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Council, judicial races set

By GPN staff

THE GROSSE POINTE — At least one of the Pointes will have a new mayor after this fall's elections.

Now that the filing deadlines have passed, here's a look at who is running in contested and uncontested races.

Farms

There will not be a primary, with two long-time councilmen running to be the next mayor and the former police chief set to take a seat on council.

Mayor Louis Theros, who was on council 16 years before being elected mayor in 2017, is not seeking re-election.

"It's been my privilege to serve the Farms for 24 years on city council — I

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Two of three Park races uncontested

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two of three races in this year's Park election are uncontested.

Mayor Michele Hodges has no competition for a second term.

The first-time candidate for municipal judge,

John Parnell Jr., also is a shoo-in. He's the only one seeking to replace Judge Carl Jarboe, retiring from nearly 31 consecutive years administering small-town justice and making life lousy for red-light runners.

Outside of write-in candidates or surprise with-

drawals for mayor or judge, the only opportunity for drama in this election cycle concerns city council.

Two incumbents — Tom Caulfield and Max Wiener — and two challengers — Patrick Gleason and Olga Merametdjan — filed affidavits by the July 22

deadline to run for office. The quartet will compete for three open seats on the council. Three candidates will win. One won't. Terms are four years.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. There won't be a primary election. Not enough candidates filed for office to prompt one, as specified

in the city code.

Mayor

◆ Mayor Hodges said she's seeking another, two-year term to continue work begun during her first term.

"We've made tremendous progress, with much

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Sharks for the win!

The Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks make their celebratory jump into the pool after securing the team's first ever Lakefront Swimming Association championship Wednesday, July 23. Read more about the meet on page 1D.

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Shores clerk retiring

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Safety concerns at Osius Park ended up getting Bruce Nichols 14 years as city clerk.

"I went to a city council meeting to make a public comment and it was downhill from there," he joked. "There was a big turnover on the council in 2011 and they sort of cleaned house. They pointed at me in the back of the room and figured I was dumb enough to take the job."

Nichols, 75, will record the minutes for his final council meeting Aug. 19, and is stepping away to spend more time with his grandchildren.

"Time is our most precious commodity," he

said at the July council meeting. "I want them to remember me."

Aside from recording the minutes of council meetings, he also is in charge of running elections.

"It takes me as long to prepare the minutes as the meeting is long," he explained. "It can be as long as five pages single spaced."

He and his wife, Mary Ann, have been married 41 years and have lived in the Shores the past 23 years.

"We're still healthy and that's the most important thing," Nichols said. "We're in a ranch, like all old people. They'll have to take me out feet first."

The couple has three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Pointes.

"They're practically



Bruce Nichols

within walking distance," he said. "That's the beauty of it. We've got Little League games and Neighborhood Club sports and we love our local parks. This is a great place to live. At one time or another I've lived in each of the Pointes."

Nichols, a 1967 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School — the last graduating class before it became Grosse Pointe

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Village to host Michigan Main Street communities

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Five years after its inception, Main Street Grosse Pointe has been selected by the Michigan Main Street program as the host community for its fall workshop in late September.

The tri-annual gathering of Main Street executive directors and board members from across the state encourages collaboration of ideas to bolster downtown districts while supplying continued training and resources. The fall workshop's topic will center on board training and building a stronger board.

"Each community is

being encouraged to bring at least two board members," MSGP Executive Director Cindy Willcock said. "This could be one of the larger workshops we've had in a while. ... It really shows that Main Street has a lot of confidence and a lot of pride in the work that we're doing here in Grosse Pointe and they want to give us the opportunity to show it off, because they know it reflects well on their program."

The two-day workshop — Monday, Sept. 29, and Tuesday, Sept. 30 — will include a tour of The Village, its businesses and its increasing func-

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Hayden Barry

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Swimmer crosses Lake St. Clair to Canada for fun, charity



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Art center nears funding goal

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Schaap Center is in the stretch run for fundraising, according to the woman at the reins.

“We have raised over \$43 million toward the \$45 million goal with an additional \$6 million raised toward the endowment,” said Jaime Rae Turnbull, executive director of the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery.

Turnbull said the 435-seat theater and two exhibition galleries will open this fall under, at minimum, a temporary certificate of occupancy.

“We have some delays and are still working through details with permitting both in Detroit and to get our certificate of occupancy in Grosse Pointe Park,” she said. “We feel we’re headed in the right direction to get those items completed.”

“There are several conditions the Schaap Center has to meet regarding certain easements before it is fully opened and they get their certificate of occupancy,” Park Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“We’re pleased with how the progress is going,” Turnbull said.

Because the facility straddles the Park and Detroit border, approval for occupancy is needed from both jurisdictions.



A rendering of one of two art galleries that will be housed at the new facility.

“We’re still going through the Detroit Building, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department review for the permit,” Turnbull said. “That is a process the construction team is going through to meet the requirements of the city. I’ve been told we’ll be fine with a temporary certificate of occupancy for October, which is a preview for donors; our opening at the end for November; and (Grosse Pointe Theatre’s presentation of ‘White Christmas’ (starting Dec. 5).”

Runoff

One place the center is on solid ground is handling storm water runoff.

“We’ve made over \$4 million in infrastructure improvements to the site for stormwater management, including a retention basin below the

Grosse Pointe Park parking lot,” Turnbull said. “You can see a massive bioswale.”

“They went above and beyond with the bioswale,” Sizeland said. “Look at the depth, taking it beyond what would be a normal scope of bioswale and looking at other green infrastructure opportunities, going above the Wayne County stormwater standards. That’s well appreciated.”

“State-of-the-art stormwater management is not just for our site, but also a major positive impact for Grosse Pointe and Detroit,” Turnbull said.

Dr. Schaap and the Schaap Center provided \$600,000 funding toward the Park’s recent sewer separation on lower Jefferson, where some of the site’s runoff will drain. Separation is intended to divert storm water from the sanitary sewer system,

reducing the likelihood of backups during heavy rains. Most of the city was separated years ago.

Interior trimmings

Grounds of the center being constructed on Jefferson between Maryland and Alter are an obvious work zone. Heavy equipment and supplies share muddy ground behind work fences. Within the building, conditions are more in keeping with what is to come.

“Inside, everything is being trimmed out,” Turnbull said. “The theater’s getting its wall cladding. Electrical and plumbing is going in. All the wonderful bells and whistles of a state-of-the-art theater and remarkable gallery space, both the Manoogian Gallery and the community galleries, are coming along.”

The theater will be a venue for theatrical, musi-

cal and dance performances.

“There’s a good chance the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will have its first performance in the fall (at the center) depending on how our certificate of occupancy goes,” Turnbull said. “In January, we have a great collaboration with the College for Creative Studies and Eisenhower Dance Detroit to create a unique program of animation and dance. You’re going to see unique things from our partners.”

Two galleries will host semi-permanent and rotating art exhibitions.

“The Manoogian Gallery, while it was named Manoogian Gallery with a donation from Richard and Jane Manoogian, will be a rotating private collection,” Turnbull said. “It will start the first six months with an exhibit of

early American art from the Manoogian collection, but then there will be rotating private collections outside of the Manoogian art.”

The Manoogian Gallery is climate-controlled, with no windows to allow sunlight to fade works of art.

“That’s where the more sensitive art collections will be uniquely controlled for light and temperature,” Turnbull said.

An almost open-ended range of exhibitions and events can be scheduled for the community gallery.

“At the community gallery, we’re going to have sculptures on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts for the first six months of our opening,” Turnbull said. “That speaks to the quality of this incredible and remarkable art center, that the DIA is going to work with us to loan sculptures.”

None of those goals are possible without funding.

“In regard to our capital campaign, we don’t see any issue in reaching or exceeding our goal,” Turnbull said. “In addition to that, we have a commitment from Paul and Carol Schaap for half million dollars per year for the first three years toward our annual operating expenses. And we are in discussion with sponsors and donors for funding our operational expenses once we reach our goal for our capital campaign.”

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realized it’s literally half my adult life or more,” he said. “I’ve often stated that I didn’t believe we should have mayors for life, so I’m sort of living

out that position. I think it’s just time to give someone else a chance to run the city.”

John Gillooly, on council since 2017, and Joe Ricci, on council since 2013, will go head-to-head in November to be the next at the helm of

city leadership.

Gillooly’s council seat is among those up for election, along with the seats of councilwomen Sierra Donaven and Beth Konrad-Wilberding. Both are seeking re-election.

Dan Jensen, who retired as Farms public safety director in 2021 after 44 years with the department, is running for the third seat.

Farms/Shores Municipal Judge Charles Berschback heads into his second term unopposed.

City

Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak will run for

re-election against former mayor Chris Boettcher, whom she defeated for the seat in the 2019 election.

On council, incumbents Dave Fries, Maureen Juip and Chris Walsh are running to keep their seats, while newcomer David Calcaterra also has thrown his hat in the ring.

Park

Incumbents Max Wiener and Tom Caulfield, along with challengers Partick Gleason and Olga Merametdjian, are running for three open council seats.

Mayor Michele Hodges has no competition for another two-year term, nor does first-time candidate John Parnell Jr., who is running for municipal judge.

Shores

There are three people running for three open seats, including incumbents Sandra Cavataio and John Dakmak. Newcomer Scott Houghton is running for the seat Robert Barrette has held since 2011.

“I decided to run after learning a seat would be opening,” Houghton said. “I support the current council and the positive direction they’ve set for our community. I’d

like to help continue that momentum.”

Barrette said he’s enjoyed his time on council.

“They are great people to work with,” he said. “But I’ve done it for 14 years. It’s time for someone else.”

Barrett also said he and his wife, Martha, plan to travel “extensively,” including Alaska and Hawaii.

Woods

There are no contested races on the November ballot as Mayor Art Bryant and councilmembers Vicki Granger, Todd McConaghy and Jim Motschall were the only candidates to file paperwork.

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Roy Bishop III, recognized as junior mayor in Grosse Pointe Woods, with his parents, Latoya and Roy Jr., and Mayor Art Bryant.

A chip off the old block

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's no surprise Roy Bishop III jumped at the chance when offered the role of junior mayor. Public service runs in his blood.

After all, his father is Roy Bishop Jr., deputy superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and his mother is Latoya Bishop, deputy treasurer/controller for the Woods.

Each of the mayors of

the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods were given the option of appointing a junior mayor in conjunction with last month's Juneteenth celebration in Harper Woods, where they gave a speech about what the holiday means to them.

"He did wonderfully," Mayor Art Bryant said. "He's very personable and we can look forward to him being a good poli-

tician some day." Bishop III, 11, is about to start sixth grade at Parcels Middle School and was recognized at the Woods city council meeting July 21.

"It was fun," he said, noting he'd like to run for city council one day. "I want to be a leader and help improve things."

He said his favorite subject in school is honors math. Bishop III also enjoys playing football

and basketball.

"I'm thinking about becoming an engineer," he said. "I can definitely see a future with that."

"He can do whatever he sets his mind to," Latoya Bishop said. "He's a great kid."

Bishop Jr. joked that none of his three kids — including daughters London and Leighton — have an interest in following him into teaching. —Ted O'Neil

Woods sign case settled

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A resident of East Kings Court was ordered to remove yard signs at the house and pay a \$250 fine within 14 days of a court ruling July 23.

Ian Seaman was cited in March by the city's building department for exceeding the maximum square footage of yard signs allowable by ordinance, which is 6 square feet. A typical lawn sign, most often associated with election campaigns, is around 3 square feet.

The ordinance also says a person has 30 days to remove the signs after a complaint is filed and they are given notice by the city.

Jeremy Collins of McKenna, the city's building and zoning contractor, said there were seven signs at the house when he first visited in

March, equaling about 21 square feet. He added there were 10 yard signs, plus other signs attached to a van in the driveway, equaling about 64 square feet, as of July 22.

Collins said complaints were filed by neighbors and others about some of the graphic content on the signs and the house's proximity to Monteith Elementary School and University Liggett School on Cook Road.

"It's all complaint-driven," he said. "We don't actively enforce it."

The informal hearing before Municipal Judge Theodore Metry was delayed at least twice before last week.

Seaman's attorney, Jacob Kahn, told Metry he disagreed with the city's interpretation of the ordinance.

"Our reading is that each sign cannot exceed 6 square feet," he said. "If

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work remaining," Hodges said. "The top priority, however, will be accelerated growth of our tax base through strategic initiatives. A strong tax base signals health in every area of city government and provides financial stamina that furthers the capacity to cost effectively enhance services."

She said municipal recreation facilities and programs will be part of the overall focus.

"The parks will be our next frontier, with a master planning process intended to guide the way and ensure all voices are at the table," Hodges said. "We will improve resident-facing services, with better utilization of our new website as an example and trash collection another."

Hodges is president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Council

◆ Tom Caulfield

Incumbent Caulfield heads the finance committee and is liaison to the recreation committee, members of which are preparing to draft the city's first-ever master plan for the parks system.

"We took care of a lot of big things during my first term, such as maintenance of sewers and the extreme emergency relief valve," Caulfield said.

Caulfield said the city leaders and administrators need to have a customer service mindset.

"Now," he said, "my focus is going to be driving the excellence of resident services, better communication from our administration to residents and to drive parks and recreation to excellence."

He also advocates continued improvements in clarifying and reporting

municipal financial matters.

"The reason I want to continue in office is the same reason I ran the first time — I care deeply for this community," Caulfield said. "I want to continue our positive growth and momentum. My goal is to continue the momentum we've built, continue to improve and drive for excellence. Keep the momentum going: parks and rec, the marina, the Charlevoix streetscape, the DDA. It goes along with everything."

Caulfield is a strategic risk consultant and broker for Lockton Companies in Detroit.

◆ Patrick Gleason

Gleason received a mayoral appointment to the recreation commission in May 2024, which city council approved unanimously. He is among core volunteers restoring the wooden playscape and maintaining flower beds at Patterson Park.

"I'm running for city council to help Grosse Pointe Park remain a vibrant and engaged community," Gleason said. "As an 18-year resident, secretary of the recreation commission and treasurer of Friends of Patterson Playscape, I've been proud to serve our city. In my first term, I'll focus on being responsive to residents, supporting our parks, infrastructure and city services, and working in partnership with city leadership to honor our

strengths while planning for the future."

Gleason owns CanAm Finance, which operates in both the United States and Canada.

◆ Olga Merametdjan

First-time candidate Merametdjan began working for the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety in 2019, as an ordinance officer.

Former Chief Bryan Jarrell hired her as a public safety officer in August 2023. That year she earned a department commendation at the urging of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for assisting a widowed, wheelchair-bound female victim of theft, physical assault and emotional abuse.

Her husband, Kirk Merametdjan, ran unsuccessfully for council in 2023.

"We have lived in Grosse Pointe Park since 2016," Olga Merametdjan said. "My husband and I have fallen in love with this beautiful city. I am running for city council with the intent to keep this city a wonderful place for us to grow old, a safe and happy city for our children and community members."

She's no longer with the public safety department. Instead, she works as a volunteer to open Michael B's Café, a non-profit coffee bar and bakery that will provide job training to adults with special needs, at a date to be determined, in the Park.

"All I want to do is be a

steward of goodness, help those in need and conduct myself with love and kindness," she said. "Making the world a better place starts within. That is me."

◆ Max Wiener

Incumbent Wiener, an engineer and owner of three businesses, intends to complete his first term on council by winning a second term.

"I'm running for reelection to ensure that Grosse Pointe Park keeps pushing forward," said Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "We have accomplished a lot in terms of professionalizing operations, especially regarding infrastructure and city finances. We need to keep building on that. There are opportunities to incorporate some of our improvements in other city departments, like parks, in order to keep finding efficiencies."

"On a personal note, I intend to take part in more training and study other municipalities. I can learn from best practices in other cities and give more support to the administration."

Judge

◆ John Parnell Jr. is an attorney and partner at Lubera & Parnell in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I'm honored to seek the role of municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Park and I'm grateful for the many years of dedicated service Judge Carl Jarboe has given our community," Parnell

said. "With a strong background in courtroom practice and a steady, principled approach, I am prepared to uphold the high standards our residents expect from their municipal court. I am committed to ensuring that all

individuals are treated with fairness, dignity and respect under the law. My goal is to preserve public safety, maintain the integrity of our court and continue the tradition of a trusted, community-centered municipal court."

The Week Ahead

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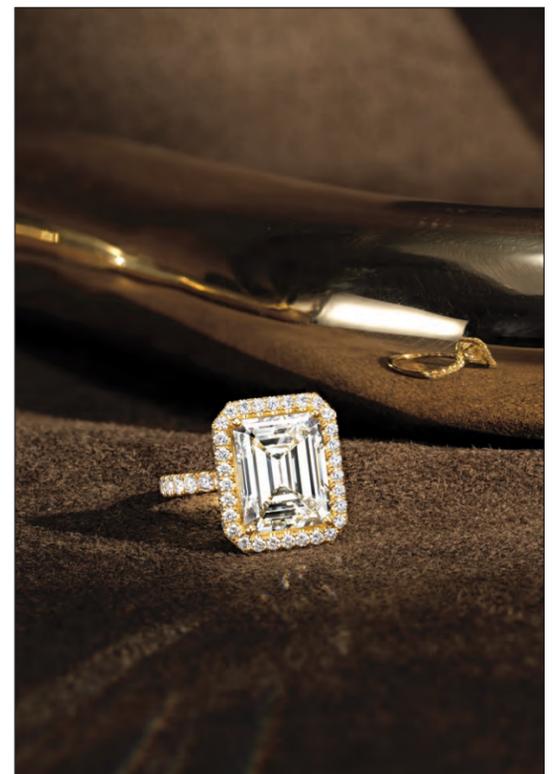
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Recent college grad swims across Lake St. Clair for charity

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

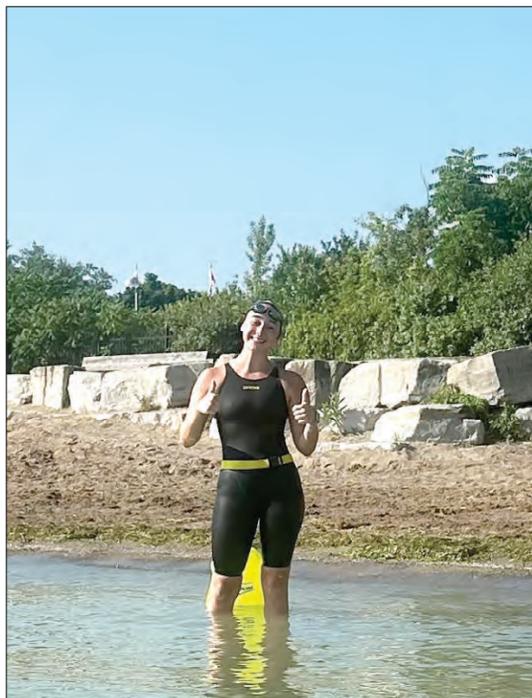
It's a five-mile swim from Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe to Lakewood Park North in Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada. And it's a swim Hayden Barry likely won't forget.

The 22-year-old recent graduate of Dartmouth College took on the challenge as a personal goal, as well as to raise money for charity. She accomplished both, but not without some struggle.

"Two summers ago I was on the beach in Lake Ontario in Canada," she said. "There was this big rock with a plaque on it of Canadian border-crossers who swam across all the Great Lakes. I thought, 'I can do that. I'm a college swimmer. I live a block away from Lake St. Clair.'"

A steady workload of school and internships stalled her strategy, but once she graduated in February — with Bachelor of Arts degrees in engineering sciences and Hispanic studies from Dartmouth, as well as Bachelor of Engineering degrees in chemical engineering and materials science from the Dartmouth College Thayer School of Engineering — she was ready to refocus.

When Barry hit the water the morning of Saturday, July 19, the



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEFF BARRY

Hayden Barry is all smiles July 19, when she swam across Lake St. Clair to raise funds for charity.

lake was a bit warmer than she'd hoped.

"It was 78 degrees in the lake, which, when you're swimming to hang out, is nice, but when you're swimming for three hours ... it was warm," she said. "We started at 6:30 a.m., so there wasn't much boat traffic and the lake was still. The first four miles were great, but a mile from land the current was strong and was pushing me in the opposite direction of where I wanted to go, so the last mile took twice as long

as the other four miles."

Barry's parents, Jeff and Mindy, cheered her on from an accompanying support boat, courtesy of family friend, Andy Bedsworth.

"I said, 'I'm not moving,' but they said that yes, I was moving," Barry recalled. "That last mile was not fun. I had a waterproof iPod Shuffle that's 15 years old. ... It died right before the last mile was starting, so I had no entertainment. I was bored and a little cranky."

But, Barry conceded, that last troublesome mile made getting to shore that much sweeter.

Another facet that felt great to the Grosse Pointe Park resident was the cause for which she swam — the Ted Mullin Fund at the University Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital. Mullin, a member of the swim team at Carleton College, was diagnosed with sarcoma his sophomore year and passed away his senior year. The Ted Mullin Fund was established in his honor to support research at the hospital.

"His favorite practice set was the Hour of Power, where all lanes of the pool are going with relays for an hour straight," Barry said.

The event, described on tedmullinfund.org as a "one-hour, all-out, leave-it-in-the-pool practice consisting of continuous relays, using any stroke," is just as much a bonding exercise, Barry said.

"You get loud and yell and support your teammates," she said. "On average, 165 teams participate every year. Dartmouth did, too, so I had some exposure to the Ted Mullin Fund prior to my swim."

"When I knew I wanted to do this, I thought I should do some good with it," she continued. "So I decided to raise money through the

swim."

Barry's contributors brought in just shy of \$2,500 for her efforts, which inspired her to set a new goal.

"I had a really good time with this, so I thought I should do all the Great Lakes," she said. "... I might try to knock one off every summer."

It's a far cry from her first dip in the pool at age 6.

"My mom was a swimmer when she was younger," Barry said. "My parents put me in swim. ... I was not good. I did not like it at all. I quit when I was 9, then after a year or two they said let's try this again, just for six weeks. ... I fell in love with it the second time around at 11."

Barry ended up excelling on the varsity swim and dive teams at Grosse Pointe South High

School and Dartmouth, though she took a break from the sport after graduation.

"Which worried my parents before this swim," she added. "... I told them I'd been training for 16 years; I'll be fine — and I was — but since I've given myself that break, I'd like to swim more going forward."

She'll swim again for charity, but in the meantime will be attending graduate school at the University of Virginia. She's planning to earn a Ph.D. in material science engineering with hopes of becoming a professor.

Learn more about the Ted Mullin Fund at tedmullinfund.org or about Comer Children's Hospital at uchicago.medicine.org/comer.

Donations toward the fund still may be made at tinyurl.com/26dcjs3k.



Barry raised money for the Ted Mullin Fund through her swim across Lake St. Clair.

City purchases sewer truck from Farms

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City officials have placed significant importance on the goal of collaborating and sharing equipment with other Pointes as a means of cutting costs since City Manager Joe Valentine joined the team in summer 2023.

As such, the public works department last month used its relationship with the Farms to obtain a new piece of equipment that will

greatly improve the city's ability to clean sewers and catch basins of debris.

The City currently has a 2021 sewer jetter truck that uses high-pressure water to clear blockages and clean drains.

"That's presently not able to remove debris after the jetting has been done, thus leaving all the debris to settle in the manhole and the main sewer lines to further back up downstream," public works employee Evan Gillooly explained.

"The 2021 jetter is also not capable of removing debris out of the catch basins when backed up, which causes roads to flood."

To remedy this, council in June approved the \$12,000 purchase of the Farms' old jetter vactor truck, which has only 21,000 miles on it and was found to be in good operating condition aside from some minor welding repairs that will be taken care of in-house by the city's mechanic.

"With the purchase of

the jetter vactor from Grosse Pointe Farms, it will allow us the capability to not only clean and vacuum debris from the sanitary and storm lines but also to clean and vacuum material and debris from the catch basins," Gillooly said. "Cleaning sanitary and storm lines and being able to remove debris is key to keeping sewers flowing properly."

A brand new jetter vactor truck retails at upward of \$520,000.

It also will save the city

money as it keeps up with state requirements to clean catch basins regularly.

Without a jetter vactor, the city has had to hire outside contractors to do the work, which costs an average of \$10,000 to \$12,000 per street. The last company charged a \$2,000 per day set-up fee and \$125 to \$150 per basin.

"It's a great deal," Gillooly said. "The Farms is wanting just to give it to a neighboring community to help us out. They know we don't have one. It's also the way of basically us not having to borrow one from the

neighboring communities if anything happens."

The city also will get a permit with the Mount Clemens Wastewater Treatment Plant, where sewer debris will be dumped and processed for \$463 per dump and with a \$750 permit fee for five years.

"This will be an annual cost of about \$10,000 a year for the debris," Gillooly said. "The \$12,000 vehicle and service agreement are non-budgeted expenses; however, this cost will be offset by the sale of an existing jetter truck that is a non-functioning vehicle for the department."

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South High School — earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from University of Detroit Mercy. He plans to continue practicing law, saying, "business is booming."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski said he "very reluctantly" accepted Nichols'

resignation at the July meeting.

"It's a sad day," he said. "You've been a good city clerk and a good friend. It was essentially like having a city attorney."

Nichols and Brian Renaud, the city attorney, sat next to each other at meetings and Nichols said the two of them often would discuss issues that were

before council.

He came to the volunteer position already having municipal experience, spending time on the of Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals — "before I could afford a house in the Pointes," Nichols joked — and the Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review.

"I think I'm getting over my tendency to volunteer," he said.

Thunderbolt Golf Classic is Sept. 6 at Selfridge ANG

The fifth annual Motor City Stamping Thunderbolt Golf Classic, presented by Weingartz, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes continental breakfast, lunch and the awards dinner. The scramble also will include hole-in-one and closest-to-the-pin contests.

Due to base security, registration must be completed by Friday, Aug. 22,

and participants must have a Michigan REAL ID driver's license to access the base.

Proceeds benefit Austin Catholic High School, the Knights of Columbus and the Selfridge Military Air Museum.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Road rage

A 34-year-old Detroit woman was ticketed around 3:15 p.m. Sunday, July 27, for driving with a suspended license after being pulled over on east-bound Vernier due to a notice from Harper Woods about a road rage incident there.

It was her ninth DWLS offense and her 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee was impounded.

Distractions driving

A 61-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident was ticketed for distracted driving around noon Sunday, July 27, after she passed a patrol car while talking on her phone on southbound Lakeshore near Lochmoor.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Make way

While an officer observed the construction area at Lakeshore and Tonnacres at 12:31 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, a Dodge Ram nearly ran another truck off the road at the construction lane merge.

The driver, a 24-year-old Eastpointe woman, admitted to drinking and a preliminary

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breath test showed her blood alcohol level to be 0.245 percent.

She was arrested for open liquor transport and a second offense of operating under the influence of alcohol.

Suspended

Illegally tinted windows got a 31-year-old Detroit man pulled over at Mack and Colonial at 11:49 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, and cited for driving with a suspended license.

Porch pirate

An Amazon package containing \$179 night vision goggles was stolen from a porch in the 400 block of Bournemouth between 4 and 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.

Alcohol theft

A 26-year-old Detroit man was caught after stealing one bottle of tequila and another of wine from a store in the 18000 block of Mack at 1:55 p.m. Thursday, July 24.

Fake ID

A scammer used a fake ID with a 35-year-old Farms woman's photo and information to open a bank account under her already existing account and withdraw \$9,000 in two

transactions around 3 p.m. Thursday, July 24.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Takes generator

A man working in the area of Devonshire and Mack Avenue last week told police two unknown black males in a white sports utility vehicle stole an orange generator, value \$300, from the bed of his parked pickup truck.

The victim said he was working in a yard at the time, 12:14 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.

“(He) observed (the suspects) pull alongside the pickup truck and take the generator,” police said.

Parole violator

Police said a 38-year-old male pedestrian from Detroit was arrested at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, while approaching houses randomly in the 1400 block of Berkshire.

He was wanted on a warrant for violating parole, according to officers.

“(He) claimed to be lost,” an investigator said.

Bike swiped

An unlocked mountain bike worth \$200 was stolen between 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26, while parked at a rack at Kercheval and Lakepointe.

The area was the site of the city-organized Kercheval After 6 street party.

Police said they were told the bike is green and black and of unknown make and model.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen bike

A pink mountain bike was stolen from a front yard in the 1400 block of Anita sometime overnight into Monday, July 21, after it was left out.

Pizza pizza

A 64-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving after his vehicle struck a parked car on Mack near Broadstone around 8 p.m. Monday, July 21.

He told officers he had been drinking and had just picked up food at Little Caesars.

A Breathalyzer test showed his blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

Stolen vehicle

A vehicle containing baseball equipment was stolen from a driveway in the 2100 block of River Road around 5 p.m. Friday, July 25.

The vehicle and equipment were recovered after the suspect was pulled over by St. Clair Shores police.

—Ted O'Neil

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Hospital theft

A debit card and \$50 were stolen from a woman's purse while she stayed at a local hospital between Monday, July 7, and Friday, July 18.

An investigation is ongoing.

Whodunit

An unlocked light blue Giant ATX mountain bike worth \$530 was stolen while its owner shopped inside a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 3 p.m. Friday, July 18.

Days later, the victim saw the bike outside the same store, but it was

painted black.

An employee — a 22-year-old Park resident — was arrested for the theft Thursday, July 24.

Stolen bike

A lime green Giant Revel mountain bike worth \$200 was stolen from a rear yard in the 800 block of St. Clair between 6:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, July 21.

Cocktail ring

A Grosse Pointer's grandmother's cocktail ring worth approximately \$4,000 was discovered missing from a jewelry box in the 700 block of St. Clair Monday, July 21.

90 mph

A 24-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after speeding 90 mph at Jefferson and Neff while intoxicated at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 22.

Sugar high

A 44-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing approximately \$20 worth of candy bars from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.

—Laurel Kraus

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

SIGN:

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there are multiple candidates for various races on the ballot, the city is saying you can only show your neighbors you support two of them.”

Khan also said the ordinance was “selectively” enforced.

“It would be one thing if the city routinely patrolled, but this is only enforced when there's a complaint,” he added. “That by fiat makes the issue about the content of the signs.”

Like many municipalities around the country, the Woods updated its sign ordinance after the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, Ariz., which involved a church suing the city after being cited for exceeding time limits on directional signs as it held services at various



PHOTO BY TED O'NEIL

Ian Seaman was cited by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for this collection of yard signs. Officials say the total square footage of the signs violate city ordinances.

temporary locations.

The court said sign ordinances had to be content neutral, meaning the sign does not have to be read to determine its legality.

Khan also presented Metry with photographs he and Seaman took of other yards in the Woods that were in violation of the ordinance. Seaman told the court he didn't

file complaints about them.

“I don't want them removed,” he said, “I want everyone to be able to express themselves. I just want to know why I'm being harassed.”

Metry said whether or not the city's ordinance is “unreasonable” is “something left to a higher court.” He also noted an attitude of “others can do

it; why can't I?” would lead to a lawless society.

Seaman also drew attention in late March when, at a Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, while wearing a backpack, said, “Fortunate for you, I am no Luigi, but to some disgruntled teen with his or

her father's pistol or rifle, any of the other things you prefer in school other than rainbow flags, you might be a Brian Thompson,” while looking at Trustee Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

His comments were met with applause by many in the audience. The statement appeared to be a reference to Luigi Mangione, the man accused of shooting to death Brian Thompson,

the former CEO of UnitedHealthcare, Dec. 4, 2024, in New York City.

The Cotton family founded Meridian Health Plans in 1997, growing it to be the largest Medicaid benefits provider in the state. It was purchased by WellCare Health Plans in 2018.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said the day after the incident Seaman was barred from all GPPSS property.

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tional public art, such as the painted Notre Dame crosswalk, which is proven to slow traffic for pedestrians, and the inoperable Kressbach Fountain being used as an art display.

The Village also can present its growing list of events such as the Main Street Mini Masters — other Main Street districts already have begun implementing their own versions following last year's success in The Village, Willcock said — and the reinvention of the annual sidewalk sale, which last year produced 20 percent more visitors to the district than the

year prior.

“Our host communities serve as dynamic examples of success and innovation using the Main Street four-point approach (organization, promotion, economic vitality and design),” said Laura Krizov, manager of Michigan Main Street.

“Main Street Grosse Pointe, a valued partner for over five years, has demonstrated exceptional impact through its commitment to the Main Street framework. This is evident in the impressive \$3.5 million reinvested into The Village, 35 facade and building improvements, the launch of 19 new businesses and 4,700 volunteer hours powering continued downtown

growth. Their achievements offer insights and best practices that are useful for our entire network.”

MSGP leadership considers its selection as the location of the workshop to be another sign The Village is headed in the right direction.

“There's a hunger to continue to make things better, so we need more volunteers, we need more commitment to the community,” said Chris Moyer, councilman and newly appointed chair of the MSGP board. “Things are great, but we can always do more, so come join us for those Music on the Plazas, join us for sales in the community and support your local retail operations.”



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OUR VIEW

Good kids doing good things

After we found out about Madison and David Stamperferne hosting a lemonade stand to raise money for the foundation that is helping their cousin Sophie Wait (see story, page 9A), we realized how many things we have published in recent months about the accomplishments of the great kids across the Pointes. Here is a sampling:

- ◆ Luna Agosta of Grosse Pointe South High School softball and Brendan Beland of the University Liggett School swim team were chosen as Readers' Choice winners in the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year contest. Wyatt Hepner of South's wrestling team and Josie Cueter of Grosse Pointe North High School's girls hockey team were our Staff Picks.

- ◆ The 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U Little League teams from the Farms-City each won their respective district tournaments, while the Senior League All-Stars made it to the semifinals of their state tournament.

- ◆ Will Beardslee and Lilliana Wodzisz, graduates of South, and Ben Graham, a graduate of North, are orchestral fellowship students on viola at this year's Aspen Music Festival, which runs through Aug. 24, in Aspen, Colo.

- ◆ Grosse Pointe North rising senior Claire Nurse, along with Grosse Pointe native and Regina High School student Emerson Daniel, competed with the Michigan Sharkettes at the USA Artistic Swimming Junior Olympic Championships in Arlington, Texas.

- ◆ George Ellis and Liam Tannian were the top 12 and under anglers — on shore and by boat, respectively — in the 2025 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic.

- ◆ Brody Magdowski and Georgie Francis were part of the Detroit Jr. Red Wings team that made it to the semifinals in The Brick Invitational hockey tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

- ◆ Claire Wengel, Abby Owczarek and Evelyn Sherding were three of the skaters representing the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club at the U.S. Figure Skating Excel National Festival in Colorado. Wengel and Owczarek are rising seniors at North, while Sherding is a rising eighth grader at Pierce Middle School.

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club honored Henry Doyle, Connie Bedsworth, Jhilmil Chhaya, Lily Kester, Sara Thomas, Grace Campbell and Landon Trombley as recipients of its 2025 Max Gardner and Frank J. Sladen scholarships.

- ◆ No fewer than 30 athletes from South, North and Liggett earned All-State honors in their respective spring sports.

- ◆ The ULS girls soccer team reached the Division 4 state finals.

- ◆ The baseball teams from South and Liggett both made it to the semifinals in Division 1 and Division 3, respectively.

- ◆ South's Dalina Kokoshi, a rising sophomore, was state champ in Division 2 girls tennis at No. 1 singles.

- ◆ Liggett's Santino Cicarella was state champ in the 100-meter dash in Division 3 and finished third in the 200.

- ◆ Jai Quarles, Roy Bishop III and John "Tripp" Studstill III were chosen as junior mayors in the Park, Woods and City, respectively, as part of Juneteenth celebrations in Harper Woods.

- ◆ Alexander Grabowski, Olivia McMillian, Steven Hicks, Maliyah Andrews-Jones, Viktoria Palamarchuk, Claire Juip, Marissa Ford, Evonne Karam, Lilly Kline, Terry Smith, Ashton Zimmerman, Beatrice Guibord, Alexander Jones, Christopher Azzi and John Kay all received scholarships from the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Oliver Hosey had a blast in the Foam Factory area during The Village's sidewalk sale July 26, during which children could run around in the foam and get covered with it. From time to time, the kids would take a break and wipe off their faces, but then turned around and went right back in. When it was time to leave, the Foam Factory booth operator turned on a large blow dryer to clean off the kids. The overall attendance at the event was good, but likely was impacted by the extreme heat.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GUEST VIEW By Melissa Fradenburg, CDFA, AIF

What the 'One Big Beautiful Bill' means for your wallet — especially here in Grosse Pointe

The past few weeks have brought a whirlwind of policy headlines, but one piece of legislation will have a direct impact on those of us living in high-tax communities like Grosse Pointe. The "One Big Beautiful Bill" is a sweeping tax reform package nearly 900 pages long, but I've broken down some of the key parts that are most likely to affect our community.



since the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act were about to expire in 2026. This bill now makes those lower rates permanent.

Here's what that means: If you're in the 12, 22 or 24 percent bracket, you'll stay there, rather than jumping up to 15, 25 or 28 percent. Higher earners also avoid a jump from 37 percent to 39.6 percent. For working families, retirees and small business

The lower tax brackets are permanent

The lower tax brackets we've all enjoyed

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- ◆ North alum Gianni Carlino was named the 2024-25 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year at Florida Atlantic University, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average and having three top-10 finishes at the Atlantic Sun Conference swimming championships.

- ◆ Chris O'Connell, Carter Cole, Caleb Kosel and Jack Ryan, all 2025 North grads, were named Evans Scholars, a program for golf caddies that includes a four-year full housing and tuition scholarship. O'Connell, Cole and Ryan are attending Michigan State University, while Kosel is going to the University of Michigan.

- ◆ Jack Rabaut, also a 2025 North grad, scored a perfect 36 on the ACT, something just 0.22 percent of test takers achieved last year.

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Little League Majors Softball 12U team finished second in the state tournament.

- ◆ Pierce students Sarah Joyce, Finnegan Johnson, Charlotte Mertz, Dylan Augspurger, Wyatt Roberts and Zachary Nyenhuis repurposed old art tables to create a mural spelling out the school name.

- ◆ Olivia Bachert and Elizabeth Peberdy captured two gold medals each while racing for Detroit Boat Club Crew at the 2025 USRowing RowFest National Championships

in Ann Arbor earlier this month. Both currently compete with NCAA Division I rowing teams, Bachert at Syracuse University and Peberdy at the University of Tennessee.

- ◆ Sonny Fillmore, a special needs student at South, runs Sonny's Ice Cream cart, complete with a traditional all-white uniform, and wants to open an ice cream shop eventually. We salute all of you and are proud of you.

LETTERS

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Residents' wishes fall on deaf ears ... again

To the Editor:
Again, the wishes, goals and objective of over 500 Grosse Pointe Woods residents fell on deaf ears at the city's (July 22) planning commission meeting. With over 500 petition signatures, numerous lawn signs, public comments at city meetings and letters to planning commission members and city council members, the rezoning of 20160 Mack from restricted office to commercial continues to move forward.

The fact that a colonial-style building that currently appears homogeneous with the surrounding city area would be replaced by a strip mall-type structure strikingly similar to those on Hall Road

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



Gone but not forgotten

but clearly did not enunciate properly, because he later would ask me, “Why isn’t it the cold memorial?”

I digress. While it may not be home to the first family, The War Memorial is where many in the community learn to drive, get married, watch(ed) movies, stroll the gardens, learn a new hobby and visit art exhibitions. But most of all, it is the regional institution honoring those who have served our country.

The names of Grosse Pointers who lost their lives in World War II, Korea and Vietnam line plaques in the historic Alger House — each one a person who was once a

little boy, who had classmates and crushes, who traversed these streets and had to be home in time for dinner.

These are the stories award-winning author Lisa Lark is aiming to tell in a biographical book intended to both memorialize and bring to life the identified 178 Pointers who died in military service from the Civil War until now.

“It’s my privilege and honor to be able to take a look at a document that no one has really looked at or thought about in 50, 60 years,” Lark said, as she sifted through scores of any digital record she could get her hands on.

A call to the community is the backbone of

her vision, as military records and even old yearbooks can’t tell her whether the person had a great sense of humor, played in a garage band or engineered the greatest senior prank in school history.

She needs surviving relatives, classmates and neighbors for that. No memory is too small or insignificant, the author emphasized as she encouraged community members to reach out via heroesproject@war memorial.org.

Following an article in the July 17 issue of the Grosse Pointe News requesting those who knew the fallen men reach out with memories — Roll call: Project

seeks community memories, info, photos of fallen military men” — the first cousin of WWII naval officer George R. Fink, Jr. contacted the paper with his life story. Lark previously had virtually no information on him.

“He was my cousin, the big brother I never had, my hero,” the cousin wrote in an email received last week. “I still have a small stuffed panda bear that he gave me before he shipped overseas.”

Another reader reached out regarding her uncle, Harry G. Garman.

“He was my dad’s older brother and unfortunately was a pilot in Korea when his plane

was shot down,” she said. There are a handful of men Lark has yet to find much information on and is particularly interested in learning more about.

From the Civil War — Alexander Frederick Grant; from WWII — Robert J. Alexander, William Drysdale, Louis C. Paschall, Rolland Schnuck and William T. Stewart II; from Korea — James W. Stephan; and from Vietnam — Thomas Alvarez, Thomas J. Cox, Robert L. Laurie and William C. Toth.

A full list of the 178 names can be found in the July 17 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

“Anything community members can share, even if they think it’s kind of small, it really truly does help build out the picture of who these men were,” Lark said.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1950

75 years ago this week

WOODS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE POOL: The Woods lakefront swimming pool may have to shut down if the strike now in progress in the Solvay company is not settled soon. The Woods has a small supply of chlorine on hand but this will soon be exhausted unless further supplies are forthcoming. Already the producers of chlorine have begun to ration it out among their customers.

First preference is being given to water treatment, then to sewage treatment and last to public swimming pools.

1975

50 years ago this week

POPULATION DROP DISPUTED: Administrative officials of the five Pointes have one thing in common and that is an emphatic disagreement with a recently released survey report of a population decrease in The Pointe,

which, Pointe officials charge, is not true. The survey, made by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, showed a drop in The Pointe’s population from April 1, 1970, through July 1, 1974.

SHORES SEEKS TROUGH SITE: The Shores Parks and Recreation Committee is seeking a new site for the nearly 60-year-old horse water trough which sits curbside on Vernier Road outside the Shores Municipal Building. Village Superintendent Thomas K. Jeffries told the Shores Council that the trough has been knocked over and scraped by large trucks

and vehicles traveling on Vernier since it is situated so close to the street.

2000

25 years ago this week

LIBRARY SURVEY SHOWS NEED FOR EXPANSION: The advent of the Internet and mega bookstores and a need for more room and parking have forced the Grosse Pointe Public Library to adapt to changing times, but how? While the Internet and bookstores like Borders and Barnes and Noble were the main rea-

sons many respondents said they did not frequent the three branch libraries, many did say they’d like to see facilities and collections expanded at the libraries.

2015

10 years ago this week

POTS STIR HEATED DEBATE: Tempers flared at Monday’s city council meeting when residents, during the public comment section of the meeting, questioned the city’s decision to place giant flower pots along the Park’s border

with Detroit at Kercheval and Alter Road. The area in question, the site of the weekly farmers’ market, has been the center of controversy since 2014 when Park officials closed off Kercheval to incoming traffic from Detroit.

DONOR GIFTS DEPARTMENT: An anonymous donor gave \$10,000 to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department. Chief John Schulte said the gift is from a man thankful for medical care provided by the department’s officers triple-trained in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical services.

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owners, this change helps preserve take-home income, making it easier to save, invest or cover rising costs.

The SALT cap: A big change for Grosse Pointe homeowners

One of the most talked-about changes in the new bill is the update to the SALT deduction, which stands for State and Local Taxes. Before 2018, there was no limit to the state and local taxes you could deduct. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act imposed a cap of \$10,000 on the SALT deduction,

applying equally to individuals and couples filing jointly. The OBBB raises the SALT deduction to \$40,000 starting in 2025, offering significant relief.

What this could mean for you:

Let’s say you pay \$9,000 in state income tax and \$11,000 in property taxes. Under the old rules, you could only deduct \$10,000 total. Starting next year, you could deduct the full amount (up to \$40,000), lowering your taxable income and potentially your tax bill. This is especially helpful for households in higher-tax communities like Grosse Pointe, where property

taxes alone often approach or exceed \$10,000.

If your income exceeds \$500,000 (for single and joint filers), the SALT deduction begins to phase out and disappears entirely at \$600,000. While the new \$40,000 cap is a big improvement, it’s set to revert to \$10,000 in 2029, unless Congress takes further action.

A new tax break for seniors

For those 65 and older, the bill includes a new deduction of \$6,000 for eligible single taxpayers and \$12,000 for married couples filing jointly if both spouses qualify. It’s available in addition to

the standard deduction, which already is higher for seniors. While the benefit begins to phase out for individuals earning more than \$75,000 (or \$150,000 for married couples), many retiree households in Grosse Pointe qualify for at least a partial deduction.

If you’re collecting Social Security, taking IRA withdrawals or drawing down other retirement income, this new deduction may help lower your taxable income.

529 Plans: More than just college

Starting in 2026, 529 education savings plans become more flexible

and are not just for traditional college expenses. You’ll now be able to use up to \$20,000 annually for K-12 private school tuition, standardized test prep and even career training or certification programs.

This is especially valuable for grandparents who want to support their grandchildren’s education in more tailored ways. Whether your grandchild is heading to a university, trade school or an alternative credential program, your 529 contributions will stretch further.

Final thoughts

These four provisions offer meaningful finan-

cial benefits. While the current administration and this legislation have sparked plenty of political debate, the practical changes in this bill are worth understanding, regardless of party lines.

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and other suburban communities does not sit well with the hundreds of residents in opposition to this rezoning.

This potential developer furthermore has the utter arrogance to already be advertising this location as available for future leasing zoned commercial as of the meeting last night and this morning as I pen this letter: <https://landmarkres.com/properties/grosse-pointe-woods-new-development/>

What’s with that? Did the city council already approve the rezoning petition and the GPW residents are just wasting their time?

If you want Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods to turn into another Hall Road, you need not take any action as residents. If you enjoy

the ambiance and aesthetics of our city and oppose the strip mall look, let your feeling and wishes be heard at the next city council meetings and public hearings on this proposed rezoning.

It is “your” city as the residents and taxpayers.

ROB SZABO

Grosse Pointe Woods

A tale of trustees: The plot thickens

To the Editor:

The Board of Education has a scheduled meeting Aug. 13, to give an evaluation to our superintendent of schools, Dr. Andrea Tuttle. This will be her third official evaluation since she started with our school district in February 2024.

For those of you that follow our public school system, you know how amazing Dr. Tuttle is

and what she has accomplished, especially in the short amount of time she has been here. For those who do not follow the happenings of our public school system, she is a big part of the reason why we are no longer in a financial tailspin — a tailspin, in my opinion that, if not created by, was enabled by Dr. Jon Dean, CFO Amanda Matheson and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop. That administrative team was leading our school district during the duration of time when decisions were made that led to what I see as the financial disasters that could have led to a state takeover.

It is no surprise that the new board of trustees does not want Dr Tuttle here. I thought the last seven months would be bad, but I never thought it would be as bad as it actually is. The way this board treats Dr.

Tuttle is a travesty, to say the least. I am sure these people, who I believe are bereft of reason, will shortly force her out. I just hope we don’t go backward and

pick someone for superintendent who was part of the administration that initially was leading our district into disaster.

If this board forces out Dr. Tuttle, we cannot

then have Dr. Bishop in her place, as he is part of the team I believe almost wrecked this school district.

ELISA WAGNER
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Woods replacing meter readers

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council approved spending slightly more than \$2.2 million to replace all water meter reading devices at its meeting Monday, July 21. “We’ve been thinking about this for the last few years and budgeted for it,” said Jim Kowalski, director of public services. “The current read-

ers have a lifespan of about 15 to 20 years and are getting harder to read.”

Utility Metering Services of Louisiana will perform the work to upgrade all 6,874 residential and commercial meters with the new transponders.

“The new ones are cellular-based and will be much more accurate,” Kowalski said. “This isn’t replacing the actual

meters, just the device that transmits information to city hall.”

The current transponders relay meter readings via a series of four antennas.

“The farthest one south is at city hall, so it’s getting harder to get information from the south end of the city,” Kowalski added, “like the neighborhoods near the (Henry Ford St. John) hospital.”

There will be no water shutoffs involved, but UMS employees will need to enter each house and business.

“Each one should take about 15 minutes or less,” Kowalski said. “We’re hoping to get started in late August and it should take about 10 months.”

As part of the contract, UMS will:

- ◆ staff a call center 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturdays for people to set appointments,

- ◆ develop an online portal for making appointments,

- ◆ send scheduling letters and

- ◆ staff an emergency call center 24/7 to address any customer concerns post-retrofit.

UMS also will make cold calls and go door to door to set up appointments, leaving door hangers on the second

and third attempts.

“People should start getting information in the mail soon to familiarize them with the process,” Kowalski said.

The contract states everyone the company hires will undergo background checks and drug screening. Customers will be asked to periodically check the meter for any leaks for at least three days after the work is completed.

Trombley Road designation up to date

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials abandoned a portion of a residential roadway this month. It sounds worse than it is.

City council members voted unanimously July 22 to abandon a section of roadway in terms of certification, not proprietorship or governance.

The section is the un-drivable, 314-foot-long base of Trombley Road below Windmill Pointe Drive. Not the paved part; rather, the section that decades ago was transformed into a grassy, pocket park adjacent to Lake St. Clair.

Before transformation, the area had a concrete boat ramp sloping into the lake.

Council action complied with Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951 requiring decertification of unused roadways.

“When a road segment is no longer used as a public right-of-way, it needs to be decertified to accurately reflect the road network and ensure proper

funding allocations,” according to a Michigan Department of Transportation explanation.

“The state has a map, the Act 51 map, that measures the amount of road surface we have,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “Technically speaking, our map still showed we were connecting the road all the way to the water when, in fact, we have a path of grass. So, the state required the council to pass a resolution to decertify a section of road. That’s it.”

“Land use designations should always be centered on the highest and best use of any given property and, in this case, it was clear that a public area more suited for enjoying the waterfront or walking a dog was it,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

There’s also a safety consideration, which Hodges learned the hard way driving in France last January. Global positioning software misdirected her onto a road that didn’t exist. She wound up in a tidal pool.

“If you were to plug in GPS now,” Sizeland said, “Google maps will have you drive all the way into the water.”

The ties that bind Village businesses to display plaques of past

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— “When I started, everybody would tell me (my office) was in the Jacobson’s building,” said Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe. “It’s funny. Younger people know I’m above Trader Joe’s, but to people who have been here forever, I have to say the Jacobson’s building.”

It’s this sense of communal nostalgia behind a new historical preservation initiative to display The Village as it once was and how some may remember.

Historical streetscape photos, supplied by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, will be designed on plaques to be placed inside corresponding Village businesses.

QR codes on each plaque will direct visitors

to more information on the time period, building or store owner in question.

“We’re working on building out those stories,” Willcock said. “I’m super excited to celebrate that.”

Completion of the project, including an online tour serving as a connection point, should come to fruition before the year is out.

“Hopefully, eventually it graduates into a larger program, where we can have those nice plaques outside or some wayfinding signage that shares that a little bit more,” Willcock said, as the concept of exterior or free-standing plaques has been noted as a goal in prior years by the MSGP board.

The interior concept is a more feasible way to start off small and may be exactly the push necessary to propel MSGP to

the highest level of accreditation under the Main Street America national program.

In the fifth year since its acceptance into the program — which provides resources, knowledge and grant opportunities to revitalize downtowns — Grosse Pointe is considered a select-level community, just one step below master level.

What held it back during the organization’s last annual evaluation was the historic preservation component, as MSGP had yet to delve into any such initiatives.

“The buildings are in pretty decent shape and there’s not a historic building that needs to be rebuilt or a crazy historic town square,” Willcock explained. “We had so many other things to focus on. So this year we’re really working toward that.”

Behind the scenes at the zoo

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Mark Heppner, right, stands with Richard K. Martin, director of philanthropy with the Detroit Zoo, at Sunrise Rotary’s breakfast meeting at Ford House July 15.

Martin explained to club members the zoo’s current philosophy, in which animal welfare is more science driven in an “evidence based” approach, therefore better fitting animals to their natural bio-diverse environments. This ensures Detroit Zoo animals thrive and heal wherever they live. Taking this more positive and meaningful approach allows guests to find a more engaging and inclusive experience that is designed to educate and inspire in a sustainable way for the zoo’s 200 species of animals, Martin said.

The Grosse Pointe Run, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club, is the main fundraising event for local high school students’ college scholarships. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary reminds the community to support students Sept. 20, for the annual 5k/10k/walk. Register at grossepointerun.com.

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From left, David Staperfenne, Gregory Wait and Madison Staperfenne, holding Sophie Wait. Madison had the idea to have a lemonade stand to raise money for 3-year-old Sophie, who has NARS1, which affects fewer than 100 people worldwide.

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Girl to undergo treatment for rare genetic disorder

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Sophie Wait, 3, is one of fewer than 100 people in the world who have been diagnosed with NARS1, a recently identified and rare genetic disorder that causes neurological and developmental impairments.

“She isn’t able to make the protein that helps with gross and fine motor skills,” explained Sophie’s mom, Dr. Andrea Bedway Wait, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. “She’s non-verbal and has just recently started to crawl.”

Sophie also could be the second NARS1

patient ever to receive a new drug developed by N-Lorem, a California-based foundation that creates experimental treatments for people with extremely rare conditions.

“As far as we know, she’s been accepted preliminarily,” Wait said. “We’re trying to be patient.”

The first person accepted into the program was an 11-year-old girl named Marly who lives in Texas.

“Marly’s family was given an 18-month timeline for the drug to be developed,” Wait said. “It’s very specialized.”

The treatment will involve spinal injections once every three months

for one to two years.

“Once Marly starts, they’ll have to gather all the data and see how it goes,” Wait added. “It will help Sophie’s brain produce the protein so she can reach certain milestones. We’d love for her to walk and talk. We’re not sure if that’s realistic, but any improvement in her quality of life would be welcome.”

Sophie originally had an MRI in November 2022, at 9 months old.

“We knew something was wrong,” Wait said. “She had trouble feeding, she was throwing up a lot. We got a full diagnosis in April of 2023.”

Wait said being a doctor has been “a blessing

and a curse” throughout the process.

“I love my job, but you have to separate your occupation from your role as a parent,” she said. “My husband, Geoff, not being in the medical field, was a little more unsure. But there’s a reason you don’t doctor your own family.”

After Sophie’s full genome sequencing, the Waits learned of The Rory Belle Foundation, a nonprofit founded in 2021 by two mothers of NARS1-affected chil-

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

John “Mac” Monahan of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List for the 2025 spring term at the University of Kentucky.

Matthew Joseph Mazzola, a 2019 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, recently graduated on the Dean’s List from the Wayne State University Mike Ilitch School of Business. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a major in global supply chain management. He recently finished an internship with Northern Industrial and currently is employed at RXO Logistics.

Bode Neumeister of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List at Tufts University for the spring 2025 semester.

Griffin Klautky of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2025 Chancellor’s List at the University of Arkansas.

Alabama gymnast **Rachel Rybicki** of Grosse Pointe Park earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-America honors. Rybicki was named an Academic All-American (second team) for the first time in her career, after receiving

her first academic honor, the Elie 90 award, earlier this year. She has a 4.0 GPA while double majoring in economics and finance and minoring in Spanish.

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate **Tess Hodges** of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a National Merit Wayne State University Scholarship. She plans to study civil engineering.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Bridget Doyle**



John “Mac” Monahan

Wisconsin-Madison School of Human Ecology.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Aaron Vyletel** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies and political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science.

Barrett Nelson of Grosse Pointe Woods and



Matthew Joseph Mazzola

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Maria Lianos** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in community and organizational development from the University of

Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science. Kettering University’s A-Section class, launching their journeys into a rigorous STEM education that blends academic excellence with professional impact. As part of Kettering’s 50/50 model, A-Section students will complete 11 weeks of intensive

coursework on campus before heading to their first co-op employment assignment in October, gaining real-world experience that will set them apart in the job market.

Evelyn Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean’s List at York College of Pennsylvania for the spring 2025 semester.

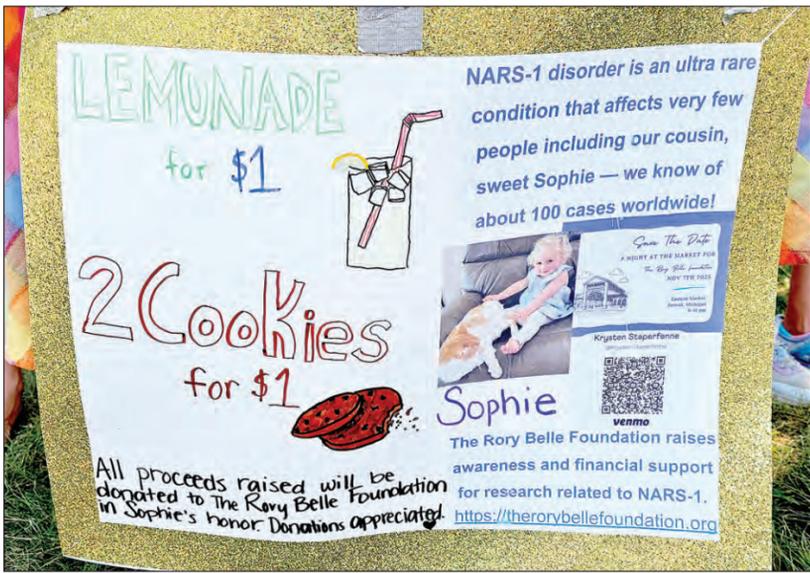


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A closeup of the lemonade stand sign. The cookies were homemade and fresh from the oven.

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dren.

“They do amazing work,” Wait said. “Without them, we would know next to nothing.”

The Waits attended the RBF gala in Minnesota last year, which raised \$100,000, and they will host this year’s gala Nov. 7, at Eastern Market.

“We’ll have a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle, appetizers and entertainment,” Wait said. “Tickets should be going on sale soon.”

To get a head start on fundraising, however, Sophie’s cousins, Madison and David Staperfenne, recently hosted a lemonade stand for two days in the Woods along with help from

Sophie’s brother, Greg. Madison and David’s father, Tim Staperfenne, and Wait are first cousins.

“They are the sweetest kids with the biggest hearts,” Wait said. “Everyone has their hardships, but we appreciate our family and friends supporting us.”

Krysten Staperfenne said her kids knew the Waits were hosting this year’s gala and wanted to get involved.

“Our goal was \$200 because we made \$100 last year, but we ended up making \$509,” said Madison, who is going into seventh grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, where her mom teaches. “I babysit Sophie and Greg sometimes. She’s really cute. She doesn’t talk but

she shows a lot of emotions on her face and smiles a lot.”

The project also will help Madison for service hours with the National Junior Honor Society and a requirement of community involvement for eighth-grade confirmation.

“It was hard but fun at the same time,” said David, who is going into fourth grade at Star. “Even though we were selling the lemonade for \$1, some people gave us \$10.”

“I think that was the first time they saw firsthand how much this community cares,” Krysten Staperfenne said.

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A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

The petitioner at 68 Roslyn Rd. is requesting the following:

A variance request for a six-foot side-yard fence

At the July 22, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to deny the petitioners’ request.

Plans of the proposed project are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Edible Garden continues to grow

Chicken coop added to property

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

There's a patch of land at the Riverview Health site that for nearly a decade has provided a source of education, growth and pride for participants and administrators of the Full Circle Foundation.

The nonprofit's Edible Garden started with a few raised beds and a small crop of a few vegetables. Five years ago, it began planting in ground as well. Over the years it has grown into a full garden yielding a healthy bounty of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

"Every year it keeps getting better and better," Full Circle founder Mary Fodell said. "Three years ago, we won the Keep Michigan Beautiful campaign for Best Community Garden in Michigan.

"It's a learning garden," she continued. "It's an outdoor classroom for people with special needs. The whole point is to give back to seniors."

Seniors are among the main beneficiaries of the garden; Full Circle participants deliver produce to their elderly neighbors and host a monthly farmers' market at The Helm in Grosse Pointe Farms.

This season saw more growth at the three-acre site as Full Circle welcomed the Ribbon Farms 4-H Club to the scene.

"We're a club that needed a home and they're a home that needed a club," said Wendy Jerome, who leads the Ribbon Farms club, which offers programming in animal science, gardening, urban



From left, chicken coop sponsor Ann Jerome, Full Circle participant Lindsay Rusch and Ribbon Farms 4-H Club leader Wendy Jerome.

agriculture, archery, dogs and leadership. "We're starting a livestock program here with chickens."

Jerome's mother-in-law and longtime Full Circle supporter, Ann Jerome, provided the main sponsorship funding needed to build a chicken coop toward the rear of the Edible Garden. The Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club helped as well.

The coop itself was an all-hands-on-deck effort that included local Masons, 4-H members and Full Circle participants. Now it is home to eight American Bresse chickens and six laying

hens. "We drove to central Ohio for hatching eggs," Jerome said. "We hatched them in my kitchen."

American Bresse chickens produce, on average, 250 eggs per year, while laying hens produce 250 to 300 eggs per year. American Bresse are dual-purpose chickens, she explained, noting when they stop producing eggs in six to eight years, they can be used for their meat.

"My goal, my passion, is for kids and people to know where their food comes from," said Jerome, an educator who taught at The Grosse Pointe Academy nearly 20 years before teaching chemistry at Grosse Pointe North High School last year. This fall, she'll teach biology at Grosse Pointe South High School.

She noted a study published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology that a portion of children ages 4 to 7 don't know where their food comes from; data demonstrated that around 40 percent of children think bacon, hot dogs and chicken nuggets come from plants. Another student, Jerome said, asked if she thought it was weird, too, that chickens and chicken nuggets have the same name.

"If kids know where their food comes from, they have greater empathy," she added. "They have greater empathetic character when it comes



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Full Circle participant Trevor Beck pets a rooster held by Jennie Jerome, whose 4-H club oversees the new coop.

Showtime

The Ribbon Farms 4-H Club will participate in the 79th annual Wayne County Fair, Monday, Aug. 4, to Saturday, Aug. 9, in Belleville.

The 4-H chicken show — which will feature the fowls from the Full Circle garden — is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 5.

"We'll show the chickens for showmanship and breed," Jennie Jerome said. "But the main reason we do the fair is to auction livestock."

"They will be auctioning off livestock so people can come and fill their freezers," Wendy Jerome added, noting the auction begins at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7.

to food. My goal is to have an educational farm where kids learn where their food really comes from."

While the Ribbon Farms 4-H Club members oversee the new chicken coop, Full Circle participants are welcome to help. Students with special needs also are welcome to join the 4-H club, which currently has 15 active members, Jerome added.

The new addition to the garden already has helped bring the process full circle.

"The scraps from the garden help feed the chickens," Jerome said. "Then we use the chicken waste to feed the composting, which goes back into the garden."

The garden is a hive of activity during summer. One recent morning, while a group of Eagle Scouts were building composting bioreactors (see sidebar) and Jerome and her daughter, Jennie, were tending to their chickens, around 20 par-



Breakfast in the coop — deadhead marigolds.

Other additions

Mary Fodell's brother, Tom Peelle, has been hard at work making improvements to the Edible Garden.

He recently built two large wicking beds, which are raised garden beds built over a water reservoir of the same size, allowing the plants in the bed to absorb water at a natural rate, even if the surrounding soil is dry. Or, in the case of one of Full Circle's beds, if it rests on a concrete parking lot.

"There's a reservoir with 4 1/2 inches of water underneath," Peelle said. "A pond liner goes up halfway, then I put tubes down, which provide a way for there to be 150 to 200 gallons of water underneath the dirt."

A layer of straw and sand are added beneath the actual garden, helping wick water up to the plants' roots.

"And if it's raining a lot, there's a drain so it never floods."

Currently, Peelle and a team of Eagle Scouts are building composting bioreactors that involve fungal-based compost as opposed to bacteria-based compost.

"All the major compost people are switching their beds to this type," Peelle said. "You don't have to turn it. It's neat. You just load in the chicken (waste), then the organics. There's a wire screen in the bottom that keeps rodents out. The idea is to have all the compost within a foot of air, which allows the air to penetrate constantly. It's healthier than bacteria-based compost. Plants need fungus in their soil. It's easy and it's neat and it's faster. And it's not smelly."

Peelle's plans for the Edible Garden don't stop with his latest offerings.

"I want a hoop house next year, with our own well and drip watering system," he said. "I want this to be all organic and self-sustaining, where we're not using city water or electricity from the outside."

"And if the chickens do good, I want to add rabbit hutches," he added.

Participants of Full Circle's summer camp stopped in to tend the garden and visit their new feathery friends.

"We go on field trips, come to the garden, do crafts," said Taylor Peters, a teacher at Maire Elementary School who co-leads the camp with Vita Aluia, a teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School. "We do some cooking with vegetables from the garden, too. We also do social-emotional learning when we're together."

None of it would be possible without the generosity of Riverview Health, which donated the space to Full Circle.

"They've been with us from the beginning," Fodell said. "They give us water, safety, land, anything we want. ... If it wasn't for them letting us be here, we wouldn't have a garden. It's all about partnerships."

The community is invited to check out the site themselves when Full Circle hosts its annual garden party at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Edible Garden, 18300 E. Warren, Detroit. Full Circle participants will hand out homemade zucchini bread, as well as entertain with singing and jokes.

For more information, call (313) 469-6660.



COURTESY PHOTO

One of chicks hatched in Wendy Jerome's kitchen.



Chicken coop sponsor Ann Jerome, left, and Full Circle founder Mary Fodell, right, stand with a group of Full Circle participants and volunteers who spent the morning working in the Edible Garden.



DERBY

BABY SHOWER



Parents-to-be Phil and Ellie Carter



Festively-attired guests give Ellie some TLC.

Baby Carter gets first welcome party with run for the roses

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

This past May, Grosse Pointe News circulation manager and beloved team member Ellie Carter was celebrated in the most stylish and festive way possible — a Kentucky Derby-themed baby shower that would've made Churchill Downs proud. Hosted by Ellie's parents, Lisa and Eric Thams, friends and family gathered in the Thams' backyard, which was transformed into a charming Derby garden party complete with roses, bourbon, betting, and plenty of Southern-inspired flair.

The details were as thoughtful as they were photogenic. Tables were topped with vintage silver vases overflowing with peach roses, tulips and greenery, while a signature cocktail bar served up mint juleps and other race-day favorites. A towering champagne wall draped in red roses welcomed guests with a toast to the parents-to-be. Across the yard, TVs streamed the live horse races as guests — dressed in wide-brimmed hats, fascinators, bow ties and bold prints — sipped, mingled and placed bets on the day's most promising ponies.

Ellie and her husband, Phil, were showered with love and incredibly generous gifts. Guests watched with laughter and applause as the couple opened everything from a cozy blue stuffed turtle to baby clothes, bath time essentials, books and personalized touches that showed just how loved Baby Carter already was. The celebration even included a miniature horse race game, complete with mini figurines and dramatic showdowns on a long white table, adding a playful energy to the evening.

The party had the perfect mix of elegance and fun. From the black and white striped linens and vintage glassware to the wood-toned cigar box and bottle of Kentucky Derby wine, every element was carefully styled with a nod to the traditions of Derby Day and the excitement of new beginnings.

We're thrilled to share that Ellie and Phil have since welcomed their greatest win yet. On June 23, the Carters became a family of three with the arrival of their son, Elwood George Carter. He's already beloved by the entire Grosse Pointe News team and has quickly claimed the title of newest — and possibly cutest — member of the GP News family.



Mom and dad open shower gifts, above.



The backyard, above was the site for the race-themed event. Guests mingled and enjoyed mint juleps and bourbon.



Kentucky Derby programs, above, were on hand for attendees who watched the race on several big screen TVs at the party.



A WINNING CELEBRATION

The pictures showcase all the special touches and smiling faces that made the Derby Day shower such a success.



COURTESY PHOTOS



Partygoers enjoyed a mini horse race game, above, that added excitement to the big event.

New baby Elwood George Carter, right, arrived at the finish line on June 23 of this year. Though he slept through the event — safe in mom's tummy — he no doubt felt all the love present.



4B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

‘Join or Die’: Screenings lead to Oct. 1 event with filmmaker

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A collaborative effort to address the loneliness epidemic and the decline of civic engagement is gaining traction in Grosse Pointe.

Co-sponsored by The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library and The Family Center, the campaign kicks off with a series of screenings of the film “Join or Die” and culminates in a discussion with filmmaker Rebecca Davis.

“The Family Center approached me about doing a community-wide book club,” said Jessica Keyser, GPPL director. “I had seen the ‘Join or Die’ film several months prior and had it in the back of my mind to try to do a program around it. I proposed that idea as an alternative to a book and The Family Center was immediately on board.”

Invitations were sent to key stakeholders, she added, and a committee was formed to start planning. Campaign partners include The Helm, Ford House, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Club, the city of Harper Woods and Wayne County Community College District. The Grosse Pointe Rotary and Sunrise Rotary clubs agreed to provide financial support.

“It’s been really nice to have so many different community organizations getting involved



Filmmaker Rebecca Davis

and planning this,” said MaryJo Harris, director of programs and administration with The Family Center.

Leading up to the Oct. 1 discussion with the filmmaker, WCCCD, The Helm, Ford House and Central Library will show the 90-minute film, which features social scientist Robert Putnam, who advocates for community connections via local clubs and activities.

“The message of ‘Join or Die’ struck a powerful chord,” said Leah Celebi, vice president of brand strategy and engagement at The War Memorial. “For me personally, the idea that isolation is not just an individual struggle but a threat to the very fabric of our communities was eye-opening. I was also struck by how much our social makeup has changed. There was a time when neighbors knew and relied on each other — when clubs, churches, schools and volunteer organizations naturally expanded and diversified our social circles. The

correlation between the slow disappearance of those community pillars and the erosion of what we now think of as ‘community’ was hard to ignore.

“At The War Memorial, we see ourselves as a hub — a place where people come together, ask meaningful questions and engage in constructive dialogue,” she continued.

“This event is a reflection of that commitment.”

“‘Join or Die’ is a documentary about why people need to join clubs and organizations and get involved in community organizations,” Harris said. “It helps the clubs and builds stronger community, but it also combats loneliness. After COVID, not a lot of people rejoined the churches, clubs and organizations they were a part of. Hopefully people will come and find something based on their hobbies and interests that they’d want to get involved with.”

Keyser said she’s excited for the opportunity to expand the reach of the initiative to as many people as possible.

“I am passionate about the library being a hub for democracy and community and the themes of

‘Join or Die’ align with that mission,” she added. “The film drives home the perils of loneliness and isolation, not only for the health of individuals, but for the community as well. We want to welcome everyone to actively



participate in our community, in whatever way appeals to them personally.”

Doors to the Oct. 1 event open at 5:30 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The conversation with filmmaker Davis, moderated by Taylor Mae of Creative Mornings Detroit, begins at 6 p.m.

“Then at 7 p.m., local clubs and organizations will have information tables throughout The War Memorial to give people options and ideas of what they can get involved with and volunteer for,” Harris said. “We want people to get together and talk about and see what’s out there. We find that many people

don’t know about organizations and the volunteering they can do. When you watch the film, you realize why it’s so important, not just for yourself ... but you’re also doing so much more for the community.”

“I hope that people are inspired to get involved, meet their neighbors and actively participate in our community,” Keyser said.

Celebi agreed. “Our biggest hope is that people walk away feeling inspired —

not just by the film or the conversation with the filmmaker, but by the possibilities that exist right here in their own neighborhoods,” she said. “We want to encourage people to step outside their comfort zones, join a club, attend a meeting or simply say hello to a neighbor. The Joiner Fair is a key part of that — it’s a place where community members can see what’s available and how they can plug in.”

All screenings and the Oct. 1 event are free to attend.

“We still have room for a few more groups to have a table at the Joiner Fair on Oct. 1,” Keyser noted. “It is free to participate.”

Added Harris, “We’re

The screenings

Watch the full film before the Oct. 1 event at any of the following community screenings, which are free and open to the public.

◆ 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at WCCCD, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods — wcccd.edu

◆ 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms — helmlife.org

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores — fordhouse.org

◆ 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms — grossepoinTELlibrary.org

Can’t make it to a screening? Two additional ways to view “Join or Die” are by streaming it on Netflix or renting it on Gathr.

looking for any organization that needs volunteers.”

To sign up for the fair, visit grossepoinTELlibrary.org/community-information.

To register to attend the free Oct. 1 event, visit tinyurl.com/4zxxjnr42



The Family Center hosts former presidents party

Former presidents gathered in celebration of the role they played in the endurance and success of The Family Center, which is celebrating 25 years of helping build happier, healthier families in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities. The gathering was hosted by incoming president Christine Alcantara and former president Chip Rohde at the Little Club.

Pictured from left are Christine Alcantara, Pam Flom, Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Mindy MacGriff, founder Diane Strickler and her husband Ron Strickler, Lisa Khoury, Tom Quinn, Mary Beth Garvey, the Rev. Ed Bray, Suzanne Antonelli, Roger Hull and John Minnis. Not pictured are Helen Landuyt, Marianne Langlois, Sherry McRill and Chip Rohde. Deceased: Patricia Stumb.

For more information, visit familycenterhelps.org or contact Jennifer Bingaman at jen@familycenterhelps.org.

WEDDING



John and Lyndsey Fradeneck

Walworth—Fradeneck

Lyndsey Kennedy Walworth and John Tyler Fradeneck were married June 28, 2025, at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit. The ceremony was officiated by Deacon Richard Shubik. A reception took place at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride is the daughter of Craig and Sheri Walworth of the City of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of Kevin and Carol Fradeneck.

The bride wore a floor-length gown with floral lace appliqué details and a cathedral-length veil — a modern, romantic gown suited to a stylish city wedding. She carried a bouquet of roses, lisianthus and ranunculus in soft, muted tones including blush pinks, roses, creams and hits of mauve.

The bride’s best friend, Allie Giorgio, served as matron of honor. The bridal party wore a mix of solid and floral-patterned dresses of their choice in sage green.

The groom’s best friend, Scott Kruszyna, served as best man.

The couple will honeymoon in Spain in September and live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

ENGAGEMENT



Lauren LoGrasso and Timothy Blewitt

LoGrasso—Blewitt

Mike and Jo Ann LoGrasso of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren LoGrasso, to Timothy Blewitt, the son of Joseph and Patricia Blewitt of Crete, Ill.

An August 2025 wedding is planned in Simi Valley, Calif. A Michigan engagement party was held in June at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride-to-be attended Grosse Pointe South High School and has two bachelor’s degrees from Michigan State University — a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theater and a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication arts.

She has won three Webby Awards for her independent podcast, “Unleash Your Inner Creative.” She also is an executive producer for many high-profile, award-winning podcasts; has written and recorded several original and cover songs; and is an accomplished public speaker who has had speaking engagements with many national organizations. She currently resides in Toluca Lake, Calif.

The bridegroom-to-be is a graduate of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill. He has a Master of Fine Arts degree in mime, movement and theater from Ecole Internationale de Theatre LASSAAD in Brussels, Belgium. He also earned dual bachelor’s degrees in theater performance and English and creative writing from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

An accomplished actor, director, playwright and author, he has worked extensively across the media arts. He recently published the book, “1001 Tips for Actors and Artists in Los Angeles” and is developing innovative programs for the Los Angeles arts community. He currently resides in Toluca Lake, Calif.

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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.

Kelly Kristine Oliver

Kelly Kristine Oliver, 55, passed away peacefully Friday, July 11, 2025, at her home in Harrison Township.

Kelly was born Jan. 15, 1970, in Midland, to Donna and Don Oliver. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. She continued her education at Macomb Community College and graduated from Corinthian Schools National Institute of Technology with a diploma in medical assisting.

Kelly had a passion for the medical field and dedicated her life to caring for others with compassion and kindness, whether it was in admissions at the hospital, the infusion unit, insurance records or scheduling staff for in-home care.

Kelly leaves behind her mother, Donna (Alec); father, Don (Jane); beloved children, TJ



Kelly Kristine Oliver

(Mary), Colleen (Gerry) and Casey; her beautiful new granddaughter, Holly Evelyn; brother, Christopher (Dawn); step-sister, Heather; her former husband, Tim Livingston; and a nephew and several nieces and cousins.

Kelly was a tireless advocate for her children's education and extracurricular activities. She always was a team mom for her sons' hockey and baseball teams, as well as her daughter's swimming, Irish dancing, gymnastics and study-abroad programs. She loved her chil-

dren dearly and gave them a solid foundation, of which they are all proud, and helped make them successful adults.

Her love for animals was unmatched. She fostered numerous dogs from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and often adopted them or found them loving homes. She found peace and joy near the water and often was drawn to the beauty and symbolism of lighthouses. Kelly also had a deep appreciation for music, especially live outdoor concerts.

Her smile and laughter was infectious and her spirit was full of warmth, strength and grace. Kelly had a rare gift for making people feel special. She was a bright light in the lives of all who knew her and lived by the phrase, "You are a stranger but once."

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Sunrise on Vernier

Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a support group at 4:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (313) 642-2000.

POST Detroit

POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during August. To sign up for the following, visit mutualadoration.com:

◆ Two-day Woodworking Workshop: Folding Lounge Chairs with Mutual Adoration, 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Cost is \$200.

◆ Mixed Media Abstract Collage Workshop, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Cost is \$60.

◆ Embroidery Workshop: Schoolhouse Lettering Sampler, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Cost is \$75.

◆ Sewing Workshop: Crossbody Bags, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3. Cost is \$90.

◆ Pressed Flower Workshop: Framed

Floral Art, 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Cost is \$85.

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra: Outdoor Summer Concert, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for college students and free for K-12 students.

◆ Silent Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.

◆ SummerFest Concert: Persuasion Band, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13.

◆ Shakespeare on the Rocks: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. General admission is \$15; VIP tickets are \$45.

◆ SummerFest Movie: Wicked Sing-A-Long, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

◆ Candlelight Open Air Concert: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. Tickets range from \$30 to \$63.

◆ Candlelight Open Air Concert: Tribute to Adele, 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. Tickets range from \$30 to \$63.

Library

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

◆ Journey the World Through Food, 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Family Concert with Beverly, The Music Lady, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Big Bubble Dance Party, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

GPAA

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

◆ Colored-Pencil Basics with Saveria Giovinazzo, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, July 25, and Aug. 1, 8 and 15.

◆ Explorations in Abstraction with Valerie Allen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21.

◆ Encaustic and Collage Workshop with Candace Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

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:

◆ Lunch & Learn: Ask a Lawyer, 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, with presenter Lori-Ann Rickard of Rickard & Associates P.C. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ A Matter of Balance,

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 5 to 28, at Gateshead Crossing, 4950 Gateshead, Detroit. Instructors are Rosa Hunter and Judy Reanover.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests.

◆ The movie "Leanne Morgan I'm Every Woman" is shown at noon Friday, August 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

◆ Napkin Basket Making, noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, with instructor Deb VanderLinde. Cost is \$60 for members, \$65 for guests.

◆ The film "Join or Die" will be shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

◆ Field Trip & Lunch, Detroit Institute of Arts, noon to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$8 for members, \$12 for guests.

◆ Calligraphy for Beginners, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, with instructor Beth Johnson. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, to Red Olive in St. Clair Shores. Cost for the bus ride is \$6 for members, \$8 for guests. All participants are responsible for the cost of their own lunches.

◆ New to Medicare, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

Ford House

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

◆ Design Through the Decades, 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 1. Admission varies.

◆ Dog Days of Summer, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, to Sunday, Aug. 10. Admission is free for members, \$10 for adult guests and \$5 for child guests.

◆ Storytime: "This is Taco!" 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5.

◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Exclusive to Friends of Ford House. Admission is \$35.

◆ Shakespeare Stroll with Grosse Pointe Theatre, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. General admission is \$50; VIP tickets are \$75.

◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Michigan Philharmonic "On Broadway," 7 to 9 p.m. Friday Aug. 15. Seats are \$40 for Friends of Ford House, \$50 for the public; lawn tickets are \$20.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. New club member Alex Beauchamp speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20,

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Ruth Roby Glancy

resources and a dynamic future for DZS (and numerous other Detroit cultural institutions) was unprecedented."

One major improvement at the Zoo was a new veterinary care facility opened in 2004. "Ruth led with great intelligence and poise," said Dr. Ann Duncan, the Zoo's Associate VP of Life Sciences. "The veterinary staff is incredibly appreciative of her support for construction of the Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex. We are so glad to be able to offer excellent care to the animals at the zoo, and having a state-of-the-art facility makes that possible."

Ruth and Al Glancy made significant contributions to local nonprofit organizations, both holding positions of leadership over decades. Mrs. Glancy's position at the Zoo stood out for its dedication and longevity. "She was here every day," said Jane Alessandrini, Vice President of Development of the Zoo. "She was personally involved in raising \$30 million for Zoo improvements that included the National Amphibian Conservation Center, the Arctic Ring of Life, the Ford Education Center and the animal health complex which was named after her in recognition of not only her leadership but also the major gifts she and her husband gave to the facility."

Reflecting on her early life, Ruth said her decision to dedicate her life to volunteerism was the result of the times in which she grew up, when women did not have the opportunities to work that they now have. "In the 1960s, jobs for educated women in positions other than nursing and teaching were difficult to find," she said. "Furthermore, I wanted to have a role in raising our children and flexibility with my schedule, so I became very involved as a volunteer."

And involved she became. The list of organizations in which she served on the board or held leadership positions includes Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper Grace Hospital, University of Michigan Medicine, University Liggett School, Junior League of Detroit, Detroit Institute for Children, New Detroit, The Purple Rose Theater, Michigan Nature Conservancy, The McGregor Fund, Respiratory Foundation of Southeast Michigan, Detroit Institute of Arts, Music Hall, Michigan Cancer Foundation and United Foundation. Awards

she received from these and other organizations indicate heartfelt appreciation for her contributions over the years.

A Detroit native to the core, Ruth was born at Harper Hospital on January 28, 1941, to parents Ruth Clippert Roby and Douglas Ferguson Roby, the youngest of three children. Her father was president of an auto supply company and later became president of the US Olympic Committee. The young family lived in northwest Detroit. Ruth first attended a local elementary and then rode a bus across town to Liggett School which at that time was a private girls school in Indian Village.

When Ruth was 12 the family moved to a home on the Huron River near Ann Arbor in Superior Township. She attended local schools before moving to The Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA, where she became a boarding student. The University of Michigan followed from which she graduated in 1962 with a BA in English.

She married Al Glancy on September 15, 1962. Al Glancy was a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, so after honeymooning in Hawaii, the couple settled in that community and started a family. Shortly thereafter the Glancy family moved to Grosse Pointe Farms.

Noted for an easy laugh and vivid sense of humor, Ruth at age 12 decided to write "My Life Story" which included the line: "My first year wasn't very exciting." In today's parlance that would draw an LOL from online readers. In her penciled young girl's autobiography it reflects a dedication to facts that undergirded her views about life and its challenges.

Ruth overcame several health issues and at one point looking back she wrote: "I have been very blessed in my life by loving family, cherished and compassionate friends and extraordinary health care providers. I have had wonderful opportunities to serve in capacities to make our city, region, state and county a better place."

A funeral service to celebrate Ruth's life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, September 13th at St. John's Episcopal Church - 2326 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Donations can be made to Detroit Zoological Society, detroitzoo.org/ways-to-support/donate/. Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.



Ruth Roby Glancy, a major figure in Detroit's civic and charitable life whose long leadership of the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) helped transform the Detroit Zoo in the modern era, died on July 18, 2025 after a lengthy illness, her family reported. She was 84.

Mrs. Glancy's husband, Alfred R. Glancy III, former chairman of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, died in 2019. She is survived by her daughter Joan Courts Glancy, known as Jody; son Alfred Robinson Glancy IV, known as Rob (Leigh); son Andrew; grandchildren Tucker Noble Scott, Alfred Robinson Glancy V, Matilda Glancy Scott, Ruth Roby Scott, and Payson David Glancy. Her son Douglas Roby Glancy died in 2017.

Cynthia Ford reflected on her friendship with Ruth: "I was fortunate to meet Ruth shortly after moving to Detroit over 40 years ago and she immediately became a lifelong friend and perhaps, unintentionally, a mentor. Her devotion to our region was paramount to her and she shared with me, always by example, the value of discernment, volunteerism, leadership and friendship and loyalty. Ruth excelled at them all."

Rick Platt, who served on the DZS board with her, recalled that Ruth's arrangement with him from Day One was simple. "I'll raise the money, and you keep track of it," she told him. Platt said that Ruth "used to joke that when she entered a room, everyone fled because they knew she would hit them up for the Zoo—and be successful in doing so!"

Ron Kagan, former director of the Detroit Zoo, said: "During a period in the 1990s and early 2000s Ruth's incredible passion and determination enabled, and led, DZS's extraordinary growth and success. Her commitment to securing major

6B | OBITUARIES/CHURCHES

Decades of work displayed by Farms artist

Opening reception is Aug. 7

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Billed as her last public exhibition, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carol LaChiusa will showcase "My Life Through Art," at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The retrospective kicks off with an opening reception at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. The exhibition runs through September.

"I've never shown my early work," said LaChiusa, who celebrated her 95th birthday July 26. "My son is here from New York and we discovered I had saved a portfolio of work I'd done when I was young. I thought it would be good to show my progression."

Of LaChiusa's 28 pieces in the exhibition, all but one are watercolor paintings; the lone conte crayon piece — an award winner — is of a nude she drew her freshman year at Cleveland School of Art. She earned her place at the school via another piece displayed, of a railroad scene.

"I entered a national scholastic society competition when I was a senior in high school at Lima South (in Ohio)," she said. "In the application, they asked what school I would like to go to and I said Cleveland School of Art. ... I always wanted to go there. I got a letter from the competition saying that Cleveland School of Art had accepted me because they were interested in this portfolio; the railroad scene was part of the portfolio."

"My Life Through Art" also includes the first watercolor LaChiusa painted when she was 15. Other works are pieces she selected from throughout the years from different series she's worked on.

"I like to work in series," she explained. "I've always been a

landscape painter in plein air. What I'm trying to do is show my evolution as a colorist. My palette has changed and my perception of things has changed."

As a plein air painter, LaChiusa is inspired by nature.

"I feel God in my work," she said, "and when I enter the woods or wherever I am, I have to feel it in my soul before I can paint. There are times I go away without a painting because I don't feel it."

Most of her work is of the outdoors, whether landscapes or buildings or bridges.

"Each piece has a different feeling and different countries have different colors," she said, singling out a painting she made in Sicily. "I didn't have any colors in my palette that matched the color of the Mediterranean."

"... In each one, I try to feel the atmosphere and the ambience," she added. "When I enter a space I feel, I try to choose my colors accordingly."

Nantucket was chilly, the waters calm, in her 1995 piece, "Nantucket Bay," which features blues and browns. Another painting, depicting the Belle Isle Bridge, features reds that showcase the warmth and heat the artist felt.

"I want people to feel what I feel, to be in that space, to feel the activity and warmth or the sparseness. I want them to feel the loneliness or feel full of life. Whatever emotion I was feeling should be in the painting."

LaChiusa was reluctant when asked by the church to show work spanning her lifetime. It took her three months to select 28 pieces, including four new works she created during a trip to Hastings in May.

"They're all my favorites," she said. "They're all something I've cho-

sen because I love it. When I sell a piece, I'm reluctant because then I get rid of it and I'll never see it again."

With numerous accolades, honors and exhibitions on her resume, the award-winning artist reflected on her career in the arts, including as a teacher.

LaChiusa was asked by The War Memorial to teach art to young people in 1969. She was a pastel artist at the time, then moved into oil portraits before rediscovering her love of watercolor in 1975.

"When I started teaching, I had never taught before," she recalled. "I was stumbling through my lessons."

"... I grew through having my series on television," she added. "My students said I became a better teacher once I was on television, because I had to think about every stroke."

LaChiusa quit teaching 2019, but still spends time with former students. They travel together, spending weeks painting in plein air.

"Now the group of painters I taught, I've given up teaching, but they go with me to Portugal or France, and we have a wonderful time painting," she said. "That group of people are now my very good friends. They're winning awards."

"One of my students was Alex Porbe, who is a marvelous sculptor



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Grosse Pointe Farms artist Carol LaChiusa stands by her four most recent paintings, created in May during a trip to Hastings.

now," she added. "It's an honor to me that so many of my students are award-winners and well-known. They've gone many places. I've been very fortunate."

Though hosting what she believes will be her

last show, LaChiusa has no intention of giving up her favorite pastime. "It's all about the challenge," she said. "I keep trying to propel myself forward. Maybe by the time I turn 100, I'll have gotten there."

"My Life Through Art" and the Aug. 7 reception are open to the public at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays or by appointment. Call (313) 884-3075.

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◆ Community Yoga Pop-Up, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. Get back into a routine slowly with this pop-up class designed by Amy Koenig. Everyone is welcome whether looking for a way to stretch or destress, want to try a new form of exercise, are an experienced yogi or anything in between. Bring your own mat. To register, email

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◆ Community Yoga Pop-Up, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. For those who are constantly staring at a screen — computer, phone, TV or windshield — with tension in the head, neck and shoulders. This pop-up class designed by Amy Koenig is for anyone looking for a way to stretch or destress, who wants to try a new form of exercise, experienced or not. Bring your own mat. To register, email MaryJo@familycenter-helps.org.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will screen for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions during a community event Thursday, Aug. 21, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Package pricing begins at \$159, but consultants are available to create customize packages for individuals. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com to register.



Margaret-Ann "Annie" (Echlin) Rice

Despite being blessed with her late father's and older brother's knees, she ran six marathons: two in Detroit, two in Boston, as well as Berlin and the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., several Reach the Beach Relays and the dreaded Mount Washington Road Race, a testament to her ambitions and dedication, revealed repeatedly.

After graduating from University of Vermont, she parlayed her passion for helping vulnerable people and creatures into service to her community, friends, family, and alternatively-appendaged pets in both her homes in Newcastle/Portsmouth, New Hampshire and, especially, Grosse Pointe Farms. There she hosted legendary summers, where, like her mother before her, she held court and adored her children at the Farms Pier Park and, just blocks away at the family house on Carver St. In Annie's orbit, friends became family and family became friends.

Most recently, she worked as a caretaker for the elderly at The Inn at the Edgewood in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where she basked gratefully in the wisdom, experience and resilience of those she helped.

Blessed with a photographic memory, she authored her memoirs of life as an Echlin and a Rice as fluidly by pen or text, morning, noon or, better yet, late at night. She was a courageous instigator of good times in the world around her, reminding us all it's what we shared with a smile, a laugh and even a tear that mattered mostly and always.

Her friends and friendships created a universe of joy, lifelong and ever-expanding, a network where she tirelessly served as motivator, ideator, connector, and entertainer with soul, wit and love.

She will be remembered by her infectious laugh and good-natured humor, all delivered with rifle-shot

wit and perspective. Annie was the "if no one else is going to say it, I will" in all of us.

Annie's relationship with her gregarious, and trend-setting mom Maggie, was a major driver for the devotion and care she showed for her loved ones. Her family would not have endured Maggie's early passing in 2006 if it weren't for Annie carrying on her humor, drive and "I love my family" spirit.

It was Annie's wish to be laid to rest beside Maggie, as both a testament to their relationship, as well as their shared conviction and comforting heart to those who have walked in similar shoes.

She is predeceased by her parents Harry and Maggie (Nigro) Echlin and survived by her aforementioned husband and children as well as her brothers Harry "Hobey," (kids Harry III and Josephine), Ray (kids Quinnevere and Charlotte) and Lewis IV Echlin (wife Jill, kids Lewis V, Mia, Turner, and Wes), sister's in law Ann Rice Roth (husband David and daughter Maria), Valerie Rice Fitzsimons (Kids Patrick and Mary Kathryn), Mother in Law Dr. Clementine Rice and Aunt and Uncle Mary and Vic Dhooge (kids Becky and Brian), and countless Echlin, Nash, and Bidigare cousins.

A lively service will be held in celebration at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, on August 9, 2025 at 10:00am followed by a reception at her favorite Farms Pier Park Boathouse in coordination with the annual Ice Cream Social — a fitting event to share space with.

The family asked in lieu of flowers, consider supporting causes Annie championed --- such as the Michigan and New Hampshire Humane Society or the Golden Retriever Rescue.

Annie's incredibly fun spirit is terribly missed by all who loved her.

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Assumption's GreekFest is Aug. 15-17

GreekFest — featuring authentic Greek food, entertainment and culture — returns to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Friday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 17. The annual three-day festival typically draws more than 10,000 people from throughout metro Detroit.

GreekFest hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. The grand-opening ceremony takes place noon Friday, Aug. 15, and features guest emcee Charlie Langton, FOX 2 Detroit anchor. Community leaders also will be recognized.

"GreekFest is a wonder-

ful event that our entire community looks forward to annually," said Tom Thomas, GreekFest co-chair. "Over 250 volunteers from Assumption and the community really enjoy serving the thousands of people who visit us each year. We have something for everyone. It is truly a family event."

Other GreekFest co-chairs are George Dallas, Bob De Waele, Nick Moschouris, Achilles Papakonstantinou and Tony Marchiori, who said they are looking forward to seeing people come together for great food and music and a sense of community that is next to none.

Live entertainment is

among the features of this year's festival, including retired WDIV-TV anchor Devin Scillian, who perform with his band, Arizona Son, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday. The band Enigma will perform Greek music throughout the weekend. Assumption dance groups, including the Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts, will provide colorful entertainment with costumes and dances from the regions of Greece. Open dancing follows with Assumption dancers teaching Greek dancing throughout the weekend. Audience participation is welcome.

Authentic Greek cuisine — including popular Hellenic menu items such

as kebobs, spinach pie, lamb shanks, stuffed grape leaves, pastitsio, flaming cheese, Greek salad, gyros and more — are a highlight of the festival, which also offers chicken tenders, hot dogs and fries. For those with a sweet tooth there are homemade pastries, including Baklava, custard rolls, Greek breads and cookies, and Loukoumades. A taverna also is available for ages 21 years and older.

Food is available for carryout as well. Drive-thru hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. View the menu or order online at assumptiongreekfestival.com, or call ahead at (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071.

GreekFest includes something for all ages, including a kids' activities area that features games, magic and puppet shows, jugglers, face painting, stilt walkers, a balloon man and a giant slide, inflatables and more. Detroit Tigers mascot Paws will be on hand as well.

Great shopping also is provided during GreekFest at the festival's



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Above, a variety of Greek foods will be available for purchase during GreekFest. Below, dancers will entertain.



ASK THE EXPERTS By Julia Kline, LMSW

When relationships crack open

What we learn from public scandals about love, repair and the real work of being a couple

We've all seen the headlines. Another high-profile relationship rupture splashed across social media — a public-facing couple caught in a private crisis.

At first, we scroll by. Maybe we laugh. Maybe we judge. But if we pause for even a moment, we can't help but feel the deeper ache: the unraveling behind the scenes, the quiet devastation and the families left sorting through the fallout.

As a therapist who specializes in couples work and relational repair, I've spent years sitting with partners navigating the raw aftermath of betrayal, miscommunication and emotional distance. I've witnessed the courage it takes to speak honestly, to own our pain and to choose repair — not because it's easy, but because love still matters.

These public moments remind us that relationships are deeply human — messy, layered, vulnerable — and the real work of partnership often happens far away from the spotlight.

Infidelity isn't just a scandal — it's a signal

Cheating doesn't only happen in celebrity circles. It's far more common than many realize — and far more complex. Infidelity, emotional or physical, often is a symptom of deeper relational wounds:

- ◆ emotional disconnection or unmet needs
- ◆ lingering trauma or grief
- ◆ communication breakdowns
- ◆ power imbalances or boundary confusion
- ◆ loneliness within the relationship

None of this justifies betrayal, but understanding it helps us move beyond shame and blame toward insight and healing. When couples come to therapy, they're not just asking, "Can we survive this?" They're asking, "Can we become stronger through this?"

What makes relationships resilient?

While no relationship is immune to rupture, there are skills and practices that build resilience and intimacy:

- ◆ Make repair a regular ritual. Disconnection is inevitable. Repair is optional — and vital.
- ◆ Say the hard things. Vulnerable conversations about needs, fears and dreams build trust.
- ◆ Honor differences in how we communicate, feel and cope. Neurodivergent,



trauma-informed and emotionally diverse relationships need flexibility and compassion.

- ◆ Revisit your boundaries. They should reflect mutual care, not control.
- ◆ Stay curious about each other. Even after years together, partners change. Keep learning.

These are the skills we teach in couples therapy. It can be space to reconnect, deepen communication and rediscover what brought you together in the first place.

Let's debunk the myths about love and betrayal

- ◆ "People cheat because they don't love their partner." Not always. Sometimes, it's about emotional neglect, trauma responses or a cry for help.
- ◆ "Once trust is broken, it's over." Not true. Trust can be rebuilt — with time, accountability and support.
- ◆ "Therapy is only for couples in crisis." In reality, it's for couples who want to be intentional, curious and strong.

A path forward — with compassion

Whether you're in a relationship that's thriving, struggling or somewhere in between, this is your invitation: pause, reflect and tend to the space between you.

Show up. Speak the truth. Repair when things get hard. Because love isn't built in grand gestures; it's built in the daily practice of choosing each other.

Let this be your sign to take that next step toward connection, repair and a relationship that doesn't just survive, but grows stronger with care.

If you need support, reach out to our team at thriveadvantagegroup.com.

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No room at the pool

Dear Gabby: Practically every time I go to the pool, someone has saved all of the loungers and my kids and I are lying on soggy towels on the cement. At some point I feel like I might start moving the towels and taking the chairs that haven't been claimed within an hour, but I'm afraid to start World War III. What else can I do? It seems so rude. — Floored in the Farms

Dear Floored: It is very annoying and a common occurrence around here (and probably everywhere). Whether church pews at Christmas, graduation seats or the coveted pool loungers, there will always be those who want to save a seat.

You can try to move a towel as a last resort, but it's probably best to kindly ask the staff if there are any rules or

guidelines and let them handle it.

If there aren't any rules or guidelines, sounds like you might need to beat them at their own game and get there early!

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



Not the ring I hoped for

DEAR ANNIE: I've been with my loving partner, "Daniel," for six years. We're both in our 40s and have children from previous relationships. Our life together is generally very harmonious. We share responsibilities, enjoy spending time together and support one another deeply. We align on most values and have built a life that, in many ways, feels incredibly solid.

But there's one issue I can't seem to shake.

For the past couple of years, I've been yearning for the commitment and security of marriage. Daniel, however, has always been hesitant. He never married his previous partner and has expressed his aversion to

marriage, which seems rooted in the pain of his parents' divorce. While I understand his past, marriage is something that's profoundly important to me. And as much as I try to accept our differences, this longing keeps bubbling to the surface. I think about it almost every day and feel sad, frustrated and even angry that after all these years, we still haven't taken that step.

Just yesterday, on my birthday, I thought things might finally change. Daniel handed me a ring box from a well-known Canadian jeweler, Spence Diamonds. My heart leapt. But when I opened it, he didn't get down on one knee. He simply

explained the symbolism of the ring. I had to ask: "Is this a proposal?" It wasn't. It was a promise ring.

To be fair, I appreciated the thought. I know it meant something to him. But I'm 41 — not 16. I'm looking for real commitment, not vague promises. I felt humiliated for thinking, even for a moment, that this was the engagement I've longed for. I hope I responded with grace, but inside, I was deeply hurt. Later, I asked what exactly he was promising. He said, "That there's more to come."

And now I feel more confused than ever. Why isn't he ready? A promise ring at this stage of life feels juvenile. To me, it was a clear message: I am

not ready — or willing — to marry you.

A close friend advised me to give the ring back and tell him kindly but firmly that while I value the gesture, I'm a grown woman seeking a clear commitment, not a placeholder. — Not Looking for Promises

DEAR NOT LOOKING FOR PROMISES: You are not wrong to feel disappointed. After six years of partnership, it is completely natural to want clarity and commitment, especially when marriage holds deep personal meaning for you. A promise ring, while thoughtful in intention, does not carry the same weight as a clear and mutual agree-



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

ment about the future.

It sounds like Daniel is comfortable with how things are, but you are not. That is not a judgment of him or of you. It is simply a reality that needs to be addressed with honesty. Love alone is not always enough when your visions of the future do not match.

You have waited patiently and hoped respectfully, and you need to ask yourself how long you are willing to live in uncertainty. You deserve more than mixed signals. You deserve a partner who

shares your vision or is at least willing to meet you halfway.

Return the ring if that feels right. Not out of anger, but as a clear boundary. This is not the step you are asking for. Then have the hard conversation without pressure but with honesty. You are not a girl waiting for a promise. You are a woman asking for clarity.

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

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The enduring legacy of Dish Detroit

Once upon a time, the 1970s to be exact, 18441 Mack Ave. was the home of a Detroit News paper station, where paperboys picked up stacks for deliveries. Lynn's Pastry Shop called it home in the early '90s and in the late '90s, Peg Sulek had her own culinary concept she was ready to showcase. This was the perfect location.

Dish Detroit opened in February 1998, and is still feeding the community. Five years in, Peg's beloved husband, Paul, joined her in the kitchen. Both held distinctive culinary backgrounds. Paul was a classically trained chef and 1989 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Peg worked at Grosse Pointe's legendary Sparky Herbert's, as well as the historic Traffic Jam & Snug in Detroit. However, she credits Paul as her teacher: "I learned everything I know about cooking from him," she said.



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Dish storefront.

Dish offers daily special menus filled with entrée options and delicious desserts. Peg said she uses classic French techniques in her cooking, "peppered in with a little 'Peg logic' and lots of calls to chef friends and moms for suggestions and guidance." When asked how the daily menus are determined, she said, "Paul and I always said that we'd

simply cook what sounds delicious to us. I still do that, but a lot of it is determined by what produce looks the best, customer requests, the outside temperature, etc."

This philosophy allows her to whip up impressive and complex specials on the fly. A single day's menu might feature feasting options like honey-mustard seared salmon, grilled asparagus salad, andouille sausage pasta, seared sea scallops or zesty lemon corn ricotta pasta.

"There are some popular items in heavy rotation like potato-encrusted salmon, shrimp scampi and chicken Florentine," Peg said.

The set menu also is robust, featuring New Orleans pasta, linguine piccata, pesto pasta, Maurice salad, steak and gorgonzola salad, sesame Caesar salad and a black bean and Spanish rice burrito, among many others. Some of these dishes, alongside their famous summer soups like gazpacho and vichyssoise — a creamy, chilled soup made from puréed leeks, potatoes, onions and cream — have been fan favorites on the menu since Dish first opened. Consistency is key.



Summer soups: gazpacho and vichyssoise.

Peg has had guests return to the community after being gone more than a decade, telling her that her entrées taste exactly the

same as they did 20 years ago. Just this past week, she posted on Facebook that a customer who proposed to his wife at their counter 23 years ago popped in for a carryout and the flashback was instant. If that does not make a chef and owner smile, nothing will. Every once in a while, customers might even catch an old favorite from the Sparky Herbert's menu.

Vegan and gluten-free dishes also are readily available. Most of the salads and the regular house black bean and Spanish rice burrito can be prepared without cheese or served as a bowl without the tortilla.

"We often sub basmati rice for pasta in most of our dishes, which is excellent," Peg said. "I add in ratatouille, mujadara and the excellent jazzy curry — taught to me by the great chef Jasmine Haskins from Gajiza Dumplings — as often as I remember to because they're three of the most flavorful, simple and interesting gluten-free/dairy-free dishes I make."

Dish uses locally sourced



Sea scallops, jazzy curry and shrimp scampi.

products from vendors such as Quality Meats and Culinary Specialties, Carmagno, Wrigley's and Sy Ginsberg for corned beef, Guernsey Dairy and even Randazzo's, while using De Cecco for dried pasta. Aside from the dried

pasta and puffed pastry, "every single sauce and soup is made from raw ingredients and every stitch of meat or salmon is seared fresh on my stovetop," Peg said.

Everything is prepared and served fresh daily. Every dessert is made in-house by the "dessert queen," Katrina Soucy. Fan favorites in regular rotation include key lime pie, Peg's mom's carrot cake, crème brûlée, pots de crème and Granny Smith apple cake.

Catering also is an option,



Katrina's desserts: flourless chocolate cake, lemon blueberry cake, strawberry shortcake, pot de creme and crème brûlée.

although Dish does not have a dedicated catering menu; anything from its regular menu is available in larger quantities. For parties of 10 or more, they request a few days' notice, though a week is appreciated. For holiday ordering, a menu typically is listed a few weeks ahead with specific instructions. While there are normally set menus for Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day, the selections for Christmas and Easter often vary. Facebook Messenger is the most appreciated way to handle placing these orders.

Dish recently updated its summer hours and is open 3 to 9 p.m. Monday



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

and Wednesday through Saturday. It remains carryout only, as it has always been.

It is amazing how much magic has happened in such a small space, with such a small crew, for more than 25 years. July 2025 marked the seventh anniversary of Peg reopening Dish after the loss of her beloved husband, Paul, in 2018. His passing affected the entire community, which came together to mourn.



Grilled asparagus salad, sesame scallion salmon cakes and seared salmon with sautéed spinach and feta.

"I cannot stress enough how grateful I am to this community and to all of the folks who've helped me keep this place going," Peg said. "My husband was such a charmer and a stellar chef. I feel tremendously proud of myself about what I have done here over these years since he died and I have drawn on everything that he ever taught me about cooking."

His presence is definitely still within those four walls. Peg said it "feels like victory" when someone tells

her their meal tastes exactly like Paul's cooking.

Dish has survived a tremendous personal loss, the pandemic, a flood and many other obstacles thrown Peg's way.

"It makes me doubly proud," she said. "I think my husband would be proud too."

To say she is resilient is an understatement. Dish has given Peg purpose and strength through unimaginable grief. To the "Dishees" who have continued to walk through her front door all these years, Peg offers a heartfelt message: "You have done so much more than you could possibly know. There are real people and backstories behind all of these little independent businesses people support. I know I'm not alone in gratitude."

Peg, you are not alone. From the very beginning until today, Dish Detroit is so well-loved because of your and Paul's shared passion for all things delicious.

Dish just launched an updated online menu at dishdetroit.biz. For a daily specials menu and more, follow on Facebook: Dish Detroit or Instagram: @dish.detroit

* Fun fact: The name Dish came about over a best-friend road trip to New York City. Peg's friend Julie kept calling out the most ridiculous and hilarious names. On the way home, an hour outside of Detroit, Julie yelled out "DISH!" As Peg said, "That's a friend!"

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Sick of forcing down sugary sodas or overpriced wellness drinks that taste like vinegar? Same.

As someone who's always trying to find that balance between being health conscious and actually enjoying what I consume, I finally gave in to the hype and tried Health-Ade Kombucha and let me just say, it's not leaving my fridge anytime soon.

I'm constantly on the lookout for drinks that make me feel good without tasting like I just downed a bottle of apple cider vinegar. Health-Ade is that rare find that actually lives up to the branding. It's bubbly, flavorful and surprisingly refreshing. It gives

me that little boost of energy and gut health support I need mid-afternoon, minus the caffeine crash.

I first came across Health-Ade because of my roommate. She always had it in our tiny dorm fridge and I'd always liked kombucha but hadn't had it in quite some time. It was the Pink Lady Apple flavor that caught my attention and, after hearing her hyping it up, I was



fully sold. I picked one up at Target the next day.

The first sip was honestly kind of shocking, in a good way. It's fizzy like a

soda but tastes way cleaner.

There's no weird after-taste and the sweetness is so subtle. The flavors feel real, not artificial. Think fresh fruit with a hint of tang.

I've since tried Guava Dragonfruit (my personal fave), Ginger Lemon and Pomegranate. I love that each flavor feels like its own vibe. Whether I'm heading out for a walk, running errands or just

need something to sip while I work, it fits.

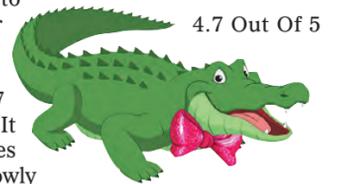
The presentation also is cute. I know that's not the point, but it kind of is. Plus, it's non-GMO, organic and packed with probiotics, which is great for my gut and even better for my skin.

If I had to call out one downside, it would be the price. At around \$3 to \$4 a bottle, it's not something I grab every single day, but I do stock up when there's a sale or buy a few to keep on hand for those moments when I need a mood boost.

Overall? A solid 4.7 out of 5 alligators. It tastes amazing, makes me feel good and is slowly

becoming my favorite alternative to my once-a-day coffee habit. If you're kombucha-curious or just want a new wellness drink that actually delivers, give Health-Ade a shot.

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



Tomato and bread salad

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Last Sunday, I drove my girls to their first overnight camp. On the way back, I drove along the scenic coastline of M-25 and stopped at a small roadside farm stand in Forester, MI. The stand stood in what seemed to be the middle of nowhere and was advertised only by a small sign that said, "Sweet Corn."

There was an elderly man in a wheel chair who perked up when my car pulled in. He told me his stand consisted of what he couldn't sell at the Saturday farmers market. I was in search of tomatoes.

To my delight, he said I could pick from his ripe tomato bin and take what I needed for free. Most were past their prime, but I did find four very red, ripe ones that were perfect for the salad that I had in mind.

Panzanella is an Italian tomato, cucumber and bread salad that's perfect for hot summer nights. It's typically made with day-old bread

that's dried out so it's ready to absorb the juice from the salted vegetables that it's paired with. It's really a meal in itself.

But in my opinion, the perfect pairing is with grilled meat. Basil would be an obvious choice as an herb pairing. But I didn't have any. I did have access to parsley and oregano and it turned out great. The mix of herbs was very fragrant and delicious.

Make use of summer's beautiful bounty and especially those small farm stands that you would otherwise pass right by.

Cheers, Mombeau

Panzanella Salad

4 medium ripe tomatoes

1 cucumber

½ red onion

4 cups ciabatta, cut into 1 inch cubes

¼ cup fresh herbs

(basil, parsley, oregano, chives)

1 clove grated garlic

⅓ cup red wine vinegar

Juice of 1 lemon

⅓ cup olive oil, plus 2 tbsp

1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

Preheat your oven to 350. Lay the bread cubes on a baking sheet and pour over two tablespoons of olive oil. Toss together so the bread is coated. Bake in the oven until crispy and browned, about five minutes. Set aside.

Slice each of your tomatoes into eight wedges and place in a large bowl.

Next, cut your peeled and seeded cucumber in half lengthwise, then slice into half moons. Thinly slice your red onion and add both to the bowl along with your chopped herbs.

Whisk together the



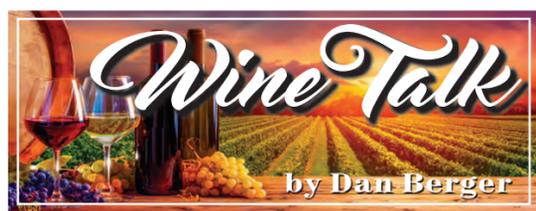
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vinegar, lemon juice, oil, garlic, salt and pepper in a small bowl and pour over your tomato mixture. Toss together and let it sit on the counter

for about ten minutes.

You want the tomatoes to marinate and the salt to draw out the juices from the cucumbers and tomatoes.

Once you have a nice pool of juice, add the bread cubes. Lightly mix the salad together so the bread can soak everything in. Enjoy!



by Dan Berger

The red white

Don't be blue now that the Fourth of July holiday is over, because the season is just beginning for red white.

Warmer weather is the perfect time to break out dry rose wines, which is admittedly an artificial way of suggesting that there is actually a best time to drink pink. Anytime is fine. I enjoy them year-round, even in cool weather.

But people like to keep up traditions, and rose is typically a beat-the-heat experience, especially recently, after winemakers worldwide mastered the concept of making them.

Rose today really is a product of modern wine-making technology, which old-timers may remember.

They experienced the bad old days when pink wine was brown. It was usually oxidized and had all the freshness of a

recycling can.

OK, that may be a bit harsh, but today's pink wines are infinitely better than ever, and they're coming from places that decades ago never even attempted to make them. Most are essentially white wines with hints of color.

Delicate, relatively dry and loaded with personality, these wines are patio sippers that pair with appetizers and light hot-weather suppers. Or delight sans food.

They can be kept cold without harming their aromas and they usually have sufficient acidity to remain refreshing even if not stone cold.

I prefer roses made from grenache, a southern French grape (also in Spain) that usually offers dramatic aromas of cherry, cranberry, strawberry, peach and other stone fruits. Pinot noir

roses also can deliver gorgeous aromatics.

We have also seen excellent pinks made from various different red wine grapes, such as sangiovese, zinfandel, petite sirah, barbera and gamay. And pink blends can be fun as well.

There's a new variant of pink in the marketplace in the last several years. I call them "red whites" because they're delicate in terms of color, slightly more coppery than pink, and they usually are very dry.

So dry, in fact, that they taste slightly more red than white. What sets these wines apart, partly, is that they emulate extremely light red wines. They usually have zero sugar.

Those made without any residual sugar and having good acidity may actually have a textural element on the tongue that allows them to work beautifully with rich seafood dishes, like halibut or chicken without heavy sauces.

The bad news for consumers is that wine labels do not use the term "red white" or "white red" (I just made them up), and there's

otherwise no way to determine what's in each pink wine bottle. Buyers are on their own.

Even the color is no clue. Some pale rose wines appear to be dry, but unless the back label indicates what's inside, consumers are clueless. The same goes for darker rose wines, such as the wonderful 2020 Acorn Rosato (\$35) from the Russian River Valley by Bill and Betsy Nachbauer.

That wine (available only at the winery, <https://acornwinery.com>) is bone dry. It's dark pink and is really a

red wine in taste. One sip confirms it. The aroma is wonderfully fruity.

It's the definitive white red.

Wine of the Week:

2021 Quivira Rose, Dry Creek, "Wine Creek Vineyard" (\$25) — The classic style of this widely distributed wine is precisely what I described above as "white red." From the winery website: "Rhubarb, watermelon, and white peach are accented by subtle floral notes with hints of strawberry... juicy and refreshing with bright, vibrant acidity and

lingering red fruit.

As the wine warms up the strawberry character becomes more prominent, there is a midpalate richness with cleansing acidity.

Goes well with all classic rose foods or just on its own." <https://quivirawine.com>. Simply superb. *Bottle Barn in Santa Rosa has it for \$17.99. One of the best pink wines I tasted this year.*

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF SANTA RITA FILM CO.
Left, James Rolleston as Luke Anahera, Ashleigh Cummings as Keira Leigh-Jones and Dean O'Gorman as Jon in the 2017 movie "Pork Pie," directed by Matt Murphy.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



MOVIE REVIEW
 "Pork Pie"
 2017 - TV-MA
 1 hr 45 min
 ★★★★★

This is one of those films that's hard to categorize. It's a comedy, for sure. But it's also a road trip film, a buddy flick of sorts, an adventure, and a romance. Most importantly, it's a movie overflowing with heart. I was surprised to learn it's a remake of a groundbreaking and near legendary New Zealand movie.

The original was released in 1981 and was titled "Goodbye Pork Pie." It's cited as signifying the turning point in New Zealand cinema. It was directed by Geoff Murphy, who is the father of Matt Murphy, "Pork Pie's" director. I've read that several children and grandchildren of the original production team were involved in making this film.

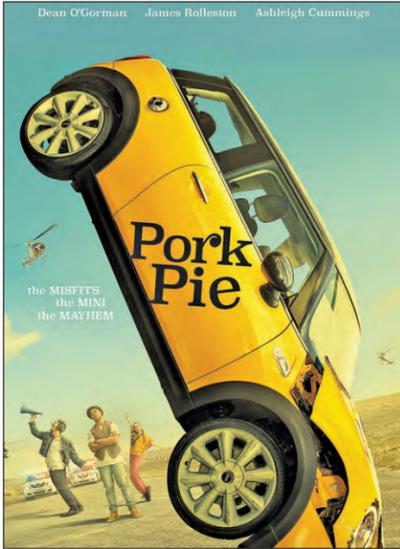
The movie was written by the Murphys along with Ian Mune, who also co-wrote the original film. I haven't seen the aforementioned film, but it's in my queue and I'm looking forward to comparing the two. Naturally there are mixed reviews about the remake, but I personally thought it was great fun.

We first meet Jon (Dean O'Gorman), a novelist who's in a bad way. He's being harassed by his literary agent to produce the

first draft of his latest book. He's received a significant cash advance and so far hasn't written a single word. He's also trying to reconnect with the love of his life Suzie (Antonia Prebble), who left him in Wellington and headed back home to Invercargill, at the bottom of the southern island. Jon is quite a sad-sack and a bit of a bumbling idiot to boot. He hits the road in his beater of a car, heading south.

Things take a nasty turn when his car isn't just on its last legs, it actually catches fire and explodes outside a gas station. This sort of sets the tone for the rest of the movie. You know nothing he does is going to be easy.

Enter a young man of Maori descent named Luke. He's played by James Rolleston, an actor who got his big break in the wonderful movie "Boy." If you haven't seen that film, I'd highly recommend it. Luke has just swiped a souped up neon yellow Mini Cooper S Model from a bunch of criminals. He's soon being pursued by the thieves and the police. After Jon's car dies, he hits the road and while hitchhiking is almost run over by Luke. He's offered a ride and the two team up attempting to avert capture.



Movie poster.

Just when you thought it was going to be a quick and short race to freedom, the chase scenes start. I'm not talking about a couple close calls with a crash, I'm talking about some of the most exciting and harrowing sequences I've ever seen. You can have your car chases in movies like "Duel," "The French Connection," "Bullitt," and "Smokey and the Bandit." The heart-pounding action here takes it to the next level and will leave you exhausted and screaming "Uncle!" A big hats off to the amazing camerawork of cinematographer Crighton Bone.

We then meet the third party involved in the adventure when the two hit the drive-through window of a fast-food restaur-

rant. Keira (Ashleigh Cummings) a cashier, takes their lunch order. She's sort of run afoul with her manager since she's an outspoken animal rights activist and stuffs anti-meat eating pamphlets in the to-go sacks. She's also very vocal about hassling her customers. When things spiral out of control, she climbs through the window, into Luke's vehicle, and off they go. It's just one of the many hilarious scenes in the movie.

Keira proves to

no idea how the film crew pulled it off, but it's absolutely brilliant. It also provides an opportunity for the three amigos to relax and get to know one another. They discover a car full of antiques and have a ball dressing up in vintage outfits.

Just before they head out of town, Keira posts an activist rant about her cause on social media. This quickly goes viral and it isn't long before the entire country is following their adventure and rooting for them. The second half of the film takes place on the southern island and the scenery is absolutely spectacular. You can see why Peter Jackson chose New Zealand as a setting for his "Lord of the Rings" movies. It will truly make you consider vacationing in this gorgeous country.

The movie proved to be



One of the many exciting chase scenes.

Things get wild.

be quite a character and the three play off each other naturally as if they were lifelong buddies.

The three misfits hit the road alluding capture. There's a scene that proves to be a turning point in the movie. Just as they're getting close to being apprehended, they head into a train station. You're wondering what their next move is going to be and what could Luke possibly have up his sleeve? As the train passes through the station, he pilots the Mini into the open door of a moving freight car! I have

quite a delightful surprise. Everything about it was done to perfection. Great acting, believable dialogue, engaging storyline and remarkable cinematography. I should warn you that the accents were somewhat thick at times so you may want to turn on the subtitles.

Movie trivia: When Jon falls asleep hiding under the bridge, the song

"Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" by Charles Mingus is playing.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla (with your library card), and Tubi. Also on Prime Video, Apple TV, YouTube, Fandango, and other services.

Note to parents: The movie is rated TV-MA due to language, pot smoking, and a tasteful sex scene.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

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

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



Some of the gorgeous New Zealand scenery.



Luke (Rolleston) & Jon (O'Gorman) laying low.



Left, Jon's car has a bit of a problem.

Right, Jon played by Dean O'Gorman.



Keira played by Ashleigh Cummings.



Luke and Keira with the Mini.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

7/31 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆
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Contract Bridge

ROLLING STONE GATHERS A TOP SCORE

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 7 3		♠ Q J	
♥ Q J 9 4		♥ K 7 5 3 2	
♦ 9 5		♦ Q 6 3	
♣ 9 6 5 4		♣ Q 10 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 10 8		♠ A 9 6 5 4 2	
♥ A 10 8 6		♥ —	
♦ J 8 4		♦ A K 10 7 2	
♣ K J 8 2		♣ A 7	

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

South, a member of the fair sex. West's name must remain anonymous, though it can be stated that he ranks among the mightiest of the mighty.

West led a diamond against four spades, South winning East's queen with the ace. Declarer cashed the K-A of trump and, after finding the suit divided 2-2, made the diabolical lead of the deuce of diamonds toward dummy's nine.

Poor West could not believe declarer would make such a play holding the K-10 of diamonds. Anxious to get a club return from partner, West played his eight, expecting East to win with the ten or king.

One can only imagine West's shock when the nine won the trick, and his further chagrin when South next led a club to the ace and discarded dummy's 9-6-5 of clubs on the K-10-7 of diamonds. When the smoke cleared, South had made all 13 tricks for a top score.

This deal occurred in a national mixed-pair championship some years ago.

Our sympathy is extended to the West player in this deal, who was the victim of a foul deed perpetrated by

The architect of this inspired play, which might lose a trick but might also gain one, was Mrs. Godfrey Stone of Detroit. West, as we said before, shall remain nameless.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from midnight until 2 p.m. EDT today (11 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from LIBRA into SCORPIO.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 31, 2025:

You are energetic, determined and focused. You love to learn and share your knowledge, especially about academia. This is a slower-paced year. It's OK to rest. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships, especially with people who have your back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today blows hot and cold when it comes to discussions about shared property, banking matters and inheritances. Initially, people are warm, receptive and cooperative. However, by late afternoon, power struggles might get nasty. (Yikes.) Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Cooperate with others, because today it's best to go along to get along. Relations with daily contacts, siblings, relatives and neighbors are warm and friendly; however, late in the day, you might be at odds with an authority figure. Stay chill. Tonight: Cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You feel healthy and robust! You might enjoy time with your pet. At work, co-workers are friendly and supportive. Unfortunately, by the end of the day, much of this feel-good energy will dissolve in a power struggle, especially about politics or religion. Be careful. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This is a lovely day for a power breakfast or a friendly lunch with someone. Enjoy schmoozing with kids, romantic partners and friends this morning. You're in a good mood, and others find you to be charming. This is a good thing, because power struggles at the end of the day might be a challenge. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Of course, you feel this Mercury retrograde, which is taking place in LEO. You're not losing it. This, too, shall pass. This morning is ideal for entertaining at home or enjoying a family discussion. Ironically, family members might be at odds with each other. Patience. Tonight: Cocoon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Interactions with friends, groups and organizations will be successful this morning. You might be pleased to deal with someone who has artistic talent to bring to the table. Steer clear of bullies. Tonight: Lively conversations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might buy something this morning that pleases you. You also might have excellent moneymaking ideas that impress someone in power. Later in the day, avoid power struggles with your kids or a romantic partner. Tonight: Check your belongings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which is empowering. Yes, it heightens your emotions. But it gives you a little edge over all the other signs. Travel plans and dealings with people from other cultures are successful this morning. Be patient with family members. Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This morning, your day might be brightened by a spark of passionate romance. In addition, financial discussions about shared property and inheritances will benefit you. However, later in the day, be patient to avoid arguments about inconsequential things. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Enjoy the company of friends and members of groups and organizations. In fact, any meeting or gathering this morning will be successful because people feel friendly and mutually supportive. So far, so good. Late in the day, disputes about money or possessions could arise. Be cool. Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You look great today! Use this to your advantage and go after what you want. This could be handy, because many of you are dealing with ex-partners and old friends. However, later in the day, compulsive behavior, or a sudden urge to do something might not be in your best interests. Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Travel plans appeal to you this morning. In fact, you might develop a crush or fall in love with someone who is "different." Unfortunately, later in the day, arguments about controversial issues like politics and religion could get nasty. Maintain your cool. Tonight: Explore, learn!

BORN TODAY
Author J.K. Rowling (1965), actor Dean Cain (1966), actor Wesley Snipes (1962).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 31, 2025

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Place to get a manicure | 1 1920s music genre |
| 4 "Already watched that" | 2 Type of board or hearing |
| 9 Hit back? | 3 Yoga poses |
| 14 Used to be | 4 Maple syrup is made from it |
| 15 Coeur d'____, Idaho | 5 Everyone |
| 16 One may buzz when it hits 0 | 6 Have your hair covered on Halloween, say |
| 17 Fitting name for a financial adviser | 7 Following behind |
| 18 Vehicle registration datum | 8 Concert merch items |
| 20 ____ of the above | 9 HVAC measure |
| 22 Got up | 10 Alike |
| 23 Food brand at Petco | |
| 24 Boxer's liability | |
| 27 Droop in the heat | |
| 29 Avoid | |
| 30 Well-known | |
| 33 Where the Himalayas are | |
| 35 Parking structure | |
| 36 Best | |
| 39 Arresting image? | |
| 41 At once | |
| 42 "So cute!" | |
| 44 Actress Ward of "Sisters" | |
| 45 "You Were Meant for Me" singer | |
| 46 Exercise in the pool | |
| 50 Fencing implement | |
| 52 Sporting event that many alumni attend | |
| 54 Lee in the frozen aisle | |
| 56 It leads to the heart | |
| 58 Sty serving | |
| 59 Presidential appointment ... or the start of 18-, 24-, 39- or 52-Across? | |
| 63 Curve | |
| 64 Female reproductive organ | |
| 65 "Creed" actress Thompson | |
| 66 Head exec | |
| 67 Abrupt | |
| 68 Allow in | |
| 69 "C" ____ la vie!" | |
| 11 Admission from Bruce Wayne | |
| 12 Consider | |
| 13 Goofs | |
| 19 Fresh | |
| 21 "Exit full screen" key | |
| 25 Walk awkwardly | |
| 26 Gospel star? | |
| 28 "... and even a little may be too much!" | |
| 31 A diva has a big one | |
| 32 Dawn drops | |
| 34 Mule's dad | |
| 35 Not take the high road | |
| 36 ____ Mahal | |
| 37 Poem such as "To a Skylark" | |
| 38 Energizing snack | |
| 40 Pursuit of pleasure | |
| 43 Fixes | |
| 47 Some gov't lawyers | |
| 48 Royal residence | |
| 49 Campfire treats | |
| 51 Temporary resident of Eden | |
| 52 Human, for one | |
| 53 Theme park featuring Spaceship Earth | |
| 54 Resident of Glasgow | |
| 55 Dialect of many Black people in the U.S. | |
| 57 Jazzy James | |
| 60 Dec. 31 | |
| 61 Longtime CBS procedural | |
| 62 Nickname that sounds like a feline | |

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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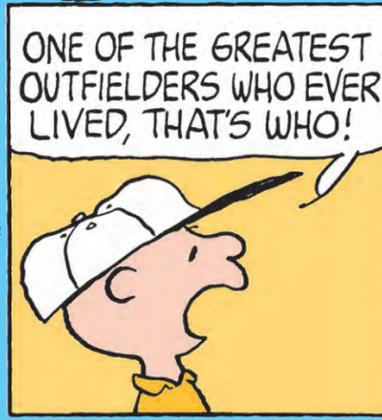
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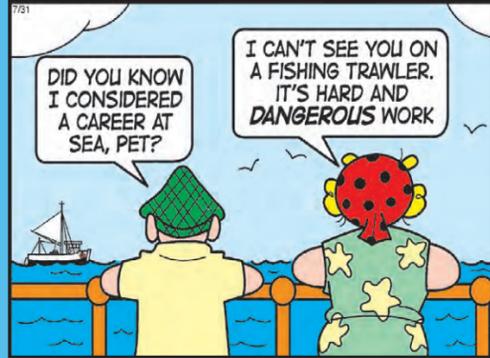
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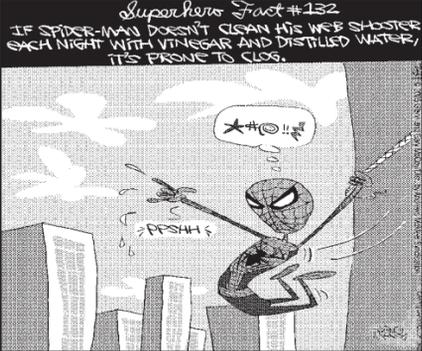
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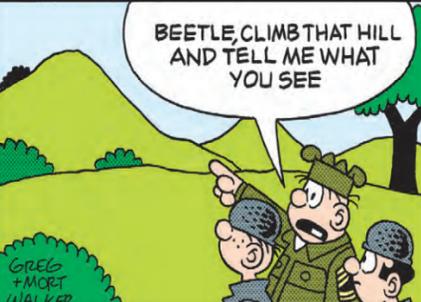
Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Reality Check Dave Whamond



Beetle Bailey



Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



The Lockhorns Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"I KNOW OUR PRICES ARE HIGH... NOW YOU DO TOO."

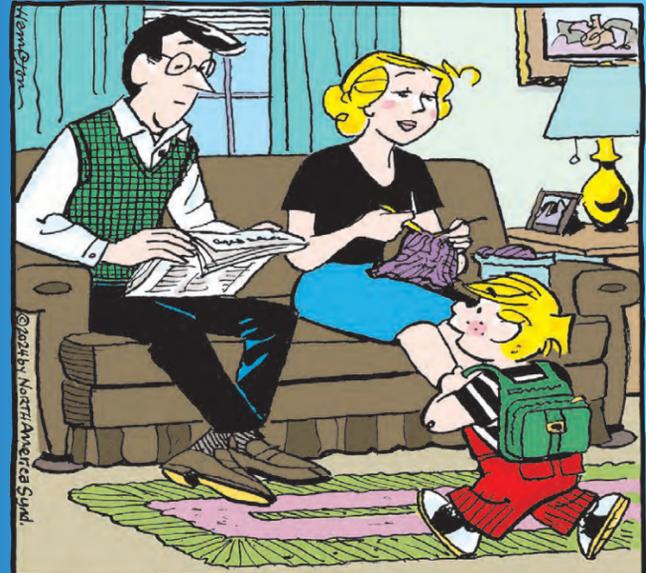
Mother Goose and Grim



Mike Peters



Dennis the Menace Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



"I LOST A DIME. I'M JUST GLAD I DIDN'T HAVE A DOLLAR."

Crankshaft



Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



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Blondie

BOSS, WHY DID YOU WRITE AN "F" ON MY REPORT BEFORE PUTTING IT BACK ON MY DESK?

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Chris and Dean Young

I FIGURED IF YOU WERE GOING TO TURN IN A REPORT THAT CHILDISH, YOU SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE A CHILD, KIDDO

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Chris and Dean Young

HOW WAS WORK, HONEY? ALL I'LL SAY IS THE BOSS IS A BIG OL' STINKY MEANY PANTS!

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Marmaduke

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"We've really spoiled him. Now he expects a doggie bag whenever we come home."

Crock

WHEN WILL THE ENEMY ATTACK? NOT FOR HOURS

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WHY SO LONG? THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR PARKING SPACES

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MY DEAR MISS OYL... I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO BECOME YOUR HUSBAND... SIGNED...? GULP!?! IT'S SIGNED BY A KING!

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"You boys better be good! Daddy's on a diet again!"

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F Minus

YEAH, I'D LOVE TO DRAW DINOSAURS, LUKE. WHO WOULDN'T? BUT ROBOTS ARE TRENDING, AND SO ROBOTS I'M DRAWING.

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CLAY PLAY

Lay down some plastic and make a batch of newspaper clay. Make some cool things out of the clay.

Palm Tree Pencil

1. Flatten five pieces of clay into palm leaf shapes.
2. Roll out a small piece of clay for a trunk. Push in one end of a pencil to indent.
3. Attach leaves to trunk. Let dry. Paint and glue on pencil top.

Make Some Newspaper Clay!

Mold and make hard as rock **pulptures** with clay made from newspaper pulp.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- Morning Bugle newspaper
- large bowl
- dry wallpaper paste
- measuring cup/spoon
- oil of clove

1. **First, make some newspaper pulp.** Fill a large bowl with little squares of newspaper. Make the pieces about 2 inches square.

2. **Cover with warm water.** Let soak overnight. Drain away excess water in the morning.

3. **To make the clay,** squeeze the pulp to remove excess water. Add 2 tablespoons of dry wallpaper paste to one cup of damp pulp. Add a couple drops of clove oil to make your clay smell good. Mix well with your hands until it is pliable.

4. Use the clay to make a **pulpture**. Once dry, your creation can be sanded, painted and sealed.

1. Roll a small piece of clay into a ball.
2. With your thumb, flatten into a disk.
3. Flatten a smaller clay ball into another disk.
4. Place the larger disk face down; press the top of a paper clip into the disk's back.
5. Press the other disk on top, sandwiching the paper clip in between.

Crayon Caddy

1. Make an oval-shaped ball.
2. Make eight rope tentacles. Make a pointy tip on the end of each tentacle.
3. Attach the blunt end of each tentacle to the oval. Add four round disks to form eyes.
4. Curve the end of each tentacle so it can hold a pencil or crayon.
5. After it is completely dry, paint the octopus whatever color you like.

6. Let dry and paint a design on the clay disk.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Students use a variety of media, textures and colors.

Door Name

1. Form the letters of your name out of thick clay ropes.
2. Let dry overnight. Once the letters are dry, glue the letters together.
3. Paint each letter a different color. Put your name on your bedroom door with an adult's help.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Students use a variety of media, textures and colors.

Extra! Extra!

Clay Racing

Set a timer for two minutes. With a friend or family member, race through the newspaper to circle words that rhyme with the word **CLAY**. Who found the most? Then, put the words you circled in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

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Shores Sharks make history with first Lakefront swimming title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The families and fans who gathered at Lake Front Park Wednesday, July 23, for the 2025

Lakefront Swimming Association finals were on hand to witness a major first in the association's history. For the first time, the Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks emerged as Lakefront swimming

champions, finishing over 20 points ahead of the second-place Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors, who entered the meet as the two-time defending

champions.

"I was really, really happy for the whole team," Sharks coach Ben Van Vechten said. "...We had four 17-year-olds who had been on the team for a long time, and it was really amazing to see for them and the whole team all the emotions... Seeing their emotions and their reactions at the end and throughout the whole season as it was revealing itself to be a historic season, it truly felt special to be part of it, and it culminated in them being able to jump in the pool and celebrate."

With 404 points, the Sharks finished first overall in the standings while bringing home a record of six total trophies. Along with the coveted first-place overall trophy, the Sharks also were victorious as dual-meet champions, finals relay high-point champions and won the 8U, 10U and 17U groups.

The Sharks swam their way to the top of the podium in several events during last week's finals to help propel the team to victory. Brendan Beland took the top spot in the boys 17U 50-meter butterfly and 100 IM. Beland, Addie Wakefield,



PHOTO BY CAMREN CLOUTHIER

Palo Ivanaj swims for the Sharks in the boys 12U 50-meter breaststroke. Ivanaj won the event while setting a new team record at 36.61 seconds.

Christian Azoury and Cailey Hard, combined for a first-place finish in the 17U mixed 200 medley relay.

Hard also finished atop the podium in the girls 17U 100 IM and the girls

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Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks coaches and senior swimmers celebrate with the championship trophy after the team secured its first ever Lakefront Swimming Association title last Wednesday, July 23. From left; Naya Azoury, Addie Wakefield, Ben Van Vechten, Cailey Hard, Kennedy Hasting and Landen Maltby.

Lohr headed to Williamsport for home run derby

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe has had its share of players and teams over the years representing the community at the Little League World Series festivities in Williamsport, Pa. The Pointes-to-Williamsport connection will be there again this summer when softball player Reagan Lohr participates in the 2025 T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship Aug. 21.

"It's a great opportunity to go to Williamsport," Lohr said. "It's where Little League was created, so they have stuff there like museums and also the Little League park,

so it's a great opportunity and I'm really excited."

Lohr is one of eight finalists from around the country who qualified for the championship in the softball division. Her journey to Williamsport began by winning the District 6 Little League softball home run derby by sending 40 balls over the fence.

Then it was off to Coolray Park in Lawrenceville, Ga., for the East Region final. Despite not being allowed to use her own bat due to it having a crack, Lohr hit 15 home runs in the opening round of regionals. That earned her spot in the top four competitors and punched her

ticket to Williamsport.

"In Georgia for regionals, there were some great competitors and it's going to be even more exciting at nationals because it's way bigger," Lohr said about taking on competition from around the country.

Other qualifiers along with Lohr from the East Region include Hadley Thayer of Hermon, Maine, Courtney Barton from Seymour, Conn., and Emma Lindhe from Tallmadge, Ohio.

The 2025 T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship takes place Aug. 21, at Volunteer Stadium in Williamsport. The event will be broadcast on ESPN at 7 p.m. Aug. 22.



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Reagan Lohr from Grosse Pointe Little League Softball is heading to Williamsport, Pa. to compete in the 2025 T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship Aug. 21.



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Former South star to host hoops camp in Pointes

Former Grosse Pointe South basketball standout and current NCAA Division I starter at Canisius University Anthony Benard is returning to Grosse Pointe to hold his third annual summer basketball camps beginning Monday, Aug. 4. The camps are split into two sessions, the first

Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 4 and 5, and the second Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 6 and 7, both hosted at The Grosse Pointe Academy. Benard, who holds South basketball records for most career points, three-pointers made, assists and steals, will help lead players through some of his

favorite shooting and ball-handling drills, along with coaching on how to set and achieve goals while being a team player. The camps are open to boys and girls in fourth through eighth grade and cost \$100 per session per player. For more information and to register, visit Ab3ball.com.



Anthony Benard, a former Grosse Pointe South basketball standout who started 25 games last year for Division I Canisius University, will host basketball camps at the Grosse Pointe Academy beginning Aug. 4.

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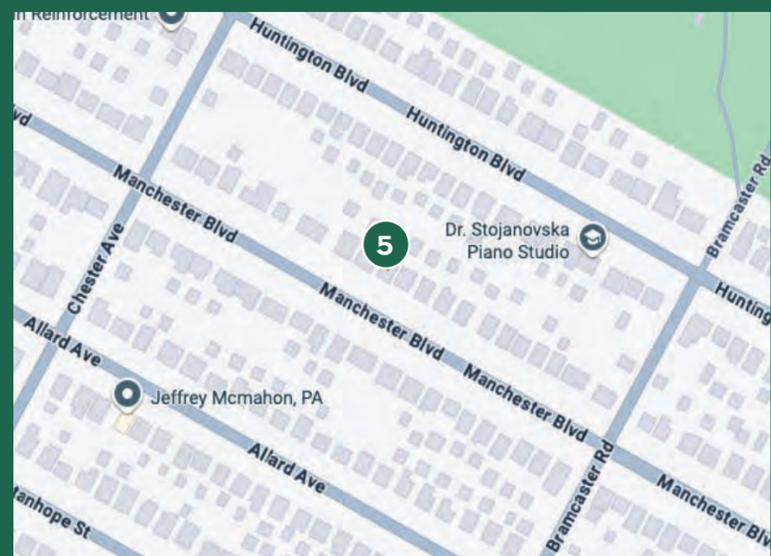
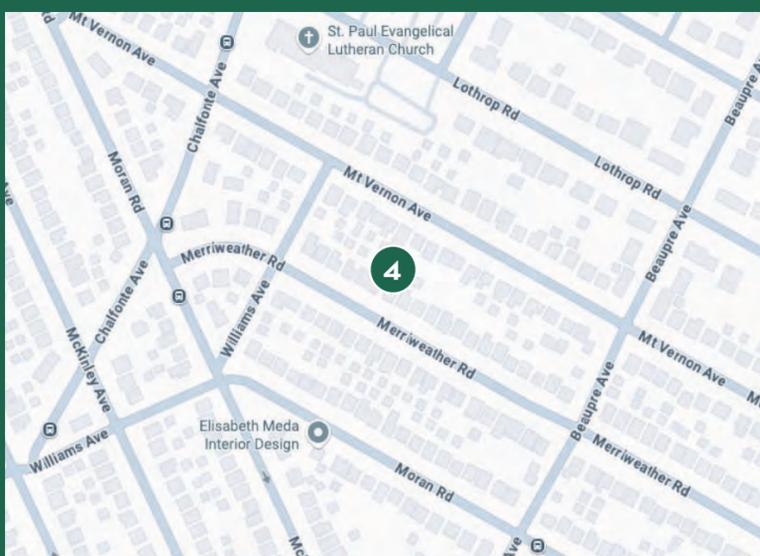
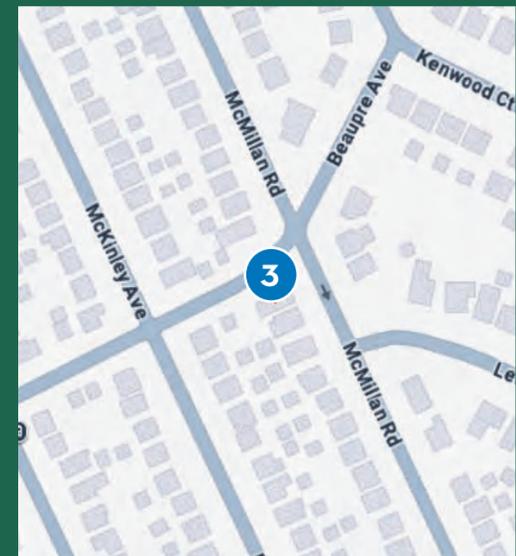
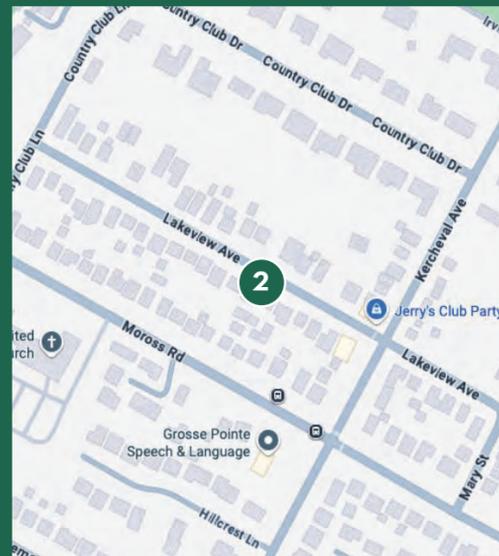
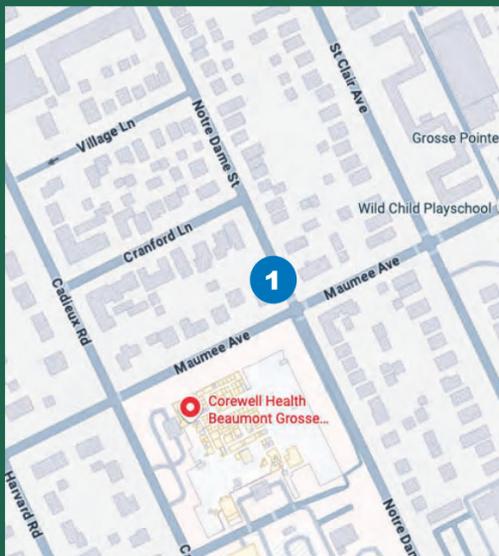


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Above left: Lucas Aliahmad, center, and Lino Ivanaj, left, swim the boys 8U 25-meter breaststroke. Aliahmad took first in the event while Ivanaj finished second. Above right: Coach Ben Van Vechten gives the Sharks a pep talk during the Lakefront Swimming Association finals last Wednesday, July 23.

Cailey Hard, center, one of the Sharks' senior swimmers and assistant coaches, prepares to dive in for the freestyle leg of the 17U 200 medley relay.



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17U 50 breaststroke. Wakefield earned another first-place finish for the Sharks in the girls 10U boys 17U 50 backstroke.

Other top finishes for the Sharks included Jaxon Aleksandrowski in the boys 8U 25 freestyle and boys 8U 25 butterfly. He was also part of the boys 8U 100 freestyle relay with teammates Lucas Aliahmad, Lino Ivanaj and Connor Cleary.

Cleary also won the 8U boys 50 freestyle for the Sharks. Evie Melhem was first in the girls 10U 25 freestyle while setting a meet record at 14.65 seconds, and also was first in the 10U girls 25 backstroke.

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Gwen Gwinnell finished first for the Sharks in the girls 10U 25 breaststroke. Kian Kashef finished first in the 10U boys 50 freestyle, while Jacob Rabbani pulled off another top finish for the Sharks with a victory in the 14U boys 100 IM.

The Sharks brought home a couple of big relay wins to help seal the victory. Karina Kashef, Rowan Beskange, Lily Inger and Wynnie Farley finished first in the 8U girls 100 freestyle relay. Gwinnell, Melhem, Addy Cleary and Bridgie Beland also took first place in the girls 10U 100 freestyle relay.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the following purpose: Consider rezoning of 20160 Mack Avenue from RO-1 Restricted Office to C Commercial Business.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office (cityclerk@gpwmichigan.us), up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313-343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmichigan.us. For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at 313-343-2426 or e-mail building@gpwmichigan.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk