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Ismail, Papas not seeking re-election

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Incumbents Ahmed Ismail and Lisa Papas are not running in this November's race for the

Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

Ismail filed to run by the July 23 deadline but withdrew his name shortly after. Papas was considering filing but

chose not to. "I was prepared to file but I wanted to see who else was going to run," Papas said. "I'm relieved to be able to step away. I lost my mom last year, I'm taking care of my

dad and our kids are all out of the house. It's time for my husband and I to retire."

Papas is serving her first term on the board and currently is the secretary.

Ismail, the board's vice president, served as president last year. He was elected to the board in 2004, 2008, 2014 and 2020.

"The decision I made to withdraw from the

school board race was one of the most difficult, soul-searching decisions I have had to make in many, many years," he said.

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Street sailing

After an intense late-July storm, 8-year-old Salvatore Strasz jumped in his mother's kayak for a trip down Aline, the flooded street his family lives on in Grosse Pointe Woods, while his mother watched from the sidewalk. Lucky for drivers — and unlucky for kayakers — the water receded within about an hour.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG KERIK

Woods to replace trees at city hall

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After cutting down 64 crabapple trees at city hall, officials must now decide what will replace them.

"Nothing's been proposed yet, but we'll do something," City Administrator Frank Schulte said. "We'll get together with city council, the tree commission and the beautification commission and make a decision."

Schulte said the trees have been slowly dying over the past couple of years and were determined completely dead last summer.

"They got hit with fire blight and it just spread from one to another," he said. "There was nothing to

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Foundation keeps on giving

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It can be difficult to tally the number of gifts the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation has given the city since the philanthropic group founded in 1984.

Some gifts were of an individual item, others for groups of things.

The foundation's first

gift is easy to identify, the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park in 1986. So is this year's, a sprawling playscape at the same location.

During the nearly four decades in between, a string of individual projects — such as the Patterson Park splashpad in 2004, and pickleball courts at Patterson in 2019 — arrives at the sum of 22.

The rub came in 2003.

In that year, foundation donations funded construction of the Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Simple enough, except the center contains the Okulski Theater, Golden Gym, Meade Fitness Center and McKeever Lounge, and Betty and John Stevens Atrium. Now the total is 27,

maybe 28 if the 2018 Tompkins Center patio and grill are considered separately.

"That is quite a list," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "These projects are emblematic of (the foundation's) commitment to the community, the epitome of generosity and to giving simply without reward."

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, puts the total at 26 and

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Gathering place upgrades, painted crosswalk next for Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Music on the Plaza has concluded for the season, but other enhancements to the intersection at St. Clair and Kercheval in The Village are just getting started.

T.N. Thai Bistro has new ownership — Chou Vang took over for his uncle, Tom Lee — and construction is ramping up to prepare the Jos. A Bank space for its new tenant, Starbucks.

A \$25,000 vibrancy grant secured by Main Street Grosse

'We've got social district businesses that aren't right on the plaza, but maybe we do something fun and they can do branded cornhole or branded games and then they're getting a little bit more exposure, too, and we're really highlighting the togetherness of the district and The Loop.'

CINDY WILLCOCK
Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director

Pointe brought the addition of a Kressbach Fountain art display last month and, still to come, will supply seating areas, permanent Loop Social District signage, a painted crosswalk and the potential, if funding allows,

of a painted piano.

"It's exciting," MSGP Executive Director Cindy Willcock said of the resurgence of businesses and placemaking in The Village. "I think sometimes when we're in it, we don't

see it. And then if you look at three years ago to now, we've made tremendous progress."

The crosswalk set to go under an artist's brush connects the

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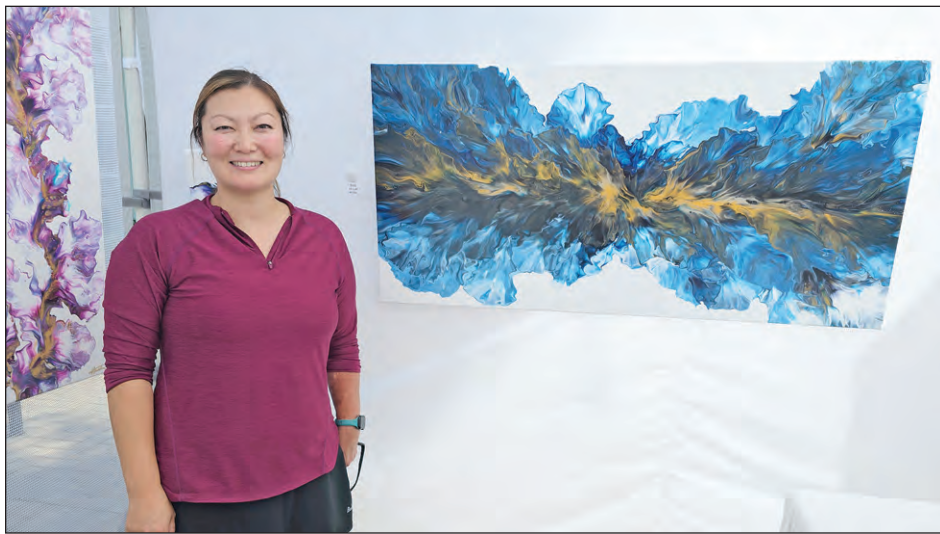
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Above, 2-year-old Amal Howrani tried on different bracelets at the Kids Corner in the "Age of Asparagus" booth, which consisted of eco-friendly and zero-waste art. Below, Grosse Pointe Park resident and fluid artist Kat Crotty stands next to one of her acrylic paintings.



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"millions of dollars."

"Truly exceptional," Hodges said. "Thank you to the foundation for doing your mission in a beautiful way, which is

simply to enhance the lives of residents of Grosse Pointe Park. You've more than accomplished that."

"The foundation is a very collaborative group," member Bob Bury said. "Everyone's voice is heard. It's focused on the greater good to have the maximum impact on as many people as possible."

"They're not all glamorous projects," Hodges said.

During former Foundation President

Shery Cotton's three-year term, which ended this year, projects broadened to support the public safety department and, in response to sewer backups during heavy rains in 2021, a critical component of the flood-fighting extreme emergency relief valve. The valve was installed a couple of months ago and is operational.

"I love that we're doing things for the public safety department and the water issue," said Cotton.

"Other communities want to emulate what we've done," foundation member Barb Detwiler said. "It's a role model for other philanthropic organizations within our community."

"The first thing that comes to mind with Shery Cotton is that she is a tireless advocate for Grosse Pointe Park," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "She works

her tail off."

"Shery never looks for personal publicity," said Mark Farnen, foundation member and a past president.

"They don't come better than the leadership of the foundation and Shery Cotton in particular," Hodges said. "She's resilient, she's generous, she's strategic, she's smart. She's the whole package. I'm very grateful to her for all she does for the community."

"While I was president," Cotton said, "we worked into becoming a more active group. Several new people came on. We started getting people who were —"

"Energetic," Detwiler said.

During the foundation's June 25 meeting, new President Jay Kennedy and the membership unanimously passed a resolution honoring Cotton.

Part of the document

reads, "She has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of several significant projects. In addition to her work for the foundation, Shery, her family and associates have made the West Kercheval area a destination for couples and families seeking enjoyable new dining options. We look forward to working with Shery on future projects to further enhance our community."

Kennedy anticipates foundation projects during his term to focus on tending those from years' past.

"I've wondered over the years if we should be helping maintain some of the projects we've done," Kennedy said. "We're talking about an upgrade to the boardwalk (at Patterson Park)."

Creating the boardwalk was a foundation project in 1994.



Grosse Pointe Art Festival

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Grosse Pointe Art Festival Aug. 3, offering hand-crafted artwork from more than 80 local artists, live entertainment, kids' activities, food, cold beverages and great deals throughout the day, which also featured three princesses: Moana, Anna and Elsa. Above, Princess Anna from "Frozen" sprinkles fairy dust on Carson Yascolt and his sister, Dianna, while their mother, Jessica Yascolt, listens as they make their wishes.



Booths were on both sides of the street this year, allowing for better flow of the crowd and better visibility for the artists.

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Codifying good behavior

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There's a reason students like ethics classes.

"Cake walk," reported a University of Wisconsin undergrad on reddit.com.

"I recall it was pretty easy," wrote another.

Rick Pacynski, chairman of the Park Ethics Review Board, plays along with the joke but doesn't take it seriously.

"Welcome to ethics, where everything is made up and there are no right answers," he said, citing a gag by comedian Drew Carey. "It's a humorous meme, but we don't believe in that."

The board met recently to give a public primer on its role.

"We were asked by the mayor to make a presentation about ethics rules, the committee and how we conduct ourselves," Pacynski said June 3.

"(The board sends a) clear message that there's zero tolerance of behavior that's unbecomingly of any public servant," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Second only to our moral integ-

rity is our financial integrity. Having the two as companions means we have a strong and solid community."

Also important is what the ethics board is and is not.

The city council established the board upon passing an ethics ordinance in August 2020.

"It's a bold and foresightful move by the council to have this ordinance," said Pacynski, a retired attorney and board member since its inception. "It was a recognition and support for the citizens to have confidence in their government."

The gist of the ordinance is to hold people accountable for misusing their positions with the city or its assets.

"Handling city property, including city information, must be done in the interests of the city, not for personal gain, and must be done to benefit the city," Pacynski said. "Public office and employment are public trusts. For citizens of Grosse Pointe to have trust in their government, they must act with integrity."

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The only items left in the grove on the north side of city hall are a bike rack and a memorial marker.

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do that would stop it." Fire blight is a bacteria that primarily attacks crabapple, pear and apple trees. Once it gains access to a tree's xylem, it causes blackened, necrotic lesions that release a sticky liquid. It can be spread by rain, birds or insects. It also spreads more readily in damp, humid weather. Schulte said the ground under the trees often was just that way during the summer because of how much shade the canopy provided.

The city's contractor, Arbor Pro Tree Service, cut down the trees last week. They were



Above and below, a crew from Arbor Pro Tree Service finishes cutting down the trees and filling in holes on the south side of city hall.

grouped in two orchards of 32 each on either side of the front lawn at city hall. Because they were diseased, the wood

couldn't be used for anything else and so the trees were chipped up and hauled away.

Schulte said 62 of the 64 had memorial dedication plaques.

"The people who purchased them will be able to pick out a different tree, either at Lake Front Park or Ghesquiere," Schulte said. "We go with existing trees because we're running out of room and anything new would have to be planted 35 feet apart."

Schulte said he wasn't sure exactly when the trees were planted, but it was definitely more than 25 years ago.



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CVS lot to the parking structure across St. Clair. Painting it is intended as an additional safety measure, "just to bring more awareness," Willcock said. "When you see a painted crosswalk, it automatically slows people down. It's another way to introduce public art, so I think that's the way we're leaning with those funds."

It won't be until the end of summer, but three 30-inch Parc Centre tables with four chairs each will add to the gathering space alongside SideStreet Diner.

Ordered through Landscape Forums and aiming to provide additional color to the downtown strip, the tables will be silver and the chairs blue.

"Seating, when we applied for the grant, this was a significant part of it, as well as the public art," MSGP board member Didi DeBoer said. "If you want to see the table and chairs, sit in (them), the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch has them."

Six commercial-grade

polywood adirondack chairs also are on tap for Kressbach Place.

"We want to give people that opportunity to be able to have something they can move around a little bit," Willcock said, "so if you're by yourself, you can sit off by yourself or if you've got three friends or five friends, you can slide things around."

While investment into sturdy outdoor games, such as cornhole, also was tossed around when the grant was secured earlier this year, MSGP may pivot to encouraging some of the social district restaurants to create a common area with games in the Kercheval alley.

"We've got social district businesses that aren't right on the plaza, but maybe we do something fun and they can do branded cornhole or branded games," Willcock said, "and then they're getting a little bit more exposure, too, and we're really highlighting the togetherness of the district and The Loop."

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Ellis excited for road ahead as North's new AD

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

With his first official day as the new athletic director at Grosse Pointe North High School last Thursday, Aug. 1, Jim Ellis began what he probably would consider his dream job. It is a position he had his eyes on for a while and even interviewed for in the past, but now his time at the head of the Norsemen's athletic department is finally underway.

"When I saw Grosse Pointe North had opened up, I was excited because I know there is transition going on here right now with new leadership at the school and that's something that excited me," Ellis said. "I have experience in all facets of administration and education, so I thought it was a good fit. I sought out this position over a decade ago. ... I've always been attracted to it because of the community and the facilities and the traditions."

Ellis has been working in education for 15 years, but it was not his first career path. Before becoming an educator, Ellis was a police officer for 12 years, but has had a passion for working with student-athletes since he began coaching after college.

Ellis got his start coaching the baseball program at Berkley High School before eventually moving on to help coach baseball



With more than 15 years of experience in education and administration, Jim Ellis is taking over the position of athletic director at Grosse Pointe North High School.

and girls basketball at Troy High School. When he made the switch from law enforcement to education, he started as athletic director at Madison High School and eventually held the same position at L'Anse Creuse North High School. He continued his path as an assistant principal at Romeo High School before most recently serving as St. Clair High School's athletic director last year.

"I've always considered athletics as an extension of the class-

room," Ellis said about his approach to being an educator and administrator. "... Having the opportunity to collaborate with peers and build those relationships with each other ... athletics is a bridge for our students to make connections with the community and their school and build relationships."

With all the experience on Ellis' resume, he certainly believes he has what it takes to step in and take North's athletic programs to the next level. In the short time

since he officially took the position, he already has met with fellow administrators and coaches to get to know them and also outline his goals for the department.

It is a process Ellis has experienced before but is excited to go through it in what he thinks is the best situation yet. His prior experience as a coach and an administrator has him feeling confident the transition is going to be easy for him and all of the coaches on North's staff.

"I know the challenges that our coaches face," Ellis said. "It's a different day and age from when I coached, kind of. My job is a support role and to give them all the tools and support they need to be successful. Wins and losses are great, but my job is to support them and for them to feel that, because ultimately that gives our students the best experience."

Part of creating that ideal experience for student-athletes, Ellis believes, is expanding the platforms that can showcase those athletes and their achievements. One of his biggest philosophies when it comes to approaching the position of athletic director is using athletic programs to build a community. The student-athletes themselves are who Ellis wants to be at the forefront of that.

"I really believe that the athletic department is



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Ellis with his daughter, Taylor, a student at Michigan State University.

the best public relations department for a school or district," he said. "This is what brings our community together and gets everyone out to games and see what our community can be about. ... I want to increase our presence on social media and give our kids as much exposure as possible. I want to promote our sports and get things out there to celebrate these kids more."

While he wants to showcase as many great student-athletes as possible to help grow the platform of North's athletic department, one of Ellis' biggest goals as an administrator has always been encouraging involvement.

Ellis wants student-athletes to be front and center and wants as many students as possi-

ble to become involved in athletics and activities that will help grow the school community at North. His role is to be supportive and that does not just apply to coaches. It is also about all of the students at North who want to become involved in the school community beyond the classroom.

"I'm committed to creating as many opportunities as I can for our kids here to get involved in things," he said. "There's no sport a student shouldn't try out for. If there's an activity that they're interested in, they should promote it to me. I want our kids to be involved and I plan on being an involved athletic director, getting as many students involved in the high school experience through activities and athletics."

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That is the heart and soul of why we have this ordinance in the city."

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"Our findings are passed to the city council and shared with the public," said David Breen, retired from a 42-year career with PricewaterhouseCoopers and current chairman of the board of Henry Ford Hospital. "City council is responsible for any action. The city manager would be involved as appropriate. The board's powers are about investigating and reporting."

"It's up to the city council or manager to make the ultimate decision," Agosta said.

No whining

Nor is the board a complaint department.

"The ethics ordinance was not drafted with the intent to turn the ethics board into a court of appeal every time somebody has a gripe with the way something was done in the city," Pacynski said. "This is not a morality ordinance per se. It's an ordinance focused on honesty and integrity of conduct, to protect the city's property rights and interests. The ordinance is very specific and clear about the sanctity of city property and the use of your position with the city for some type of personal gain."

Proactive

"Our goal is to provide an easily-accessible opportunity for all

city officials, employees, consultants and the public to ask for advisory opinions from the board with respect to the ordinance," Agosta said.

"We hope people seek advice before conflicts arise," Breen said. "We want to avoid the ramifications of violations and mistakes."

Complaints can be filed through the city clerk or the ethics board option under "government" on the municipal website, grossepointe.org.

What ifs

Gifts to city representatives are prone to generating ethical questions. Even gifts the recipient doesn't use, such as tickets to concerts or sporting events, can cause trouble.

Agosta has a simple solution.

"You should turn down the gift in the beginning," he said. "The giver may still believe you owe them some sort of favor in return. The public may perceive it as an act of corruption."

"The point is," Pacynski said, "hopefully, folks will have appreciation that Grosse Pointe Park has done something amazing in that they formally adopted an ethics policy because they wanted to make it clear that we as a community value ethics, integrity and protect the interest of the public and don't allow people to use city property for their own benefit, including things like confidential information."



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Medical cost

A woman's purse was stolen while she was with a doctor in the Corewell Health Medical Building at 3:45 p.m. Monday, July 29.

Lululemon

Four teenage boys walked out of The Village Lululemon with \$1,200 in stolen clothes at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

Smashed window

Allergy pills were stolen from a vehicle in the 800 block of Lakeland after its front driver's side window was smashed at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1.

Speeding along

For driving 65 mph in a 25 mph zone at University and Goethe, a 20-year-old Warren man was arrested and his vehicle impounded at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

Drunken driver

A 20-year-old Park man was arrested for driving while intoxicated after being pulled over for swerving at Kercheval and Rivard at 2 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

Suspended license

After being pulled over at Mack and Cadieux for malfunctioning headlights, a 26-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving with a suspended license at 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driver

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxi-

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cated at 3:19 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, after he was seen speeding 47 mph on Mack, nearly veering into the oncoming lane and abruptly stopping after striking the curb.

Lawn equipment

A RedMax backpack blower and Echo weed trimmer were stolen out of a utility trailer in the 400 block of Lexington at 11:48 a.m. Wednesday, July 31.

The owner observed two black males, one wearing a white tank top, run out of the trailer and flee in a gray minivan.

Tinted windows

After being pulled over at Moross and Chandler Park for illegally tinted front windows at 2:41 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, a 20-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Scammed

After receiving multiple emails claiming to be from PayPal and DocuSign stating she owed money for fraudulent Bitcoin purchases, a 40-year-old Farms woman downloaded software to her computer, shared her Social Security number and date of birth, and was directed to a Bitcoin machine at a Buffalo Wild Wings in St. Clair Shores.

The woman was about to purchase the Bitcoin Wednesday, July 31, but was stopped by a good Samaritan and informed she was being scammed.

Nearly \$600 in fraudulent transactions were made from her Bank of America account, in addition to a \$3,000 transfer to another account.

Caught in the act

An 18-year-old Detroit

man rummaged through four vehicles in the area of Stephens and Charlevoix before he was arrested at 10:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, after a resident saw him going in and out of vehicles.

The man told officers he was headed to a friend's house, but couldn't say exactly where the friend lived.

Trespassing

Officers were called Monday, July 29, and again Saturday, Aug. 3, because a 27-year-old Park man continued to trespass on private property.

The man told officers he was being removed for the color of his skin, but had been advised on numerous occasions not to enter the property.

— Laurel Kraus

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Grosse Pointe Park

Bike gone

When a cyclist returned to Defer Elementary School's bike rack to retrieve his locked red men's Trek bike, he discovered it had been stolen within a four-hour period starting 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

Video evidence

Security video recorded thefts of lawn care items and more from a garage in the 1200 block of Maryland at 10:27 p.m. Monday, July 29.

Video pictured the perpetrator, described only as thin and wearing a white tank top, taking the

items and walking away northbound through the alley.

Reported stolen were an 80V Atlas lawn mower battery, 40V Hart trimmer battery and a 3.5 Dremel oscillating multi-tool.

Car break-ins

Police and a virtual posse of residents intend to solve a series of larcenies from parked motor vehicles committed throughout the city during a four-night period starting 2 a.m. Wednesday, July 31.

The spree extended to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, according to police.

"Several larcenies from autos (were) reported," an investigator said. "Some incidents involved broken windows, but most involved unlocked vehicles. Ring camera videos have been shared by residents. (An) investigation is ongoing."

Handing out cars

Car thieves had an easy time stealing three vehicles overnight Wednesday, July 31. All were parked unlocked with ignition keys or fobs inside.

The first theft happened in the 700 block of Barrington. Things ended well with the stolen white 2019 Volvo recovered abandoned in Detroit.

Likewise with two 2023 Jeeps in the 1000 block of Whittier. Stolen and recovered were a Grand Cherokee and Wagoneer.

Also that night, a black 2024 Dodge Durango was taken while parked curbside in the 1300 block of Wayburn despite the anomaly of the ignition key not being

included.

Things were back to usual late Friday, Aug. 2, or early the next day. An unlocked, black 2013 Lincoln MKT with key fob within was taken while parked in the 1000 block of Devonshire.

Disorderly

Police arrested two men for disorderly conduct during a traffic stop at 3:35 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, in the 800 block of Whittier.

"Both were uncooperative and resisted arrest," an officer said.

The driver, a 37-year-old Detroit man, also was arrested for drunken driving. A 33-year-old male passenger from Eastpointe was arrested for urinating in public.

It all began with a public safety officer noting the pair in a vehicle with a defective tail light.

"(The officer) followed the vehicle, witnessed (it) stop, (the) passenger exit and begin urinating on a tree," the officer said.

Grill gone

Shortly before 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, a woman living in the 1200 block of Maryland reported someone removed the grill from her Cadillac XT6. There are no suspects.

— 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

2 stolen vehicles

Two vehicles were stolen last week, including one that was left unlocked with the keys inside. That occurred in the 1900 block of Roslyn around 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5.

The other was taken in the 900 block of Cook sometime between 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, and 7:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2. Officers observed broken glass where the vehicle had been parked.

Landscape loss

Two leaf blowers, a trimmer and an edger were stolen from a landscape trailer in the 19600 block of Mack around noon Friday, Aug. 2. Total loss was \$1,900.

Homeless

A woman reported around 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, that she was scammed out of \$2,750 after finding what she thought was a house to rent on Facebook in the 1900 block of Hollywood.

After getting a code for a key box and viewing the home, she was instructed to use the Open Door app before she signed a lease and started moving in. A security guard arrived and told her the app only is for buying and selling houses, not renting, and that she would have to leave.

— Ted O'Neil

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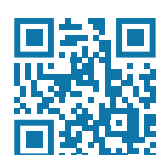


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OUR VIEW

What's going on in Paris?

It's not often the fine folks of the Grosse Pointes end up being below average when compared to our fellow Michiganders. And yes, the proper term is Michigander, not Michiganian, but that's an Our View for a different time. At issue here is how much time people planned to devote to watching coverage of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris. According to HostingAdvice.com, which specializes in web hosting platforms, the average Michigander when the games started last week planned to watch slightly over 37 hours of coverage over the two weeks. While that's above the national average of 35 hours, it pains us to say it fell short of a certain state to our south by about an hour.

According to our reader poll (Instagram) conducted last week, more than half of respondents — 55 percent — said they planned on watching less than 10 hours. As tennis great John McEnroe would say, you cannot be serious! Less than 10 hours? Hardly enough time to get a good recap of each day's events.

Another 20 percent planned to watch between 10 and 20 hours, with 14 percent saying at least 20 hours. Rounding things out, 12 percent said they were going to watch 100 hours. Talk about going for the gold!

Admittedly, it is summer and there's no better place to be during summer than Michigan. And no better place to be in Michigan than the Pointes. Boating, barbecues, fishing, swimming, golf, tennis, pickleball ... you get the picture. One trip along Lakeshore provides ample evidence we are a very active community.

HostingAdvice also found 25 percent of us in the Great Lakes State planned to take time off work to catch some of the coverage and 27 percent expected their sleep patterns to take a hit due to the time difference. We're sure many of us set an early alarm back on Thursday, Aug. 1, to cheer on Park native Sorin Koszyk in the men's double sculls final. Although he and his partner missed out on a medal by two seconds, our hearts swelled with pride as he became the latest Pointer to be called an Olympian.

Nationally, Hawaiians planned to watch almost 99 hours of coverage. Hang loose. On the other end of the scale, Montanans predicted they would watch just eight hours. Ranchers have little time to waste this time of year.

Even in today's high-tech world, two-thirds of those polled by HostingAdvice said they would go the traditional route and watch the games on TV. Some 22 percent planned to stream the games on their phones — a stolen glance or two while running errands or on lunch break at work. Laptops and tablets came in at 9 percent.

Television ratings show the opening ceremonies late last month drew 29 million viewers, the most since 2012. NBC also drew 32 million viewers across all of its platforms for the first full day of competition, making it the biggest single-day for viewership since 2016.

Overall, Nielsen ratings show a 79 percent increase in viewership compared to the 2021 summer games in Tokyo, which were delayed a year due to COVID. It wasn't much fun back then watching athletes in masks perform before empty stands.

We've heard unofficially that beach volleyball, women's and men's, also has gotten a lot of viewers. Our hunch is because of the beautiful backdrop of the Eiffel Tower.

According to Wikipedia, there have been 122 native Michiganders who have called themselves Olympians



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Formidable flush

There are 360 fire hydrants in Grosse Pointe Park. The hydrants are flushed once a year to make sure they are working properly and to check water quality. Flushing is a joint effort between the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Works and Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. The DPW and public safety officers spent two weeks flushing the hydrants and will spend two more as it takes about a month to flush all the hydrants in the city. Grosse Pointe Park PSO Jason Lockwood and Travis Curtis of the Park DPW flush a hydrant in the 1100 block of Lakepointe at St. Paul.

over the past century and a half, including 11 this year with several more over the years with ties to Michigan based on where they attended college. The most famous, of course, being Magic Johnson and Serena Williams, although the latter primarily grew up in California.

A cool thing about the current games is that the United States became the first country to win 3,000 medals in the history of the Olympics. And three of them were won by Grosse Pointers!

The first in the form of gold at the 2004 summer games in Athens, when Carli Piper, now Carli Ryan, was on the women's 4x200 freestyle relay team.

Catie DeLoof followed that with a bronze in the women's 4x100 freestyle relay in 2021 in Tokyo. Her sisters, Gabby and Ali, also were in the pool at the Olympic trials that year and DeLoof narrowly missed going to Paris by four-hundredths of a second at this year's trials.

Aside from Sorin Koszyk, there have been four other Pointers in the Olympics who we are aware of:

- ◆ John Miesel, gymnastics, 1904 summer games in St. Louis
- ◆ Woody Metcalf, sailing, 1936 summer games in Berlin
- ◆ Carrie Howe, sailing, 2008 summer games in Beijing
- ◆ Andy Miele, hockey, 2022 winter games in Beijing

Miele was team captain. And speaking of hockey, Weldy Olson was on the committee that chose the team for the 1976 winter games in Innsbruck.

While not originally from the Pointes, Clarke Scholes was heavily involved with the Grosse Pointe Theatre and won swimming gold in the 100 free at the 1952 summer games in Helsinki.

And given the athletic talent our community produces, there are bound to be more Olympians in the future. Ryleigh O'Donoghue, for example, who rows for the University of Wisconsin, was selected last summer to participate in the U.S. Rowing Olympic Development High Performance Program. Not surprising, given that her mom, Lindsey, was in the 1997 and 1998 U.S. figure skating national championships, competing against future Olympic medalists Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan.

Also in rowing, Carly Brown, who will row at Stanford University, was one of around 50 rowers invited to train with the Under-19 National Rowing Team in California last summer, then went on to Paris to compete in the 2023 World Rowing Under-19 Championships. She ended up being part of the boat that took first place in

the U19 women's coxed four final race.

Brown and Elizabeth Peberdy, who will row for the University of Tennessee, two months ago finished second in the Women's Youth 2 at the USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Fla.

If you haven't been watching, you've still got a few days left to catch the last few medal rounds and the closing ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m. Eastern Sunday, Aug. 11, with primetime coverage on NBC starting at 7 p.m. And you've got time to start training your remote control skills for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.

Grosse Pointe News **How many hours of the Olympics will you watch?**

POINTER POLL

- 12%** GOING FOR THE GOLD! 100+
- 14%** I'M INTO IT - AT LEAST 20
- 20%** DEFINITELY 10-20
- 55%** MEH - LESS THAN 10

Poll taken via GPN Facebook and Instagram. Follow us to see upcoming polls. We want to hear from you!

LETTERS

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Sincere thanks

To the Editor:

I am deeply honored and grateful to have been selected as the 2024 Athlete of the Year readers' choice award and to receive the \$500 scholarship. This generous support will greatly assist me as I pursue my studies and play football at Northern Michigan University. Your recognition and support mean a lot to me, and I look forward to representing our community with pride and dedication.

Thank you for this incredible opportunity and for celebrating the achievements of local athletes. The Grosse Pointe News is the best. I always love reading the sports section and looking for my name in the paper. Thank you very much for the frame as well. I love the frame and will cherish it forever.

Thank you again for everything you have done. All of you at the Grosse Pointe News are the best.

HUNTER BELANGER
 Grosse Pointe Farms

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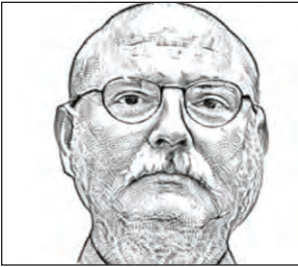
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I SAY By Ted O'Neil



Memories of Olympics gone by

Citius, Altius, Fortius. That is the Olympic motto, Latin for faster, higher, stronger. Then there's watchius.

Just kidding, I made that up. I've been watching a fair amount of the Summer Olympics, but not as much as in years past. I also like to tune into the Winter Olympics, depending on the event and where it's being held. For some info on your watching habits, check out the "Our View" on page 6A.

Because of the time change, many of the

results from Paris already are known by the time I flip on NBC in the evenings. But even then it can still be fun watching a few highlights, such as the U.S. women's rugby team defeating Australia on a last-second score by Alex Sedrick. The bronze was the first U.S. medal in the sport since the 1924 games.

It was reminiscent of the ending to the 2013 Iron Bowl, when Auburn beat Alabama on what famously was named the "kick-six" by scoring after time expired on the return of a missed field goal attempt.

So far, I've enjoyed watching swimming and diving, gymnastics and basketball. Having ran track for a year in high

school, that's what I've watched the most of. And then there's boxing, given all of the famous Americans who at times dominated the sport, including Michigan's very own Clarrisa Shields, Muhammed Ali (of course then known as Cassius Clay — "His mamma named him Clay, I'mma call him Clay" — as the famous line goes in "Coming to America"), the Spinks brothers, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, etc.

Then there are the sports I won't watch, namely soccer, which I never watch under any circumstances. And how ridiculous is it to have break dancing and BMX racing as Olympic sports but not softball and base-

ball?

My first real memory of watching the Olympics is the 1980 "Miracle on Ice," when the U.S. hockey team of true, young amateurs beat a solidly older and definitely not amateur Russian team. Because of the way ABC handled the tape delay of the game that Friday night, many people thought they were watching it live. And since there was no social media or texting at the time, few knew the outcome ahead of time.

The game had an extra special meaning as fellow St. Clair Shores native Mark Wells was on the team. After the final buzzer and the memorable call of "Do you believe in miracles? YESSS!" by Al Michaels, neighbors

flooded our street, cheering and hugging as car horns filled the air.

It was even more incredible that the Russians had beaten the American team 10-3 in an exhibition game just weeks before. Things only got better when Team USA beat Finland two days later for the gold. What a scene it was when team captain Mike Eruzione brought the entire team up on the podium after the national anthem was played.

Being both a sports and history junkie, I started learning about news from prior Olympics, such as Bruce Jenner's decathlon victory in 1976, the tragedy in 1972 at Munich and the utter "in your face" Jesse Owens gave Hitler at Berlin in 1936.

Speaking of the 1936 summer games, our Movie Junkie Mark, whose column appears weekly in the Life & Leisure section, reviewed the fantastic 2014 movie "Unbroken" last fall. It's about Louie Zamperini, who also ran in the 1936 games and was a POW during WWII. I highly recommend it.

Since 1980, we've been treated to great performances by Carl Lewis and Mary Lou Retton in 1984, the grace and beauty of Edwin Moses and Jackie Joyner-Kersey on the track, the dominance of Michael Phelps and Katie Ledecky in the pool and of course the GOAT, Simone Biles.

What are some of your favorite Olympic memories?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN REVIVED: Another proposal to float a bond issue for the expansion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be

submitted to the qualified voters of the district during the coming winter. The Board of Education held a preliminary meeting to discuss plans for again submitting such a proposal. No definite action was taken, nor will any concrete decisions be made for some time.

CITY PLANS TO ASK

VOTERS TO APPROVE SWIMMING POOL:

Grosse Pointe City, which has practically decided to go ahead with the installation of a modern water-tight swimming pool, will probably submit the question to the citizens of the City in an election this fall. The question will take the form of a vote on a bond issue for the project. It has been estimated that the completed project will

cost \$75,000.

1974

50 years ago this week

DEDICATE CARRIAGE HOUSE: The presence of City officials, a spectacular lineup of vintage automobiles and a ceremonious ribbon breaking highlighted the

dedication and grand opening of the City's carriage house parking structure in The Village. ... Along with owner-drivers Harold R. Boyer, Charles DeGalen, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Henderson and Gilbert Mack, participants paraded around in a 1929 Rolls Royce, 1930 LaSalle limousine, a 1929 Stutz Blackhawk, a 1931 Packard 8 Club sedan, a 1931 Cadillac sedan and a

1940 LeSalle sedan.

VANDALS VISIT BARNES SCHOOL:

Several windows were found shattered at Barnes School on July 30. Woods police also discovered that someone had gained entry to the building. While on patrol, Lt. Jack Patterson spotted a smashed window in the south side door, where a

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LETTERS:

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Involve tribe in restoration efforts

To the Editor:

I read your description of efforts to restore the area around the historical marker for the Fox Indian Massacre in the Aug. 1, 2024, edition. However, I do wonder: Has Grosse Pointe Park or any organization made an effort to involve Indigenous tribes in the acknowledgment of this historical event?

The article highlights the French victory over the Fox, also known as the Meskwaki, but it overlooks the fact that French, Huron, Odawa and Potawatomi troops reportedly killed 1,000 people and enslaved the women and children who were present. Karina Walters of the Choctaw Nation went so far as to label the event as "traumatic" for Indigenous people. Furthermore, this event was part of the broader Fox Wars, where French leadership eventually sought out the "total destruction" of the

Meskwaki people, something Joseph L. Peyser described as "attempted genocide." With the brutality of the Fox Indian Massacre and potential remains and artifacts still onsite, shouldn't the Meskwaki tribe be involved in restorations and historical memorials on lands where their ancestors fought?

Our community prides itself on the support we provide each other as "One GP." By connecting with the Meskwaki Nation — or even local Michigan tribes — in restoration efforts for the area, we can forge a public history that recognizes the violent origins of the settlement while setting an example of reconciliation for future Grosse Pointers to follow.

NATALIE BOEHMER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Garden Center thank you

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center, a non-profit organization with the mission to promote education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in our community,

would like to thank all who participated in our 32nd annual garden tour. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and helps support the many projects we sponsor throughout the community.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the seven homeowners who opened their beautiful, unique gardens to the public.

Publicity is such a major part of any event. Thanks to the Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library (seed program) and many other organizations who supported our tour.

The public safety departments in the Park, City and Woods were very cooperative and available to ensure the safety of the public during the tour in their cities.

Many others helped make this tour a success such as local businesses who sold tickets and the sponsors and donors who provided financial support. A big thanks to the artists, many from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, who painted

in the gardens, the Master Gardener program, local garden club members and volunteers who worked in the gardens.

For membership and other information on the Garden Center, call (313) 499-0743, email gpgardencenter@outlook.com or visit gpgardencenter.org. We are in the process of selecting homes for the 2025 Garden Tour, June 20 and 21. If you or anyone you know is interested in being on a tour, please contact the Garden Center.

KATHY BROWN AND
GINNY BROWN
Garden Tour Co-Chairs

Disturbed

To the Editor:

I was disturbed by the recent editorial "Vote No on County Park Millage," particularly the statement that "We doubt many, if any, of you leave town to visit any of the county parks." I assure you the News does not speak for "many" Grosse Pointe voters, who do not share such a limited and

miserly view of what constitutes our local community, and encourage you to leave the confines of

the Pointes and see all that this region offers.

MAUREEN CURTISS
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Pointer makes fifth game show appearance

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

Fans of "Jeopardy!" may have recognized a familiar face watching the show Tuesday, July 23.

Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Tim Herd was one of the three contestants. Unbeknownst to some, it actually was his fifth game show appearance, following "Funny You Should Ask," "Switch," "Let's Make a Deal" and "That's Cap!"

"It's not something I intended to do, but there are so many different opportunities here," he said. "I'm just enjoying all the different experiences and adding to my background."

The "here" is Los

Angeles. Herd is about to enter his fourth and final year at UCLA where he is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership. He also has appeared as an extra in some commercials and television shows, plus done some modeling.

"It's fun pursuing those creative endeavors," he said.

Herd first applied for "Jeopardy!" about 18 months ago.

"I heard back after about a month that I'd advanced to the next round," he said. "A casting producer set up a Zoom call with about 40 people and was asking more trivia questions."

Herd said another, similar Zoom call followed about six months later.



COURTESY PHOTO

"Jeopardy!" host Ken Jennings and Grosse Pointer Tim Herd.

"They were asking more questions and then they told all of us that we'd been selected to be on the show at different times," he added. "It was a good experience."

Herd's episode was taped at the end of May and aired during the final week of the show's 40th season.

"They tape five shows a day, back-to-back," he said. "They do two run-throughs with everyone just to make sure you're comfortable with the buzzer and everything."

While the outcome wasn't what he hoped for, Herd noted the host, Ken Jennings, chatted with the contestants during the practice runs.

"While you're waiting to go on, everyone sits in

a holding room, watching the taping on a monitor and talking to each other," he said. "Ken also told us how hard it is to get on the show."

Jennings won more than \$4 million on "Jeopardy!" during a 74-game win streak in 2004.

"He does a Q & A with the audience during commercial breaks," Herd said. "He had some pretty witty responses. He's very kind and personable."

Set to graduate next year from UCLA, Herd plans on becoming a professor.

"I'm looking at Morehouse College in Atlanta," he said. "I want to be where I can reach my best potential."

Park tree planting expanded

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Economic development in the TIFA district is benefiting the environment.

Board members credit additions to the district's tax base plus a general increase in property values for producing a budget surplus that allows a one-year extension of the residential street tree-planting program.

A \$124,300 surplus in the Tax Increment Finance Authority's now \$1.3 million budget for fiscal year 2025 provides more than enough funds than the \$38,500 needed to add 100 trees to 116 already being planted in the district.

"That would essentially complete the entire TIFA," Warren Rothe, director of the TIFA and assistant city manager, said of the extension.

Other than residents paying for trees indirectly through property taxes, trees are planted in front of private properties at no charge. Residents of targeted locations will be notified in writing and given a chance to opt out.

"I'm very excited for this program," board member Arthur Mullen said.

"Especially since it's coming from a surplus," member Trenton Chamberlain agreed. "It reduces storm water and the heat-island effect, increases property values and is calming," Mullen said. "It's all good."

"I think it makes a huge impact, both short term and long term," Rothe said. "By the time I retire here, all the trees are going to be full-sized and fully grown."

"There will be more trees than ever in Grosse

Pointe Park when we're done planting," said Brian Colter, city forester.

He supports his claim with statistics and knowledge of tree habits.

"I'm fortunate to have good data," Colter said. "Somebody had the foresight to hire Davey Tree to do a tree inventory in 1950 and in 1980. In 1950, there were just over 5,000 city-owned trees."

Colter uses the terms "city-owned trees" and "street trees" interchangeably.

"That's usually trees between the curb and sidewalk, not including privately owned trees in backyards and such," he said.

An inventory he conducted in 1999 totaled just over 8,000 city trees, approaching twice the number from 74 years ago.

Colter's 25-year-old tally doesn't register hundreds of trees he planted since.

"And in 1950, we had a lot more trees here than at the turn of the (20th) century, of course, because this area was a marsh," Colter said. "There were few trees."

"The point lying east of Jefferson was the Grand Marias (Great Swamp) and the names Grosse Pointe and Grand Marias were used interchangeably for many years," according to "Grosse Pointe History Timeline," posted at gphistorical.org.

The authority is funded by a portion of additional property taxes generated within, or captured by, the TIFA district — bounded by the city limits to the north and west, the northern boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and

Nottingham. Funds must be spent for the benefit of the TIFA district.

TIFA's surplus comes four months after the board approved a \$1.2 million budget for the coming fiscal year, starting July 1.

"The numbers we looked at before were estimates of what the TIFA's revenue would be," Rothe said. "Since then the city's financial taxable value numbers have been determined and the revised capture taxes are expected to net the TIFA with a surplus of \$124,300, which is a pretty big jump. We've had a lot of growth in the TIFA this year."

Among large additions to the district's tax base, Rothe cited Pointe Acupuncture, Brine Oyster House restaurant (owned by the owner of the Grosse Pointe News) and a duplex on Lakepointe near the Ewald public library branch.

"Those three properties by no means

(account for the) \$124,000, but we're continuing to see robust growth," Rothe said. "It's a good time to be a tax-capture district."

As with the tree-planting program already underway, Colter identified locations for the next batch of 100.

"Every spot which is appropriate for a tree will have a tree unless the homeowner doesn't want it," he said. "It will be what we urban foresters call a full stocking of trees."

"This time it includes not just the long streets, like Maryland and Lakepointe, but cross-streets as well," Rothe said.

Regarding the 1950 tree census, of the 5,000 trees growing on city property, 4,009, or more than 80 percent, were American elm.

Only about 200 have withstood the Dutch elm epidemic.

"The ones we have left are huge; bigger than ever," Colter said.

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small tree trunk was jammed through the glass. The culprits also had removed boards covering a broken window to gain entry.

1999

25 years ago this week

OFFICIALS FATHOM LOWER LAKE LEVELS:

Officials are powerless to keep the waters of Lake St. Clair from receding below their long-term average. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake St. Clair is about 22 inches below last year's level and is headed downward. Lake levels are expected to soon recede to about 4 inches below mean. Water levels haven't been this low since 1961, at least for the five-month period between April and August.

ULS SOCCER HAS ALL-STATE TRIO: Katie Danaher, a junior sweeper, was one of

three University Liggett School players to make the Division IV All-State team selected by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. Danaher was joined on the first team by freshman midfielder Lauren Ealba, while sophomore forward Keisha Bahadu received honorable mention.

ELICH SIGNS WITH NHL'S LIGHTNING: Local hockey star Matt Elich is about to fulfill a boyhood dream of playing in the National Hockey League. Elich was selected in the third round of the 1997 Entry Draft,

the 61st player overall.

2014

10 years ago this week

LPGA COMMISH: TOUR STOP A POSSIBILITY: If all goes well, a brief stop by some of the LPGA's best golfers this month will turn into much more than a one-time fundraiser. The LPGA, with Cornerstone Schools and the Turning Point Scholarship Fund, are host-

ing the Turning Point Invitational at County Club of Detroit. The historic club in Grosse Pointe Farms could host an annual tour event, if support is strong.

GPYC SET FOR NEXT 100: The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club celebrates its 100th anniversary this month, ushering in what is sure to be a summer of fun and retrospect at Lake St. Clair's most prominent landmark. GPYC's official 100th birthday takes place Aug. 14 through 17, during its annual Fleet Review Weekend.

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The Spice and Tea Exchange to fill former Moosejaw space

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Continuing the infusion of new businesses into The Village, the former Moosejaw location at 17037 Kercheval didn't stay vacant long.

The Spice and Tea Exchange, which also has Michigan locations in Rochester Hills and Bellaire, will join the downtown strip as a labor of love by first-time franchisee and 10-year Grosse Pointe Park resident Sara Biery, who aims to open the location in early fall.

"If you were to go into a Kroger, for example, and you're picking out a McCormick spice, you don't know where it came from," Biery said. "It was sitting in a container probably across the ocean and then it was sitting in a warehouse somewhere and now it's been sitting on a store shelf, so it's not the freshness that you could get."

"With the supplier network we have, everything is incredibly fresh. We know exactly where it came from and I'm hand blending in-house, so what's on the store shelves is going to be about as fresh as you can get."

The Grosse Pointe location will feature more than 100 different spices in addition to more than 130 custom spice blends, the majority of which are hand blended in-house to ensure freshness.

The Spice and Tea Exchange's Herbal Garden Spice Blend.



COURTESY PHOTOS

More than 100 different spices in addition to more than 130 custom spice blends will line the walls at The Spice and Tea Exchange Grosse Pointe location.

It also will offer more than 80 loose-leaf tea varieties, 30-plus infused salts and 30-plus infused sugars, as well as olive oil, honey and kitchen and tea accessories.

A highlight of the location is a tea bar, which will offer any of the 80-plus tea combinations hot or iced to-go.

"What I also think is really cool is there's a lot of health benefits to spices and teas, from things that can positively impact medical conditions to even just everyday stresses," Biery said. "There's plenty of scientific research that shows spices and teas can help in those areas."

While the shop offers a seven-day tea detox targeting bloating, stress and sleeplessness, associates will be well-versed in products to help alleviate other specific health concerns.



A matcha latte will be one of more than 80 tea combinations available hot or iced to-go at the shop's tea bar.

"If you have a taste profile that you're starting to build on, we can make recommendations," Biery added. "... Even for a bridal shower

gift or a wedding favor, we can come up with custom spice blends or custom tea blends and have them privately labeled and that could be a really unique personal gift for those types of circumstances as well."

She also plans to host educational workshops and classes, tastings and blending demonstrations, as well as potentially hold a visiting chef series, where guest chefs create dishes



Sneak preview

Among the hundreds of spices soon to line the walls at 17037 Kercheval, Pointers can look forward to The Spice and Tea Exchange's Tuscany Spice Blend.

With a deep flavor profile, the Italian seasoning works well on pastas, chicken, marinara sauce and vegetables.

"If you throw some vegetables in the oven and sprinkle a little Tuscany on it, my kids eat it up," Biery said.

Among the plethora of tea options, Jasmine Pearls Tea is among the Park resident's favorites.

"(It) has a very unique flavor profile and it's so fun to watch brew, because it starts out as these little pearl beads and as it steeps, they open up into these beautiful leaves and it's hard to believe that that leaf came from that little pearl," she said. "It has a really unique scent to it and it's really fun to watch brew."

with the exchange's spice blends.

As a franchise, The Spice and Tea Exchange boasts close relationships with its suppliers in the Middle East, Asia and South America. Biery intends to lean into consumers' growing interest in knowing what's in food and where it's coming from.

"I like having that relationship, that connection, and having meaning with the supplier, so knowing how they grow and why they grow and is it something that's been passed down from generation to generation?" she explained.

"Those stories are really cool to me and I like being part of that, so that's another thing I hope to bring into the store is more transparency and some of those personal stories of where everything on my shelf is coming from."

Because of the size of the building's footprint, around 700 square feet at the back of the former Moosejaw space will remain available for a separate lease agreement.

The Spice and Tea Exchange will fill approximately 2,000 square feet and front Kercheval.

"(For) people who might be looking to ele-

vate their cooking or grilling skills, this is a great opportunity locally to have something they can stop at quickly," Biery said. "If you're making a pie and you need a spice — whether Kroger or Trader Joe's might be out or don't normally carry (it) — because I'm a local neighbor, I'm happy to come open my store at any time and help you out or even deliver."

"... I want to make neighbors all across the five different communities here in the Grosse Pointes and be that local spot where everyone can come, like the 'go next door and borrow a cup of sugar' kind of thing."

Following a marketing career at General Motors for OnStar and Cadillac, this is Biery's first venture into the small business world; however, she's always had a passion for tea, at one point even starting a tea club at GM.

"I actually walked into a Spice and Tea Exchange — Bellaire has one — and it just kind of clicked," she said. "It was like, I would love to do this. I would love to be in this environment every single day. And I had the thought, 'What a great addition to Grosse Pointe.'"

Graziani named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly 'Hall of Fame'

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Robert Graziani of Howard & Howard was honored in April at the Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Hall of Fame" honoree luncheon. Graziani was one of 30 Michigan-based attorneys to be named to the class of 2024.

With a career spanning more than 40 years, Graziani has a diverse practice with a national

and international client base. He represents and counsels private and insurance companies on coverage issues, including professional liability, general liability, first party property, employer's liability, cyber liability, directors and officers, transactional liability, bad faith and construction defects.

Outside of his practice, Graziani is an active

member of the Full Circle Foundation, serving on the executive leadership board. He also is involved with Special Olympics and has served on the planning commission, as trustee, village clerk and on the council for the city of Grosse Pointe Shores over a span of 18 years.



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Left, Emmy Brown, Pat Brown, Megan Brown, Hudson Brown and Cece Brown stand in the playroom on the pediatric floor at Ascension St. John Hospital. Below, the Brown family delivers LEGOs to Ascension St. John Hospital on Moross. In back are Pat and Morgan Brown and their daughter, Emmy. In front is their son, Hudson, and daughter, Cece. Pictured left is Shay Jerzy, child life specialist at Ascension.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BROWN FAMILY

Special delivery

The Brown family of Grosse Pointe Farms has been collecting LEGO sets the past four years, in hopes of giving children at Ascension St. John Hospital the same hope and happiness their son received during treatment.

Hudson Brown was 5 years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. His surgery and chemotherapy was done at Ascension St. John Hospital and radiation treatments at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. Hudson, now 11, has passed his fifth year of remission.

Because LEGO was so helpful to Hudson during his time in the hospital, the family collected LEGOs to donate. Their goal this year was 275; they surpassed it, bringing in 279 sets, which are given as gifts to hospitalized children.



Hudson Brown points to the ceiling tile he and his parents worked on while he was staying in the hospital. It is from a LEGO set he liked called Ninjago. Most children who spend time on the pediatric floor get to paint their own tile.

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“This year’s evolution of the school board election process from individual candidacies to what appears to be a ‘candidate slate vs. candidate slate’ election was also a factor. Having been involved in a slate in the past, I do not believe slate politics offer the public a transparent way to know the individual candidates and what skills they will bring to the school board and how they will complement the skill sets of the other members of the school



Ahmed Ismail



Lisa Papas

board.”

Running are incumbents Colleen Worden and Terry Collins. Worden was elected in 2020 and Collins, board treasurer, was appointed to a vacancy last fall to fill the unexpired term

of David Brumbaugh, who resigned due to a job relocation.

Aside from Collins, who ran in 2022, two other candidates from that race are running again, Tim Klepp and Clint Derringer. Klepp

finished fourth for three open seats, 15 votes behind Ginny Jeup. A recount showed her keeping the seat by four votes.

Also running are two people who have served on the district’s Finance and Facilities Committee, Melissa Fradenburg and Heath Roberts, along with Kate Hopper, who has served on the district’s Community Engagement Committee. Former GPPSS teacher Laura Hull and Diana Gellci round out the nine-person field.

Papas said she “fully endorses” Collins, Hopper, Fradenburg

and Roberts.

“I think they’ll be great board members,” she said. “It’s full steam ahead.”

Derringer, Klepp, Hull and Worden have been endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association and the district’s other bargaining units.

Ismail said he is not endorsing anyone at this point.

“Rather than cast judgment at this time, I am going to do further research and watch very carefully as to how each candidate handles themselves in the upcoming weeks and how they differentiate themselves

from the other candidates, including those running on the same slate,” he said. “I will only endorse candidates I think have the moral fortitude and individual skill sets to carry on the fiscally responsible direction we started for our schools beginning in January 2023, with honesty and integrity following the highest ethical standards rather than just what’s legal, which in my mind is the lowest standard we can live our lives and not go to jail.”

He added that he has not ruled out the possibility of running again in the future.



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Local treasure: Remembering Olympian Clarke Scholes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

An Olympics-centered conversation during the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's A Morning Out art class led to an Olympic-sized whirlwind of memories of a particular gold-medal winner who called Grosse Pointe home.

While the Pointes no doubt have been the stomping grounds of many talented past and current Olympians, reflections of swimmer Clarke Scholes made the rounds during A Morning Out and beyond.

"Everybody knew Clarke," said Kathy Conlon, who is on the GPAA Board of Directors. "Clarke was a presence in so many lives and in so many areas."

Olympic proportions

While friends described him as "gregarious," "larger than life" and "possessing a wonderful, booming voice," Scholes also was down to earth.

"I did not know, until many years later, that he was an Olympic gold medalist," said Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms. "He just didn't talk about himself."

Scholes took home the gold in the 100-meter freestyle during the 1952 summer Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland. In fact, Scholes swept all the major 100-meter swimming titles that year — Big Ten, NCAA and AAU as well.

Scholes also won two gold medals at the 1955 Pan American games, in the 100-meter freestyle and 4x100-meter medley.

A five-time All-American and three-time NCAA champion, Scholes was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1980 and Michigan State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1992.

Despite his accomplishments, many of his



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Above, a 1952 press photo of Olympic swimmer Clarke Scholes being congratulated by Hiroshi Suzuki of Japan after Scholes' win. Right, Helsinki Olympics 1952. Scholes gives a radio interview at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. Scholes won the 100-meter freestyle Olympic gold in Helsinki.

closest friends didn't know the depths of his achievements. He only talked about his Olympic win if asked, noted Salvatore DeMercurio of St. Clair Shores.

"He never started a conversation about his medal," he said. "Only if you asked to see it would he show it to you."

"It was several years after I met him that I heard a rumor about the Olympics," said Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms. "Wait, our buddy Clarke was in the Olympics? He was happy to talk about it and share stories, but I cannot remember him ever bringing it up. For being the 'World's Fastest Man in the Water,' he was exceedingly humble. Whenever we'd watch the Red Wings or Tigers at his place, I'd always excuse myself for a few minutes to look at his stash of medals — and there were many. Back then there were far fewer events to swim in. Now, athletes can win multiple medals in one Olympic Games. If all those events were in place back in 1952, Clarke might have

won three or four. It's fun to think about."

"Clarke was humble, not bringing attention to his outstanding accomplishments as the fastest swimmer and gold medalist of his time," noted Patricia Ellis of the City of Grosse Pointe. "Perhaps he had the inner self-confidence and didn't feel the need to boast, which made him all the more lovable."

"When I visited the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., in 2008, I made it a point to look for Clarke's photo," she continued. "Certainly, the center has seen a lot of Olympians and Olympian hopefuls since 1952; I wasn't sure if I would find anything. Then, I saw a showcase with a photo of Clarke receiving his gold medal. ... I was so excited, proud and, more importantly, honored and grateful to know such a down-to-earth, gentle soul."

A different stage

"Larger than life" is how Scholes was described by Marie Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms, "but he was honestly one of the best friends I've ever had," she said. "He was a frequent fixture at our dinner table and if I was making corned beef or meatloaf, our kids would ask, 'Is Mr. Scholes coming for dinner?' He loved good food and was a most appreciative dinner guest, always calling the next day to thank us again."

Many of Scholes' friendships were established through his participation in Grosse Pointe Theatre. In the mid-1960s, GPT did not have a scene shop, so it rented space in the garage at The War Memorial; Scholes lived in the apartment above.

"By then, we were performing at The War Memorial, which made it convenient to move sets to the stage," recalled Dale Pegg of Grosse Pointe Woods. "Well, someone had left a pot of glue on the heater unattended and smoke was starting to fill Clarke's apartment. He came



BY OLYMPIA-KUVA OY - FINNA

down to the garage to see what the heck was happening and saw the set being built. From that point on, Clarke was hooked. He became a member of Grosse Pointe Theatre, performing in numerous productions. The rest, as they say, is history."

"He was a presence onstage," DeMercurio said. "He was as meticulous with his lines as he was with his training ... though there were times Clarke would have a Camel cigarette when he was training."

"His closest friends were theater people," Selvaggio noted. "I met him in 1978, when we were on stage together in GPT's production of 'Cabaret.' We shared the stage many times after that and he was always remarkable onstage."

"... Clarke was very involved in GPT for so many many years and a very accomplished actor in comedy, drama and musicals," she continued. "I remember him always working on NY Times crossword puzzles backstage while waiting for an entrance."

One of DeMercurio's fondest memories of Scholes also had to do with him making an entrance. The two met

when they performed together in "Nuts," in 1982.

"It was dress rehearsal," DeMercurio said. "He was very particular about everything he did. It was getting close to Clarke's entrance to come onstage. I was seated at the defendant's table and the line was said (to cue) his entrance. There was this pause and, just before he came in, there was a sneeze from backstage. Everybody onstage broke up and then here comes Clarke."

Conlon, who took the

stage with Scholes for "Cactus Flower" in the 1980s, said theater performances often build strong friendships; many who worked with Scholes became close companions. She and DeMercurio went whitewater rafting with Scholes and she fondly recalled a camping trip to the Grand Canyon during which Scholes blared classical music through the night.

DeMercurio played bridge and tennis with the Olympian, and was one of several GPT folks

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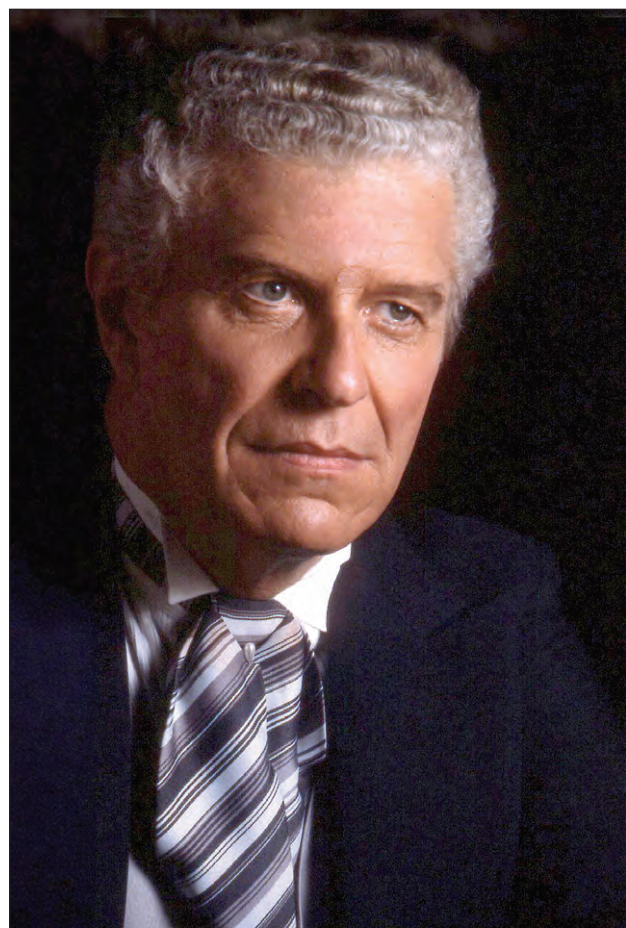


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A portrait of Clarke Scholes was taken backstage during one of his Grosse Pointe Theatre performances.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DALE PEGG

The Grosse Pointe Theatre production of "Nuts," featured, from left, Lois Bendler, Clarke Scholes and Mike Evans.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICIA ELLIS

Scholes performed in the 1973 Grosse Pointe Theatre show, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF TIM REINMAN

Above, Clarke Scholes was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame with Detroit Red Wings great Steve Yzerman, left. Below, Scholes with his Michigan Sports Hall of Fame plaque during the 2007 induction ceremony.

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to participate in an annual golf outing at Otsego Lake. Tim Reinman also was part of the golf trip, “where we competed for what was eventually named ‘The Clarke Cup,’ in his honor,” he said.

Remembering Clarke

The Reinmans hosted a surprise party for Scholes 50 years to the day he won the gold.

“That evening, we coaxed him into a stroke-by-stroke description of the race,” Tim Reinman said. “I still get goosebumps thinking about it. ... When he turned 75, a friend of his gave him an idea to throw a ‘pre-wake’ party, in celebration of his many close friends,” he added. “All these people were going to be together after he’s gone. He wanted to be at that party. So he booked The War Memorial ballroom and it was packed. It was an amazing evening of speeches and singers and lots of emotion.”

Ellis still gets choked up thinking about her late friend, whom she called genuine and sincere.



“He was always kind and always made you feel that he was happy to see you,” she said. “Clarke’s beaming smile, twinkling eyes, larger-than-life signature laugh and joyful personality not only filled the room but brightened it. You knew Clarke was in the house by his contagious, deep, hardy laugh, as if he gave it everything he had. Nothing halfway — he had a zest for life and put his all into everything, whether it was performing onstage, rolling up his sleeves to help backstage, playing on the tennis court or golf course and, of course, swimming. He enjoyed life and his friends to the fullest. Everyone wanted to be around Clarke because he made everyone feel welcomed and special. That was one of his amazing gifts.”

“Close to the end of his life, a rather curmudgeonly friend of his asked Clarke how it was that he had so many friends,” Marie Reinman recalled. “Clarke didn’t even have to think about his answer. He replied, ‘It is no accident that I have so many good friends. I have worked to cultivate those friendships over the years.’

“I am honored to have been a friend of Clarke Scholes.”

Scholes died in 2010, at age 79.

During a 2010 bicycle tour out of Moscow, Conlon and DeMercurio took a side trip to Finland. DeMercurio made a point to visit the pool where Scholes won gold.

“Today it’s an outdoor public pool,” he said. “As I was walking toward that pool, about a block away was a bookstore. I walked in and the owner asked, ‘Can I help you?’ I said, ‘I’m looking for material about a friend of mine who won a gold medal just up the road.’ He said, ‘You mean Mr. Scholes?’ He was very popular when he was swimming.

“... You could not be in his presence and not be affected by his positivity,” he added. “I don’t think there was a person he disliked, nor do I know of a person that disliked him.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE LINNE

“Sugar,” performed by Grosse Pointe Theatre in 1986, featured, Dan Castle, left, and Clarke Scholes.

Nonprofit Mixer is Aug. 22 at Ford House

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Ford House are working together on the 2024 Business After Hours Nonprofit Mixer, which takes place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event is free and open to the community. Participating organizations will have tables at which to meet people, provide promotional materials and connect with fellow nonprofits.

“Ford House started it last year and it was a great success,” said Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator. “It’s for nonprofit leaders to get together and share what they do. This year, they’ll get together and have information tables and it’s open to the public.”

“It’s great because it allows nonprofits to do networking, share best practices, collaborate on different programs and events and volunteer opportunities,” added Jennifer

Boettcher, chamber president and executive director.

The Nonprofit Mixer takes place in the Lake Shore Room of the Visitors Center at Ford House. Those interested in learning more about different nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities are invited to attend.

“The event has grown,” Boettcher said. “We can accommodate up to 30 nonprofits.”

Cost for a nonprofit to host a table is \$50 for chamber members, \$75 for nonmembers. The cost covers promotional costs for social media and includes one drink ticket per organization.

The event also includes light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

For more information or to register a nonprofit, email info@grossepointechamber.com or visit tinyurl.com/mr2re2ew

— Jody McVeigh

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Bug Tales: Stories & Art Activities, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, through Aug. 15, for ages 4 to 7. Admission is \$5 per member child, \$7 per nonmember child.

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

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

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

◆ Shakespeare Stroll with Grosse Pointe Theatre, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. General admission is \$50; VIP tickets are \$75.

◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Dave Hamilton Band, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. General seating for members is \$20; general seating for the public is \$25. Reserved seating also is available.

◆ Explorers: Night Sky, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 10, for ages 6 to 10. Cost is \$7 per child.

◆ Movie on the Meadow, “Shrek,” Wednesday, Aug. 14. Grounds open at 7:30 p.m., concessions begin at 8 p.m. and the movie begins at 9 p.m.

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

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ The movie “Book Club: The Next Chapter” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

◆ Fresh Produce at The

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◆ The Gift of Grief, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, with facilitator Frank Wilberding, psychotherapist.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch heads to the Blue Goose Inn, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Cost to ride the bus is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

◆ Keeping Yourself Safe, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, with Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins.

◆ Opioid Education, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

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

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

Library

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

◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Airplane Escape Room, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Airplane Escape Room, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Adventure into Writing, 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Capturing the Moment Photowalk Series with Monica Morgan, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Beginning CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Meet Up and Make: Paint Party, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Pete the Cat Drop-in Craft, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Boba Tea Keychains, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ DigiLit Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Still Life Painting Workshop, noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The War Memorial

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

◆ Summer Beer and Wine Soiree on the Bay, 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11. General admission is \$60, VIP tickets are \$75.

◆ Outdoor Family Movie Night: “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire,” 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

◆ SummerFest Concert featuring Air Margaritaville, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

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

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

◆ Fever Candlelight Open Air Concert: The Soul of Detroit, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Tickets range from \$30 to \$58.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Sherry Searcy, who established the Bryant Searcy Scholarship Foundation to honor the life of fallen Deputy Cpl. Bryant Searcy, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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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.

Phillip John Controulis

Phillip John Controulis, 66, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2024, in Minneapolis.

Phil was born June 5, 1958, and grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms on Moran Road. He attended Kerby Elementary School, Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School. He was a very bright student and graduated from high school at 17, having been promoted from first to third grade at Kerby. He attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1979.

Phil had a very challenging life. He was a heavy drinker and smoker and faced numerous chronic health challenges. He was fiercely independent and would not accept the help of family, friends or loved ones who cared deeply for his well-being.

Phil is survived by his younger brother, Stephen.

In lieu of donations, his family suggests the following: "Find a place in your heart for another lost soul. Invest in that individual and provide endless love, compassion and support. While Phil did not accept these gifts, others in your life may be very receptive and only goodness can come from the work you do on their behalf."

Mary Sue Rancilio

Mary Sue Rancilio, 80, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024, at home in St. Clair Shores.

Born July 23, 1944, in Detroit, Mary was the daughter of the late John and Catherine (nee Girard) Mulloy.

Mary was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, raising her family there with her husband, Marvin D. Rancilio.

A gifted baker, Mary shared her passion for baking with her community. In 1980, she and her husband, Marvin, along with her dear friend, Peggy Dunlop, founded The Cheesecake Shoppe in Grosse Pointe Woods. The shop grew in popularity, selling cheesecakes in other bakeries, grocery stores and restaurants throughout southeastern Michigan.

Mary's commitment to helping others, especially young people, was a driving force in her life. Returning to school in the 1990s, she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Wayne State University.

Mary spent the whole of her second career at Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods, where she was dedicated to improving people's lives until her retirement. Her compassion and dedication made a lasting impact on the lives of countless children and families.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin D. Rancilio; daughters, Annemarie Harris (Joel) and Petrina Hone (Justin); son, Michael Rancilio (Jennifer

Fischer); grandchildren, Abigail, Thomas and Joseph Harris, Marissa and Sienna Rancilio, and Jackson, Michael and Madeline Hone; and siblings, Denise and Daniel. She was predeceased by her parents; and brother, John.

A private memorial will be held in August.

Joan Thibodeau Frear

Joan Thibodeau Frear, 96, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Born Aug. 3, 1927, Joan was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident. She deeply valued family, faith, friends and service, and was loving, strong and elegant.

Joan attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, where she excelled in academics, enjoyed basketball and served as valedictorian of the Class of 1945. She graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., and returned to Detroit to work in business. She played a central role in founding the Grosse Pointe University Club, a social group formed after World War II to help friends reconnect, celebrate life and look to the future with hope and joy. Bringing people together to foster community, service and adventure became the fabric of her life. Joan's significant service and leadership supported the Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League, Carmelite Nun Auxiliary, St. Paul Altar Society and Christ Child Society. Joan was a founding member and president of the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Assistance League. She also was an active member and past chair of the Women's Golf Association at Country Club of Detroit.

Joan's passion for adventure began with the love of her life and husband, the late Robert George Frear Sr. Together they shared nearly 60 beautiful years of marriage and raised six wonderful children: Robert (Karen), David (Irene), Joannie Capuano (John), Julie Schappe (Stephen), the late Michael (Suzie nee Kearney) and the late Peter (Diane).

Joan celebrated the blessings of 11 grandchildren: Robert Frear (Kate), Andrea Caldas (Philippe), Molly White (Matthew), Sarah Frear (Adrian Ciesielski), Melanie Shield (Timothy), Alissa Capuano, Jake Capuano (Samantha), Brendan Capuano, Michael Schappe (Caroline), David Schappe and John Schappe. She was the proud and loving "Gigi" to Aria and Jolie Frear, Owen and Nicholas Caldas, Bud and Maisie White, Emory, Margot and Hunter Shield, and Madeline Capuano.

Ever the hostess, Joan loved to gather with friends and family. She joined her siblings, Patricia Peck (Fred), Marylou Willetts (Guy) and Robert Thibodeau (Tuni), to host many years of memorable holi-

days with their combined 21 children and Joan's parents, Leo and Violet (nee DeLisle) Thibodeau.

Joan and Bob's adventures with family and friends included travel with the Traveling Troubadours and years of skiing at Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord. Joan particularly loved the many trips she and Bob took with Pat and Fred to Europe, Kiawah Island, Vail and the many other destinations they explored together. Joan, an athlete at heart, also enjoyed tennis, bowling and golf. She had a competitive zeal and loved playing bridge, gin rummy, dominos and many other games with family and friends.

Joan's children remember her as the consistent light that guided their lives; they are grateful for her long life, positive spirit and inner strength. She remained independent throughout her life, living in her home, driving herself and friends and relishing every opportunity to share joy with others. Memories of Joan will continue to inspire her devoted family and friends.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236, or stpauleducationaltrust.org/donate.

Barbara Trokey

Barbara Ann Trokey, 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at Heart to Heart Hospice in Troy after a battle with cancer.

Barbara was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Detroit, to John and Ann Isola. She attended St. John Berchmans Catholic School and Servite High School and graduated in 1956. Barbara then attended Providence Nursing School, from which she graduated as a registered nurse in 1959.

In 1962, Barbara married Lloyd Timothy Trokey at St. John Berchmans Catholic Church. They had two children, Timothy in 1963, and Teressa in 1967. They moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1972. Although Barbara and Lloyd divorced in 1985, she remained in the Pointes more than 50 years, until just a week before her death.

Barbara valued education and pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree, which she earned with honors in 1977, and a Master of Science degree in health and human services, which she earned with high honors in 1979, both from the University of Detroit.

Barbara's career rose from being a registered nurse to a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association, where she was president of the board, to director of nursing of Saratoga



Mary Sue Rancilio



Joan Thibodeau Frear



Barbara Trokey



Richard Allor Sr.



Gary Haberkorn



Richard Anslow, M.D.

Hospital and director of nursing at Midwest Health Center in Dearborn. She also was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu.

Barbara was raised Catholic and took pride in the fact she was a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish while her children were growing up and, later, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Barbara was predeceased by her former husband, Lloyd Timothy Trokey; and younger brother, Michael John Isola. She is survived by her son, Timothy (Jill); daughter, Teressa Dougherty (Ed); and grandchildren, Lindsay and Luke Trokey and Eddie Dougherty.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Guests may sign her tribute page at ajdesmond.com.

Richard "Dick" Allor Sr.

Richard "Dick" Allor Sr., 88, died peacefully Thursday, July 18, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife, Barbara (nee Beaupre). He was the dear father of Deborah Fish, Richard (Angela), Jeffery, Cindy Stolarz (Jeff) and Beth Hyde (Warren); loving and proud grandfather of Justin (Leslie), Peter (Britney) and James Fish, Rick (Leslie), Alex, Petrina and Barbara Allor, Sydney and JD Allor, Alli Hyde and Chloe Stolarz; loving great-grandpa of Winston and Gordon Fish; brother-in-law of Mary Beaupre; and son of the late Sid and Maxine Allor. He also was predeceased by his son, Michael (Sherry).

Dick grew up in Grosse Pointe and was a graduate of St. Paul High School. He joined the military and, after his honorable discharge, began selling life insurance. In 1966, he and his father purchased Detroit Paint and Color on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, and sold paint, art supplies, wallpaper, carpet and custom framing.

He transitioned into a manufacturer's representative, selling commercial furniture, and retired from the Allor Group in 1978. In retirement, he enjoyed his family and friends at Telly's Place and Trattoria Serventi, as well as boating, walking and Fourth of July par-

ties in Lexington. Dick was a man who filled a room with stories, laughs and his love of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his favorite charities: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207, bit.ly/4fMbdj1; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, bit.ly/3WOYNPN; or Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306, bit.ly/3Ad6dU3.

Gary Haberkorn

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Gary Haberkorn, 75, died Wednesday, July 31, 2024, in Grosse Pointe Farms, from progressive supranuclear palsy.

Gary was the son of the late Reva and Warren Haberkorn. He is survived by his sister, Karen Haberkorn-Fagan (Chester); three sons, including twins Michael (Allison) and David (Liz), and Steven (Elaine); and six grandchildren.

Gary graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1967. After graduating from the School of Hospitality Business at Michigan State University, Gary worked for Win Schuler's and later managed Top of the Sixes, a Stouffer's restaurant on the 41st floor of 666 Fifth Avenue in New York City.

He returned to Detroit to establish and operate a bar and grill called Schillings on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms before transitioning to a 30-year career in financial services, most recently as an investment advisor and broker at Raymond James, before retiring in April 2020. During his financial services career, Gary was a four-time Five Star Wealth Manager, the largest and most widely published award program in the financial services industry.

Gary was a devoted grandfather who delighted in showering his six grandchildren with the biggest, loudest and most cherished toys during holidays, alongside gifts of time and meaningful moments. As a father, his straightforward nature often translated into unsolicited advice, especially regarding home renovation projects, a testament to his unique way of showing love. Gary will be fondly remembered for his blunt honesty, thoughtful gestures and love for his friends and

family.

Visitation took place at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, tinyurl.com/GWH1949.

Richard "Dick" Anslow, M.D.

Richard "Dick" Anslow, M.D., 89, of Scottsdale and Pine, Ariz., died peacefully in hospice care at his home Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Dick was born in Detroit and grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms. He was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. In later years, he would reminisce about care-free childhood days running around Grosse Pointe with his best friends, fishing in Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron and — as a very small boy — picking corn in the family's victory garden and then hauling it around in his wagon to sell to neighbors.

Dick attended the University of Michigan and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He practiced internal medicine in metro Detroit for nearly 50 years until retiring and moving to Arizona.

He was a passionate fan of University of Michigan football, especially when accompanied by his Chi Psi fraternity brothers at their many reunions. While living in Grosse Pointe and Orchard Lake, he loved sailing, kayaking and windsurfing.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Robert E. and Dorothy (nee Davies) Anslow; brother, Robert E. "Bob"; first wife, Kathie (nee Norman) and second wife, Louise (nee Rossi).

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Connie Johnson; daughters, Susan Anslow Williams (Eric) and Lynn K. Anslow; granddaughters, Margaret E. and Emily C. Williams; Connie's loving family; and his faithful dog, Max.

Interment and a celebration of Dick's life will take place in Arizona at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, nationalmssociety.org/.

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Michael Barrett

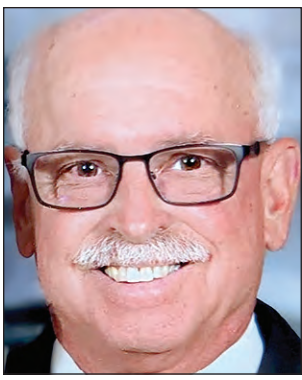
Michael Barrett passed away peacefully Friday, July 12, 2024, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with VEXAS syndrome. He was 73 years old.

Mike was born Feb. 2, 1951, to James and Lucile Barrett. He attended St. Clare of Montefalco School, where he remained a parishioner and usher until his death. Mike graduated from Austin High School and Northern Michigan University and remained close to a majority of the friends he met along the way.

After graduation he worked in sales for Stroh Brewery Co., later becoming a director at Hiram Walker. Mike retired as a brand manager at National Wine & Spirits and remained loyal to the brands he represented.

After retiring, his passion for people drove him to deliver flowers for Charvat The Florist, where he traveled around the metro area and interacted with a large array of people. Beyond his charisma, Mike was a man of unwavering kindness. He showed those who knew him how to dance through life with joy, leaving behind a legacy that will be cherished for generations to come.

Everyone who encountered Mike knows he was a force of positive energy, infecting everyone around him with his love of life, laughter and kindness. A true family man, he cherished spending time with his loved ones, passing on his unique



Michael Barrett

brand of wisdom along the way. Mike had a way of making every moment memorable and fun.

A fan of all sports, his love for golf and unwavering support of the Detroit Lions was legendary. The Lions' recent winning season was a fitting final chapter for his decades as a season-ticket holder and relentless support.

Mike is survived by his wife, Mary MacDonald-Barrett; siblings, James Barrett (Char) and Mary Denomme (John); daughter, Kyle Barrett Dold (Andrew); son, Kevin Barrett; grandchildren, Lillian and Brayden; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He loved them all. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Patricia Mizer (Robert); and son, Brian Barrett.

Mike will be deeply missed, but his spirit of joy, laughter and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A Funeral Mass took place Saturday, July 20, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, thecapuchins.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org

Library board officers elected

Shores trustee appointed; Harper Woods position vacant

The Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees elected officers at its July 25 meeting. The officers are Bob Allen, president; Susan Higman Larsen, vice president; Sandra Ambrozy, treasurer and Megan Conrad Sczygielski, secretary.

Paul Rentenbach is the new member of the board from Grosse Pointe Shores, replacing Prudence Cole. Rentenbach served on the board previously when he lived in Grosse Pointe Park. Rentenbach is a retired partner from the Dykema Gosset law firm. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the

University of Michigan and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School.

"I'm looking forward to working with this year's officers," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "We're pleased to have Paul serving on the board again, too."

Keyser noted that longstanding board member George Lapastora moved from Harper Woods, so is no longer eligible to represent Harper Woods on the library board.

"If you live in the area of Harper Woods that's part of the Grosse Pointe Public School district and are interested in serving on the Grosse



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Left, Bob Allen is the president of the GPPL Board of Trustees. Right, Paul Rentenbach is the new trustee from Grosse Pointe Shores.

Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees, please consider filling out an application on our website," Keyser said.

The board elects officers for one-year terms at the July meeting. Library trustees serve four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipi-

ty and Harper Woods appoint representatives to the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director, as well as overseeing the fiscal management and policies of the library.

Braylon Edwards to headline Assumption GreekFest

Michigan Wolverine fans are in for an extraordinary afternoon at the 2024 Assumption GreekFest. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church recently announced the appearance of University of Michigan's all-time leading receiver, Braylon Edwards, from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

During his appearance, Edwards, who was a unanimous All-American wide receiver for the Michigan Wolverines and will be enshrined into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 17, will sign autographs and pose for photos with fans. This rare opportunity allows Michigan football enthusiasts to celebrate and connect with the legendary athlete in an intimate and festive setting.

GreekFest, known for its vibrant atmosphere, authentic



Michigan Wolverines All-American wide receiver Braylon Edwards will make an appearance at GreekFest from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 17.

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Greek cuisine and lively Greek entertainment, promises a captivating celebration where community, culture and sports legends unite.

Fans are encouraged to arrive

early, as this event is expected to draw a significant crowd. Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, visit assumptionfestival.com.

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GPAA

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

◆ Portraits in the Style of Henri Gervex with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15, 22 and 29.

◆ Basic Block Printing on Fabric with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Registration closes Aug. 10, so supplies can be assembled.

◆ Architectural

Watercolor 101 with Kate Fincham, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Aug. 22.

◆ Something New in Printing: Try Gomuban with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Registration is required by Sept. 6, so supplies can be ordered.

The Family Center

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

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

Grosse Pointe Talent

Grosse Pointe Talent is hosting a youth theater camp for ages 6 to 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, through

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 12, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.

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

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

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Lions

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

Reunions

Grosse Pointe North High School's Class of 1984 seeks classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The reunion includes a cash bar, light appetizers and live '80s music by Lunar Sessions.

A casual gathering at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. Cost for the reunion is \$40; Venmo @amytrederholland. For information, contact Amy Treder Holland at amyt.holland@live.com or call (313) 790-9667, or Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.

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Grosse Pointe Art Fair is Aug. 17-18 at Ford House

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

High-quality artwork in a variety of mediums will be featured in the Grosse Pointe Art Fair, presented by the Art as Healing Foundation, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

This is the show's second year at Ford House, to which it moved last year after outgrowing its pre-pandemic location, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"Last year we were inside and outside the Visitors Center, but we outgrew that space, too," said Karyn Stetz, Art as Healing Foundation executive director. "So this year we're on the grounds."

Situated along the walking path of the Ford



Helen Agius-Andreae - Glass

Glass work by Helen Agius-Andreae.

House grounds, more than 60 artists will share their finely crafted original artwork, ranging from handmade jewelry, painting, ceramics and pottery to glass work,

woodworking, fiber art, sculpture and more. All works of art will be available for purchase.

"They apply and submit images," Stetz said of the artist selection process, which is juried. "We try to keep a variety. We have certain categories with a certain number of artists per category."

Selected artists are highly skilled at their unique medium, she added, and therefore produce the highest quality works of art. Stetz said the fair continues to be a great place to find one-of-a-kind gifts, items for the home or heirlooms worthy of passing down for generations.

In addition to artwork, the fair also will include live music. The schedule

includes:

♦ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday — Mark Reitegna, guitar-led folk and soft rock;

♦ 2 to 3:15 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday — Ralph Koziarski, saxophone-led smooth jazz and light rock; and

♦ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — John Davis, vibraphone.

Ford House also will host a concession tent featuring a limited selection of food and beverages. Its indoor restaurant, The Continental, also will be open.

"There's a lot going on," Stetz said.

The Art as Healing

Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that promotes artists and gives them a platform through which to sell their work.

"We're culturally oriented," Stetz noted. "We like to support women and minority artists. We put an emphasis on that, but we're welcoming to all artists."

Stetz, whose own interdisciplinary art background includes painting, photography, graphic design and installation, said she hopes visitors to the fair show their support for small creative businesses.

"To get to this point in their careers is very impressive," she said. "This is not an easy path, to do what you love to do. Supporting and shopping small businesses rather than big box stores ... is important to do."

Admission to the art fair includes access to the Ford House grounds and may be purchased at the gate-house entrance. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12 and free for children 3 and younger. Ford House member adults and children are admitted free of charge.

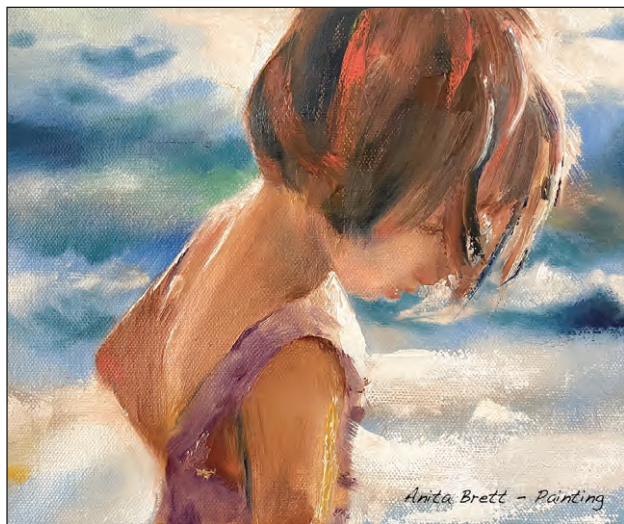
Tickets also are available online in advance at artfairfun.com.



A sculpture by Skeeter Aschinger.



Clothing designed by Christina Liedtke.



A painting by Anita Brett.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Perseverance

Q: I've been sober for seven months, but sometimes I get depressed and a lot of anxious thoughts crowd in. How can I make up for the years I wasted? Also, I think about the terrible things I did. What can I do to feel better? I don't want to use mood-altering drugs, but sometimes I'm just hanging on by my fingernails.

A: First, congratulate yourself for staying sober. There are countless people who don't believe they can make seven months without a drink. Can you remember when you were one of them? Give yourself a break. You've already achieved what many people only dream of.

Next, let's see if you've got the basics covered. Have you worked all Twelve Steps with a sponsor? It's particularly important to complete a "searching and fearless moral inventory" (Steps 4 and 5). Most people experience tremendous relief after working those steps (with a sponsor). It helps stop ruminating and it helps put our foibles in perspective.

It's also important to make amends (Steps 8 and 9), with your sponsor and after careful consideration. Don't try doing this work on your own. It's also helpful to remember you're making living amends every day

by staying sober. Your friends and family might not fully believe it yet, but in time they'll appreciate the hard work you're doing now.

Deepening your spiritual life is also important. Making peace with the universe, being honest, and living up to your own personal values brings its own reward — in time. Ultimately, we all need to get into the stream of goodness in the world. Despite all the strife and suffering, there's a lot of love all around us. If you take the time to look, you'll find like-minded people. Take suggestions from people you admire.

Being active in your Twelve Step home group is critical. Even small jobs like cleaning up the coffee have far more depth than we can see on the surface. When you become a real participant instead of a spectator, you'll get more out of the meetings. You'll be getting into the stream of goodness.

Also remember, in any great endeavor — earning a degree, raising a child, pursuing a career — there are days of drudgery. No one gets to be a star athlete without pain and perseverance. Perhaps that's the word for the day. Perseverance. Not only have you stayed sober, but you've also persevered through the dark nights. You've

proved you can make it — one day at a time.

Now, if you have persistent anxiety and depression, do seek professional help. There may be more going on than your email (edited for length here) would indicate. Some mental health problems, and particularly trauma, may become worse without the numbing power of alcohol. There are well-trained and experienced clinicians who can help.

Again, we want to congratulate you on your journey. Stay close to the people in the program who have contented sobriety. Stick close to your sponsor and meet with them frequently. Attend plenty of meetings and watch for opportunities to help. Before long, you'll be a veteran yourself and be able to sponsor a new member. What would you tell them on a dark day?

You'd probably say: "Hang in there, you're doing just fine." Perseverance is the very definition of hanging in there and moving forward. In our eyes, you're the definition of a winner.

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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Water fun with your kids and the chlorine

Dear Gabby: The pool grosses me out and all my kids want me to do all summer is swim. Can I tell them it's unsafe and unhealthy? Am I wrong? — Water Phobic in the Woods

Dear Water, I think you already know the answer here. Yes, it can be gross and

no, you should not tell your children swimming is unsafe and unhealthy.

Let's be thankful for chlorine and grateful your children still want to hang out with you (it probably won't last!).

How about a compromise? You get in the pool with a hat and sun-

glasses, so you "aren't able" to put your head underwater. Sound like a plan?

Happy summering!

— Gabby

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Wedding snubs and Dishwasher dilemmas

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I have been together for 15 years. He has three children from a previous marriage.

In the early days of our relationship, my nieces would often come and visit during the summers, and all the kids would play together. As everyone grew older, the visits lessened to just holidays.

Fast forward to now, when one of my nieces is getting married. She invited my husband and me, and our two younger boys, but not the other three. I asked her if it was an oversight or if they were assumed in the family invitation. She told me that the four of them hadn't really spoken in years, with my husband's daughter ghosting her when she's

reached out during her most recent visits.

She also mentioned that because his daughter treats me poorly (she's often rude and disrespectful — something my husband and I have been to therapy over), she doesn't want that behavior at her wedding.

I mentioned this to my husband so that we could talk about the event privately, without upsetting anybody. He became very upset and thinks we should invite them anyway. He said they probably won't come. He also said his daughter has mental health issues and we just need to accept her behavior (this is why we are in therapy) and look past it. I told him that my niece can choose who she wants to invite,

and if there isn't a relationship and her concerns of possible drama are valid, then she shouldn't feel obligated to. Is my husband right? Should I ask my niece to reconsider? — Blended Family Wedding Season

DEAR BLENDED:

This is a difficult situation, and I applaud that you are all in therapy to work on your relationships. If your niece just didn't invite the daughter who was rude and disrespectful to you, then I would say you have to explain to her the consequences of her actions toward you. When you are rude or mean to others, you probably won't get invited to events from people who love the one you are being mean to.

However, she didn't invite any of his children. That seems a bit exclusive and mean.

DEAR ANNIE: I live in a condo complex, where we all own our individual condos. Recently, I redid my kitchen to include a dishwasher. My next-door neighbor, who is elderly, found out and asked if I wouldn't mind putting a couple of dishes

in with mine as she says that it is hard for her to stand at her sink and do them by hand.

At first, I didn't mind, but it's gotten out of control. She now wants me to come over and collect her dirty dishes, put

them in my dishwasher and then return them to her. I feel guilty because she is elderly, but this has gotten completely out of control. How do I tell her no without being a "bad" neighbor? Please help! — Freeloading Neighbor

DEAR FREELOADING NEIGHBOR: The reason she is taking advantage of your kindness is because you are kind.

You were very generous with her in the beginning, but she took advantage of your kindness and now that has to stop. If you don't politely stop her now, laundry might be next. Just know that having boundaries is not unkind, and let yourself off the hook.

DEAR ANNIE: About a year and a half ago, I changed jobs and got new insurance and had to find a new doctor. The doctor I found ended up being young, handsome and charming, and I've slowly developed a pretty massive crush on him. I have a condition that requires in-person office visits every three months, so I see him fairly often. I have another appointment coming up, and I've found myself already planning my outfit and hairstyle. He's married, and besides, I'd never make a pass at someone at their place of work. But I can't help fantasizing. Is this normal? Should I stop seeing him? — Hot for Doctor

DEAR HOT FOR DOCTOR: Though it might make you more diligent about keeping your appointments, there's a downside to having a doctor whose stethoscope sets your heart aflutter. Namely, you're less likely to be transparent with someone to whom you'd like to be attractive. Think about it: If a potentially embarrassing health issue cropped up, would you really disclose all the gritty details to Dr. McDreamy? If the answer is no, I suggest looking for a new doctor, one with whom you can be totally honest.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane





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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



My daughter really got attached to her baby sound machine and unlike her brothers, she wouldn't give it up.

After the hand-me-down machine conked out, she was quick to request a new one. As a Christmas gift, Santa brought her the king of sound machines: the Hatch.

As nice as the Hatch is, it's not portable. So for weekends up north, overseas travel, hockey tourna-

ment weekends in loud hotels and more, it's just not convenient. Enter the Babelio, a teensy, tiny sound machine I ordered for our trip to Europe. I really didn't have high hopes, but for \$18.99, it seemed worth it. It is absolutely tiny — you can fit it in your fingertips.

But don't let the size fool you. This lit-



tle thing is more than capable of drowning out loud hotel guests — tested and confirmed — and lasts all night. There are lots of different options for sounds: 15 in all. There is a timer control so you can press the button and different colors indicate the amount of time it will stay on. Green is for continuous sound, white lasts 30 minutes and blue lasts 60 minutes.

The sound machine is cute and comes in several

colors. Because my daughter is 9, we went with pink. It is easy to charge, via a type-C port and cable that is included. It works wirelessly.

This white noise machine will 100 percent be coming with us on all of our trips. We've even used it at home to drown out thunderstorm noise that freaks out our dog. That worked, too. I'm giving it 5 out of 5 alligators.

You can find it online

on Amazon here: tinyurl.com/y39xtts5

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5 Out Of 5

Breakfast casserole: Great for hungry teenagers and cozy fall mornings

By Anne Gryzenia, Guest Writer

All the satisfying and savory ingredients you look for in a breakfast come together for a delicious — and extremely filling — meal in this recipe, which is my own version of a few similar recipes I found online.

It's perfect for a big group like a sports team road trip (especially because you can make ahead of time and reheat it), family vacation breakfast or your teenager who is eating you out of house and home. This also is a good idea to take over to

a friend in need; it certainly can provide days of comforting breakfasts.

Breakfast Casserole

1 can of biscuits cut into 1-inch pieces (we like Trader Joe's).

2 pounds of cooked sausage (save the grease)

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

6 eggs

½ cup milk (for the egg mixture)

¼ cup flour

½ tsp salt

1 cup milk (for the gravy)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Line the bottom of a 9-by-13 baking dish with the biscuit pieces. I like to spray them with a little avocado oil so nothing sticks.

Spread the cooked sausage over the biscuit pieces.

Sprinkle around one cup of shredded cheese on top of the sausage. I like to use a lot of cheese, so don't be



PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

afraid to use more.

In a bowl, whisk together the eggs and a half cup of milk (I like 2 percent or whole). Pour it over the sausage, cheese and biscuits.

To make the gravy, heat the remaining sau-

sage grease on medium heat. Add the flour and salt, and stir until it's really thick like a paste. Gradually add in the cup of milk, stirring until it's combined and thickened.

Pour the gravy over the casserole and then

put into the oven. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes. The casserole should be set and a beautiful golden brown.

Let it cool somewhat before serving. It is lava hot when it comes out of the oven!



40 beer variety Tap Wall.

COURTESY PHOTO

Howling and growling after dark

Continuing from where we last left off — here's a similar topic, yet very different.

There's been some "howling and growling" happening in the Park for quite some time now. Not the loud, intimidating kind, but rather the thirst-quenching, ice-cold, poured-and-served kind that pairs well with conversation, entertainment and excellent food. Let's tap into some more great local beers!

Howlers & Growlers joined the great street of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park in December

2016, with a mission statement to "offer the best craft beer available with food that complements and enhances and to share that with friends and neighbors with high quality customer service."

They definitely have succeeded in this mission.

David Strouse has a long background in the service industry that started in high school. From cafeteria-style food service, to country club bar back, to valet and even caddying, David knew service was his thing. And Charlie Laredo learned operations

and business sense from watching his mother, who owned and operated the Biggy Coffee that once was in Grosse Pointe Farms. The impact of watching his family serve the community was something that stuck with him.

Together, these two saw an opportunity they were willing to dive into. In 2015, a devastating fire took down Sunrise Sunset Saloon. When the business owner decided not to rebuild, David and Charlie took on the challenge to rebuild from the ground up. With the guidance of

building owner, Jim Saros, and Architectural Salvage Detroit, Howlers & Growlers gladly took over the corner of Lakepointe and Charlevoix.

Upon entering one of the newest, spacious buildings in the area, you'll notice some of the fixings that were salvaged from an old Detroit firehouse. To the left is the entrance to the H&G patio, where you'll find plenty of seating including tables with umbrella options for shade and a built-in bench all along its walls. It's a great gathering space to meet



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

up with friends.

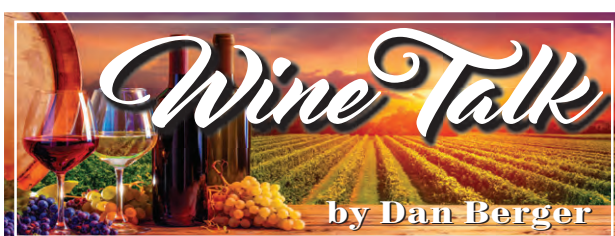
The inside is complete with high-top and low-top seating, flat-screen TVs playing all the sports and, last but not least, a long bar lined with plenty of bar stools in front. Behind is a fully stocked cocktail bar, including a large variety of bourbons and of course, a back wall full of beer taps.

"To be able to deliver an amazing product to our customers, we installed an advanced beer delivery system and a brand new kitchen. We are proud to offer a wide selection of rotating beers on tap, many of which are only released locally and seasonally."

Hard-to-find sours and IPAs tend to be the most popular. H&G gets some great sours from Transient Brewing in Bridgman, as well as a variety of IPAs from Drafting Table in Wixom, Blackrocks Brewery in Marquette and locally from Eastern Market Brewing.

"Through these relationships we have been able to offer our community amazing hand-crafted beers that are hard to find or only offered in their own tap rooms. It makes us proud to be able to support other small businesses like ourselves."

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Bottling day

I visited a winery recently because a wine I made was being transferred from a tank into bottles — and I realized once again that wine isn't all sweetness and light.

Most people who visit wineries do so by entering a tasting room, where they're welcomed by

smiling greeters who tell them a bit about what they are to experience and hand them pristine wine glasses into which they'll pour an ounce or so of a delicate liquid.

It's a sybaritic experience that's ostensibly intended to provide details of how the prod-

uct is crafted. But this is a sanitized version of how that liquid got into that bottle.

What visitors will never see are the black, moldy walls, the wet floors, the large hoses, the fruit flies, the cold rooms, the odd smells and all the other trappings that must necessarily be part of the production end of making this elixir that's intended for caviar, crystal chandeliers, high heels and tuxedos.

Making wine is messy. And hard work. It is not for the faint of heart. It requires the movement of large barrels filled with

wine, some of which are so heavy that they can be budged only by a forklift. It calls for the use of heavy metal fittings. It calls for giant stainless tanks that must be cleaned from the inside.

It requires huge trucks, large picking bins, water hot enough to sanitize equipment and dozens of arcane tools all of which must be kept nearly as clean as a hospital operating room.

Which isn't easy when you have workers wearing rubber boots and overalls and who haven't had a shower in days.

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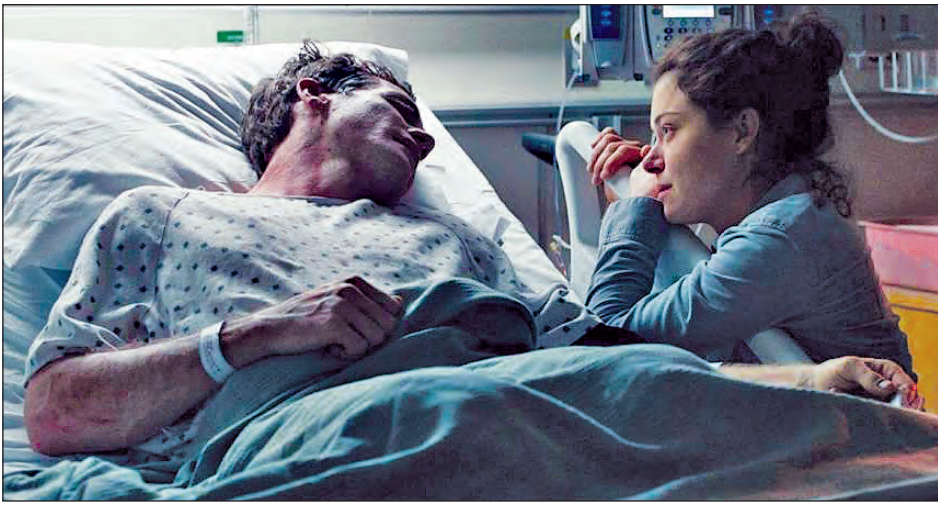
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Left, Jake Gyllenhaal as Jeff Bauman and Tatiana Maslany as Erin Hurley in the 2017 movie "Stronger," written by John Pollono, Jeff Bauman and Bret Witter and directed by David Gordon Green.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "Stronger"
 2017 - Rated R
 1 hr 59 min
 ★★★★★

I skipped this when it first appeared on Netflix. I knew it was about a survivor of the Boston Marathon bombing back in 2013. My hesitation was that it would be one of those overblown Hollywood movies, full of clichés, where the hero rises from adversity, culminating in a melodramatic scene, complete with soaring music and a huge cheering crowd.

Well, that's not what "Stronger" is about, really. It's actually a sensitive portrayal of an injured soul, which works well, thanks to stellar performances by its leads. Jake Gyllenhaal and Tatiana Maslany star in this moving biopic by Director David Gordon Green. Gyllenhaal is famous for the wide range of films he's been in including "Donnie Darko," "Brokeback Mountain" and "Nightcrawler." Lesser known is Ms. Maslany, star of the TV series "Orphan Black." Her performance here should bring her some much-deserved attention.

Jeff Bauman is a regular Joe and a kind-hearted individual. He's in his late 20's and has a menial job as a chicken cooker at Costco. Jeff is well liked by his fellow workers and loves nothing better than going out to the bar with his mom Patty (Miranda Richardson), and rooting for his beloved Red Sox.



Jeff Bauman (Gyllenhaal) gets a helping hand from Carlos (Carlos Sanz) to the ambulance moments after the Boston Marathon bombing.

He has an on-again, off-again relationship with his girlfriend Erin (Maslany), which is currently on hold. One night, on the eve of the Boston Marathon, he tells her he'll be at the finish line, rooting her on — hoping this will rekindle their relationship.

Sure enough, there's Jeff at the finish line, with his homemade sign, anxiously awaiting her arrival. While there, he notices a suspicious young man with a backpack, who turns out to be one of the terrorists. Minutes later, an explosion rips through the crowd and Jeff is knocked unconscious. He's aided by a stranger in a cowboy hat, Carlos Arredondo (Carlos Sanz), who helps carry him to an ambulance. When he comes to in the hospital, he's informed that his legs had to be amputated above the knees to save his life. Here is where the story truly begins.

A couple scenes follow that I found quite impactful. While he's in the hospital, his family gathers in the waiting rooms to



Erin (Maslany) racing in the Boston Marathon.

support each other. An unknown gentleman arrives and is greeted with a great deal of hostility. At first they think he's a reporter in disguise. When he explains that he's actually Jeff's manager at Costco, they start jeering him, thinking he's going to fire him. When he tells them he needs Jeff's signature for the insurance to kick in, they finally realize he means well.

Another noteworthy scene is when Jeff's bandages are removed for the first time. It's so painful for him, he cries out in agony. I had to look away from the screen for a second, it was that nerve wracking. When it

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



The real Jeff Bauman and Jake Gyllenhaal.



but you have to rate it nonetheless.

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

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

Note to parents: The film is rated R due mainly to strong language.

"Stronger" is currently streaming for free on Hoopla and Kanopy (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on The Roku Channel, The CW, and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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



Above, Jeff Bauman played by Jake Gyllenhaal, responds to the crowd at Fenway Park and below, Jeff leaving Fenway Park.



Above, Jeff (Gyllenhaal) with Patty (Richardson) and Erin (Maslany).



Right, Erin (Maslany) and Jeff (Gyllenhaal) share a moment.

becomes almost unbearable, Erin gets right in his face and by making close eye contact with him, seems to say, "I'm here for you. You've got this." It's a tender moment that indicates her true commitment to him.

An extensive part of the film focuses on Jeff's

recovery. When he arrives at home, he's greeted by a bevy of reporters, trying to get a scoop. Patty, who's led a totally uneventful life, thrives on all the attention. At this point, she's living vicariously through her son. She's not only an attention hog, she's so annoying at the "Welcome Home" party, it's almost cringy! All Jeff really wants is to be left alone and try to live as normal a life as possible.

As we all know, Jeff became the reluctant face of the "Boston Strong" movement. You can sense just how much he abhors the attention. When he appears at a Boston Bruin's game, it's difficult watching him go out on the ice. But by the time he appears at a Red Sox game, he's comfortable enough to agree to throw out the first pitch. It's a heart-warming moment where you say to yourself, "It looks like things may turn out okay after all."

Overall, "Stronger" is a powerful film for many



COURTESY PHOTO

Fairway Monday night cheeseburger special.

FOOD:

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Along with these favorites, 40 tap options fill the list. Sound overwhelming? Order a beer flight, where you can have four small glasses of different beers.



Beer flight and craft cocktails.

They also offer a variety of canned beers and, of course, nonalcoholic refreshments and even some fun mocktails. A full tap list — along with an icon showing how much is left of each keg — can be found online at howlersandgrowlers.com. How cool is that?

H&G also has a Beer Club membership. It's a lifetime membership that features \$1 off drinks, appetizers, flights and growler fills, with half-off beer on Sundays for club members.

For those of you who didn't know (like myself),



Bell's Oberon Beer Club.

"a howler is a 32-ounce portable vessel while a growler is 64-ounce (vessel) used for transporting the amazing beer that we offer back home with the customer," said Laredo

and Strouse. Hence the catchy name.

You know what goes along great with beer, don't ya? Burgers and wings! H&G has partnered up with Grosse Pointe's own Fairway Packaging Co. for the best burgers and chicken wings in the Park.

The guys run a tight ship during the week. Besides their burger special on Mondays, Wednesday is a family/kid-friendly atmosphere and record night with next-door neighbor, Ripe Records.

Thursday is event night with trivia the last Thursday of the month, as well as fundraisers and tap takeovers. Thursday also is the night they can accommodate larger parties or private events.

Friday night features karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a late night menu that's gaining popularity. Saturday and Sunday, H&G opens at noon for lunch, football games and friendly day drinking.



Extensive Bourbon collection.

Monday nights feature the Fairway cheeseburger and fries special for \$8. Pretzel bites served with homemade queso along with cauliflower hot wings round out the most popular food and appetizer options.

But don't stop there, as they just released a new full menu that offers many other burger options, as well as salads, sandwiches and excellent appetizers.

The kids menu even has buttered noodles. Aside from Fairway and the other breweries previously mentioned, it also should be noted how many other local small businesses H&G partners with.

"We support and partner with all things Detroit, including Faygo, Vernor's, Vivio's, Ripe Records Detroit, Mum's Arcade, Eastern Market Brewing, Brew Detroit and Brewery Faisan.

The craft beer bar currently is open six days a week, with Tuesday being its well-deserved day off.

"Saturday is the last day of the week to get our full menu as Sunday/Monday feature limited menus with discounted items," said Laredo and Strouse

The fall will bring some great events like Oktoberfest and a Blake's tap takeover featuring seasonal ciders. Don't get me wrong, I hate that summer is flying by, but something about Oktoberfest and Lions football sounds like music to my ears.

"We want to thank the community for their continued support over the past seven years."

David, Charlie and the Howlers & Growlers crew, the community thanks you!

Fun fact: Wednesday nights KIDS EAT FREE from 4 to 7 p.m. and keep up with what's on tap on Facebook:

Howlers and Growlers Instagram: [@howlersandgrowlers](https://www.instagram.com/howlersandgrowlers)

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

BOTTLING:

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In the northern hemisphere, the harvest of grapes for 2024 is imminent. Everything is at a fever pitch. And as wineries prepare for the first grapes to come in from vineyards, the activity is as high as it will ever be.

Many wineries are in the process of bottling last year's wines, because they are still in giant tanks, which must be emptied; they are needed for this year's new wine. That means that bottling equipment is in constant use. Wineries don't close down at 5 p.m.

For the next several weeks, winery workers will not use the words "sleep" or "coffee break" except as epithets. Some parents won't see their kids for weeks.

And the one constant that will be evident at every winery for the

next few months is noise. From truck engines, grape crushers, pumps, bottling lines, enormous fans, conveyor belts and bosses' shouted orders.

Sonoma County winemaker Adam Lee observed last week: "The worst sound at bottling time is silence. Because that means the bottling line is not running, which means that it's probably broken." He said he cherishes the sounds of glass bottles clanging together, the conveyor belt groaning, workers filling cardboard boxes.

"As long as the line is working, I hate silence." Winemakers all understand this. Transferring liquid from tanks to bottles, the last activity in the process before the wine is headed for case good storage in a warehouse, can never really be halted.

A broken bottling line is a nightmare. Years ago, a winery

owner told me he was interviewing one of four finalists for the head winemaker's job. All four were excellent. The owner's door burst open, and the foreman said, "The bottling line just quit, and the repair man isn't available!"

The winemaker candidate said, "Let me look at it." Twenty minutes later, the line was running again.

"I hired him on the spot," said the owner. "That's how important the bottling line is!"

Touring a winery tasting room displays for visitors the final product. The above scenario is one reason that visiting production areas is not an activity that most wineries encourage.

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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping and important decisions from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. EDT today (1 a.m. to 3 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 8, 2024:

You have a strong work ethic. You are naturally good at everything, plus you want to make things better for yourself and others. This is a year of service to others, primarily to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be effective. Is it time for a makeover?

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Delays and goofy mistakes plus equipment breakdowns, computer glitches and confused communications are frustrating at work. These challenges might even impact your health or your dealings with a pet. As a result, be patient with partners and close friends. Keep smiling. Tonight: Listen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Home and family are your focus. Social events are promising; however, old flames might be in the picture again. If attempting to make health improvements or to introduce reforms or better ways of doing things at work, be patient. Someone might oppose you. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You're busy with short trips, errands and time spent with siblings and relatives. Partly, this is due to dealing with family members and situations from the past demanding your attention. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you can do it all. Be patient with your kids. Tonight: Socialize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Delays and confused communications are frustrating, which is why you might be emotional when with family members. Cope as best you can, because Mercury retrograde affects everyone. Meanwhile, keep your eyes open; someone might not have your best interests at heart. Tonight: Cocoon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Even though Mercury is retrograde in your sign -- attracting people from the past back into your world, while at the same time creating glitches like misplaced items, late appointments and confused communications, to name a few -- you can finish old business. Tonight: Check your assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which might make you a bit more emotional than usual. However, when the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month, it improves your good luck! Why not ask the universe for a favor? Tonight: You're strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Old friends and contacts with people you knew before in organizations or clubs are back in your world. This could help you in some way. Plus, it's good

to have history with others. Although you're high-viz this week, today you will be happy to play things low-key. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Peace and quiet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Right now you have strong opinions about travel issues or something to do with medicine, the law or higher education. Because of this, you might have a heated discussion with a friend or a member of a group. Keep it real, and keep your cool. Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today others will know personal details about your private life because, for various reasons, you are high-viz. This might be due to dealing with other cultures, or travel delays might trigger this. You can finish a writing project. Tonight: You are admired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Do something different today to shake things up a bit. You're hungry for adventure and some stimulation. You need to break free from your routine! Be a tourist in your own town. Obviously, if you can travel, do so! You need to get outta Dodge. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You can accomplish a lot; you're motivated to work efficiently right now. Furthermore, you're inspired to make improvements at home, in part because increased activity and chaos where you live will demand this. Ex-partners and old friends are in your world. Tonight: Be patient.

BORN TODAY
Singer-songwriter Shawn Mendes (1998), tennis legend Roger Federer (1981), actor Dustin Hoffman (1937).

Contract Bridge

BRIDGE IS A LOGICAL GAME

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K Q 10 6 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ 7 2
♣ 7
WEST EAST
♠ J 9 7 2 ♠ 5
♥ K 6 ♥ 7 2
♦ — ♦ A K J 8 6 5 4
♣ A K Q J 8 5 3 ♣ 10 9 6
SOUTH
♠ A 8
♥ A Q J 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ 4 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♦ 3 ♥
4 ♣ 4 ♥ 5 ♣ Dble
Pass 5 ♥ Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Bridge is as much a game of inference and logic as it is of mathematics. Declarer can often deduce the distribution of the unseen hands by assessing what the defenders either did or did not do during the bidding or play.

Take this case where West leads the king of clubs and continues with the ace. Declarer ruffs in dummy and loses a trump finesse to West's king. Back comes a trump, won by South with the jack.

Declarer thereupon plays the ace and another spade and, after West follows low, finesses the ten! South then discards all four of his diamonds on dummy's spades and so makes five hearts doubled. Without the finesse, he would go down one.

How can South possibly know to take the second-round spade finesse? Is this just a matter of luck, or is there a sound basis for it? The answer is that South knows the finesse will win. He reaches this conclusion by correctly interpreting the opponents' bidding and play.

Let's see what South knows about the opposing hands when he reaches the point of decision at trick six. Declarer's only sure knowledge is that each defender had precisely two hearts.

But South can also rationally conclude that West would surely have led a diamond at either trick two or trick four if he had one, and that his failure to do so indicates that he is void of diamonds. This gives East seven diamonds, the two hearts he has already played and — since he raised clubs during the bidding — at least three clubs, leaving him with at most one spade. Therefore, West must have exactly four spades after East follows to the first spade. No other distribution is possible.

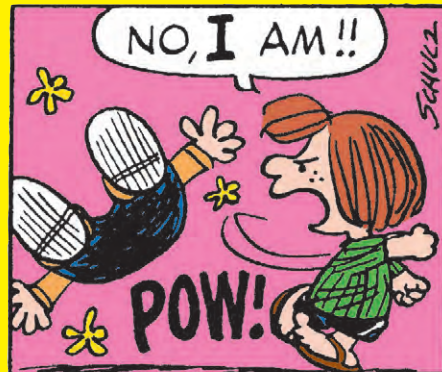
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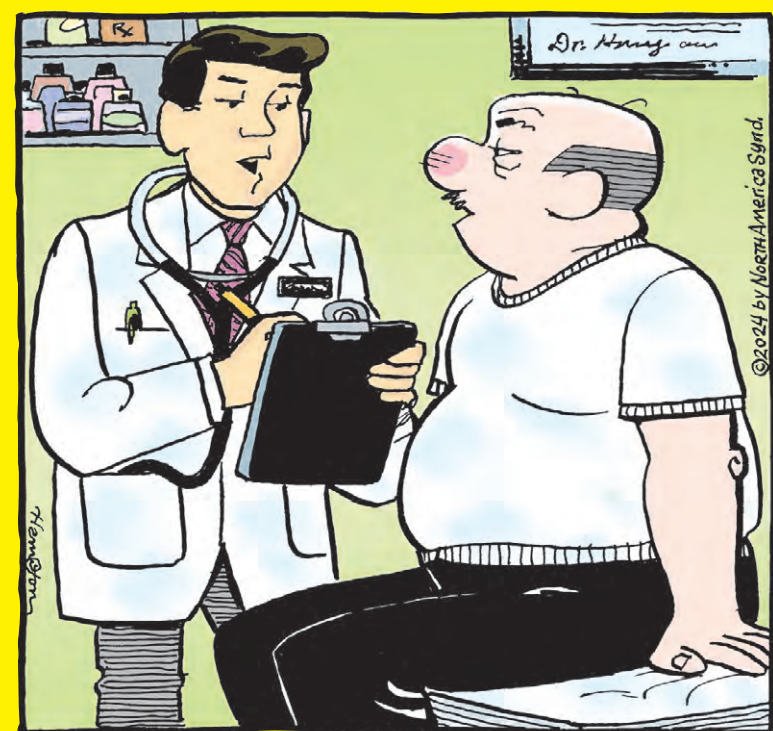
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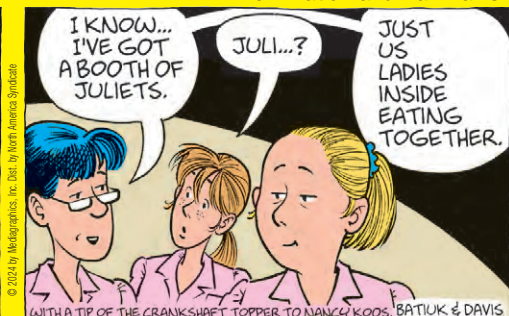
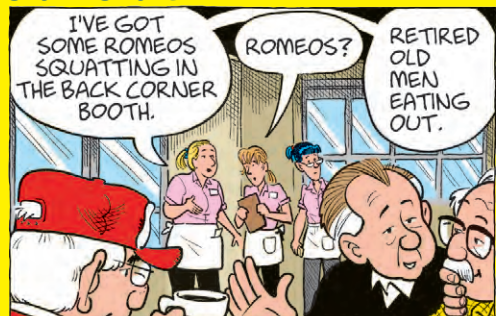
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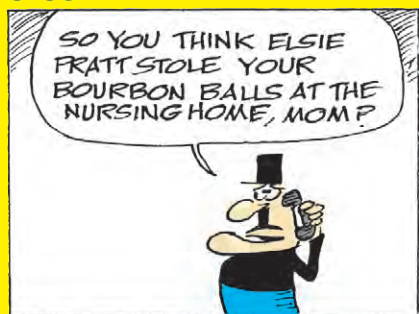
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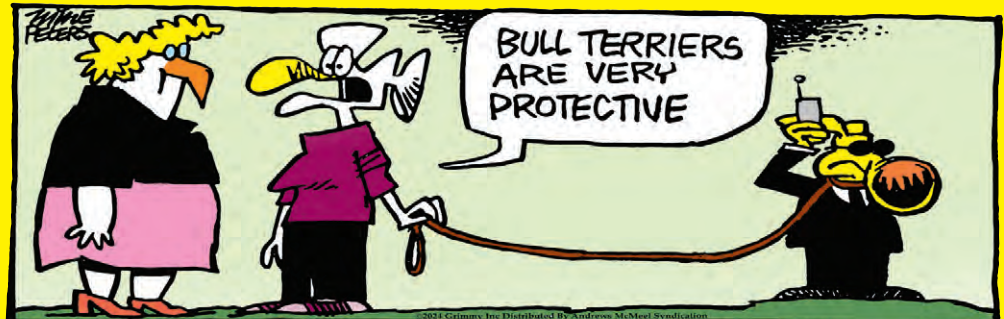
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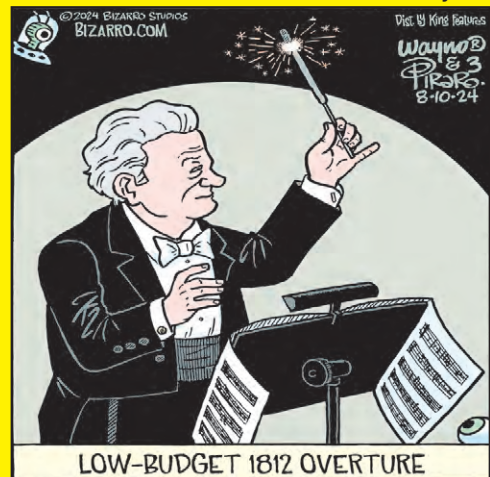
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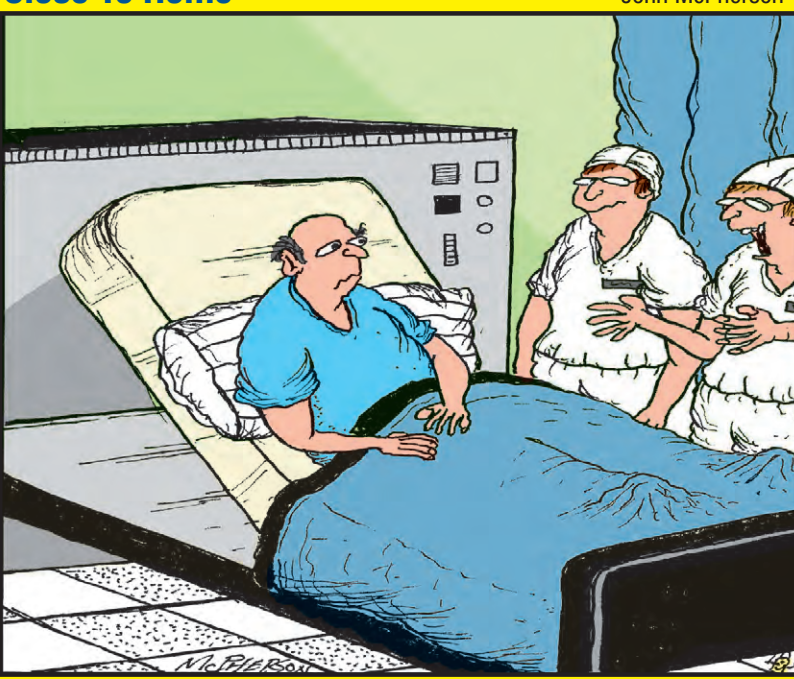
Bizarro

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Close To Home

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"It's normal to feel nervous about a procedure of this magnitude, Mr Gerg, but we've watched the YouTube video two or three times."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"... and the dog lived more happily ever after than the cat."

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Get your brain and your hands in shape with a pencil-grabbing, pencil-pushing, pencilicious workout!



Tally your score from each pencil event on this page. Then, have a friend try!

EVENT	ME	YOU
HIGH DIVE		
ARCHERY		
HURDLES		
RUNNERS		
BOXING		
SEARCH		
TOTAL		



High Dive

There are five differences between these divers. Score 1 point for each one you find.

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

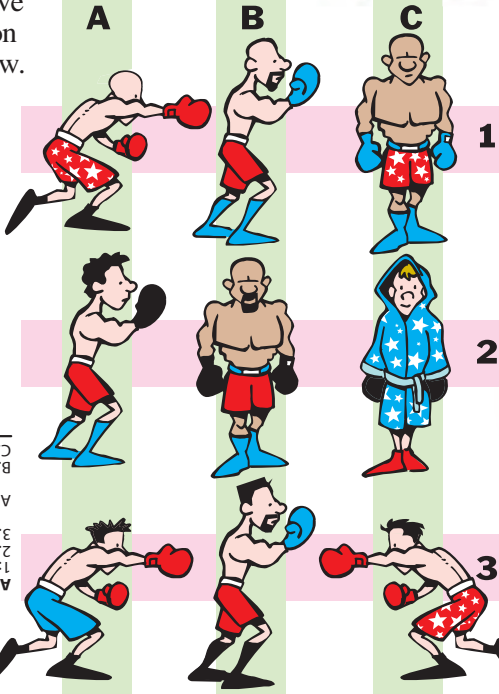


Boxing

Look at the rows going up and down. Circle the things that the boxers have in common in each row.

Find all six things and score 5 points. Find 3-5 to earn 3 points. Find 1-2 and score 1 point.

ANSWERS:
1. Bald boxers.
2. Black hair.
3. Black gloves.
A. Facing same direction.
B. All have beards.
C. Stars on clothes.



Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

SEARCH: Get the Lead Out!

There are lots of pencils on this page, but only one crayon. Find that crayon in less than 30 seconds and you earn 10 points; 60+ seconds earns you 5 points.

Extra! Extra!

Go the Distance!

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

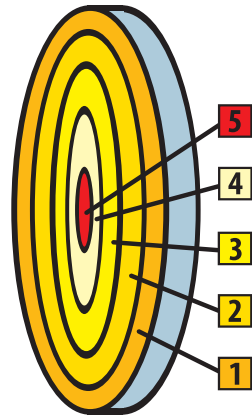
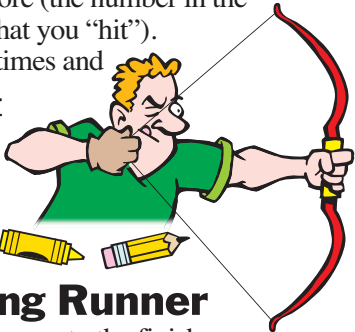
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Cycling
- Pentathlon

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

Archery

Place a pencil on the archer's bow. Close your eyes. Trace a path to the target. Open your eyes and check your score (the number in the ring of the target that you "hit"). Repeat two more times and add up your score.

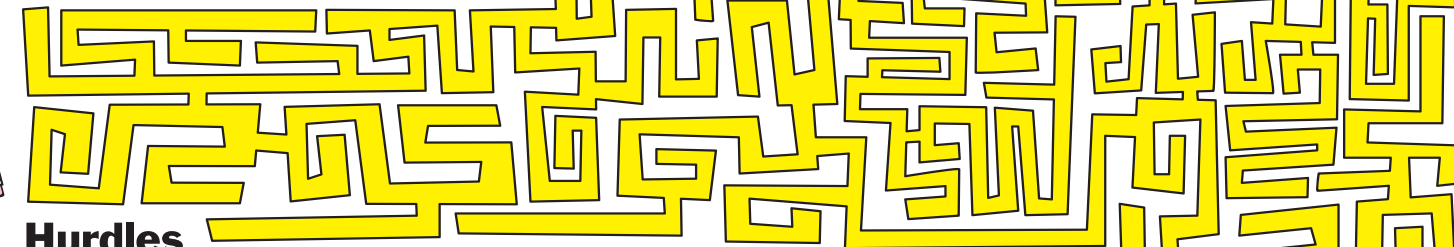
Standards Link: Math: Compute sums.



A-MAZE-ing Runner

Only one will take you to the finish. Find it in less than 30 seconds and score 5 points! 30-60 seconds earns 3 points. 60+ seconds earns 1 point.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.



Hurdles

Place your pencil on START. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one on each hurdle. Score 1 point for each hurdle that contains one, and only one, dot.

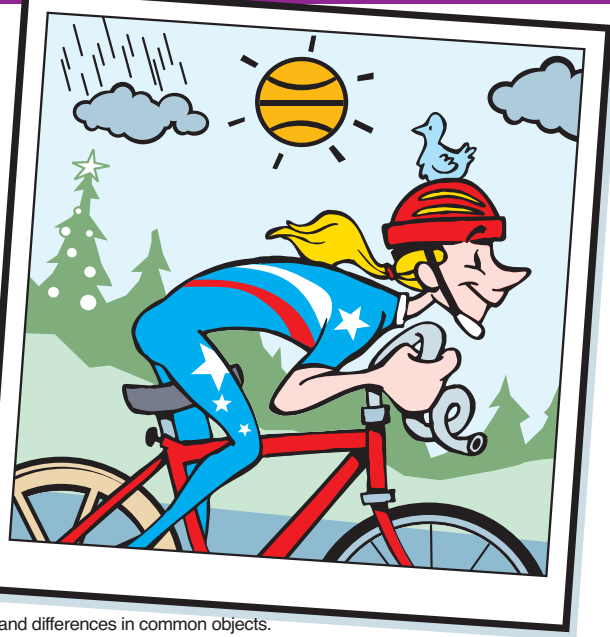


Photo Finish

Sonia took a picture of the bike races.

Find five or more silly things in Sonia's cycling photo.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Double Double Word Search

- ADD
- BOW
- CIRCLE
- CRAYON
- CYCLING
- DISTANCE
- DOT
- EARN
- HURDLE
- LESS
- ONE
- PENCIL
- POINT
- SCORE
- TARGET

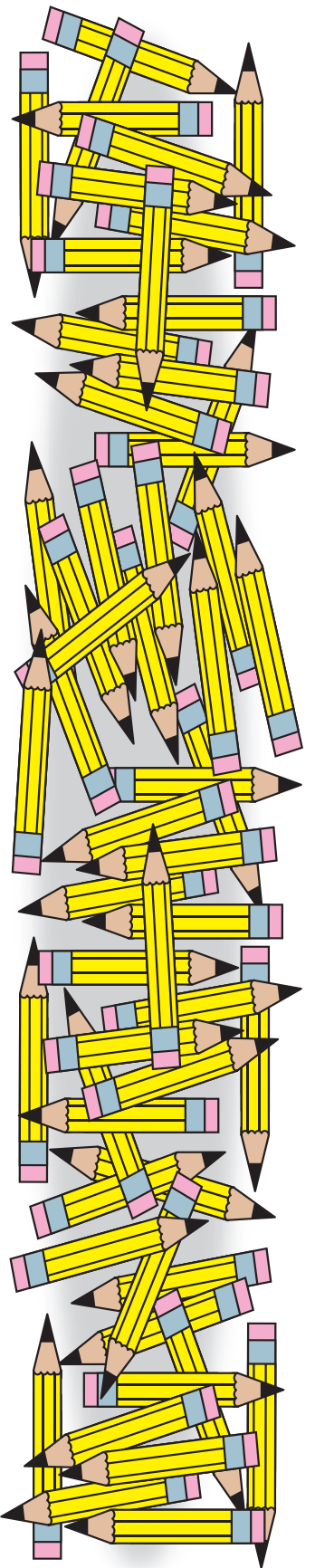
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



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

PENCIL PUZZLER

Can you find the pencil with two pointed ends in less than 60 seconds? When you find it, share this puzzle with a friend or family member!



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PENTATHLON**

The noun **pentathlon** means an Olympic competition consisting of five track and field events usually sprinting, hurdling, long jump, discus and javelin.

Originally the **pentathlon** was competed for over four or five days.

Try to use the word **pentathlon** in a sentence today.

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Why don't pencils have erasers on both ends?



ANSWER: Because that would be pointless.

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Twice as nice! Woods Warriors repeat as Lakefront swim champs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

On Wednesday, July 24, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant once again made the plunge into the pool to celebrate a Lakefront Swimming Association championship.

"I don't know if any

other mayor in the country does that," Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors coach Greg Wolff said.

Bryant's dive to join the swimmers and coaches in the pool at Windmill Pointe Park capped off a memorable day for the Woods Warriors, who captured the Lakefront title for a

second year in a row. The Warriors won the championship with a total of 354 points — 36.5 points better than the second-place Grosse Pointe Park Mutants and 61 points ahead of the Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas in third.

While last year's championship win might have come as a bit of a surprise to the Warriors' coaches and swimmers alike, this year saw them take the pool deck with nothing but confidence.

"Last year, I really didn't believe it was happening while it was happening," Wolff said. "... This year, we knew that everyone was gunning for us. We looked at every dual meet as a battle and I knew the championship was going to be tight."

The Warriors' championship came with solid performances throughout more than 60 events in various age groups. Avery Beal set a Lakefront record in the girls 17U 50 freestyle, taking first with a time of 24.41. She also set a record with her first-place finish in the girls 17U 100 IM medley at 1:01.48. Her sister, Hadley Beal, also was a strong contributor to the victory and took first in

the girls 14U 50 breaststroke.

The Orlando family — Amelia, Milania, Isabella, Eliana and Santino — all made big contributions to the win as well. Everyone played a part in the win and the standout performances helped make this year's finals even more memorable for some of the swimmers.

"We had a lot of kids step up all around," Wolff said. "Avery (Beal) set three league records in four swims between the prelims and finals. ... We have James Gusmano who definitely stepped up for us. Logan Bogner got a league championship. James' little brother, Peter (Gusmano), was the core of our 13 and 14 group. Ava Van Becelaere got first place in the fly after some disappointment of not making it to the finals in the backstroke. Sometimes, that's hard for a kid to do, not to make it in one event and come back and perform in another. She's been a developing leader all the way along."

Those swimmers and many others created highlights for the Warriors team to seal the title and every swimmer on the roster played



Coach Greg Wolff jumps in the pool to join the celebration with his swimmers after the Woods Warriors secured a second consecutive Lakefront Swimming Association title.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDREA VANBECELAERE

The Woods Warriors 14U medley relay team of Ava VanBecelaere, Hadley Beal, Logan Bogner and Peter Gusmano took first place at the 2024 Lakefront Swimming Association finals and set a new pool record at Windmill Pointe Park.

a part in the victory. For Wolff, winning a second straight title for the Woods was sweet, but the best part for him is always taking in the atmosphere of the meets and seeing every swimmer, not just the ones on his team, succeed. Wolff is a physical education teacher at Pierce Middle School and assistant coach for

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Lochmoor remains dominant with 5th straight MICSA title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Sunday, July 28, the swimmers of Lochmoor Club officially extended the club's reign at the top of the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association (MICSA). Lochmoor won its fifth consecutive championship last week with another dominant performance in the finals against 13 other clubs from around the state.

"We were very positive going in," Lochmoor Club coach Kevin Hafner said. "As we started to swim, we had some outstanding performances. A lot of kids stepped up and went well above where we thought they could end up. It was pretty exciting to watch all that and we had some great relays that really pushed us over at the end."

Lochmoor finished with a team total of 1,091 points, which was more than 200 over second place Red Run Golf Club from Royal Oak. Also representing the Pointes at this year's MICSA finals, which was hosted by Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, was the Grosse Pointe Yacht



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Lochmoor Club swimmers celebrate in the pool after winning the 2024 MICSA championship, the fifth straight title won by the club.

Club, which took fourth place, and Country Club of Detroit, which ended up sixth.

Lochmoor had strong performances all around, but some of the best

came in the relays. Evelyn Vandenberghe, Clare Hafner, Ella Hafner and Charlotte Bond took first in the 200-meter freestyle relay at 1:55.63, a full five sec-

onds ahead of second place and only 0.12 seconds off the MICSA record.

Freya Schorer, Anthony Ferlito, Gigi Thibault and Tyler

Vandenberghe won the mixed 8U 100-meter freestyle relay. Another relay win for Lochmoor came in the boys 200-meter freestyle relay as Liam Hafner, Riley

Collins, Brady Collins and Brady Bond got the win.

Outside of relays, Liam Hafner won the boys 9-10 100-meter freestyle. Claire Hafner won the girls 15-17 50-meter breaststroke. Tommy Moreland won the boys 15-17 50-meter breaststroke and the boys 15-17 50-meter butterfly.

"Our swimmers did a great job of keeping their focus and swimming in their lane," Hafner said about Lochmoor's performances. "... We really saw where we put the emphasis in practice and saw those aspects come through with a lot of success, which probably is what set us up for the performances that we had."

While Lochmoor's swimmers reigned supreme overall, swimmers from the other Pointes clubs also had some outstanding results. Griffin Early from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club won the boys 9-10 50-meter breaststroke and freestyle while Daniel Early, also from GPYC, won the boys 8U 50-meter free-

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MICSA:

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style and 25-meter butterfly. Eleanor Early won the girls 11-12 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter IM.

Some of the best finishes for Country Club of Detroit included Harrison Spain winning the boys 9-10 50-meter backstroke and Whitney Handwork winning the girls 15-17 50-meter freestyle. Quinn Ryan took first place in the girls 13-14 50-meter backstroke for CCD as well.

Lochmoor's fifth straight win serves as a testament to how strong the program has been in recent years. With the club season now finished, Hafner knows it is the success of Lochmoor's athletes in other areas both in and out of the pool that truly makes the program great.

"We always encourage them to stay in the water but be athletic at the same time," Hafner said. "We get most of them at Pointe Aquatics with us. We tell them to use the skills and confidence they've developed in their other sports as well. We've got a great track record of kids who have gone on to be successful in hockey and soccer, equestrian and baseball. They go on to do great things and we use swimming as a way to help strengthen them and build that confidence."

Lochmoor swimmers parade into the 2024 MICSA finals with their dragon mascot to kick off the competition. Lochmoor Club would go on to win its fifth MICSA championship in a row.

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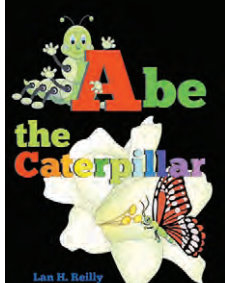
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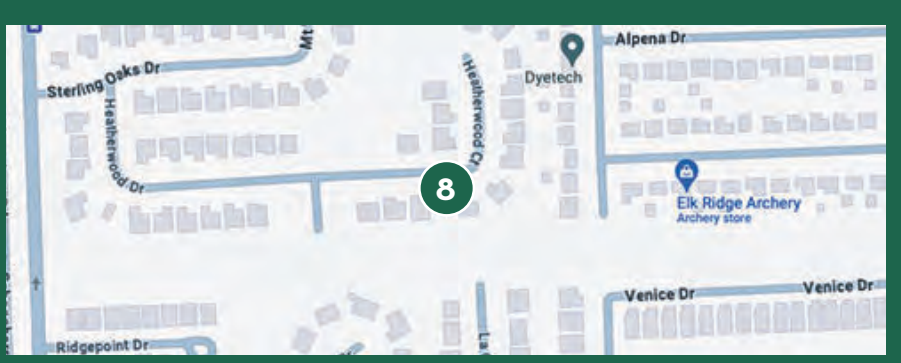
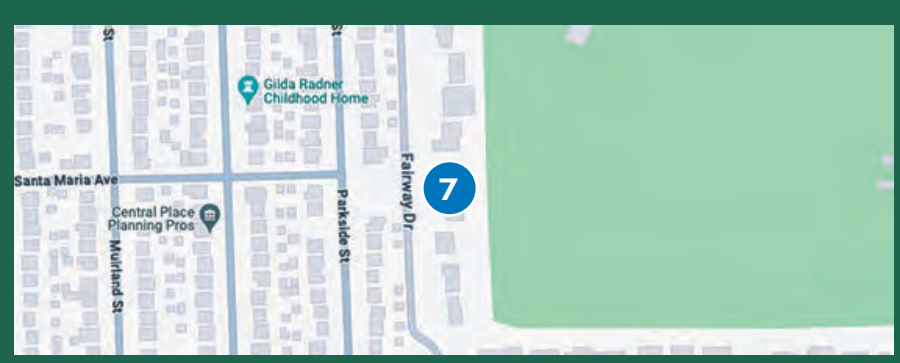
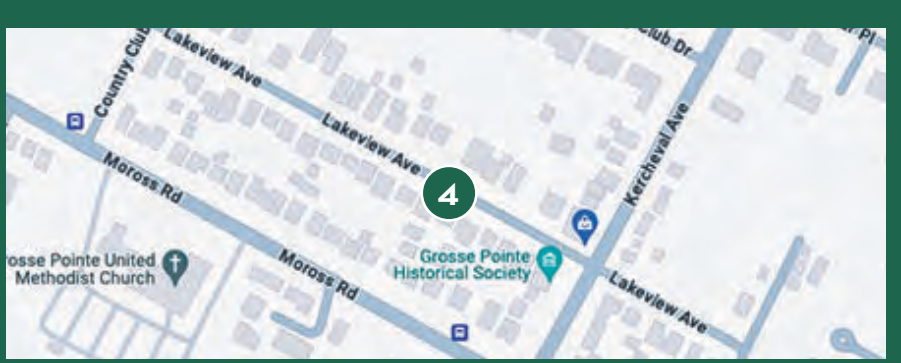
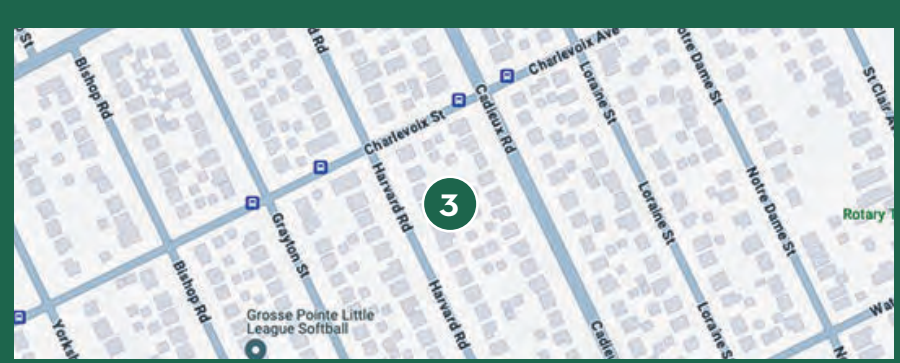
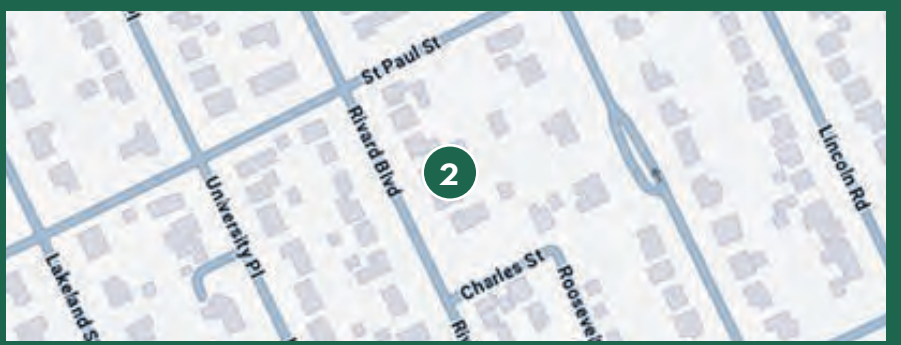
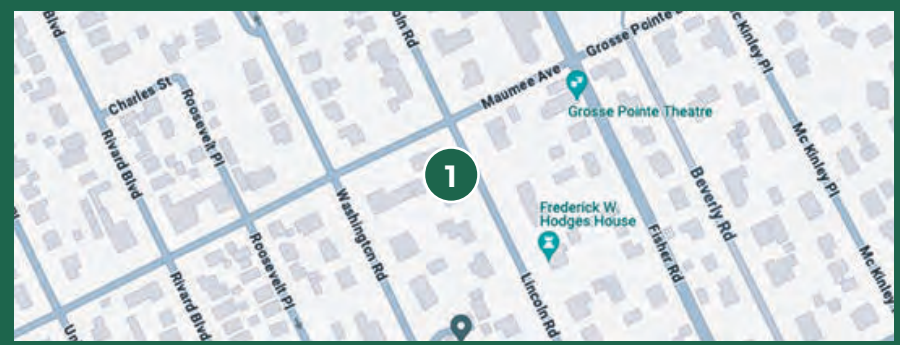
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THIS WEEK

- 1. 319 Lincoln Rd., GPC
- 2. 450 Rivard Blvd., GPC
- 3. 1370 Harvard Rd., GPC
- 4. 171 Lakeview Ave., GPF

- 5. 187 Stephens Rd., GPF
- 6. 1790 Stanhope St., GPW
- 7. 17220 Fairway Dr., Det
- 8. 13838 Heatherwood Dr., Sterling Hts.

See Classifieds for more details

-  = ESTATE SALE
-  = YARD SALE

4D | SPORTS



Coaches and swimmers from the Woods Warriors hold up two fingers in the water to commemorate two straight Lakefront championships.

WOODS:

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Grosse Pointe South High School's boys varsity swim and dive team, so his own swimmers on the Warriors are not the only swimmers in the Pointes for whom he likes to cheer.

"The Park and City teams have a lot of kids who I have in my classes as a physical education teacher," he said. "Sometimes, it's neat to sit back and watch the races and see the kids you know from different situations. Sometimes, I kind of find myself rooting subconsciously for the

other teams because I see a kid that I know and I want to see them do well. Even though, of course, I want to win with the Woods team, I still want to see all those kids I know succeed and do well."

Wolff got the best of both worlds at this year's championships, getting to see many other swimmers he knows find success while also getting to raise the championship trophy with the Woods. While last year's win was unexpected, this year the Warriors knew they had a shot.

Back-to-back titles can put a target on a team's back, especially

in a competitive league like Lakefront. As his Warriors get ready for the fall to swim with their respective club or school teams, Wolff left them with a final message about preparing for being the hunted when next year's Lakefront season rolls around.

"It was the same thing we said last year, which was that you kicked the hornet's nest a bit and now everyone's coming for you," Wolff said. "... You're going to have to work harder now because everyone sees where you are. Nobody's going to be surprised by us anymore and that's a good thing."



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Woods Warriors coaches Gabriel Loper, Greg Wolff, Alex Agius, Jaden Payne, Tatum Bastien and Tina Kirck take the Lakefront trophies to a celebratory dinner at the Pepperoni Grille in Saint Clair Shores.

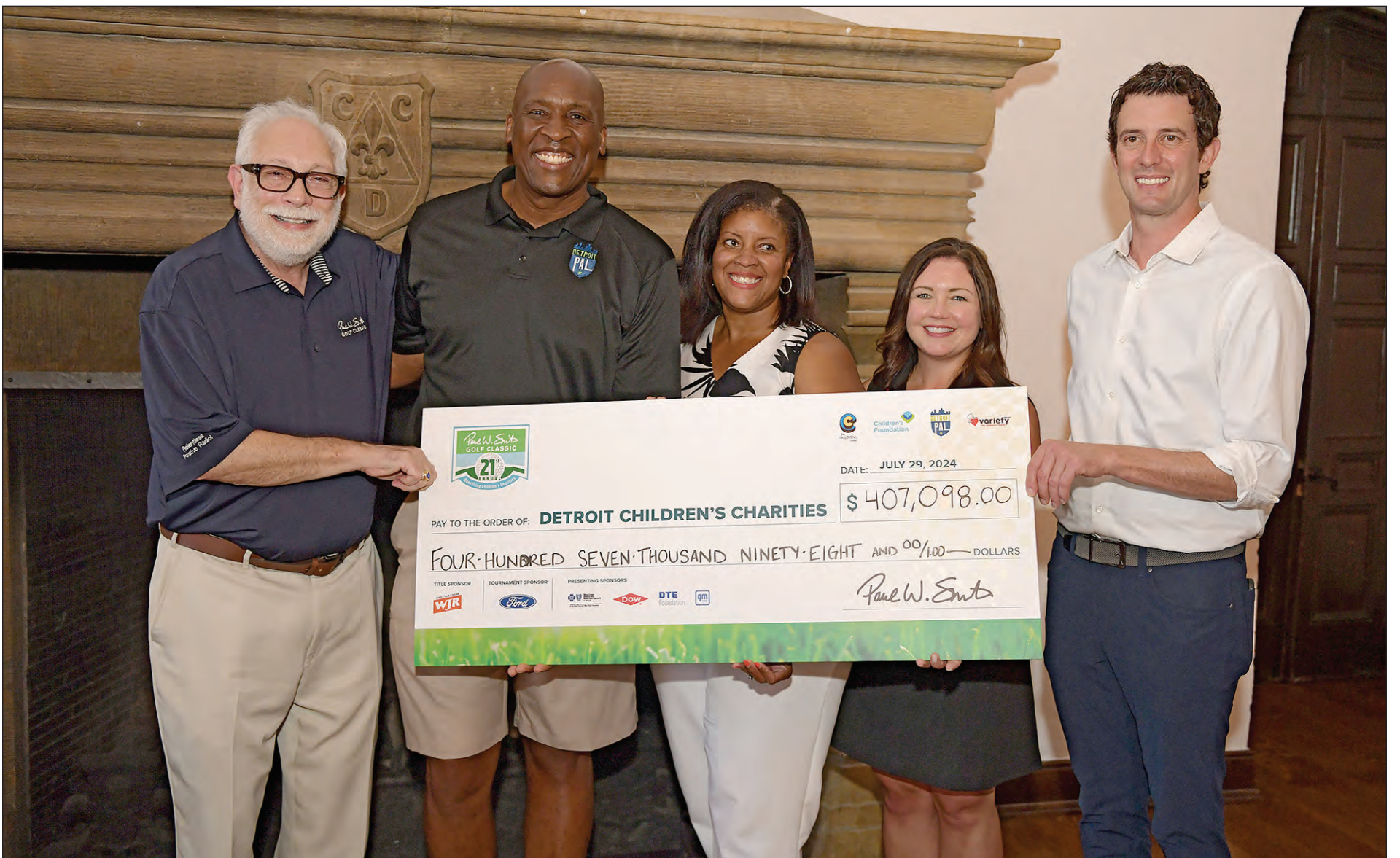


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Paul W. Smith Golf Classic another success at CCD

Paul W. Smith, Fred Hunter, Desiree Jennings, Michelle Murphy and Andrew Stein hold up a check for over \$400,000 to benefit Detroit Children's Charities as the total proceeds raised by this year's Paul W. Smith Golf Classic. The event was held on Monday, July 29, at Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms. The event's proceeds benefit four non-profits; The Children's Foundation, Detroit PAL, The Children's Center and Variety, the Children's Charity of Detroit. The funds raised will help an estimated 55,000 children across Southeast Michigan. This was the 21st year of the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic, which has raised over \$9 million for various charities and organizations since it began.