarray.

No suspects were at the scene when officers arrived, although nearby security footage shows

two subjects in hoods dropped off in the area by a white or silver SUV at 11:36 p.m. Monday, June 24.

Items stolen include jewelry, \$3,000 in cash and a firearm.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Bicycle stolen

A youth's light blue mountain bike was stolen while parked in the backyard of a residence in the 1200 block of Maryland between 10 p.m. Monday, June 24, at 7:26 a.m. the next day.

Test is over

A Detroit woman, 23, was so happy with a car she was allowed to test drive that she kept on going.

Police caught up with her in a roundabout way last week.

An officer pulled her over on Mack and Maryland shortly after 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, for speeding.

"Investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen," police said. "(She) later admitted to test driving the vehicle at a local dealership and never returning it."

Car stolen

Sometime during the five-day period encom-

passing the afternoon of Saturday, June 22, and midday Wednesday, June 26, a gray 2011 Buick Regal was stolen while parked curbside in the 1100 block of Wayburn.

"The owner was out of town," police said.

Thief caught

Police reported tracking down a larcenist to the area of Morang and Cadieux in Detroit and arresting him at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

Detectives said they identified the suspect, a 31-year-old Detroit man, as the one who broke into a vehicle in the Park, stole credit cards and used them at a Detroit party store.

"(He) was in possession of a stolen handgun at the time of his arrest," police said.

The man faces at least four felony charges, including credit card fraud, carrying a concealed weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm and receiving and concealing stolen property.

Theft from car

A criminal took \$500 cash and Studio Beat earbuds from an unlocked vehicle parked overnight Wednesday, June 26, in the driveway of a house in the 1200 block of

Beaconsfield.

Won't stay away

A 40-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man is in trouble for entering a Park residence from which he's banned.

Park officers arrested him at the residence in the 1200 block of Maryland at 3:21 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

"(Officers) responded to a report of an unwanted guest," an investigator said. "(He) was found in violation of a bond prohibiting him from the home."

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe woman's murder solved

The FBI announced Thursday, June 20, it has identified a suspect in a 1996 double homicide involving a Grosse Pointe woman.

Laura "Lollie" Winans of Grosse Pointe and Julianne Williams were murdered at their campsite in Shenandoah National Park in May 1996.

According to an FBI press release, its office in Richmond, Va., reopened the cold case in 2021, as an investigative team of special agents reassessed hundreds of leads and interviews.

A private lab was able to pull new DNA from pieces of evidence and came up with a positive match to Walter Leo Jackson, originally from Cleveland, Ohio. Jackson, a convicted serial rapist, died in prison in 2018.

"Even though we had this DNA match, we took additional steps and compared evidence from Lollie and Julie's murders directly to a buccal swab containing Jackson's DNA," said Stanley M. Meador, the FBI Richmond special agent in charge. "Those results confirmed we had the right man and finally could tell the victims' families we know who is responsible for this heinous crime."

Winans, 26, and Williams, 24, were found dead at their campsite June 1, 1996, their wrists bound and throats slit.

Meador said there is a one in 2.6 trillion chance the DNA is not from Jackson.

News of the women's murders sent shock waves through the gay and lesbian community at the time, although the

FBI reiterated last week there is no evidence it

was a hate crime.

— *Ted O'Neil*



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six feet and they're projecting eight feet. However, they have a fairly expansive sidewalk area here, so even where they're proposing to project eight feet onto the sidewalk, they still have six-and-a-half feet remaining for pedestrian passage and things of that nature.

"... Five feet is the minimum for barrier-free access, so six-and-a-half feet, I would say, is generous for people passing through there side by

side."

City-owned fixtures, such as a bench and trash can currently on site, will require relocation.

"Terry (Brennan, the city's building official) suggested that you possibly relocate the trash can in a way that acts as an additional safety measure at the corner," Jackson told council before it approved the site concept last Monday.

Relinquishing the two parking spaces will cost the city an estimated \$2,500 loss in parking revenue.

— *Laurel Kraus*



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OUR VIEW

Happy Fourth of July

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of



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FROM THE OWNER By Sean Cotton

An honor to celebrate Juneteenth

On June 19, 2024, I participated in my first local Juneteenth celebration, at the invitation of the Hon. Sierra Donaven of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council. The first Juneteenth I was able to be a part of was in June 2022, an event at Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello. I very much look forward to celebrating next year in our community and so should you.

If you have not celebrated Juneteenth before and have questions or are interested in learning more, I am certainly not the authority. There is plenty online to get you up to speed on the newest national holiday, which is the long-overdue recognition of one of the most momentous events in our nation's history, the abolition of slavery, so all Americans could be free. Because that is what Juneteenth is at its core — the celebration of freedom for

all Americans.

Also, before you say, "This holiday isn't for me," it was made a national holiday for a reason and why wouldn't we all celebrate freedom? If there is one single definable trait for all Americans, it is that we love our freedom. This day, June 19, is one that celebrates the freedom we all love and cherish.

Next, you might say, "But what about the Fourth of July? Is this telling me that the Fourth is wrong, that what I celebrate is wrong?" The celebration I was lucky enough to attend in Harper Woods started with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the esteemed mayor of Harper Woods, Valerie Kindle. Leaders from all of the Pointes and Harper Woods were in attendance and turned



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and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation.

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us.

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States.

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world.

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent. For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury.

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences.

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments.

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with

circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Best remembered & forgotten



Some things are forgotten before they're gone. Others stay fresh memories.

By the time demolition of Eastland Center began mid-2022, the mall hadn't been part of my routine for years.

Apparently so with other people, too. Local media, supposedly reflecting reader interest, did no other than routine farewell articles. No retrospectives I know of were of the dramatic, there-go-the-best-years-of-my-life type.

The end of Eastland two years ago, plus the closing of Lakeside Mall last weekend, generated at best a couple of ho-hums. Maybe because neither I, my friends, nor acquaintances were mall rats.

During the last 20 years, Eastland had become to me solely a place to hurry in and out of for \$10 watch battery replacements, worrying if I'd be robbed or my car stolen during the exchange.

Shootings characterized the mall during its final decade or longer. Ten dollar watch batteries were no longer good deals. Reading about violence at Eastland is my main memory of the

place in recent times. As a boy, however, it was a treat when my parents took me to restaurants at Eastland for lunch or dinner. Hudson's restaurant was on the fourth floor, down the hall from where my mother regularly patronized after-Christmas ornament sales.

A few years later as a teenager, there were good times at the Eastland movie theater. Still, the mall wasn't a hangout.

Hudson's at Eastland rose in importance during my early adult years. The men's clothing department, I'm told, served as a regional consolidation center for goods on rock-bottom, final discount. No wonder I was able to buy summer-weight, two-piece business suits for \$17 each, including tailoring. That price can't be right, but it's the one I remember.

There's no mistaking, however, memories of those lunches and dinners. Strawberry shortcake desserts played a role.

As years went on, the dynamic switched. It was I treating my parents to

dinners. By then, Eastland was a no-go. My parents' favorite restaurant, the Main Street Stable, involved a long drive to the casual, drop-in adjunct of the Hathaway House in Blissfield.

Literally a former horse stable, Main Street's décor consisted of barnwood paneling decorated with college pennants reminiscent of renovated Colonial venues we missed from back East. Menu items ranged from typical bar food to beef prime rib. One time, my father ordered frog legs. Never understood that.

I always thought those walls had room for pennants from Missouri's J-School, Princeton, Minnesota and the Turtle Back Zoo, but never got around to it.

The old stables rattled Saturday evenings while the Blissfield murder-mystery dinner train rolled by.

Hathaway House and the Stables didn't survive state-mandated shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eastland didn't make it through gunplay and changing retail shopping habits.



Main Street Stables, a Covid-19 victim in Blissfield.

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toward the flag along with everyone else to recite the pledge together. Independence Day and Juneteenth are not mutually exclusive or in opposition to each other. The first celebrates our independence as a sovereign nation and the codification of freedoms in an ideal nation; the second celebrates that freedom with the realization of those rights we hold dear for ALL men, women and children.

At no time was I or anyone made to feel that this event was anti-American, anti-white or anti-anything. What I found the event to be was pro-American, supportive of strong family values, the arts, public education and a strong community that supports each other. There were speeches and advocacy for treating all humans equally and the continuous fight for freedom and growth together as a community. A strong community of support for all.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Roy Bishop Jr., the deputy superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public

School System. His advocacy for public education was met with a standing ovation by the trustees of the school board, our superintendent, administrators of the GPPSS and all in attendance.

This holiday is as American as the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Thanksgiving. If you are lucky enough to be invited to an official Juneteenth celebration, I suggest you jump at it. You will enjoy great food, great music and a celebration of the arts. If you are not going to an official celebration, it is a great day to engage on your own or with your family in that greatest of American traditions — a barbecue and the celebration of your freedom.

Because we are the greatest country in the history of human civilization, with the most rights and freedoms, as we recognize that, we can also recognize that we always need to strive for better. That is exactly what I was thinking when celebrating Juneteenth with my community, the same as what I am thinking today, the Fourth of July.

Sean Cotton is the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

ration of storm and sanitary sewers. It is for these reasons that LWVGP commends the city council of Grosse Pointe for their ballot bond proposal to secure the necessary funding to complete the stormwater separation project. According to Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, if the bond ballot measure doesn't pass in August, the City will have to forfeit the \$21.6 million in federal money for this project and it will not go forward.

Many of our local members, like many homeowners in our community, have experienced catastrophic losses from flooding in recent years. Separating storm and waste water systems reduces flooding, pressure on sewer infrastructure and helps keep Lake St. Clair free from pollution. We urge voters to approve this ballot proposal.

LYNNE PIERCE
President
LWVGP

LETTERS

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Yes to ballot proposal

Letter to the Editor:

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe (LWVGP) strongly supports long-term comprehensive planning for the orderly development of our Grosse Pointe communities. We share our neighbors' concern for the continued water quality of Lake St. Clair and the entire Great Lakes watershed. A key component of this support is the sepa-

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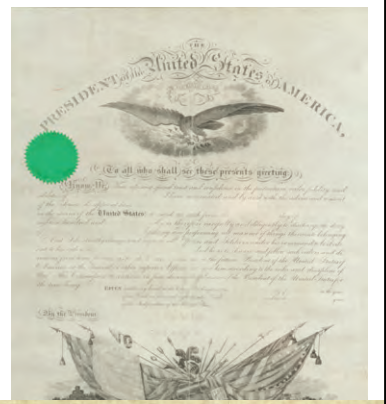
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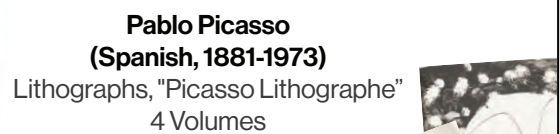
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Passing the hammer

Owner of Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair retires

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — After 28 years as the cobbler and owner of Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair at 365 Fisher, Ralf Maky set down his tools and retired at the end of June.

Fifty years in the cobbler business is enough for him, he said.

“My grandfather had three shops at one time and at one of them, he

had 16 employees,” Maky said. “It was like a factory. I’d go there after school, (on) Saturdays, and then at the ripe old age of 18, one of the managers wanted to retire and I ran a six-man shop in the General Motors building.”

Maky continued working out of the Detroit building now known as Cadillac Place on West Grand Boulevard until the mid-1990s when General Motors pur-

chased the Renaissance Center and began vacating the building.

With the writing on the wall, as Maky said, he gave his 30-day notice and bought Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair from 41-year owner Jakob Greuling Oct. 1, 1996. The shop had been on the market seven years, already becoming a dying art even before the turn of the century.

“After I found out this was up for sale, I drove through the neighborhoods and it was like a time warp,” Maky recalled. “There were people walking their dogs with dress shoes on and I said, ‘Oh, this is my kind of town. These people are burning shoe layers walking their dog.’”

Despite being in the shoe-repair business five decades, Maky says he was pretty isolated from the times changing, because Grosse Pointers always have bought quality.

The exception, which he called, “the kiss of death,” was COVID.

“That almost killed this business,” he said, add-



Ralf Maky has been a cobbler 50 years and owned Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair the last 28.

PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT



Retiring Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair owner Ralf Maky, left, symbolically passes the hammer to close friend and new owner Nick Raymond. “He’s worn a groove in the handle,” Raymond said upon receiving it.

ing there used to be four cobbler shops downtown and now there are none. “A lot of shops closed during COVID. I was able to survive it, because my rent was decent, not astronomical, like it would be on Mack or in The Village, and I was positioned better than most.”

“For probably about a year, there was no business, because our bread and butter has always been people dressing up to go to the office.”

Having purchased a house in Sebastian, Fla., Maky and his wife permanently are heading south, but Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair will remain.

The cobbler handed off the shop to longtime

friend and fishing buddy, Nick Raymond — himself retiring from the Grosse Pointe Public School System where he taught special education 22 years.

“Now it’s his turn,” Maky said. “He’s been watching me for 20 years.”

The two met as avid anglers in Ford’s Cove.

“I would fish in Ford’s Cove every day,” Raymond recalled, “and I started seeing this guy who would beat me to my spot, because he gets up earlier than I do.”

The art of shoe repair fascinated Raymond — also a painter and musician — and he began to shadow Maky in the shop.

The decision to retire from GPPSS and take over Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair full time came, because it was “an opportunity unlike anything I’ve ever known,” he said. “And the fact that it’s not a stranger. It’s my best friend.”

Raymond aims to carry on the legacy and dying art of cobbling, as well as educate on throwaway culture. Buying quality shoes upfront, to which a cobbler then can provide upkeep for 20-plus years, he noted, ultimately brings cost savings.

Maky said he’ll remain reachable for any questions from the new owner — as long as he can be heard over his fishing boat’s motor.



New business

HIGH10 Personal Training, 19853 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is a small-group personal training gym that specializes in weight loss through functional strength training designed to help each member lose weight, gain energy and enhance quality of life. For more information, visit high10personaltraining.com or call (313) 766-2110.

Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Vanessa Blair, HIGH10 owner Chad Blair, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Frank Schulte and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.



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New owners

Liz and Tim Denton are excited to share their love of print and design with the Pointes, as the new owners of **Print Xpress**, 20373 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. They are expanding their offerings to emphasize stationery and formal invitation services. They offer in-house design options to allow customers to allow their creative visions come to life. For more information, visit printxpressgp.com or call (313) 886-6850.

Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Abigail Turnbull, Chamber membership and events coordinator; Lisa Frasier, Chamber finance director; Rebecca Alway, graphic designer; Tim and Liz Denton, owners; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant; Alex Conley, press operator; Haley Collins, graphic designer; Meghan Muzzin, graphic designer; and Jenny Boettcher, Chamber executive director.



Grand opening

In celebration of the grand opening of their business, **Romina Profeta** and **Tamara Baubie** participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, for their business, **Tower Therapeutic Fitness & Wellness**, 18226 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. Focused on small group Pilates, their backgrounds focus on rehab to work with clients of all abilities. Learn more at tower.fit or by calling (313) 885-5544.

Pictured during the ceremony are, from left, Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Baubie, Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, Profeta and Grosse Pointe Chamber President Jenny Boettcher.

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Parcells choir performs original song

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's not often a middle school choir concert is the venue for the world premiere of a new song, but that's just what happened at Parcells Middle School Thursday, June 6.

In a confluence of two forms of art, a student's poem and a teacher's music were merged to create "Lighthouse," which the choir performed as its last song of the concert.

The song started off as an instrumental guitar piece composed by Walter Charuba, a science teacher at Parcells who often incorporates music into his lesson plans. He then asked Leslie Saroli, a Parcells music teacher, to convert



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Walter Charuba, Lainey Beland and Leslie Saroli.

it to piano.

"I originally wrote it for my nephew's wedding," Charuba said. "The first time I heard it transcribed to piano it was an amazing feeling. She did

a phenomenal job."

Saroli said after she was done she had an idea to put lyrics to it.

"My first thought was maybe to assign it as homework and see what

the students could come up with," she said. "But then I realized if it was forced we probably wouldn't end up with a very good product."

Enter Lainey Beland, an eighth grader at Parcells and choir member.

"We did a unit on poetry in Mrs. (Erika) Fell's English class and I really liked it, so I started writing poems," Beland said. "I sent some to Mrs. Saroli and we made it happen."

During the course of melding the lyrics and music, including having the choir practice the song for its concert, the trio kept it a secret that Beland was the lyricist. Not even her parents knew.

"People gasped when we announced what was happening," Saroli said.

"The reveal went pretty good," Beland said. "People came up afterward and said they thought it was great."

Charuba said he saw Beland's mom, Colleen, crying.

Before the choir performed "Lighthouse," Beland explained its meaning.

"The true meaning of these lyrics is about having someone who will be there for you when you're glad, mad or sad," according to her prepared remarks. "As I see it, your mind is like an ocean and sometimes you get stuck in a strong tempest. These storms can last for minutes, hours, days, weeks, months or years until you find land presented to you by your lighthouse."

The performance can

be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=h6qI7rpRTII](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6qI7rpRTII).

Saroli said Beland's poetry captures the "trueness" of what the Parcells staff preaches to students about being kind to others.

Concert attendees received laminated cards with the song lyrics on one side and a picture of a lighthouse on the other with the phrase, "You're my lighthouse," to give to someone.

Beland, who is off to Grosse Pointe North High School in the fall, said she eventually wants to open a bakery. That's mostly due to her dad, Brian, who is the master chef at the Country Club of Detroit.

"He's a big influence on me," she said. "I want to do something in the culinary arts."

Liggett students nominated for Sutton Foster Awards

Two University Liggett School seniors were nominated to compete in the Sutton Foster Awards for the title of Best Leading Actor in the State of Michigan.

Olivia Johnson and Giovanni Thams were nominated for roles they played in Liggett's March production of "Big Fish," directed by Phillip W. Moss.

Johnson has performed in seven ULS productions, including "Aida," "A Piece of My Heart" and "Radium Girls." Thams has performed in five ULS productions, including "Newsies" and "Aida."

This is Johnson's and Thams's second nomination for the Sutton

Foster Awards. Both participated in 2023 for their roles in "Aida."

The 12th annual Sutton Foster Awards was a statewide educational initiative celebrating Michigan high school musical theater.

The Sutton Foster Awards program features 130 high school students performing selections from their school musicals and a variety of Broadway medleys. More than 60 schools participated in this year's program, which was open to all Michigan high schools regardless of location, school size or musical budget.

Leading up to the showcase, three adjudi-

cators attended each school's full musical production. They provided feedback directly to the schools and nominated students intended to promote program and performer growth.

This year's Sutton Foster Awards also included multiple year-long learning opportunities. Participants worked directly with touring Broadway professionals in musical theater performance master classes and technical and creative workshops. From shows like "Hairspray" to "Moulin Rouge! The Musical," Michigan students worked with some of the best in the business.

The entire year-long program culminated in the awards showcase. Participants worked with Broadway musical directors and choreographers to rehearse and stage the show.

In June, two performers were selected to represent Michigan at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (Jimmy Awards) in New York City. Cash scholarships and tuition to Wharton Center's summer Broadway experience, Take It From The Top, also were awarded.



Olivia Johnson and Giovanni Thams in "Big Fish," the show for which they were nominated this year.

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Thams and Johnson earned nominations last year for their performance in "Aida."

FUTURE:

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toward roofing and masonry repairs and getting the elevator up to code.

About a half dozen former Trombly parents attended the meeting. Renee Jakubowski, who helped organize the state historical marker installed at Trombly last month, referred to the neighborhood south of Jefferson as "Mayberry with a school."

"We also feel duped on the bond vote," she said, referring to the 2018 improvement bond voters approved.

"We all voted for it and were told \$5.8 million would be spent on the school."

Some in attendance said they know of around 100 students who left the district for private schools after Trombly closed.

Collins suggested looking at the elementary school boundary lines via a "heat map" to get an accurate picture of students.

"Let's say it was reopened as a K-6 school," he said. "How many kids would go to Trombly? How many are at Defer? How many would come back from private school? We need to know who we have and who don't we have."



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Christina Koehler, a fourth-year medicine student at Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Medicine, recently learned she will be serving a surgery-preliminary residency at Trinity Health Oakland in Pontiac.



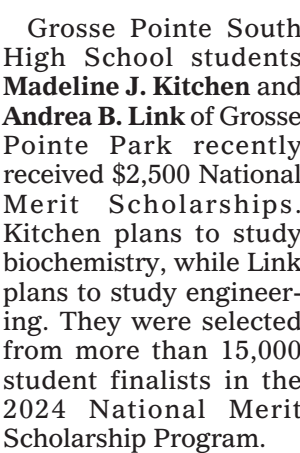
Thomas Wacker

Grosse Pointe Farms native **Thomas Wacker**, Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 2019, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy Friday, May 24, and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.



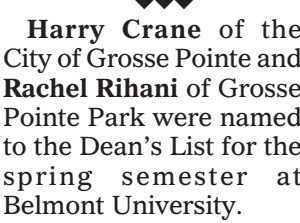
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Peter Hoffmann and **Brock Spicher** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Shane Wegener** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the winter 2024 Dean's List at Kettering University.



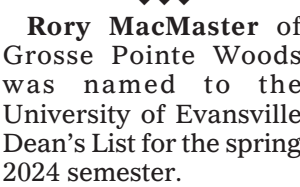
Madeline J. Kitchen

Two Grosse Pointe students recently participated in Albion College's 34th annual Elkin R. Isaac Student Research Symposium.



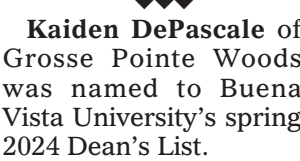
Andrea B. Link

City of Grosse Pointe student **Nicholas Miller** presented an original research poster titled "Natural Protein Sequences Inspire Catalytic Amyloids." Miller is majoring in mathematics and biochemistry and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.



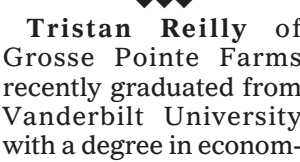
Rory MacMaster

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Sarah Stovall** received the Communication Studies Prize in Memory of Charles Baldwin, Henrietta Bancroft, Bishop Joseph Berry, Catherine Hicks Glathart, George Bowen Silliman and Elsie Verner. Stovall is majoring in biology and communication studies.



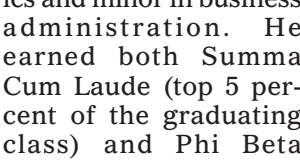
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Elizabeth Ballinger, **Eleanor Bernas** and **Adam Stapleton** of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Lilly Cleland**, **Madelaine Hurley** and **Mirella Villani** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Ryan Warezak** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List for the winter semester at Kalamazoo College.



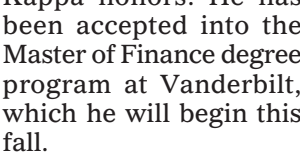
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Mary Margaret Gleason of Grosse Pointe Farms recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the University of Georgia.



Harry Crane

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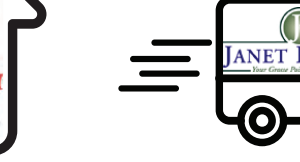
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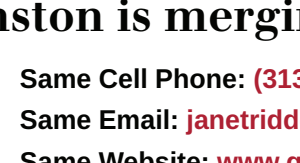
Emily Reed

Hannah Guerra of Grosse Pointe Park, a Trine University student, was named to the President's List for the spring 2024 semester. Guerra is majoring in forensic science.



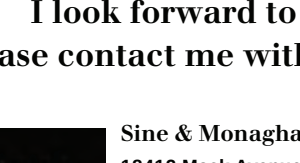
William Shall

William Shall of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Brandon Kreuter** and **Nicholas Muccioli** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester at Lawrence Technological University.



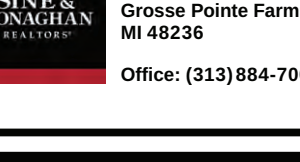
Elizabeth Becker

Emily Reed of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Elizabeth Becker** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the spring 2024 Chancellor's Honor Rolls at the University of Tennessee and Martin.



Gabriel Kirck

Gabriel Kirck of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from the University of Olivet.



Claire Marie Shea

The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester: Grosse Pointe Park student **Isabella Cubba**, a media arts production major, and City of Grosse Pointe student **Julianna Tague**, a communication disorders major.



Elizabeth McMahon



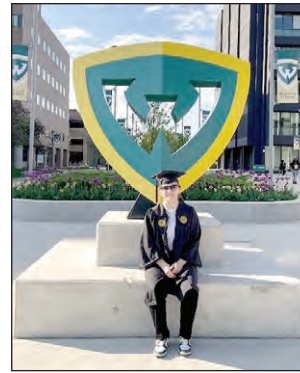
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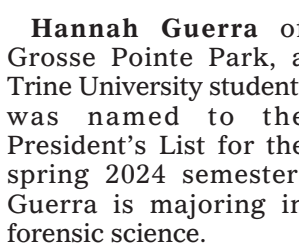
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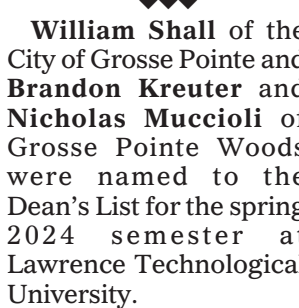
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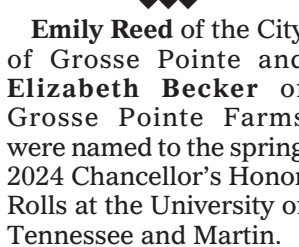
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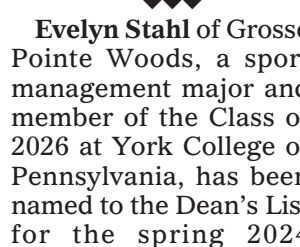
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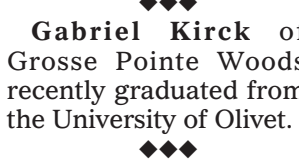
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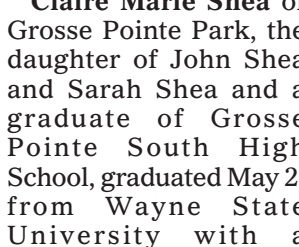
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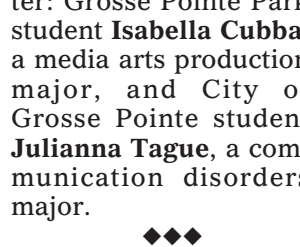
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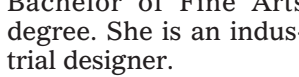
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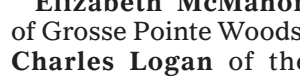
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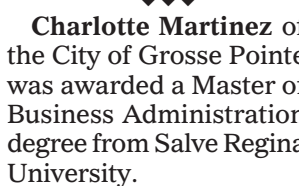
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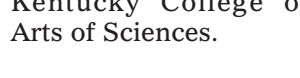
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Dylan Miller



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GP Academy names scholarship winners

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Academy recently announced its 2024 scholarship recipients for students entering eighth and first grades in the fall.

Brett Bentley Crawford Creative Writing Award — Anaiya Torrence



Anaiya Torrence

This award was established to honor the memory of Brett Crawford, a 1997 graduate of The Grosse Pointe Academy. It is given to an upcoming eighth-grade girl who possesses a skill and passion for creative writing and has exhibited the spirited personality necessary to qualify for it.

Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship Award — Gianna Decker



Gianna Decker

The Thelma Fox Murray Award is voted on annually by middle school faculty and administration to honor an upcoming eighth-grade girl who exhibits "integrity, humility, a sense of humor, athletic achievement and academic excellence."

E. Maybelle Spicer, Clark Spicer and William Trader, Jean K. Kurtz Trader Scholarship Award — Demi Sanya



Demi Sanya

The Spicer/Trader Award honors an upcoming eighth-grade boy who has demonstrated to his teachers and classmates "success in academics and athletics with a strong desire to excel." As such, the award reflects the Academy's core values and mission.

Eleanor Wagner Brock Scholarship — Skylar Harris



Skylar Harris

This award honors a girl moving from GPA kindergarten to first grade who demonstrates academic promise and personal characteristics of being vibrant, happy and lively.

Camille DeMario Academic Scholarship — Joshua Giordano



Joshua Giordano

This scholarship was established in honor of longtime Early School Principal Camille DeMario. This is a merit-based scholarship for students moving from kindergarten to first grade and is awarded to the student with the highest score on a cognitive test designed to measure the child's academic aptitude and gifted abilities.

Liggett students earn honors for Math Olympiads

University Liggett School students earned top honors in the Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools competition, including one who earned a perfect score. Students who earn awards are among the best mathematicians in their grade level.

Sixth grader **Quentin Zhou** earned the prestigious Dr. George Lenchner medallion for achieving a perfect score of 25/25. Sixth grader **Jack Ingle** scored within the top 3 to 10 percent, earning a silver pin.

Sixth graders **Elliott Duhaime**, **Jordin Jerks** and **Cash Costanzo**, and seventh graders **Ameerah Davenport**, **Ava Fozo** and **Connor**

Curis scored within the top 11 to 50 percent.

Since 1979, Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools have provided challenging and thought-provoking mathematical problems designed to strengthen students' mathematical skills. Participants in Math Olympiads come from all 50 states, three U.S. territories and 30 foreign countries. This year, there were 4,061 teams and approximately 90,000 participants.

Twenty-six students from ULS participated in this year's program, which was coached by faculty members **Jae Lee**, **Erin Montagne** and **Han Zhang**.



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Never too late to love GP Congregational Church hosts 'The Last Romance' dinner theater

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Love is in the air at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church as its theater ministry presents "The Last Romance," at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13.

The play, written by Joe DiPietro, follows the story of Ralph, a lonely widower, who meets well-to-do Carol in a dog park. Between their bantering, this witty romance comes with more than a few laughs as they develop a friendship that incites the ire of Ralph's sister, Rose. Amid a blossoming romance and a truly grand gesture, someone's keeping a secret that will change it all.

Bill McCarthy was cast as Ralph. He said he jumped at the chance to be in the show.

"There aren't a lot of roles available to 70-year-old short guys," he said. "It's a great show, well written, and it allows me to create a character. Steve (Shrader) gave me the chance to create someone different than me."

Shrader is directing the play, with assistant director Diana Jones Kirby.

Playing Carol is Cece Lesner, whose appreciation for the script brought her to the project.

"When you think about falling in love, you think about young people," she said. "But falling in love is ageless, universal. It happens to everyone. But when you're older, there's more background, more complications that need to be addressed. This show handles that with heart and warmth."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIANA JONES KIRBY

Above, Ralph, portrayed by Bill McCarthy, animatedly shares a story with Carol, portrayed by Cece Lesner, during rehearsal. Left, Sarah Lee and Bill McCarthy perform as sister and brother, Rose and Ralph, in "The Last Romance."

Joining the pair is Sarah Lee, cast in the role of Ralph's sister, Rose. She signed on because she could relate to her character.

"I have a brother," she said. "This mirrors what's going on in my life. I cook dinner; he comes over. And there aren't many roles for actors in their 70s."

The cast also includes Caleb Licata, who portrays a young Ralph during a flashback. The actor said he tried out for the role because, "I believe that acting is a good experience."

He encouraged attendance to the play.

"People should come see this production because it is top-tier storytelling," Licata said.

Fully rounding out the cast — and playing an integral role — is Rocky, portraying Carol's dog, Peaches.

After Peaches runs away, then is recovered by Ralph, Carol's attempt to repay him is a gener-

ous one — and one Rose can't bear to watch.

"Rose is afraid of losing him," Lee said.

Added Lesner, "His sister is very protective of him."

Shrader selected the piece to challenge his actors; McCarthy said he has no doubt about that.

"It's a lot of memorization," he said. "There are 53 pages in this script and I'm on stage for 48 of them."

The generous stage time should be no problem for the seasoned actor, who's been performing since 1970.

"It's a great hobby," he said. "I met my wife onstage; we just performed together last weekend at a different show."

Lesner, who also is a playwright, began acting in 1993, sort of by accident.

"I knew I could never be on stage," she said, noting that an audition as a tap dancer changed her mind. "I could audition

for dancing; that's fine. But when they told me to grab a book and get onstage, I started to leave."

She eventually was talked into the role: "There was a part for a nervous nerd and I got it," she said.

Lee, who first took the stage in 2015 with the Richmond Community Theater, also is a member of the Fine Art Society of Detroit. Her role in "The Last Romance" also sort of came about by accident. She accompanied her brother to the auditions, as he was hopeful to land the role of Ralph.

"He didn't get the part," she said, "but I did."

All ages are welcome to attend "The Last Romance," which Lesner called "very thought provoking."

"The characters are very complex," she added. "... I think it's not only warm and funny, but I think it will make people really think, even

younger people, about when your older, that you can still fall in love."

Added Lee, "I think a lot of the audience will be in our age group and recognize themselves onstage."

"You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll have a discussion about it at the end," McCarthy said.

The cast and directors will host a talkback after each show to answer questions and create a dialogue about what was performed.

But wait, there's more!

Patrons of GPCC Dinner Theater's "The Last Romance" should arrive to the venue on an empty stomach. While the performance begins at 6:45 p.m., a dinner catered by Olive Garden begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets in advance are \$35 general admission, \$30 for students and senior citizens. Prices go up to \$40 at the door. The

ticket price includes the show and the meal.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Tickets may be purchased online at gpcng.org.

Around the corner

Next up for GPCC Dinner Theater is "Hitting the Curve," written by the father-son duo of Jerry and Quinn Nehr.

Auditions take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13.

"This is a 12-person cast," the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said. "Six roles are middle school or high school age, so we're looking for youth to show up. The play is about a gentleman reminiscing on his life; he goes back and watches the milestones play out."

"Hitting the Curve" will be performed Sept. 27 and 28.

For more information about auditions, call (313) 884-3075.



Rose kisses her brother, Ralph, goodbye as Carol arrives at the dog park.



Steve Shrader, director of "The Last Romance."

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Finding a partner in a whole new age

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

It's a fact that people are living longer. According to recent data, the average life expectancy in the United States is 81.65 for women and 76.61 for men — a reality that can be traced to a number of factors, including advancements in medicine and greater sharing of information regarding preventive health care.



As some people are living longer, they may outlive their significant others and ultimately find themselves once again interested in sharing their lives with a special someone. Seniors ready to re-enter the dating pool may find that things are quite different from what they experienced as naïve teenagers or young adults. Dating used to be about hanging out with friends at the drive-in burger joint and meeting at school dances. Time at work or after-work gatherings at the local watering hole sometimes also sparked office romances that led to marriage.

Nowadays, everyone may have less opportunity to meet people organically — because today's dating often begins in cyberspace. This can be confusing and anxiety-inducing for adults who didn't grow up with technology at their fingertips.

According to a report in The Atlantic, more than one-third of Baby Boomers are not currently married — and this generation has had higher rates of separation and divorce and

lower rates of marriage than the generations that preceded them. Many Boomers have years ahead of them to devote to new relationships and would prefer not to traverse the rest of a long life alone.

For seniors wanting to navigate the waters of twenty-first century dating, there are a few things you might want to know.

Firstly, you're not in this alone. To prove that, there are myriad businesses built around matchmaking for the golden years. While online dating may be portrayed as a young person's game, plenty of older adults are now also finding connections online with dating apps geared toward the seasoned set, like SeniorMatch, eHarmony, Singles50, OKCupid, and Silver Singles, among others.

If you do choose to try online dating, know that it offers a few advantages. Apps can be helpful in expanding social circles beyond local neighborhoods or even states. You're casting your net over a much larger body of water which increases your odds of finding someone compatible.



Furthermore, dating app profiles typically spell out exactly what another person is seeking, which can save seniors from having to revisit awkward dating moments from years past. It can help the process along to know who to focus on and who to weed out quickly based on likes and dislikes.

On the flip side, some dating apps

and websites may have certain things working against them — particularly if their algorithms for pairing people are not fine-tuned. Research which ones take a deeper dive into matching couples based on beliefs and values, such as eHarmony, if that appeals.



It's easy to dip your toe in the water and start slowly and privately on any of these sites. Ask a younger family member for assistance in setting up a profile if need be — and be careful sharing too much personal information. Avoid requests for money beyond any website service fees. There are nefarious types who use online vehicles for scams targeting seniors, so let family and friends know what's going on to protect you from anything that seems off and trust their judgment if they see any red flags.

Other more platonic apps like Meetup.com are geared toward getting groups of like-minded individuals together either virtually or in person. Meetup focuses solely on meeting others who share your interests, so it takes the pressure off, while introducing you to larger groups of people for shared hobbies and friendships that could evolve into something more — if two parties are interested and available. It's a good way to broaden your pool of new friends and your interests simultaneously. Meetup has groups for poets, history buffs, wine lovers, Bible studies, current event discussions and a lot more.

Those who have retired or are

working fewer hours at this point in their life's journey may find themselves with more available leisure time. If you do, select a pastime you enjoy that will provide a greater opportunity to meet someone in person who shares your passions and interests. Go for something you have always wanted to try, from community theater, a local choir, yoga, boating, to a favorite sport. Book, card, dinner and history clubs all bring together interesting, like-minded people. And if you don't see a club you like — start your own! Have friends bring their acquaintances along to expand the group further. Every person you meet will have a circle of friends in their lives who can introduce you to even more potential partners.



Last but certainly not least, senior activity centers like The Helm offer a multitude of fun things to do like crafts, Friday movie matinees, classes and more. Their "Out-to Lunch Bunch" friendship group brings people together to dine at local restaurants and enjoy conversation. They've also lined up field trips, Tigers baseball outings, cookouts and more. Groups also gather at The Helm for bocce and chess. Check out their upcoming events calendar at helmlife.org.

Seniors may have to try new things to succeed at modern dating — but with a good mindset and a sense of adventure, it is possible to find a special someone at any stage of life.

SOURCE: Metro Creative Services

UPCOMING AT THE HELM IN JULY:

The Helm is always on hand for those looking to make improvements to their lives. A few upcoming events are worth a place on your July calendar. Have any ongoing aches

you want to know more about? On Wed., July 11, The Helm is offering a session at 9:15 a.m. called, "Ask the Physical Therapist." Attendees can get advice and direction from li-

censed therapists. On Wed., July 18, blood pressure screenings are available at 9:30 a.m. It's always wise to know your numbers. For those perplexed by their electronic devices,

there is a tutoring session at noon on Thurs., July 19 at The Helm. Find fun and freedom by mastering today's technology. For a full schedule of events, visit helmlife.org.

Portrait of John and Marlene Boll honors Helm legacy

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world,” reads a quote by Margaret Mead featured on the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation website. “Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

In honor of their generous contributions to The Helm at the Boll Life Center — formerly Services for Older Citizens — a portrait of Marlene and the late John Boll now hangs in The Helm’s living room. It was unveiled Wednesday, June 5, before members of the family, not the least of which was one of five great-grandchildren, and numerous other Helm supporters.

“We ask that your hand will always guide and strengthen The Helm’s endeavors,” said Pastor G.W. Hall, Christian Lighthouse Church, in a prayer of blessing. “Also Lord, we delight in the celebration of John and Marlene Boll, who exemplify this mission of compassion and love for others. Only you know how many lives have been blessed by their generous expressions of love and kindness.”

When The Helm began in 1978, it operated out of a number of local facilities including churches, schools, Cottage Hospital and the Neighborhood Club until 2012, when Henry Ford Health agreed to lease its current building at 158 Ridge for a nominal amount.

The organization, however, was responsible for fundraising approximately \$2.5 million to renovate the building, which had been vacant and needed considerable work.

“John and Marlene Boll saw our vision and understood the importance of The Helm’s mission,” Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “They made the lead gift, which was the impetus for many other generous donations to follow. If not for the Bolls and (their) commitment to The Helm and our mission, we would not be gathering together today in this beautiful building.”

The Bolls have continued their support for The Helm in the years since.

“I remember the day my parents were asked to take a walk through this very building and I joined them,” John and Marlene Boll’s daughter, Kristine Mestdagh, said. “While walking through, my dad had many questions. He really didn’t understand much about Services for Older Citizens, because he wasn’t involved at all ... so he listened intently and he learned what you do for your community and, being a builder, he saw the construction needs of this building.”

“When he got to the car, he said to my mom, ‘That building needs a lot of TLC.’ He then said to her, ‘I had no idea on the amount of services they provide, Mar.’ And with that, he thoughtfully paused, as he would do, and he humbly said, ‘Mar, I think we can make a difference.’”



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Members of the Boll family including great-granddaughter, Thea Sandulescu; granddaughter, Amanda Boll Sandulescu; grandson, Anton Boll and fiancée Paige Willming; daughter, Kris Mestdagh; Marlene Boll; grandson-in-law, Andre Sandelesc; grandson, JT Mestdagh; and son-in-law Jim Mestdagh.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HELM

Left, Marlene Boll, left, receives a photo album from The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall. Included in the album are photos from the ribbon cutting for the building and John Boll’s 90th birthday celebration at The Helm. Right, Kris Mestdagh and Marlene Boll stand near the newly unveiled photo.

Since its inception, the organization’s mission has been to aid Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents with the ability to age in place. The Helm hosted 253 activities for older citizens in May alone.

The center is, “a place where people can ask questions about confusing things like minimiz-

ing their tax burdens, maximizing their investments in the life stage without feeling self-conscious,” Mestdagh said. “A place where people can ask for help with activities in daily living or needed support for transportation or medical assistance, while experiencing compassion that protects their

dignity. A place where people can try a new hobby, a new skill, a language, with curiosity and experience the wonder and growth that comes from discovering

an unknown passion or a hidden talent.

“... My parents have always been eager to partner with organizations that continue to connect people with one

another. They believe the abundant life includes music, art, dance, sports, history, science, beauty, appreciation for creation and so many good gifts. But mostly, they believe that it is the sharing of all these gifts with people we know and love in the community that they take on the depth and richness intended by our creator, who gave them so generously for us to enjoy. The Helm really gets it.”

Alongside The Helm, the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation supports a number of philanthropic programs, focusing on the encouragement of moral and spiritual values, the promotion of educational values and community enrichment.

A Bible verse highlighted on the welcome plaque at the reception read, “I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly,” John 10:10.



The Helm Board of Directors members Jodie Rappe and Doug Blatt attended the unveiling.



Top, Helm board member Jaime Rae Turnbull and Helm Advisory Council member Bob Bury. Bottom, Patti and Jeff Vaughn, a Helm board member, with The Helm Advisory Council member Beline Obeid.

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Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Wordsmiths, take heart

English language speakers are finally feeling guilty about the neglected letters of our alphabet — the ones toward the end — the letters we rarely use: the Zs, the Xs, the Vs, the Qs. English has about 170,000 words in common usage. Another 47,000 words are less common. Russian has about 150,000 words, followed by Spanish with 93,000. Chinese and Arabic have the most words.

The abundance of

English words — some with extremely subtle shades of meaning — makes English popular with poets and writers. According to the Eton Institute, Shakespeare used 20,000 words in his plays and poems. He invented around 1,700 of those. He created hundreds of words and phrases we use every day — “cold-blooded,” for example, and “break the ice” and “wild goose chase” and “uncomfortable.”

Samuel Morse, inven-

tor of Morse Code, studied English words. He figured out which letters of the alphabet were popular and which were relegated to the back shelf. He wanted to give the simplest code to the most-used letters. The letters E, T and A are the most common letters in English; X, Q, Z and J are underused. Morse assigned one dot for E; one dash for T; dot-dash for A.

But take heart, anglophiles! Pharmaceutical companies are more

than willing to step up to the plate. They're embracing the Xs, the Vs, the Zs and the Qs. They're sprinkling new drugs liberally with unpopular, underused letters.

Test this trend by watching local and national television news programs and seeing how ads for new drugs stack up, one after another, after another. Drug companies are developing new medicines — which is good, I suppose — but

they're giving them names with letters relegated to the end of our alphabet, the ones we don't use much.

Arexvy prevents RSV; Skyrizi is for rashes; Vraylar helps those with bipolar depression; Ubrelyvi is for migraines. How about Vyvgart, Cosentyx, Breztri, Otezla and Rinvoq? Rinvoq is not only spelled with a Q not followed by a U, but the Q ends the word. We see only space — blank space — after the Q! Yikes!

That's just so WRONG! My English major background is aflame. My journalism and editing experience cringes. Qs need Us.

Trust me.

I Googled this, of course (How did I ever get through an entire day without Google?). I asked why new medications are overburdened with rarely used end-of-the-alphabet letters,

which also make them unpronounceable. Xyzal and Veozah and Camzyos use Vs and Zs and Ys and I'd never know how to pronounce them if I muted the TV volume.

According to Google, there is a sensible reason for at least some of this medicinal mayhem. New drugs are examined and reviewed by the FDA and the FDA rigorously avoids approving names that sound like or rhyme with drugs that already exist.

This makes sense. We don't want prescribed drugs given to the wrong people. Drug inventors must have pondered this problem at length. “Let's use some strange pronunciations and underused letters of the alphabet,” they decided.

I admit it's a good thing. But it doesn't deal with the problem of a Q without a U. That's just so, SO WRONG.



The Helm hosts special programs this month

The Helm at the Boll Life Center continues to blossom into the summer

months, offering expanded programs in the evenings, fresh pro-

duce for sale and other exclusive programs throughout July.

Here's a sneak peek at what's to come this month:

Oh, those summer nights

Summer evenings at The Helm just got more fun with the addition of bocce and Ping-Pong. Members can come alone or with friends. The Helm supplies the pizza, members bring their own beverages.

Ping-Pong takes place 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, beginning July 2; bocce runs 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, beginning July 11.

“We're excited to continue to add evening programming to the lineup of activities at The Helm,” Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “Anything that encourages social interaction is important in our book. And, even though it's mostly fun and games, there are tremendous physical and mental benefits to both bocce and Ping-Pong, including stress relief, improved mental acuity, coordination, motor control, balance and flexibility.”

In addition to these two groups, other new summer activities include monthly movies, a cooking class, workshops about grief and handwriting analysis, a wine tasting and a courtyard cookout.

A trinket or something valuable?

Ever wonder what that painting from Grandma is worth? Or the vase inherited from Aunt Lucille? Stop by The Helm 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, to find out. Expert appraisers from DuMouchelles will be on hand to help value that personal treasure.

Guests are invited to bring collectible art, glass, ceramic, china, jewelry, small furniture and more — though absolutely no guns are allowed. Each participant may bring up to three items for appraisal. Item owners must be able to carry what they bring in; help is not available with loading or unloading of items.

This event is free to members and nonmembers; however, registration is required by Monday, July 8. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

back patio of The Helm at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ins and outs of Medicare

Those about to turn 65 are just about eligible for Medicare and likely are being inundated with correspondence from different insurance companies urging them to sign up for prescription drug, Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans. Those who are feeling overwhelmed can turn to The Helm for help.

New to Medicare — during which Medicare counselors provide a comprehensive overview of Medicare, including coverage, costs, pros and cons of different optional plans and how to sign up — is a 90-minute class.

The next session takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The class is free, but space is limited, so call The Helm at (313) 649-2110 or email taltovilla@helmlife.org to make a reservation.

These classes take place at The Helm around once a quarter.

The Helm also offers free, individual appointments throughout the year with Medicare counselors to help people understand options, choose the best plans for them and answer any specific questions. Contact Tony Altovilla at taltovilla@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2110 to get in touch with a Medicare counselor.

Registration is required for all of these activities. Register at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600. Visit helmlife.org to see everything in store this summer.



Fresh veggies and herbs

It's easier than ever to enjoy Michigan-grown produce this summer. Just stop by The Helm to purchase fresh-off-the-farm goodness.

Full Circle Foundation will sell fresh-picked produce at The Helm from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, beginning July 11. The vegetables, herbs and flowers are grown in 55 raised garden beds on three acres in Detroit and sold at The Helm throughout the summer.

Eastern Market also will sell farm-fresh produce at The Helm from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. several Tuesdays this summer. Eastern Market dates at The Helm are July 16 and 30, and Aug. 13 and 27.

Anyone is welcome to purchase produce from both Full Circle and Eastern Market. The produce will be set up on the

Grosse Pointe's Famous Homemade Mustard Relish!



One of the Grosse Pointe area's favorite fast food joints, Piche and Dunning Refreshments, located on the corner of Moross (Seven Mile) Road and Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms, was famous for its homemade mustard relish. Pictured here are an unknown customer, George Dunning, Warren Piche Jr., Verna Piche, Lydia Piche, Warren Piche and an unidentified employee.

Courtesy of the Russel "Forest" Piche Collection.



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OBITUARIES

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

Anne Marie Speicher

Anne M. Speicher, 81, died peacefully Friday, June 21, 2024.

Anne was born June 13, 1943, in Flint, to Jean (nee Lyons) and Harold Speicher.

Anne and her two brothers were raised in Detroit. She attended Western Michigan University as an undergraduate and Eastern Michigan University for her master's degree in speech-language pathology. She started her teaching career in Pontiac, but soon moved to Grosse Pointe and worked as a speech pathologist for the Grosse Pointe Public School System for more than 40 years. There, she pioneered the Kindertalk program for young children with speech and language impairments and learning disabilities.

Anne was predeceased by her brother, Jim. She is survived by her daughter, Emily Reynolds (Russell); son, Thom (Libby); brother, Spike; and many nieces and nephews; as well as her grand-pups, Piper, Luna, Coconut and Yuki; and grand-kitties, Loren and Panzer.

Anne was a caring and devoted mother, teacher and friend. She was generous and a good listener. She also was a talented watercolor painter and knitter and loved to collect the works of local artists as well. Reading and going out to lunch and dinner with friends were some of her favorite ways to spend time.

Visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 11, and 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Price Chapel, 3725 Rochester, Troy.

A memorial service begins at 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Price Chapel. A celebration of life luncheon will follow the memorial service at 11:45 a.m. at Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester, Troy.

Memorial tributes in Anne's honor may be made to I Heart Dogs Rescue and Animal Haven, iheartdogs.net or workforgood.com/projects/213868-donate-to-save-more-lives, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, bit.ly/45RHBw0.

Share memories or send flowers at ajdesmond.com.

Grace Elizabeth Smith

Grace Elizabeth (nee Bliss) Smith, 80, a longtime former resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at McLaren Macomb Hospital in Mount Clemens.

She was born June 28, 1943, in Detroit, to Willis "Dolly" and Harold "Jack" Bliss, both now deceased. Affectionately called "Cookie" by members of her immediate family, Grace graduated from Dearborn High School and attended Western Michigan University. The beautiful "Miss Bliss" met the love of her life, supervising teacher Russell T. Smith,

when she was assigned to serve as a student teacher in his classroom. They married Aug. 13, 1966.

Grace earned a Master of Arts degree in reading and a Ph.D. in instructional technology from Wayne State University. She worked as an educator more than 35 years in various capacities for a number of institutions. She was a remedial reading teacher at Servite Catholic High School in Detroit, an English and reading teacher at Iroquois Middle School in the Chippewa Valley Schools district, director of continuing education at Walsh College and technology curriculum coordinator for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Grace particularly enjoyed teaching and helping other educators effectively use technology to differentiate instruction with their students. She also was an expert speaker, instructor and author on the topic.

In addition to her professional work as an educator, Grace was an avid genealogist. She was fascinated by her ancestors' lives and pursued her strong interest in family history by researching, proving and then honoring her ancestors in numerous hereditary societies — too many to list. Grace formed long-lasting relationships with fellow members and held a multitude of officer positions for several societies over the course of her life, such as regent, president, chaplain, historian, governor and registrar. Grace welcomed



Anne Marie Speicher



Grace Elizabeth Smith



Joanne Theresa Hamlin

any opportunity to speak and write about her ancestors and to teach and encourage others in their efforts to identify and prove their own family lineages.

Grace was an extraordinary woman, mentor, leader and friend. Her ability to balance professional and personal responsibilities with poise and excellence was unparalleled. Although she was a highly accomplished individual, she was humble, kind, generous and level headed. Grace very much loved her family, her cats, the Detroit Tigers, reading, traveling and live theater. A remarkable wife, mother, grandmother and teacher, Grace left an indelible impression on those she touched.

Grace is survived by her children, Stephanie (Tim) and Andrew (Leslie); five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, John (Mary); as well as nephews, cousins and many friends. Grace was an inspiration to all who knew her and her presence and guidance will be immensely missed.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at St. John the Apostle Anglican Church, 18401 Canal, Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, dar.org/giving/ways-give/

donate-online; Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, michigan.mayflower.org/; or a hereditary society of the donor's choice.

Lorraine Reno

Lorraine Reno, 99, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024. She was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Detroit, to Frank and Florence (nee Harris) Reno, both now deceased.

A funeral Mass was held for Lorraine at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Joanne Theresa Hamlin

Joanne Theresa Hamlin, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024. She was born May 19, 1934, to John and Laura (nee Santia) Ruzza, both now deceased.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband of more than 50 years, Robert B. Hamlin; her twin sister, Mary Bodie; and older brother, Rudolph Ruzza.

Joanne is survived by her beloved children, Laura Hamlin Digan, Douglas J. Hamlin (Jerene), Robert Hamlin, Brian Hamlin (Michelle) and Patricia Padilla (Daniel); grandchildren, Michael Digan (Laura Jean), Patrick Digan

(Rachel), Owen Hamlin, D. Brooks Hamlin, Isabelle Hamlin, Chase Hamlin, Tyler Padilla, Lucas Padilla and Casey Padilla; and cherished great-grandson, Charles Michael Digan.

Joanne was a tennis enthusiast. One of her favorite memories was her trip to New York City to attend the U.S. Open Championship. Joanne was extremely active and enjoyed playing bridge, golf and gardening in her backyard. She loved to travel, especially to California to visit family, and had a memorable trip to Pebble Beach, Fla. She also took many ski trips out west and relaxed in the warm weather in Florida. Closer to home, Joanne was able to create memories at the family chalet in northern Michigan.

Joanne's grandchildren were the light of her life. In her later years, she filled her time attending their sporting events.

Joanne was dedicated to her Catholic faith and volunteered her time at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church for more than 50 years. People often commented on her youthful appearance and infectious smile. She was happy and filled with loving kindness.

Visitation was held for Joanne at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Metro Youth Day celebrates 40 years

More than 40,000 youth expected at July 10 event

The 40th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day is set to electrify Belle Isle Park from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.

"This year, the colorful event will be better than ever," founder Ed Deeb said. "We're bringing the excitement to new heights with surprise

celebrity guests. Think of the legends like Ice Cube, Lem Barney, Dave Bing, Martha Reeves and many others who've graced us before."

From the start, Metro Detroit Youth Day has been all about sparking change and bringing together the energy of

Michigan's youth.

"Looking back on 40 years, we're amazed by the journey and all the lives we've touched," Deeb said. "This year, we're going bigger and brighter, celebrating not just our past but the incredible future we're building together."

Hosted by the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation, this year's Metro Detroit Youth Day provides a mix of activities, entertainment and surprises. Visitors should expect a lineup including sports clinics featuring star athletes, creative workshops, a jet flyover

by the United States Air Force and live performances.

Additionally, the Metro Detroit Youth Day tradition of shining a light on young achievers continues.

"Empowering our youth through education has always been at the heart of MDYD," Deeb said. "As we hit this milestone, we're excited to

honor and support our young stars with scholarships, celebrating their brilliant contributions to our community."

This year, organizers will introduce a focus on environmental stewardship. Guests are invited to engage with organizations like the USDA Forest Service, Detroit

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Chief is better for his FBI training

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The team, the team, the team.

Even Spartan urban planning alum Mayor Michele Hodges rallies to former UMich football coach Bo Schembechler's great call for E pluribus unum.

The key to winning isn't compiling a group of people with differences. It's having people with differences work together for the common good and betterment of all.

"The power of team," Hodges said. "I say that with a strategic, organizational management mindset. It's like the human body — the system has to work together. There's no downside. I've never seen anybody work independently and be as successful as when working holistically as a system."

Park Public Safety Director Jim Bostock, a former professional baseball player, returned last month full of gung-ho he received and imparted during a 10-week training course at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

"From my days as a baseball player, I've always been a team player," Bostock said.

He said his academy experience topped all others.

"The networking, talking to men and women in this profession from cities as large as New York down to our size,"



Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director Jim Bostock's photo from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

he reminisced. "We're all in this together. We're on the same team."

Bostock graduated from the academy's 290th class.

"There were representatives from 46 states, including the District of Columbia, and over 24 students from around the globe," he said.

Students, all at points in their careers where leadership matters, attended a slew of classes. Topics included law enforcement communication, intelligence theory, leadership and organizational management. They also tested themselves through fitness training.

"You all came to Quantico 10 weeks ago

as strangers and now you leave lifelong friends," bureau Director Christopher Wray told the more than 250-member class during the graduation ceremony. "Through it all, you pushed yourselves, you pushed each other and rose to the occasion."

Academic terms culminated with running a hilly, dippy, twisty, dirty, muddy, rocky, barbed-wired, cargo-netted and fences-in-the-way 6.1-mile endurance course built by sarcastic U.S. Marines.

"The endurance course is through the beautiful woods of Quantico," according to a Corps blog entry.

Some 2 minutes, 17

seconds into the YouTube video, "Session #290's Yellow Brick Road The FBI National Academy," Bostock grasps a rope and hauls himself up a 45-degree incline.

"At (age) 53, I ended up pushing a lot harder than I used to have to do," he said.

Conquers of the Yellow Brick Road received a commemorative yellow brick.

Bostock's brick is in his office at headquarters.

"I'm displaying it proudly," he said.

"There are tens of thousands of yellow bricks on desks and bookcases across this country and around the world," Wray told graduates. "Tens of thousands of bricks that have helped us pave the way for global law enforcement cooperation. That cooperation begins here. It can't end here. Your bricks do not just represent the challenge, they are a challenge — a challenge to build on this foundation after you leave the academy, a challenge to make sure you stay in touch and to continue helping each other throughout your careers."

"I didn't know anybody going in and ended up making a number of good friends," Bostock said.

One of his new pals is an Arkansas state trooper seen in the video running the endurance course with a cigar in his mouth.

"It's great knowing that I can pick up the phone or get on email and get in touch with 200 of my classmates," Bostock said. "Better yet, the National Academy Alumni Association is about 15,000 strong. That network expands the

knowledge base we have."

He's eager to pay it forward.

"Contacts made in Quantico opened a door to resources that are only a phone call away," he said. "I bring back resources that are now available to the Park at a local, state and even federal level."

Thinking of lessons learned, confidence gained and self-reliance confirmed, Bostock said, "When I put my mind to something, I can take it on. I put effort into it and it shows, both in the classroom and on the trail. Sometimes, you have to push forward when things get tough. You just need to work hard and good things will happen."

Bostock thanked former Park chiefs Bryan Jarrell and Steve Poloni, the latter now managing Grosse Pointe Shores, for nominating him for FBI training.

"I knew when Jim Bostock was a lieutenant that his leadership skills were going to take him to the top and he was going to shine as a leader," Poloni said. "Recommending him was easy, knowing one day he'd be leading the department."

While Bostock was away, his staff stepped up. "Grosse Pointe Park didn't miss a beat," Councilman Marty McMillan told him. "That's because of your leadership and the way you trained people. Your guys did a great job the last 10 weeks."

"It speaks volumes about what we're doing in Grosse Pointe Park," Bostock said. "It starts at the top and it started before I was chief. It's a credit to the entire department and city that when somebody leaves for a little bit, the machine keeps running. Part of my job as a leader is to challenge my officers and command staff to step out of their comfort zones and empower them to make decisions. That's exactly what they did."

Bostock is a second-generation law enforcement officer. "My dad was a Detroit policeman," he said. "I grew up watching him. Being part of this department is a family atmosphere, a team atmosphere. What better way to continue that than in a career where you're surrounded by teammates. I wouldn't change a thing."



Bostock hauls himself up the Yellow Brick Road.

Martin P. Krall Jr.



Martin P. Krall Jr., aged 72, succumbed to a broken heart on June 26, 2024, at his home in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Marty was born Nov. 7, 1951, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Alvine and Martin P. Krall.

After attending St. Juliana Catholic Grade School and Servite High School, he graduated from Denby High School in 1969. The following year he enrolled in undergraduate studies at The University of Detroit. Following his graduation from U of D, he decided to pursue a career as an attorney by enrolling in The Detroit College of Law.

It was during those early college years when he met the love of his life Marilyn (nee Easley), at S.S. Kresge's Department Store. Marty and Marilyn were inseparable from then on, marrying in 1975. At the time he was working for the Wayne County Road Commission in the law department. After obtaining his Juris Doctor, he became a practicing attorney for the Wayne County Corporation Counsel.

For close to 50 years he thoroughly enjoyed the practice of law, the camaraderie of his peers and the friendships forged. In 1984 he became a founding member in Lesinski, Krall, Murphy and O'Neil. In addition to growing his private

practice, Marty was appointed a special attorney general with the Michigan Department of Transportation, as well as city attorney for Woodhaven, Mich., two appointments he was especially fond of achieving; although his most favorite accomplishment as an attorney was that his son Thomas decided to follow in his footsteps.

Marilyn graduated from Wayne State University and they began their family in 1979 with the addition of their first son, Martin A. (Alicia). Life blessed the couple with three more children; Brian (Carin), Thomas (Lauren) and Lindsay (Fredrik Valhund). As they raised their children in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., the secret of Martin and Marilyn's success was their unwavering support of each other, passion for education and their faith.

Life continued to bless Marty and Marilyn. As their children aged and became married, they welcomed 12 grandchildren to their family. They very much were devoted to Caroline, Martin P. IV, William, Henry, Adam, Andrew, Kyle, June, Grace, Carl, Ingrid and Emery.

Travel and "the family vacation" was a thrill for Marty and Marilyn, summer trips to Higgins Lake and winter trips

to Gaylord. Marty was especially fond of the family trips to Florida for spring break. Later in life, Marty and Marilyn retired to their cottage in Canadian Lakes, Mich.

During his life, he was a member of Tullymore Golf Club, The Otsego Club and The Hundred Club of Detroit.

He also leaves behind three loving sisters; Valerie Schaefer (Michael Sr.), Lisa Wesley (Daniel Sr.), and Joellen Teifel (Michael), and devoted brother John J. Krall.

Visitation will take place 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., with a vigil at 7 p.m.

A Mass to celebrate his life will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, with inurnment immediately following. In Lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in his honor to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Capuchin Soup Kitchen Development Office, 1820 Mount Elliott Street Detroit, Mich. 48207, or The Hundred Club of Detroit.

David Franks of the Lakeshore Optimist Club, left, and Nathan Mayes of My Champ Life.



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Nathan Mayes of My Champ Life addresses Lakeshore Optimist Club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club welcomed Nathan Mayes, chairman of the board of My Champ Life, to provide an overview of the history and purpose of the nonprofit. Established in 2003, My Champ Life is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves elementary-aged children through residential summer camps and weekly kids' clubs programs. The programs serve at-risk youth, especially foster children. All programs promote the value of each

child with the objective of healing hurts and lifting hopes. For more information, visit mychamplife.com

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend, listen to interesting speakers and see what the club is about. Visit gpointimists.com for locations, dates and times each month or follow the club on Facebook at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists

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Zoological Society and other agencies to learn how they can make a difference.

"As we kick off the countdown to our 40th

annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, we're calling on you — our community, future sponsors and media friends — to join the movement," Deeb said. "Let's make this anniversary a turning point, a wave of positive energy that propels our

youth into a future filled with endless possibilities."

Learn more about Metro Detroit Youth Day by visiting metrodetroyouthday.org or calling (586) 774-4000.

Registration is required to attend.

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Lake Fest brings STEAM learning, fun for kids at Ford House

Ford House welcomes eager learners to Lake Fest, which takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and features an afternoon of family fun and STEAM-based learning on the scenic shores of Lake St. Clair.

At Lake Fest, guests will learn about the animals that call the lake home, the people who live around it and how to work together to keep this vital resource healthy for everyone.

This event is designed with families in mind. A boatload of activities is planned to keep everyone entertained, from curious kids to engaged adults. It's chock full of hands-on



experiences, exciting projects and the chance to meet inspiring community partners who share

Ford House's passion for protecting the lake.

Visitors will:

- ◆ meet members of the U.S. Coast Guard and learn about what they do to keep waters safe;
- ◆ go on a scavenger hunt around the estate and see what cool things they can find;
- ◆ try "fishing" and see if they can catch some fun memories;
- ◆ meet a live sturgeon from the DNR Adventure Center and discover what makes them so special;
- ◆ learn about the animals that live around Ford House and Lake St. Clair;

◆ Hang out with science teachers from the Michigan Science Center and do some cool experiments;

◆ team up with the Clinton River Water Council to learn how to help keep water clean;

◆ learn about walleye from the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association; and

◆ hear about all the natural resources around us from the Six Rivers Land Conservancy.

Tickets for Lake Fest at Ford House may be purchased online at fordhouse.org/lakefest.

Admission is \$10 per adult, \$7 per child ages 4 to 12. Friends of Ford House receive discounts on tickets. To learn how to



become a Friend of Ford House, visit fordhouse.org/friends.

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DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

Studying the problem

Q: I know I have a drinking problem; that's not the issue. I drink way too much, even when I'm trying to drink moderately. I'm causing a lot of misery for my family, too, not to mention myself. So, I know I have a problem.

I downloaded a copy of AA's "Big Book," Alcoholics Anonymous, and started reading it. The book isn't helping me at all. I'm normally a good student, but I just keep drinking (or doing other things). I don't understand what I'm supposed to do.

A: We congratulate you on your efforts, but you're on a well-known path to failure. Many people have tried reading, praying and otherwise studying the various methods for staying sober. It's like trying to learn how to swim by reading about it, but never getting in a pool. Good luck!

Overcoming addiction is not an intellectual exercise. It's not something to be learned, like mathematics or history. That's why people in AA talk about "working a program of recovery" or "practicing the program," just like a doctor practices medicine.

Recovery is an ongoing process that only gets richer and more fulfilling with time. In fact, there's a secret hidden in the program. It's not about quitting drinking. AA teaches people how to have a better life in sobriety than they ever did with alcohol. Anyone can quit drinking (and most alcoholics have quit many times). The trick is to quit drinking and be happy. Sounds impossible, right?

The reason people keep going to AA after they've been sober a long time is they enjoy the meetings and continue to benefit from them. It's not so much what they get out of it as what they put into it.

Reading AA literature isn't enough, because you need the human element. To return to the swimming analogy, the best way to learn a new skill is to have an instructor or an experienced friend to show you the way. Would you try to fly a plane without getting good instruction? You probably wouldn't even get off the ground.

Just going to a few AA meetings isn't enough, either. Many people go to a meeting to check it out and never

return. They are going to the meeting to evaluate it, instead of participating in it. They are walking around the pool without getting their feet wet.

When you start going to meetings and really participate, you are demonstrating a quality that brings success in many areas of life: willingness. To participate means to listen carefully to what is being shared, to see if any particle of it might apply to you. It means sharing honestly about your own situation. Most importantly, it means being willing to accept help.

At every meeting, people who are willing to sponsor a newcomer will identify themselves. A sponsor is an invaluable person — like a swim coach who'll show you the ropes for free. A sponsor will share their experience and strength with you. They will take you through the 12 Steps. They will give you hope and confidence. They will add that indefinable element that can't be found in a book.

Take your time, work with your sponsor and keep going to meetings. Follow the example of people who have been successful. They'll be glad to help you along in the same way other people helped them.

Soon, you'll get results. You'll attend a wedding reception without a slip, you'll sleep well at night without chemicals, your penchant for self-destruction will subside. Life will take on a new and better form and so will you. Being fully awake, your natural talents will shine and you'll become a better version of yourself.

Before long, another lost soul will come to the meeting, looking uncomfortable. If you're practicing your program, you'll walk up to them, welcome them to the meeting and make them feel at home. That small kindness will mean everything to them. And in some small way, you'll realize you're getting better. Real recovery will draw you into the stream of goodness in the world.

Jeff and Debra Jay help families resolve addiction problems. They are the authors of "Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them through their website, lovefirst.net.

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Accepting the job offer for less pay than anticipated

Dear Gabby: I interviewed twice for a job, got the offer, and I really want to take it — except now I'm embarrassed. I went hard asking for more money, but the answer was ultimately no — they weren't able to come up at all. Will I be seen as a pushover right from the get-go if I accept?

— Negotiating Fail in the Farms

Dear Negotiating,

If you ask for more money and the answer is no, of course you can still accept the job!

People sometimes worry they'll look weak or silly accepting at that point, but you won't and don't. People accept offers after stalled negotiations all the time.

All you need to say is, "I appreciate your con-

sideration, and I'd love to accept regardless."

Negotiating salary happens everyday, and it's not going to go your way every time. But don't let it deter you from trying again next time!

— Gabby

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



Best friend having an affair with married man



DEAR ANNIE: I have a great husband and a wonderful life, but for the last few months, something's been weighing on me. My best friend, "Amanda," is having an affair with a

married man.

I've known Amanda since we were kids. We went to the same college even and have been through so much. I've always considered her to be like a sister to

me. But when I found out she was having an affair, I was shocked and hurt.

I tried to talk to her about it, but she just brushed me off. She said that it's not my business and that I should mind my own. But I can't just stand by and watch her do this to herself.

I've always been of the belief that infidelity is wrong. It's not only hurtful to the person you're cheating on and the other person's partner, but it's also hurtful to yourself. I'm worried about Amanda — that she's going to get hurt and that this is going to ruin her life.

I also feel hurt as a married woman myself. My husband and I have been together for almost a decade but married four years now, and I can't help but think how I would feel if I knew my

husband was stepping out on our marriage for another woman, like this man is doing with Amanda.

Do you have any advice? I want to help her, but I don't know how. I'm afraid that if I confront her, she'll just push me away. But I also don't want to just stand by and watch her make a mistake I believe she'll regret for the rest of her life. — Worried Wife and Friend

DEAR WORIED WIFE: You've done your best to talk sense to Amanda, but it sounds like she's not ready to listen. Sometimes, our loved ones have to learn their own lessons the hard way.

Keep being the supportive friend you've always been, but focus on your own life and marriage. You can't con-



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

rol Amanda's choices, only your reaction to them.

DEAR ANNIE: I'm in a bind with my best friend, "Serena." Her boyfriend, "Kyle," has been flirting with me for months, and last weekend, he cornered me at a party and confessed he has feelings for me. He even tried to kiss me.

I haven't told Serena because she thinks Kyle is the one, and I can't bear to break her heart.

Meanwhile, Kyle keeps texting me, begging to talk. I'm torn between loyalty to my best friend and the thrill of Kyle's

attention. Should I tell Serena and risk our friendship, or confront Kyle and hope it blows over? — Torn Between Love and Friendship

DEAR TORN: It's time to spill the beans to Serena about Kyle. Loyalty to a friend should always come first -- no ifs, ands or buts. It might be awkward, but if Serena really pictured a future with this joker, you'll be doing her a huge favor.

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

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Juneteenth

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Dr. Roy Bishop, Deputy superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools was the Keynote Speaker.

Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle was the mistress of ceremonies for the first ever City of Harper Woods and the Pointes Juneteenth Celebration. "I've often been asked why we celebrate Juneteenth. The reason I wanted to bring the celebration of Juneteenth to my community was for education. Not many people in this country knew of Juneteenth as an African-American holiday. Being the first African-American elected as a city councilperson in this community, I wanted to share a piece of my culture, so I initiated the celebration of Juneteenth as a city holiday. Every year my parents would attend the Emancipation celebration in Canada. It wasn't until I grew up that I realized this celebration was for Juneteenth. It wasn't taught in school, and my parents rarely discussed slavery. I believe it's vital for our children and people from different cultures and ethnicity to learn about all histories. Slavery was undeniably a significant part of our country's history and should never be overlooked."



Babacar Lo had his rustic furnishings for sale that he hand-crafted.



Karema DeJesus Jenkins sang, Life Every Voice.



Dr. Mayowa Reynolds performed a Libations ceremony which pays tribute to formerly enslaved people and to honor the past so we may learn from it. The ceremony is a drink offering, usually poured onto the earth or a plant, to honor sacred ancestors and humans present and not present. Dr. Reynolds pours water into a plant for the ceremony as Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle watches.



Detroit Windsor Dance Company performs.



Nanou Djiapo, an African Drum and Dance group.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



When I'm buying new clothing, I'm really only concerned about two things. The item has to be comfortable and, hopefully, cute.

Hill House Home's Nap Dress provides the perfect intersection of comfort and style. Its dresses can be worn to any formal occasion yet are comfortable enough to take a nap in. No, seriously, you can.

Hill House Home, founded by Nell Diamond in 2016, initially focused on luxury bedding and home goods. The Nap Dress was introduced in 2019, as part of its product line expansion.

The timing was perfect, as the dress gained massive popularity during the pandemic in 2020, when

people were spending more time at home and seeking comfortable yet stylish clothing options.

The combination of comfort, style and versatility

made Nap Dresses a hit, especially as people began to prioritize clothing that could seamlessly transition from home wear to casual outings.

The brand's strong social media presence and influencer partnerships also contributed to the widespread popularity of Nap Dresses.

As usual, I was a victim of influencer marketing and saw the Nap Dress on Instagram. It looked flattering, easy to wear and comfortable, so I ordered the most popular style. The price is a little high, at about \$150 per dress, but if the quality is good and I can wear the item for a long time, I don't mind spending more for a great product.

I've now worn this dress dozens of times. It washes really well, has held up like new over the years and is super cute. Whenever I wear it, I get tons of com-

pliments. It is loose-fitting and breezy, so it's a perfect choice for hot summer days and easy to layer with a sweater for cooler summer nights.

Somehow, these dresses look great on just about everyone. Nap Dresses have a romantic, vintage-inspired look with details like ruffles, smocking and floral patterns. This feminine and timeless design resonates with many people seeking classic, elegant design.

They are designed to be incredibly comfortable, made from soft, breathable fabrics that make them perfect for lounging at home, but definitely stylish enough to wear on the town.

Overall, I highly recom-

mend this dress. If I don't know what to wear, there's a 99 percent chance I'll wear my Nap Dress and I know if you buy one, you'll feel the same way.

I am giving this product 4 out of 5 alligators because the price is a bit steep, but the quality is amazing, so it still gets 4 alligators from me.

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.



Summer is here

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Summer is fully upon us. Corn, basil and tomatoes are popping up everywhere. The beautiful joys of summer make my year.

Yes fall is great but picking your own vegetables is far superior and satisfying than heading to Kroger. I plan to make use of everything growing out of the ground. That's my goal anyway.

As a mother, I want my kids to want and crave something other than buttered noodles, mac and cheese and chicken fingers.

This week I seared shrimp and placed them over sauteed fresh corn and baby tomatoes.

I finish the dish with a basil sauce that doesn't overpower the taste of the shrimp or vegetables. It's light, healthy and perfect for a hot summer dinner or even lunch.

I chose to sear the shrimp but you can

absolutely grill if you don't want your kitchen to get hot. You can even use a cast iron skillet on the grill to cook everything as well. Try this but just a warning, it goes fast and there won't be any leftovers.

Sauteed Shrimp with Basil Aioli (Serves 4)

- 24 large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 ears of corn
- 2 pints of cherry tomatoes (fresh picked or store bought)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Using a large mixing bowl and a smaller bowl turned upside down, place a corn cob on the small bowl and begin to cut the kernels off the cob. This method prevents the kernels from

flying all over the kitchen.

Season both sides of the shrimp simply with salt and pepper.

In a large saute pan or cast iron skillet sear the shrimp in half of the olive oil for about a minute or until pink. Flip and do the same on the other side. You may have to do this in batches so you don't overcrowd the shrimp causing them to steam and not sear.

Remove shrimp and set aside. Add the corn and tomatoes to the same pan with the remaining oil. Cook until the corn is still crisp but not too soft, about five to seven minutes.

To assemble, in a bowl, place a big scoop of the vegetables down and lay six shrimp over top.

Drizzle with lots of basil aioli and enjoy. Happy summer everyone!

Cheers, Mombeau



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

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| Basil Aioli | 2 tbsp mayonnaise | Add all ingredients, except for olive oil, to a blender and pulse to combine. |
| 1 1/2 cup of tightly packed basil leaves | 2 tbsp olive oil | Once combined, drizzle in the olive oil to emulsify. Pour into a bowl and set aside. |
| 2 cloves minced garlic | 1/2 tsp salt | |
| Juice of a lemon | 1/2 tsp red chili flakes | |



Stale Views

A "shelf talker" is a slip of paper or a card with a few words that describe the wine sitting on the shelf or in the box that retailers hope will entice people to buy it.

One such shelf talker long ago said that a particular wine had received a gold medal in a major wine competition. A friend who was the man who ran that competition knew that this was a falsehood.

A prior vintage of that wine had received a gold

medal, but that was four years earlier! This particular wine had not yet been made.

My friend contacted the winery. A winery spokesperson pleaded innocent, saying that the shelf talker was put up by the retail shop. "We had nothing to do with it," she said.

False reviews abound. And it is not in anyone's best interest, except consumers, to check on their validity. Which isn't easily done.

The above episode occurred 30 years ago, but the tale is still valid. Not all shelf talkers have false information, of course, but the temptation to fib is obvious. And it appears that some shelf talker claims include "alternative facts." Most wineries tell the truth on these miniature signs, but not always.

That leads to similar situations. Years ago, when I was a restaurant reviewer, I rated a cafe as excellent. Years after the review ran in the newspaper, I dined there again. The place had gone downhill horribly.

Yet the newspaper's website still had my original review that praised the place. There was a date on the review, but it was in such small type that I doubted that most readers would notice.

Reviews that are "stale" are a problem for the wine industry. As a perishable product, wine declines over time. And what might have been a valid review two years ago may be far from the truth today.

This is particularly true when it comes to young white wines. Today, the release of 2023 whites is occurring.

If a wine review for a prior vintage appears on a 2023 bottle, there's a reasonable chance it is not very precise.

But as I previously stated, it's really difficult to determine when the shelf talker or review was created, and if the words really apply to the vintage now being sold.

There is another topic slightly related to this which may appear in stores that are offering some red wines that are strange.

Smoke from Northern California wildfires affected many red wine grapes in 2020. Now appearing on some store shelves are some red wines that are advertised on their labels as having been aged in bourbon or whiskey barrels.

I purchased one of these wines and tried it. It was particularly awful. The aroma was that of an ashtray — precisely the description that some people (myself included) have used to describe the aroma of wines that were ruined by smoke taint in 2020.

I suspect that some wine companies, rather than discard their horrid smoke-tainted red wines from 2020, decided to age them in whiskey bar-

rels and then market them that way. To me, the smell is ghastly.

When I buy a red wine, I prefer that it smells and taste like red wine, not an ashtray. Unless you like this character, I would ignore all wines aged in

whiskey barrels.

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Shelf talkers are a great way to communicate information about a wine to customers, but are not always accurate.

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Lina El Arabi as Ayusha Awad (Juliet) and the robot in the 2017 movie "Eye on Juliet," written and directed by Kim Nguyen.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



they arrange for her to marry a much older man so she'll be well taken care of. Needless to say, she's dead-set against the marriage and the plans to flee to Europe and a new and better life. This is where Gordon gets involved. Having

ters an old blind man who's lost in the desert. He volunteers to guide the man safely back to the nearby village. While the two amble through the harsh environment, the elderly gentleman proves to be a wise old sage, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. He shares his knowledge about pursuing true love, and it has a profound effect on Gordon. Most well-crafted tales have a subtle turning point and this is the one in "Eye on Juliet."

★ 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!

The story takes a few unexpected turns I didn't see coming. And as improbable as it seems, Gordon decides to do everything in his power including risking his job to help Ayusha fulfill her dream and escape. Here is where you'll just have to toss logic aside for a bit and go with it. Ultimately, I think you'll find the ending rewarding.

If you enjoy "Eye on Juliet" as much as I did, I highly recommend looking for Nguyen's other films. They're all rather unique and unpredictable and he's definitely quite an engaging storyteller. What a great storyteller!

Note to parents: The film is unrated but I'd give it a PG-13.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy and Hoopla (with your library card), Freevee, Tubi, and YouTube. Also on Plex, The Roku Channel, and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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](https://www.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.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Eye on Juliet"
2017 - Not Rated
1 hr 36 min
★★★★☆

I love discovering new cinematic talent, especially when it comes to young directors. Case in point — the gifted Canadian Kim Nguyen.

He's produced an interesting body of work in the realm of indie films which includes the Oscar-nominated "War Witch," "The Hummingbird Effect," "Two Lovers and a Bear," and the absolutely charming and endearing TV series "Anne with an E."

It's rather like being introduced to a new author whose body of work you simply can't wait to devour. "Eye on Juliet" is unlike anything you've seen before. For starters, it's a totally improbable story, with its fair share of plot holes, and it definitely requires one to suspend belief in reality.

But that's OK. I'd rather watch a well-told, innovative tale than the same old, same old from Hollywood. That's why I gravitate toward little indie gems like this.

As the film opens, we



Ayusha confronts her parents.

witness two disparate scenes. The first is a stark desert landscape, viewed through the lens of a night-vision camera. Then we see an angry young man Gordon (Joe Cole), who's tossed out of a loud nightclub after breaking up with his girlfriend. What do these events have to do with each other? Have faith dear reader (viewer) — it'll all make sense in short order.

Gordon works for a security company that monitors an oil pipeline somewhere in a remote area of North Africa. He's part of a crew that pilots high-tech, spider-

like mechanical robots and keeps a close eye on activities surrounding the structure.

The pipeline is an easy target for thieves looking to siphon off the "black gold." He operates the robots from half a world away in a control center in Detroit. The robots have the unique ability to communicate in various languages to warn off potential looters. They are also armed with lethal firepower.

One night, Gordon spots a clandestine tryst between Ayusha (Lina El Arabi) and her boyfriend Kaarim (Faycal Zeglat). We soon learn that her parents frown upon their relationship. To that end,

just lost the love of his life, he can sympathize with Ayusha's plight and resolves to help her. When he follows her, she's obviously extremely cautious about interacting with a security robot. At first, the two communicate through the robot's translating software, but when Ayusha admits to being proficient in English, that's the language they use. In an obvious nod to Shakespeare, Gordon dubs his new female acquaintance "Juliet."

The movie includes a magical scene that I found absolutely riveting. While on patrol, Gordon's robot encoun-



The harsh North African environment.



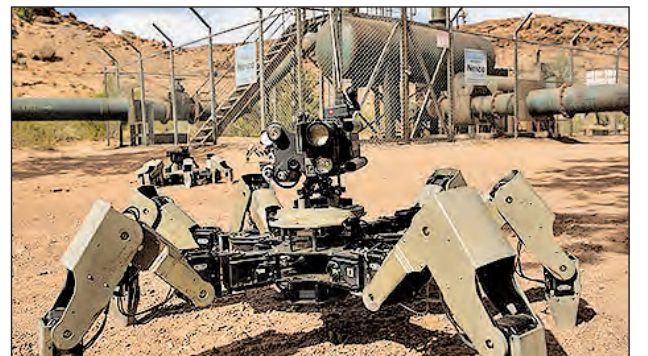
Gordon's supervisor Peter (Brent Skagford) checks up on him.



Ayusha (El Arabi) secretly meets with Kaarim (Zeglat).



Gordon (Joe Cole) keeps an eye on Ayusha (El Arabi).



The robots inspect the pipeline.tif.



The robots at work.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT today (1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 4, 2024:

You identify with like-minded people working for a common goal. You find this fellowship to be reassuring and rewarding. You have a strong sense of justice. New beginning, adventures and major changes in your life are likely. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities, perhaps a leadership role.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

This is a laid-back day. Take it easy. Stock the fridge and enjoy family and friends at home. You might redecorate or tweak your digs before you entertain. A slight confusion about travel and daily conversations might exist. Keep things light and enjoy. Tonight: Cocoon.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is an easygoing day, but it's a poor day for financial decisions. Be cautious about how you spend your money, because you might be extravagant or make poor choices. You might not have all the facts, and someone might even deceive you. Enjoy warm conversations with others. Tonight: Discussions!

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

As this day begins, you'll feel a heightened excitement because the Moon is in your sign. Double-check all important communications with parents and authority figures to remove misunderstandings, which are possible. Later in the day, you will want to take care of what you own. Tonight: Check your money.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

This day becomes stronger and more suited to you as it wears on, because the Moon will move into your sign to join the Sun and Venus already in Cancer. You'll find it easy to be warm and charming with others. Some of you will buy wardrobe goodies that please you. Tonight: You win!

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

With Mercury in your sign now, you're eager to talk to others. You feel you have something to say. You want to be heard. Having said that, other influences in your chart show that you're happy to be low-key and watch life from the sidelines. It's a good day to take it easy. Tonight: Quiet times.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

As this day begins, you're high-viz, which means people notice you more than usual. Do be aware that some confusion might take place when talking to parents, partners or close friends. Be clear about what you want. Make sure you know what others are saying. Tonight: Friendships.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be clear about plans, because there's room for confusion this morning. Later in the day, you're high-viz, which means everyone notices you! Fortunately, they will admire you. You look attractive, confident and capable -- which, of course, you are. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Tread carefully if you have financial discussions this morning, especially about how to divide or share something. An element of confusion can

encourage misunderstandings. Fortunately, this is brief. By the afternoon, you're ready for adventure. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Be patient with partners, spouses and close friends this morning, because assumptions and confusion might be challenging. However, by the afternoon, all is well and you will see how to use the resources of others so that everyone can benefit. (Especially you.) Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Be easygoing and cooperative this morning. If something sounds confusing, postpone decisions until the afternoon. By then you'll know what you want to do. Playful, competitive sports might appeal to you. Enjoy good times with partners and friends. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Issues with children, as well as romantic partners, might be confusing this morning. Fear not, because later in the day everything will fall into place. Be patient with chaos at home. Conversations with others will be lively. Tonight: Work.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This morning you might feel like cocooning at home. Nevertheless, get dressed! As this day wears on, you'll want to socialize! Romance, playful times with children, outdoor activities and fun entertainment await you. Enjoy! Tonight: play!

BORN TODAY
Chef, restaurateur, TV personality Andrew Zimmern (1961), actress Becki Newton (1978), designer Elie Saab (1964).



Find 8 Differences



Can you find two identical crocodiles?

Contract Bridge

PICK THE BEST LINE OF PLAY

North dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 3
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A 10
♣ A Q 10 9 5 3

WEST

♠ A J 9 5 4 2
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 2

EAST

♠ 10 6
♥ K J 6 5
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ K 6 4

SOUTH

♠ K Q 7
♥ A 8 3
♦ K 8 6 5 2
♣ J 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — five of spades.

It is not unusual for declarer to have more than one way to play a hand. Usually, the choice is made by relying on percentages or on information gained from the opponents' bidding or play. Of course, if declarer could see the defenders' cards, there would be no problem.

Regardless of the factors on which declarer bases his play, one constant is present: He dismisses from consideration those distributions that render the contract unmakeable. He also ignores

those hands where his play makes no difference. Instead, he concentrates on cases where what he decides to do can make or break the contract.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade, on which East plays the ten. Let's first assume declarer wins with the king and tries a club finesse. East takes the king and returns a spade, and South goes down two. But declarer makes the contract if he does not win the first trick. That's what he'd do if he saw the adverse cards, but more importantly, it's what he should do even if he doesn't see them.

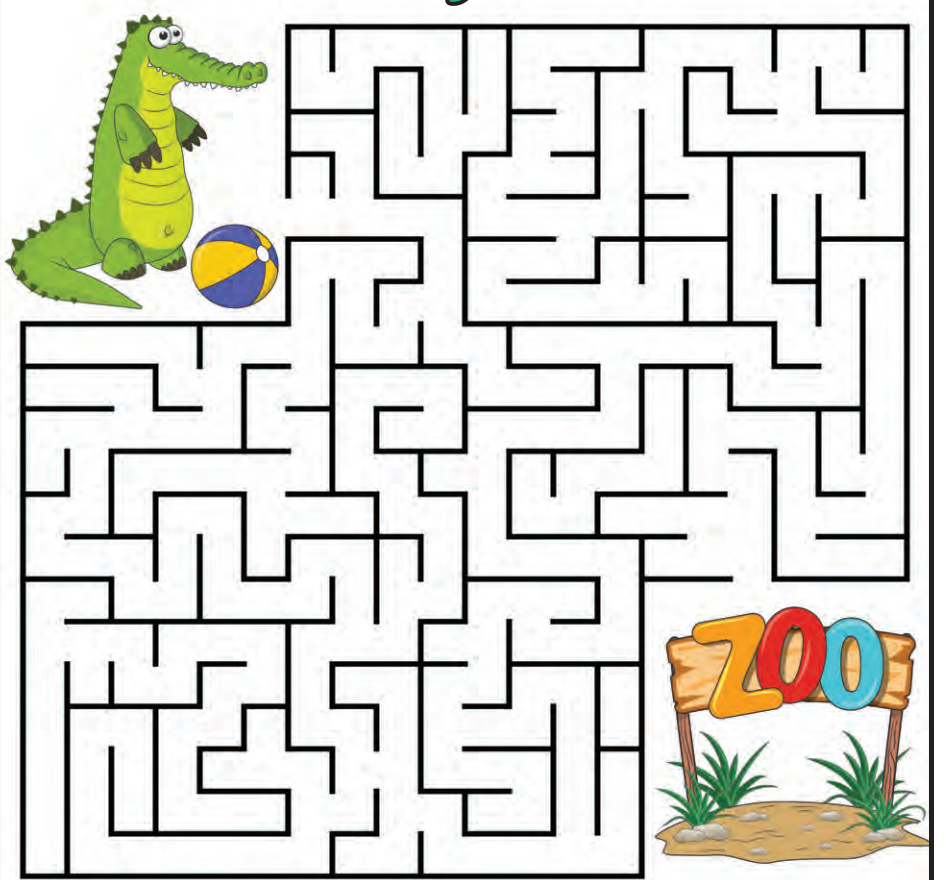
Why? Because by ducking he succeeds when the spades are divided 6-2 and East has the king of clubs. This is because East won't have a spade to return after he wins the club king.

South likewise succeeds if the spades happen to be divided 4-4, in which case what he does doesn't really matter, since the defenders can't score more than three spades and a club. Finally, if West has five spades and East three, not taking the first trick again does no harm, though it does no good either. Assuming best defense, declarer can't make three notrump if the spades are 5-3 and East has the club king, since West would duck the spade return at trick two and eventually defeat the contract.

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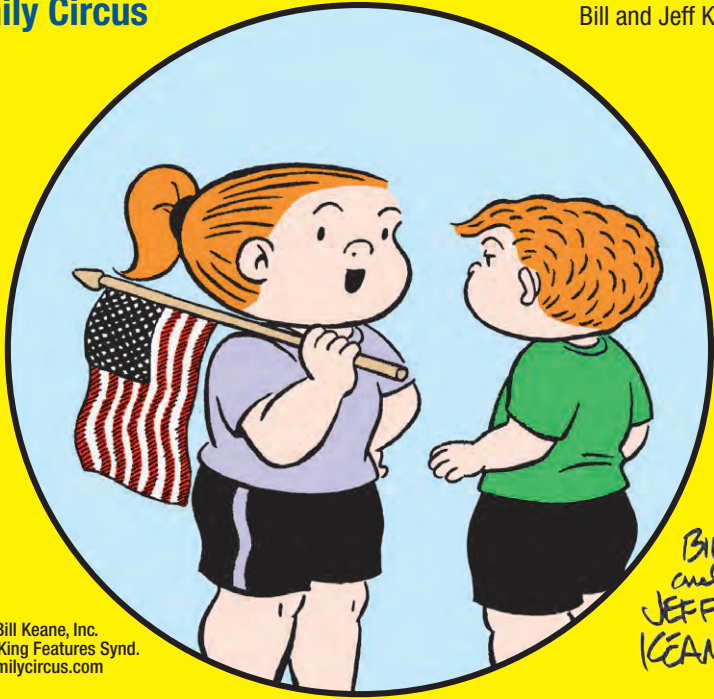
Help the Crocodile find his way to the Zoo



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Bill and Jeff Keane



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"Fourth of July is a holiday 'cause that's the day fireworks were invented."

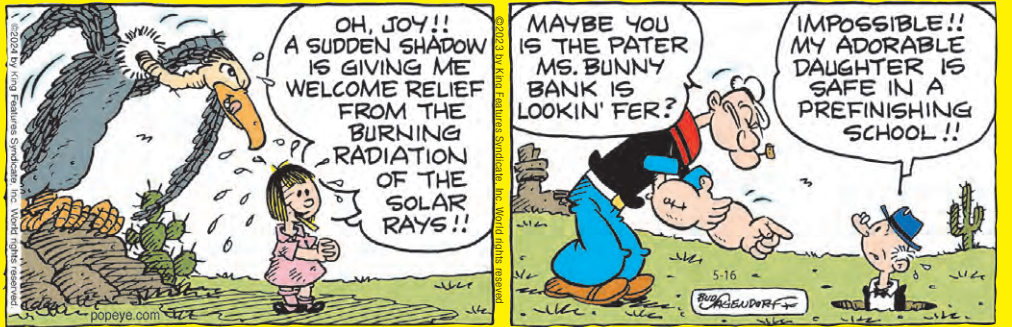
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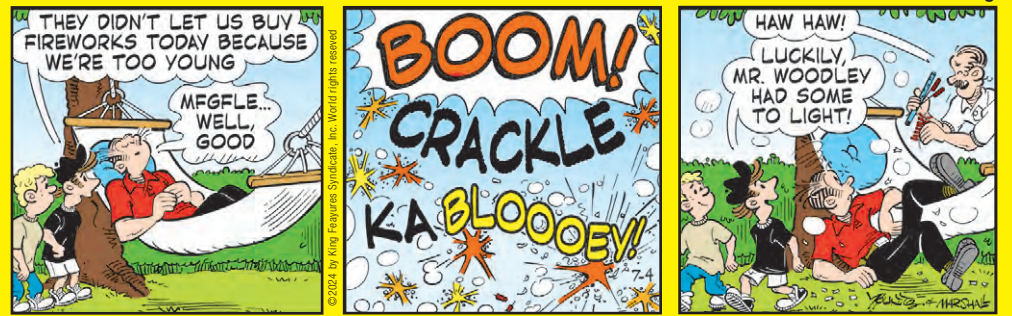
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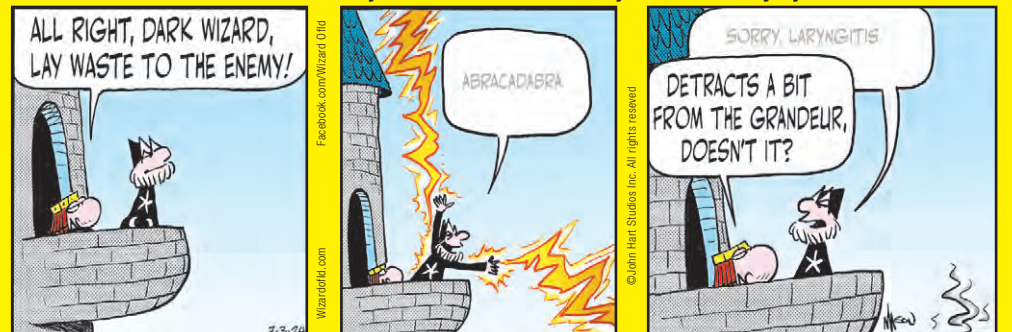
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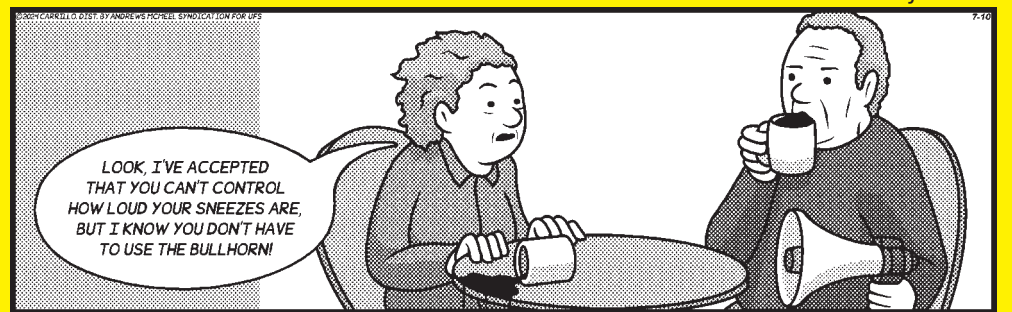
Wizard of Id

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



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

4	6	3	2	8	5	9	1	7
5	7	1	3	4	9	8	2	6
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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6/27 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 4, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Hollywood legend Mae
- 5 Errand runner
- 10 Self-satisfied
- 14 Pal, in Paris
- 15 Cognizant
- 16 Dorothy's dog
- 17 Fusion genre popular in Myrtle Beach and Charleston?
- 19 Cookie created to compete with Hydrox
- 20 Former name signifier
- 21 Was ahead
- 22 Some starter courses
- 24 Past and present, for two
- 26 Preliminary race
- 27 "Strange Magic" band, briefly
- 30 Mexican artist Frida
- 32 Military alert system
- 34 Ram's counterpart
- 36 Yours and mine
- 38 Tree's supports
- 39 Census data from Columbia and Joplin?
- 42 Light in a cave, maybe
- 43 Billion: Prefix
- 44 culpa
- 45 Asylum in the Batman universe
- 47 Fruity soda brand

- 49 "See ya!"
- 50 Suggestive
- 52 Power failure
- 56 Angle symbol, in math
- 58 Keyless entry device
- 59 "Awesome!"
- 60 Honolulu's home
- 62 Part-time opportunities for residents of Fort Wayne and Muncie?
- 65 Something to keep up when you're down
- 66 Maritime
- 67 ___ of Man
- 68 Corkboard insert
- 69 Muscle targeted by squats, informally
- 70 Have a hunch

- DOWN
- 1 "I Just ___ Made for These Times" (Beach Boys song)
- 2 Person who introduces acts
- 3 Reason to pull over
- 4 Gossip, in slang
- 5 "Jeopardy," e.g.
- 6 Had debts
- 7 The 2% in 2% milk
- 8 Remove
- 9 Add more money to, as a debit card
- 10 Eight-sided sign

- 11 What a wire tapper uses?
- 12 Great Basin tribe
- 13 Gunk
- 18 Type of bargain
- 23 In ___ (unborn)
- 25 "Saturday Night Live" segment
- 26 Appall
- 28 Oodles of
- 29 Clip-___ (certain sunglasses)
- 31 Pulmonary organ
- 33 Layout
- 34 Georgia school where Jimmy Carter is tenured
- 35 Characteristic of a good employee
- 37 Nintendo competitor
- 40 Chicago airport
- 41 Kiss and embrace
- 42 Bar bill
- 46 Defeating in chess
- 48 Cannoli shell, basically
- 51 "A man, a plan, a Panama" (famous palindrome)
- 53 Got up
- 54 Triangular part of a building
- 55 Notorious Ford flop
- 57 Dreamboat
- 58 Decree
- 60 Month of Indigenous Peoples' Day: Abbr.
- 61 Word of sudden insight
- 63 "Law & Order" spinoff, informally
- 64 Peter Pan rival

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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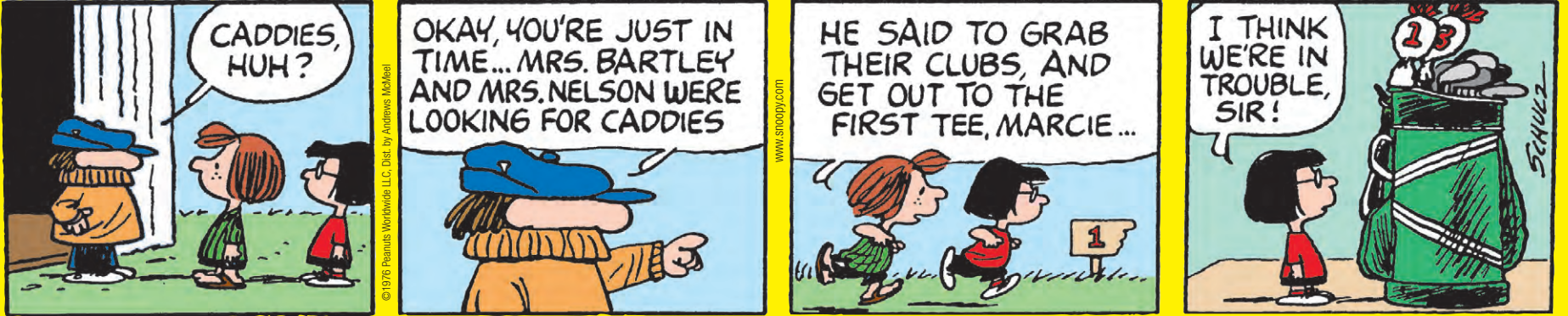
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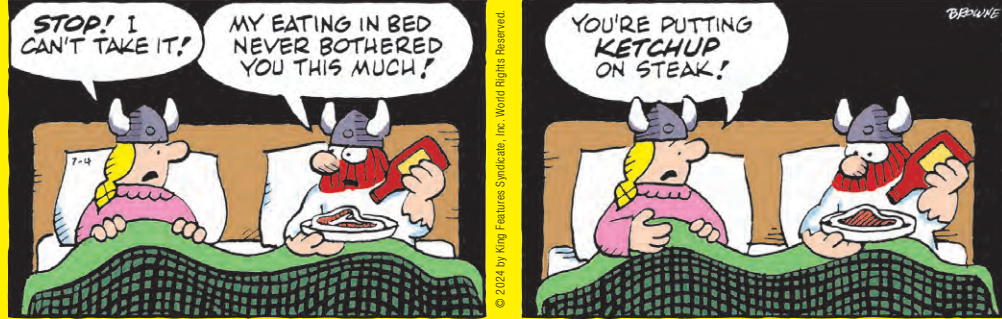
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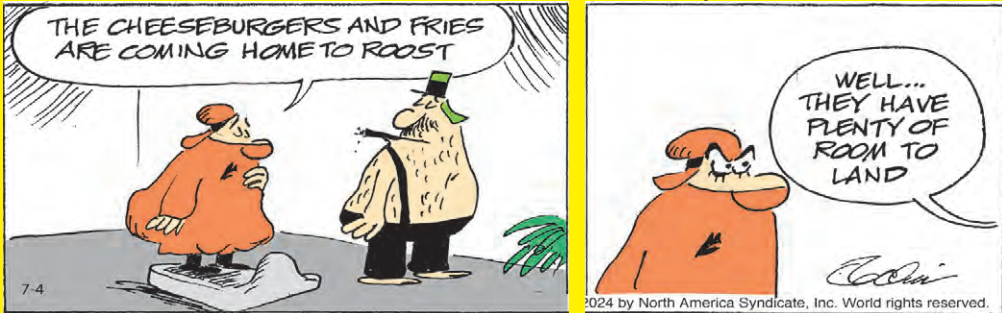
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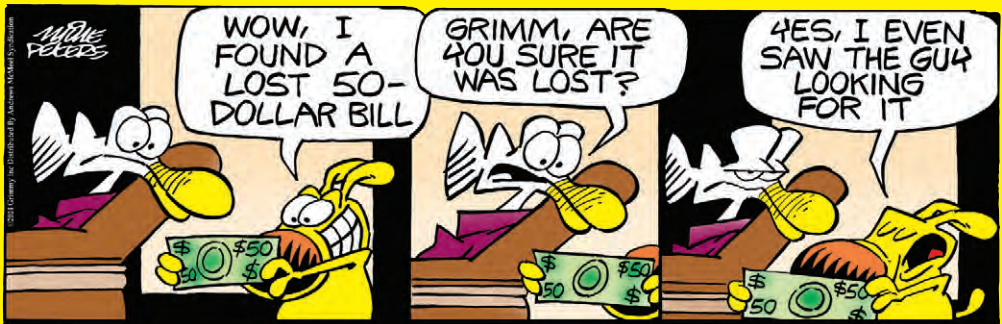
Crock

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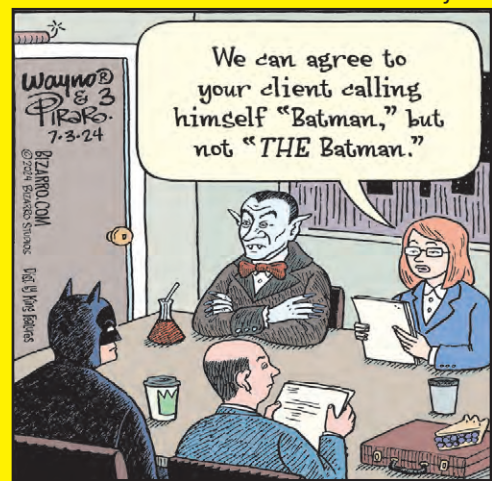
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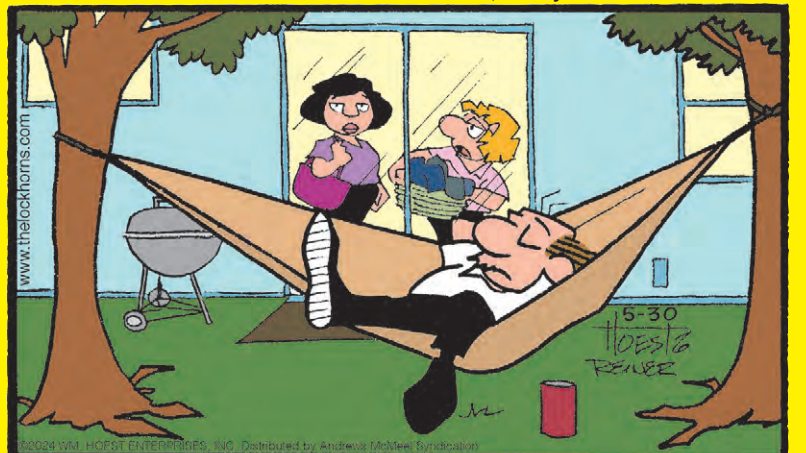
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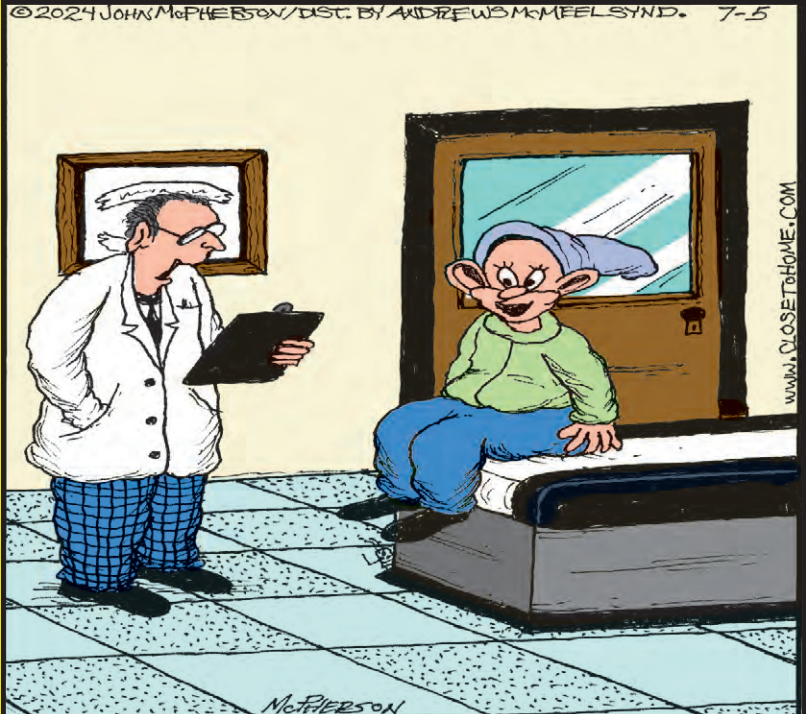
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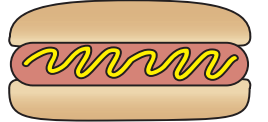
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Fourth of July by the Numbers

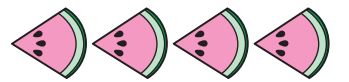
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- = 1
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- = 4
- = 5
- = 6
- = 7
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Number of hot dogs that are eaten by Americans on Independence Day:

- million



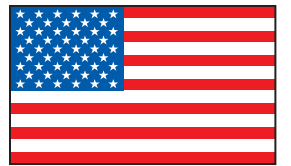
Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:

- \$ million



Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:

-



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:

- %

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INDEPENDENCE**
The noun **independence** comes from the adjective **independent** meaning not under the control or rule of another.

America gained **independence** in 1776.

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

America's Independence Day

Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

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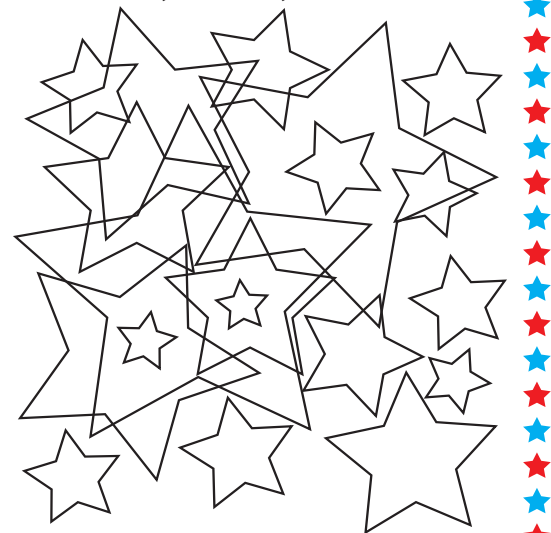
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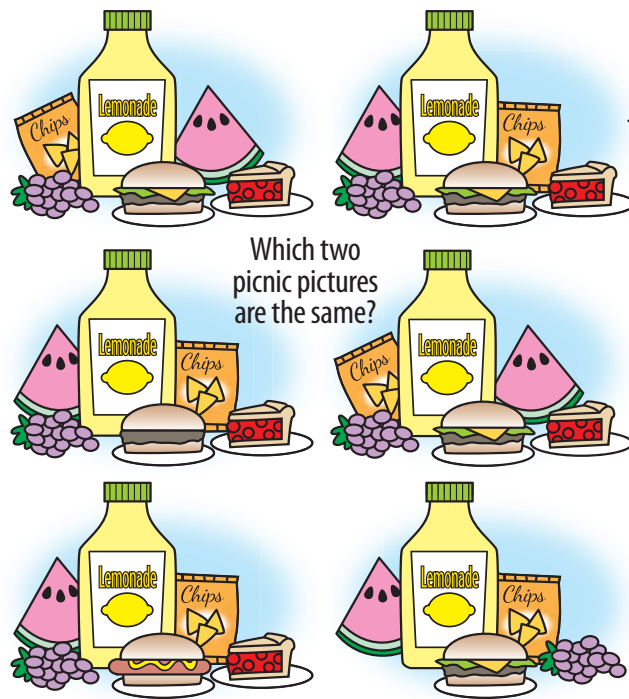
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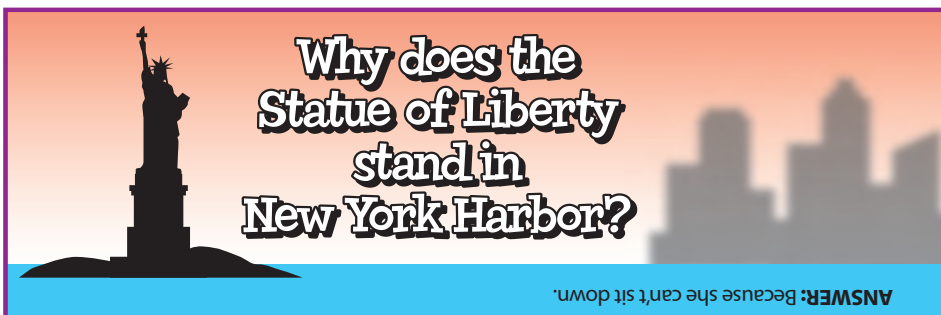
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South, North seniors shine at MAC vs. OAA All-Star games

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

A pair of seniors from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools had a final chance to represent their schools last Tuesday, June 25, in the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) vs. Oakland Activities Association (OAA) baseball All-Star game. South's Joey Michelotti and North's Brennan Hill made the trip to Jimmy John's Field to compete in the game, with Norsemen head coach Kevin Shubnell also acting as the coach of the MAC squad.

Hill did not play in the game due to a personal decision but still showed up to support his fellow Grosse Pointe and MAC

players and his head coach. Michelotti ended up having a standout performance, tallying two hits and scoring the game-tying run in the top of the ninth inning, leading him to be named player of the game for the MAC team.

"It felt great to represent my conference and my school," Michelotti said in a post-game interview with The Prep Sports Media, who broadcasted the game online. "...It's great to play another baseball game and play as many baseball games as you can until you're done."

While Michelotti helped to tie the game in the top of the ninth inning and the MAC team took a 5-4 lead right after, the OAA All-Stars did eventually

come out on top. The OAA squad was able to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth inning and a walk-off single that brought in two runs off the bat of Birmingham Seaholm's Colton Kinnie won the game for the OAA. In the four-year history of the game, it was the first win for the OAA All-Stars.

Both Hill and Michelotti are headed from Grosse Pointe to Ann Arbor in the fall to attend the University of Michigan. Hill is set to join the Wolverines' baseball team, and Michelotti plans on studying business at the prestigious Ross School of Business.

Another Norseman was also on the field last week and helped to

make some history. North shortstop Natalie Babcock played in her final high school event last Thursday, June 27, in the inaugural MAC vs. OAA All-Star softball game.

Babcock and the MAC All-Stars would end up victorious 10-3 over the OAA squad. After graduating from North in the spring, Babcock is continuing her academic and softball career at the University of Detroit Mercy.



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Above, from left, Dan Griesbaum Jr., Joey Michelotti, Brennan Hill and Kevin Shubnell representing Grosse Pointe at this year's MAC vs. OAA baseball All-Star Game.

Shortstop Natalie Babcock represented Grosse Pointe North in the first ever MAC vs. OAA All-Star softball game, helping the MAC All-Star team earn a victory.

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Liggett's McMahon qualifies for Michigan Junior Amateur

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

The end of spring high school sports season has not stopped Steve McMahon from continuing his success on the links. After finishing his junior year golfing with the Knights at University Liggett School, McMahon now has qualified to play in the Golf Association of Michigan Boys State Junior Amateur beginning Monday, July 8.

McMahon sealed his spot in the tournament during a qualifying event last Wednesday, June 26, at Huron Meadows Golf Course. He finished with a score of 73, just one over par, and now heads to compete against the best 18 and under amateur golfers in the state.

"It felt great when I settled in after the first couple of holes; I knew I had a shot to qualify," McMahon said. "Going back to Ferris State will give me a great chance



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University Liggett School rising senior Steve McMahon will play in the Golf Association of Michigan Boys State Junior Amateur beginning on Monday, July 8 at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course.

to redeem myself. I didn't play well at states because this course doesn't suit my game,

but I'm excited to see if I can make it work." The Junior Amateur is set to be played on the

Katke Golf Course at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, the same course where McMahon

competed in the MHSAA Division 3 boys golf state championship in June. In that tourna-

ment, McMahon shot a two-day score of 172, finishing 42nd overall.

Another chance to compete at Katke has McMahon confident he can find redemption and finally conquer the course. What has him so confident is the support he has received from his coaches and teammates at Liggett throughout his golf career and in times like this when he is competing outside of his high school team.

"My coaches have faith in me and always support me no matter how I'm playing," he said. "One of my (Liggett) teammates, Charlie Cooksey, has inspired me to be a better player because of how he mentally approaches the game. I try to match his confident attitude, so I can go out and shoot as low as I possibly can."

The Boys State Junior Amateur begins play Monday, July 8 and concludes Thursday, July 11.

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Athlete of the Year contest voting ends July 6

By GP News Staff

Time is running out for readers to make their voices heard in the Grosse Pointe News' Athlete of the Year contest. Voting online or via paper ballot is open now and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, so be sure to show support and vote for who you think should be this year's male and female athlete of the year before

the polls close. Readers can vote for their favorite male and female athlete once every 24 hours and the virtual ballot can be found online at grossepointe.com or through the Grosse Pointe News social media channels. Voters can also fill out a paper ballot, found on page 4D, and can submit it to the Grosse Pointe News at 16980 Kercheval in The Village.

Thirty-eight outstanding athletes make up this year's nominees, but only four will receive honors as Athletes of the Year. One male and one female athlete will be named Athletes of the Year by receiving the most votes in the Readers' Choice poll. Another male and another female athlete will be selected by the Grosse Pointe News staff. All four winners will each receive a \$500

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Coaching transition, recruiting efforts, renewed spirit for North girls varsity ice hockey

By Grace Cueter
Intern

After graduating three of its 11 players at the end of the 2023-24 season, the Grosse Pointe North girls varsity ice hockey team is looking to expand and improve its roster to be able to compete at a high level and increase team spirit in upcoming seasons.

The team is in the midst of transition, both in terms of players and the coaching staff. After seven successful years with the team, former head coach Casey Quick is stepping down to spend more time with his family. During Quick's time as head coach, the team produced a number of college hockey players, including Bella Welke, Hannah Martin, Claire Murphy and Erin Murphy at University of Michigan Dearborn and most recently Gabby Brumme and Olivia Palacio at Adrian College.

North's team now will be led by head coach Taylor Shaheen, who has been an asset to the North team for two years as assistant coach. Previously, Shaheen played on the North team all four years of high school and went on to play for the Michigan

State University team, followed by her role as assistant coach for the Grosse Pointe South girls varsity ice hockey team.

"I'll bring a different perspective as both someone who has walked in their shoes and as a female coach," Shaheen said. "I will also be able to help guide players through the college recruiting process and look forward to a fun season ahead."

In the upcoming season, Shaheen is looking to heighten the spirit surrounding North hockey both for the team and in the stands. Its ESH Ice Arena locker room is under renovation, providing a fresh space for players. Additionally, many events are in the works for the 2024-25 season.

"We will be hosting multiple North hockey nights at ESH Ice Arena, where the boys and girls teams play back to back in hopes of increasing school spirit at the rink," Shaheen said. "We will be playing in the Liggett tournament, the Traverse City tournament, as well as the league showcase and participating in their skills competition."

Although Shaheen is looking forward to the upcoming season, she is

concerned about the team's numbers. There were no freshmen on the 2023-24 roster, leaving the team with only eight returning players at the end of the season. She is looking to fill out the sophomore and freshman classes this year.

"If we do not find many interested skaters in the years to come, it will be hard to compete with such a short bench," Shaheen said. "The game of hockey is meant to be played in short sprints with quick shifts. With that being said, we need more players to fill out our roster."

Team captain Josie Cueter mirrored Shaheen's concerns, emphasizing the importance of recruiting new players and the team's efforts thus far.

"It is often hard to maintain stamina throughout tough games against big teams with a much larger roster than ours," Cueter said. "This season we are working extremely hard to grow our roster. Many girls on the team are bringing friends of theirs to try out the sport. We are also trying to be active on social media to promote upcoming skates and team activities. Our goal is to have a few more players on the roster, whether they've

skated before or not."

On June 15, the team hosted an interest skate in hopes of recruiting players. Welcoming all levels of skating experience, the event was split by skill level. On one end of the ice, a portion of the team's returning players played in a scrimmage with some of the more experienced skaters. On the other end of the ice, the team ran a "Learn to Play" session for inexperienced skaters.

"There were a lot more people than I had expected to come, which was amazing," Cueter said. "Some were experienced in hockey, others had never touched the ice before. The skate ended up being a lot of fun for both new and returning players and I am excited

to see which girls come back for our second interest skate on July 10."

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, the team is hosting a second interest skate at Liggett's McCann Arena. All girls from rising sixth grade to seniors in high school

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.11, will hold multiple Public Hearings on Tuesday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the following purposes: 1) consider amendments to Zoning Ordinance to add a new section on exterior lighting to Article 5: Site Standards, and 2) consider amendments to Chapter 26 of the City Code of Ordinance regarding site grading requirements.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office, up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313-343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmi.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at 313-343-2426 or e-mail building@gpwmi.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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"We love hosting tournaments. There's a lot of prep work involved, but it's always a great experience at Ghesquiere Park for the kids, their families and the community," Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League President Jason Bruveris said in a statement to the Grosse Pointe News. "We wish good luck to all the age groups and look forward to seeing a lot of great baseball."

In addition to the 10U and 12U tournaments hosted by the Woods-Shores, Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League is hosting the 8U and 9U tournaments at Kerby Field beginning Monday, July 8. Grosse Pointe Little League Softball also is the host for the 10U and 11U district softball tournaments.

For full tournament information including brackets and schedules, visit MIDistrict6.org.