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With Central closing for renovations, the Grosse Pointe Public Library will occupy space at 120 Kercheval on The Hill to allow patrons to pick up holds and browse books, among other things, in the meantime.

## Library debuts pop-up location

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — As the Grosse Pointe Public Library system continues its total revamp, the Woods branch soon will debut its renovations, to include a DREAM lab, and Central will have its final day of

operation for a year and half. In its absence, the library system will debut a pop-up location on The Hill.

### Temporary location

Dubbed the “Central Annex,” a temporary pop-up location while the Central branch is closed will open for library patrons in the first-floor

space of 120 Kercheval on The Hill, previously occupied by Northern Trust.

“The library is very proud of its role as a community touchstone,” GPLL Director Jessica Keyser said in a letter to Grosse Pointe Farms council. “We realize the closure of the Central branch will be a hardship

for the residents who utilize our services and we are eager to mitigate that by maintaining a presence on The Hill.”

The annex will make it possible to pick up holds and browse some books just down the street in the absence of the Central location.

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## Kercheval parking crunch

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Competition for parking spaces in a business district is a bellwether of commercial activity, according to the chairman of the Tax Increment

Finance Authority board. “More parking, more demand, which is good,” TIFA head John Hughes said.

The board oversees the spending of property tax receipts generated within

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**Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant, Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak.**

## TIFA budget includes parking improvements

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The upcoming TIFA budget is 23 percent less than currently.

The biggest cuts relate to construction of the public works headquarters on lower Mack and the ending of COVID-19 business grants.

Members of the Tax Increment Finance

Authority board on Thursday, May 5, approved the \$1,108,949 budget for fiscal year 2022-23, starting July 1.

Members of the city council did likewise Monday, May 9, when adopting the overall municipal budget, which contains the TIFA budget, by a 6-1 vote. Councilman Vikas Relan opposed.

The authority is funded solely by property taxes

generated within the TIFA district that otherwise would go to the county and state.

Funds are to be spent for the benefit of the district, bordered by the city limits to the north and west, the northern boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and

Nottingham.

The budget’s three largest outlays are:

◆ \$265,000 for various parking improvements and \$85,000 for related professional services for a combined \$350,000.

“This will assist with the parking lot that was (a TIFA-owned house at) 1170 Maryland and the lot behind (Pointe

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## Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast returns

By Ted O’Neil  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — After a pandemic-induced hiatus, the annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast returned to its in-person format Thursday, May 5,

at Lochmoor Club.

Patterned after the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C., the event is held in cities

across the country to pray for local, state and

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## GFL program provides incentives for recycling

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & SHORES** — Along with a good conscience and taking some of the pressure off stretched-thin landfills, residents in the City, Farms, Park and Shores now can earn re-

wards for their recycling efforts in the form of local gift cards and sale of-

The incentive program through Green For Life Environmental was incorporated in the latest joint contract with the four Pointes and runs by the honor system, where homeowners

simply log into an account and report they recycled.

To get started with a free account, residents should log onto gfl.usarewards.com and click the “activate” tab.

Current local businesses offering rewards through the program include gas stations,

spas and fast food places.

Because of a typo — the “e” was left off one mention of Pointe — in the program’s promotional material recently sent to residents via GFL

but with Grosse Pointe mayors’ signatures, the

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**Brian Owen**

Home: City of Grosse Pointe's ‘Most Interesting Man’ puts ideas into action



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national leaders. The keynote speaker was Chris Lambert, founder and CEO of Life Remodeled, a Detroit-based nonprofit focused on transforming the city and the lives of its residents.

The theme of Lambert's talk was "Up, In, Out," and detailed how his personal approach to life and his push to revitalize Detroit is based on how Jesus lived.

His mantra comes from Luke 6:12-19, which Lambert read as he began. The passage starts with Jesus going "up" a mountainside to pray to God, selecting his apostles and pulling them "in" close and then going "out" among the people.

"Jesus wasn't just an itinerant preacher," Lambert said. "He invested time in his apostles and developed deep, meaningful relationships with them. And he lived among the oppressed, the outcasts. He went to where the people were broken."

Under that philosophy, Life Remodeled so far has been able to repurpose four vacant high schools in Detroit to set up what he calls "hubs of opportunity" where several nonprofit agencies can work together serving the community.

The group also mobilizes thousands of volunteers each year for its Six Day Project to rehabilitate neighborhoods across the city, repairing occupied homes, board-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Guest Speaker Chris Lambert, CEO of Life Remodeled, addresses the audience at the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast.

ing up vacant ones and cleaning up blight.

Lambert said the Detroit Police Department told him crime fell in 10 of 11 categories in the targeted neighborhoods, including a 47 percent drop in homicides.

"It's the broken windows theory," he said. "Blight sends a message to criminals that no one cares about the area, that they can get away with whatever they want."

In rehabbing houses, residents can choose one of three free upgrades — new roof, new furnace or new windows.

"That is life altering," Lambert noted. "Keeping people in their homes is vital to Detroit's future."

Next on his list is the vacant Cooley High School on Detroit's northwest side. At 231,000 square feet, there are some 1,700 students in grades K-8 within five blocks of it.

"These old schools were built in the center of

their community and we use them as a one-stop hub of opportunity for the whole family," he said. "Everything from diapers and baby formula banks to senior citizen services."

Lambert said housing multiple agencies in one place makes for a collaborative environment and lowers costs for those nonprofits.

"Our lease rates are under market value and we're financially self-sustaining," he said. "We only charge what it costs to run the building."

The program also included a performance by the Grosse Pointe South High School choir, scripture readings by Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, and recognition of the top seniors from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Harper Woods high schools and University Liggett School.

TIFA adds to grant budget

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Seven commercial and five residential improvement grants totaling \$60,000 were issued this year in the TIFA district.

"The business improvement grant was for façade improvement, landscaping and architectural work in front," said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park.

Individual business grants totaled \$5,000 and required a 10 percent match.

"If someone applied for \$5,000, they had to put down \$500," Sizeland said.

The city paid the \$4,500 balance.

Residential grants are to increase or improve off-street parking, including renovating garages.

"We had two landlords and three others apply for grants, so a total of five garages were done," Sizeland said.

Residential grants also were for \$5,000 each, but required only a 5 percent match, or \$250.

The city's outlay totaled \$55,250.

"In this budget, we've increased the allocation for the grants to \$90,000," said TIFA Chairman John Hughes prior to the

board unanimously adopting a new budget for fiscal year 2022-23 starting July 1.

"In the upcoming fiscal year, I imagine this board will be talking about potential new programs," Sizeland said. "There's a lot of flexibility in what this board can do with TIFA."

Eligible properties must be within the Tax Increment Finance Authority district, established in 1986 and bordered by Mack Avenue, Wayburn, almost to East Jefferson and to the alley at Nottingham.

— Brad Lindberg

City may explore B&B allowance

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As city administration and council in the City of Grosse Pointe continue to maneuver through the first master plan update since 2012, the exploration of potential housing option changes has become a focus, first, with accessory dwelling units — better known as mother-in-law suites — and now with bed and breakfasts.

"This issue of lodging has come up in the City over the years," City Planner John Jackson told council during the meeting Monday, April 18. "A lot of you have been around for the discussion about hotels in

The Village and we've had questions over the years from people asking about bed-and-breakfast uses, so there seems to be questions about lodging options in the City. We thought it would be a good idea to explore what is a bed and breakfast and the pros and cons here in Grosse Pointe."

B&Bs are housed within single-family structures and don't require state licensing, but can be locally regulated and allow for stay durations of a single day to weeks long. They also are regulated as a single-family home if there are 10 or fewer sleeping rooms, serve breakfast at no extra cost and are required to have the

owner or an innkeeper living on the property.

"Someone has to be there onsite at all times," Jackson said, emphasizing that B&Bs are different from Airbnbs, "so that's huge in terms of managing the property, making sure that people behave and things of that nature."

Among the reasons council could choose to further explore the allowance are that B&Bs ensure owner-occupied status, property maintenance and community character; provide diverse, home-like lodging options within the city, which promotes economic activity; and are seen as small hotels,

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"We won't have space to bring our whole collection over there," Keyser said, "but we're planning to bring all of the new books and then recently returned items, as they come back in, we'll be populating the shelves there with those items."

Also at the annex will

be magazines and newspapers, as well as the library's tool collection, photocopier and printer for public use, limited computer usage, Wi-Fi and a monthly book group with limited capacity.

While there is not an official open date for the annex, the library's lease begins May 23, and continues until Sept. 30, 2023, when the Central

branch is anticipated to reopen. Keyser said they are hopeful an opening date in early June will be possible. Hours of operation will be weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a library is not a permitted use in the B1 local business district, the Farms zoning board of appeals unanimously approved a temporary use variance for the space during Monday night's council meeting.

Central closes

The Central branch officially will close May 22, to get rolling on renovation. The building will undergo a year-and-a-half's worth of upgrades.

"There have been many attempts and many plans made to improve this building



As part of Central's renovations, an addition will incorporate double the current youth services space, as well as add a dedicated teen space.

because some of the needs are just really pervasive," Keyser said.

For example, there is no fire-suppression system and the building lacks handicap accessibility.

The Central branch will acquire an addition

to its building, allowing for multi-stall bathrooms, an elevator to the second floor and expansion of current youth room space. The addition also will allow a dedicated teen space to be built, as well as a second programming room.

"We're just really excited to be moving forward with it," Keyser said. "The COVID-19 pandemic obviously threw a lot of uncertainty into things, but we have a really courageous and forward-thinking board and they made the choice to move ahead. ... We're happy to be able to do that."

Woods opens

As the Central branch closes, the Woods branch is anticipated to reopen shortly, with fresh cosmetic updates and a brand new DREAM lab.

"We did a really extensive space-needs assessment of all three buildings, (which) started in 2017 and really (went) through 2019," Keyser said. "Also (we looked) at what other libraries are doing, what the trends are, and (the DREAM lab) was something that was defi-

nately in high demand. We had a little mobile cart that we had at Woods, but it wasn't enough to meet the demand."

The DREAM lab — which stands for design, record, experiment, access and make — will hold a recording studio, sewing machines, computers, design software, 3-D printers, a 3-D scanner and a Cricut machine, among other things.

"I think that it's going to get a lot of use and I think it's really going to help give people a chance to try different things that they've never had the opportunity to try before," Keyser said. "... We've heard stories from other places where people have launched their own clothing company based on using the maker's space. And I know we have a lot of really talented musicians in the area who might record a demo or might start a podcast, so I think there's a lot of possibilities for great impact."

Though there is no set date, it is likely the branch will reopen in June or July — later than expected due to shipment delays.

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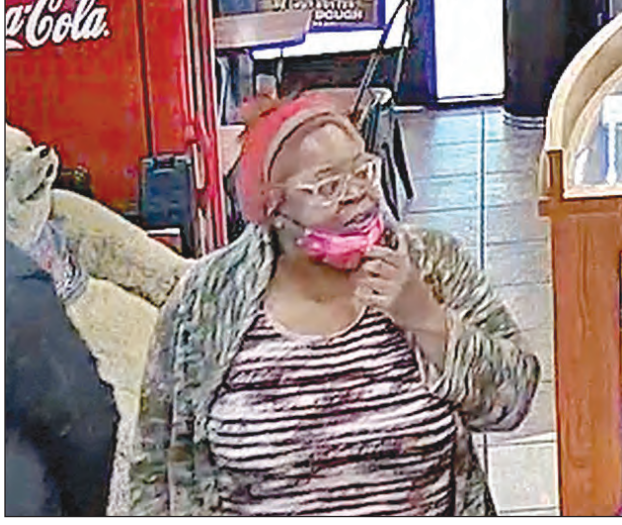
# Officers: Help ID assault suspect

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Officers are working to identify a woman wanted for questioning in an assault that took place at Cold Stone Creamery at approximately 6:55 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.

The woman — said to have complained that her strawberry shortcake ice cream wasn't filled to the top and was layered incorrectly — ultimately grabbed a 20-pound food scale and threw it at an employee, hitting her in the back.

"I didn't have many injuries," said Kayla Moxley, who is 17 years old. "My finger was bleeding, but other than that it's fine."

The woman, captured on security footage, left without paying and before officers arrived.



Police seek help identifying a woman who assaulted an employee of Cold Stone Creamery in The Village in late April.

"That sort of thing has never happened at our store before in all the years that I've owned it," said Sarah Sweis, a co-owner of the Cold Stone

Creamery location, which opened in 2008.

The suspect was seen leaving in what appeared to be a dark gray Chrysler Town and Country mini-

van, according to City of Grosse Pointe Detective Dean Turk, and was there with a man and two children.

"Since the pandemic, we have seen a steady increase in that type of behavior — customers being more erratic or lashing out at the employees," said Sweis, who added the staff is being trained on how to disengage from erratic customers since the incident. "I would just like everybody honestly to remember that these are just kids at the end of the day, just trying to do a good job. It's sad to see how some people can act."

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the City of Grosse Pointe Detective Bureau at (313) 417-1193.

— Laurel Kraus

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company also is going to contribute 100 \$10 gift cards into the rewards program for the Grosse Pointe area. It typically offers 50 \$10 gift cards toward program implementation.

"Right now it's in its infancy stage," City of Grosse Pointe Public Services Director Pete Randazzo explained, "so GFL is going to be reaching out to local businesses to have them set up on the business portal so they can offer some rewards."

Nearly 50 percent of everyday household garbage is made up of recyclable materials, according to educational material included within the rewards program.

Items that can be recycled are newspaper; flattened, not wax-coated cardboard cut into pieces; magazines and catalogs; junk mail; office paper; paperboard that is not wax coated; plastic jugs and bottles; empty household plastic containers #3 through #7; empty steel and tin cans; pots and pans; empty aluminum cans; and empty clear and colored glass.

Items that cannot be recycled include propane tanks, paint cans,

medical waste — medication drop-off bins can be found inside the City, Park and Woods public safety buildings — flammable liquids, household cleaners, dry or liquid chemicals, wood items, yard waste and batteries.

"I think a lot of Grosse Pointers take advantage of the recycling bins," Randazzo said. "Some have multiple bins, but I think Grosse Pointe in general definitely recycles more than surrounding communities."

Even so, one of the main pushes for the incentive program is in response to pressure on city budgets for refuse expenses and tightening restrictions at landfills. Soon, Randazzo anticipates, landfills no longer will allow furniture or mattresses, items for which currently there aren't clear avenues to recycle.

"The whole idea is to send less to the landfill and more to the recycling center," he said of the GFL program.

Grosse Pointe Woods is not included within the rewards program because the city is not part of the joint contract the other four Pointes have with GFL. Instead, the Woods has its own contract for rubbish, compost, recycling and household hazardous waste.

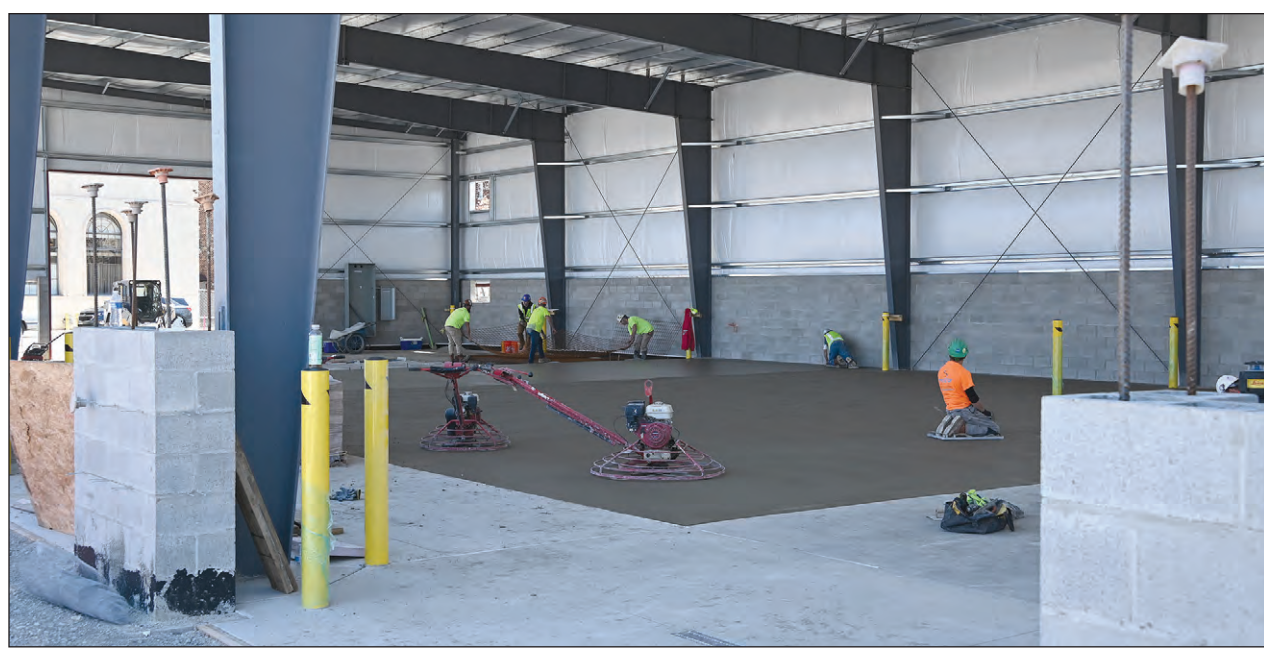


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Crews work to complete construction at the new Grosse Pointe Park DPW building.

# DPW building nearly finished

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Construction of the public works building on Mack, which got off to a slow start due to a nationwide shortage of construction materials, has shifted into high gear.

"The DPW project on Mack is going up fast," said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park.

He anticipates completion next month.

"Most of the concrete has been poured," he said.

Contractors needed more time obtaining steel because of supply chain slowdowns that began during the global COVID-19 pan-

demic. "The entire industry's been challenged," Sizeland said. "We're probably looking at late June or early July when DPW will move into there."

The nearly block-long building is in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district and is designed to shelter vehicles, as well as contain mechanics bays, administrative offices and storage space.

"The TIFA board approved sewer improvement for the alley directly behind the DPW building, which is separating that alley," Sizeland said. "That was about

\$78,000. In the city budget we also are allocating for several other alley improvements and separations this year."

Some of the work will be done in-house by DPW employees.

"That will help reduce sanitary going into the system," Sizeland said.

"That probably would aid in preventing future flooding," said Randy Cousineau, a member of the TIFA board.

"Every little bit's going to help," Sizeland said.

— Brad Lindberg

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Hardware on Kercheval," said Nick Sizeland, city manager and TIFA director. "Professional services include engineering for parking, planning and landscape maintenance."

◆ \$301,295 debt service on bonds to finance construction of the public works garage, repair bays, offices and storage areas due for completion this summer.

"That note will end in 2036," Sizeland said. "As the years keep going, those numbers will be reduced."

◆ \$117,425 to pay salaries and wages of the new TIFA director, Warren Rothe, and other municipal administrators anticipated to work on authority business. The figure is 30 percent greater than in the current budget.

Also allocated is \$90,000 to continue property improvement grants and \$15,000 for alley sewer separation and repaving.

Some \$35,665 is budgeted for legal and audit-

ing services. The figure is a \$9,835 reduction from this year and is forecast to go down even more.

"In past fiscal years, we had the amended development plan, which took some legal help, as well as work on the bond for the DPW building," Sizeland said.

"I don't anticipate using \$30,000," City Attorney Jake Howlett said. "There's no bond work, which is pretty legal intense. Who knows what could come up. The problem with legal services is you don't need them until you need them, but aspirationally, it would come in under that \$30,000."

"We have a big construction project going on," TIFA Chairman John Hughes told Howlett. "Hopefully, we don't have any issues there that need your expertise."

The marketing and promotion outlays stay the same at \$75,000.

"This is for the After 6 on Kercheval street festival and three similar outdoor events on Charlevoix," Sizeland said. "They've been wildly successful."

"From my standpoint,

(After 6) has been very successful," said Commissioner Trenton Chamberlain, executive chef of The Bricks Pizzeria on Kercheval. "It brings a lot of people into the neighborhood who might not otherwise come down."

This year's After 6 events are 6 to 10 p.m. June 25, July 23 and Aug. 27.

Charlevoix street parties are 7 to 11 p.m. June 11, July 9 and Sept. 17.

New to the budget but related to promotions is a \$5,000 line item for the social district, roughly consisting of Kercheval and Charlevoix from Alter to Nottingham.

State law allowed the establishment of social districts in 2020, in

response to the pandemic.

"Creating a social district allows for local businesses within the district to serve to-go alcoholic drinks to consumers, who can then partake of their purchased beverages within designated commons areas within the district," according to the city website.

"Grosse Pointe Park was the only Grosse Pointe and, I believe, the first or second in Wayne County to implement the social district," Sizeland said. "We have eight or nine businesses that are part of that social district."

The \$5,000 is being used for promotional and administrative purposes, he said.

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, MAY 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Infrastructure Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Committee meeting, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom.

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- ◆ Spring Perennial Plant Exchange, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Tompkins Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Ideas, entrepreneurial spirit earn Owen title of 'Pointe's Most Interesting Man'

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Not long ago, a famous beer company claimed to know the World's Most Interesting Man.

Turns out, a man equally as fascinating might reside right here in Grosse Pointe.

Meet one Brian Owen — part real estate guru, part inventor, part competitive fisherman, part pasta chef and full-time devoted husband and father.

"I'm a Jack of all trades," said Owen, who resides in the City of Grosse Pointe with his wife, Kelly Smythe, and children, Ben, 4, and Annie, 19 months. "I have to do a variety of things or else I get bored. I have to keep it interesting."

Born in Detroit but raised in Beverly Hills, Mich., Owen attended the University of Michigan as an Evans Scholar, where he also shot photos for The Michiganensian student yearbook. After his 1998 graduation, armed with a general studies degree, Owen took on what he calls "a crappy, entry-level sales job" for a few years.

Feeling restless, he found his way to work for Village Green Apartments in Farmington Hills, where he rose to assistant



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**A rainbow provides the picture-perfect backdrop for Brian Owen and the 43-inch trophy pike he caught in the waters off of Manitoba, Canada, in 2019.**

vice president of communications for the national apartment company.

But don't think for a second the Pointe's Most Interesting Man stood pat with a management position. Instead, he invented something called the Rebox (upcycling gently used boxes into new boxes) while he also earned his real estate license.

His creative mind and entrepreneurial spirit prompted him to leave corporate America to invent yet another product called the "Stick

Pocket." The apparatus stuck to the back of a cell phone so people could seamlessly store money, ID and credit cards on their phones.

He ran the company from 2012-16, but eventually product titan 3M created its own version of the Stick Pocket.

"That made it too expensive for me to compete ... so we folded up shop," Owen said.

But, according to Owen, timing is everything.

Looking for his next exciting adventure, he met Smythe, a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South, who has a food marketing degree from Western Michigan University.

The two hit it off and began dabbling in house flipping in Grosse Pointe Park. They married in 2016, bought a place on Washington Road and spent around a year renovating their "forever home."

Around that same time, he and his wife also established a new company, O & Smythe.

Suddenly, with a wife, kids and dream home, the former west-sider became firmly ensconced and invested in the Pointes.

"I resisted (moving here) at first," he said. "I was a west sider."

"But one day when I was dropping my son off here at school, I had a moment (when I realized) I am now a Grosse Pointer."

That eastside epiphany has benefited the community in countless ways.

## Rehabbing neighborhoods

Owen has used his real estate acumen to help rehabilitate two local neighborhoods in Detroit: Jefferson-Chalmers, just beyond Alter Road south of Jefferson, and Cornerstone Village, an area across Mack adjacent to Lincoln and Washington roads in Grosse Pointe.

Having read about the Jefferson-Chalmers area in a real estate magazine that called the area "the Venice of Detroit," Owen, also an avid fisherman, became captivated by the neighborhood's streets that ran alongside the Detroit River's canals.

"I saw a property for sale there and kept trying to put something together (to buy it)," he said. "I ended up partnering with some other people and that's how it all started."

Today, O & Smythe, along with Owen's real estate partner, Method Development, are renovating the Jefferson-Chalmers marina. Most importantly, they are establishing the first black-owned food market in Detroit in more than 20 years.

The market will provide fresh food, produce and products for an area that has been desperately underserved in that capacity.

"The building was being used as a major drug hub before we got a hold of it," Owen said, adding that not only will the project help move out blight and danger, but will help create a positive space for the community.

Owen also has put his ideas and efforts into Cornerstone Village, on the streets of Farmbrook and Radnor. Through the Detroit Land Bank Authority, Owen purchased and rehabbed a home on the block and bought the vacant lot next to it to create a vibrant tomato garden.

Work now is underway to replace another vacant lot with a neighborhood memorial garden and brick walkway to provide a safe pedestrian connection between Farmbrook and Radnor.

"I'm working with the communities and partnering with them, joining their neighborhood boards," Owen said, adding that he frequently bikes within those neighborhoods, instead of driving, to talk to residents and get a feel for what is going on. "I make sure I can bike or walk to every property I own. I'm excited to see what these will look like in five years."

## Reeling it in

Outside of work and family, in just about every free moment he has,



**Brian Owen, right, demonstrates the art of pasta making for members of Kids on the Go, a nonprofit organization that assists kids with special needs.**

Owen spends time fishing on Lake St. Clair.

"It's my church," he said. "I'd rather be on the lake thinking about God than in a church thinking about fishing."

He got hooked when he caught his first fish — a 24-inch rainbow trout — as a young kid on Walloon Lake. Once he hit college, he found his time on the water limited. But after school, he was lured back in.

"I got too busy with life for a while (to fish), but after college, I needed a hobby," he said. "I joined the Oakland County Bass Anglers and they taught me how to catch bass."

Owen went on to win a Most Improved Fisherman award and compete in state tournaments. In 2006, in between jobs, he bought a boat and "never looked back." He estimates he fished on Lake St. Clair around "50 times that summer."

Today, he can frequently be found on his boat catching smallmouth bass between the Little Club and Windmill Pointe Park, or casting a line off of the pier at Neff Park, where "smallmouths, silver bass, pike and even catfish" frequent.

In a few weeks, Owen will make his way back to Manitoba, Canada, where he caught his largest fish to date: a 43-inch trophy pike.

"If I'm on the pier, I help kids who look like they might need some guidance," he said. "I want them to love it as much as I do."

## 'Pasta for the people'

Adding another layer to his depth of talents, Owen also is adept at making homemade pasta and a mean bolognese sauce from scratch, thanks to a trip to Italy — and he shares that ability with others through another one of his ventures, Detroit Pasta Co.

Growing up with an Italian mother, he said, showed him the importance of breaking bread

with family and friends. Years later on a trip to Florence with his wife, twin sister, Andrea Fleischmann, and brother-in-law, his culinary curiosity from childhood deepened. After a walking tour to purchase fresh ingredients and spending the day making homemade pasta, his sister recommended he establish Detroit Pasta Co.

The goal of his company — part retail, part instructional pasta-making classes taught by Owen — is to emphasize the "Co." portion of the name.

"Co. stands for collaborative, community, coop (for his desire to raise chickens and use the eggs) and co-op. It's a passion project and I want to help create an experience."

"I want to help provide fresh, affordable pasta, which is healthier than anything you can buy at a store," he added.

Owen donates as many pasta-making courses to local auctions as he offers to clients.

"It's a way to give back," he said.

The Pointe's Most Interesting Man has plenty more to tackle. In addition to it all, he also runs an Evans Scholars mentor program, helping train students at U-M and MSU in real estate; has a goal to run a business along the Fox Creek canal where he can commute every day by boat; and hopes to continue building his extensive personal vinyl record collection, to name a few.

He carves all of his projects around his top priority — spending time with his young family.

"That's my whole world," he said of his wife and kids.

He said he takes his 4-year-old son fishing quite a bit, though, "he only likes it for about a half an hour, then he wants to go to the playground."

So what does the future look like for someone who never sits still?

"There's so many projects I'm working on," he said. "I want to nurture a few great things and expand my vision to make Detroit a better place to raise families."

"... When it's a passion, you do it more selectively. I'm an idea person, but I execute those ideas."

In stating what becomes obvious shortly after being around him, he said: "I'm a do-er. Talk is cheap. Let's get it done."




**Brian Owen, his wife, Kelly Smythe, and their kids, 4-year-old Ben and 19-month-old Annie, grab a selfie while on a family outing.**

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### Can run, but can't hide

A 40-year-old Wyandotte man fled after sideswiping a car parked in the 600 block of Washington Road, causing damage to its driver's side mirror at 3 p.m. Monday, May 2.

He was located a short time later in a nearby area, where his car was impounded and he was ticketed.

### Improper plate

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Cadieux Road for an improper license plate at 10:20 p.m. Monday, May 2, a 20-year-old Detroit man was ticketed and his vehicle impounded.

### Team work

St. Clair Shores police requested assistance from the City at 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in looking for a suspect who fled in his girlfriend's Toyota, which is registered to a resident of Lincoln Road.

After a Grosse Pointe sergeant located the vehicle near Mack Avenue and Moross Road, the 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested and the vehicle impounded without incident.

### Recovered weapons

A 20-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack Avenue and Washington Road at 3:20 a.m. Saturday, May 7, and found to have a suspended license.

As an inventory search of the vehicle was conducted in preparation for impounding, two registered handguns were found under the seats, one of which was stolen.

The driver and occupant, a 20-year-old Harper Woods man, were arrested, charged and arraigned.

— Laurel Kraus

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

### Grosse Pointe Farms

### Variety of credit cards

A 23-year-old Detroit woman was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, not having insurance and defective equipment after being pulled over in the 18000 block of Mack

Avenue for a defective brake light at 11:16 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

During a vehicle inventory search, six credit and debit cards were found bearing names other than the woman's. She was arrested for possession of financial transaction devices.

### Lights out

A 64-year-old Detroit man was cited for expired plates and not having a license or insurance after being pulled over at East Warren and Anatole Street for a defective headlight and brake lights at 8:41 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

### Desperate commuter

After being pulled over at Lakeshore and Warner roads for an expired plate at 4:38 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, a 34-year-old Melvindale man also was found to have a suspended license with four priors.

The man told officers he was aware his license was suspended and was driving to get to and from work.

He received an additional citation for the suspended license and the

vehicle was impounded.

### Suspended license

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Prestwick Road for an expired plate at 10:54 a.m. Thursday, May 5, a 48-year-old Detroit woman told the officer she was aware her license was suspended, the plates were expired and there was no current insurance on the vehicle.

She was issued citations and the vehicle was impounded.

### Drunken driver

A 46-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at 1:41 a.m. Saturday, May 7, after swerving out of her lane multiple times, almost hitting the curb and speeding 47 mph on Lakeshore Road.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.17 percent, for which she was arrested.

### Forceful theft

An employee was shoved to the side when she tried to intercept three suspects stealing \$151.97

in alcohol from a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, May 8.

The suspects are described as a black man wearing a blue Adidas cap, black mask and tan Carhartt jacket; a white woman with blonde hair wearing sunglasses, a blue shirt and gray backpack; and a black man wearing a black Puma jacket and white mask.

The three were seen leaving in a gray Ford Fusion.

— Laurel Kraus

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

### Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

*Report information about crime to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.*

### Grosse Pointe Park

### Shouldn't be driving I

Officers responding to a traffic collision at the intersection of Jefferson and Bedford shortly after 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, arrested one of the drivers, a 21-year-old

Detroit man, for violating a suspended operator's license.

There were no injuries in the crash.

### Shouldn't be driving II

A patrolman monitoring Mack shortly after 11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, observed an unlicensed 21-year-old female driver from Detroit display her lack of motoring skills.

"(The) officer witnessed a vehicle commit multiple infractions and observed the vehicle to have defective equipment," according to police.

A curbside investigation at the intersection of Grosse Pointe Court resulted in the woman's arrest.

"(She) was found to have never acquired a driver's license," according to police.

— Brad Lindberg

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

### Grosse Pointe Woods

No crime to report per dispatch.

*Report information about crime to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, (313) 343-2400.*



COURTESY PHOTO

# Recognized

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Sunrise recently recognized several individuals with Peace Chain awards, for their contributions to the community. Pictured from left are Sister Jacquie Wetherholt of Grosse Pointe Shores, B. Jill Courson of Bosom Buddies, Mil Hurley with the Moross Greenway Project, Patricia Gmeiner of Grosse Pointe Shores, the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver and Ann Archer from Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Joseph Ricci and Sandra Cobb of Grosse Pointe Shores.

## B&B:

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which means fee and tax revenue for municipalities.

"People ask from time to time, 'Where can I have guests stay?'" Jackson said. "So it's a way of providing a small-scale lodging option within the community. It doesn't necessarily change the character of the community — we're not looking at building a hotel or something of that magnitude — so it provides some housing options."

Nuisances, on the other hand, brought by a B&B in the neighborhood could include increased traffic and parking concerns and noise from larger events. Neighborhood destabilization resulting from new use also was noted as a concern.

However, such issues could be mitigated via local nuisance ordinances, neighborhood

## CRUNCH:

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and retained by the TIFA district for the purpose of improving the district, which is bordered by Mack Avenue, Wayburn, Maryland and Lakepointe and to the alley at Nottingham.

But board members and city officials don't want too much of a good thing.

"We are learning more from our community that parking is a real concern, which is a good problem because that means we're really busy and have a lot of residents in our town," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "There are several businesses in the works right now, so we'll have more parking challenges ahead. We have to address those."

"We've been experiencing parking problems in the Kercheval business district ever since I've been here," said Bryan Jarrell, hired last year as Park public safety director. "We are working toward a resolution on parking. I'm hoping by the end of summer we're going to have some kind

of plans in place to address those once and for all."

He doesn't want to begin an enforcement campaign of ticketing and towing cars, especially after talking with some of the residents on Wayburn, Maryland and Lakepointe about their parking problems, including a ban on parking from 3 to 5 a.m. in city-owned and operated lots.

"While we're working through the long-term problems and concerns about parking throughout the entire city, we established a grace period," Jarrell said. "If we ran plates and they belonged on those streets, we're not going to enforce it."

Three projects are in the works to provide more parking.

Ground was cleared this year for construction of a new lot in the 1100 block of Maryland just south of Kercheval.

"The surface has been graded," Sizeland said.

There's a tentative agreement to pave a small, gravel lot on the other side of Maryland. The gravel lot borders the alley behind Pointe Hardware.

"It does not present well for the city. It looks a little rustic," said the store's owner, Randy Cousineau.

And a parking permit system is being considered to deter transient motorists from edging neighborhood residents out of parking spots.

"Regarding a permit program, maybe we look at the first blocks north and south of Kercheval, assisting those residents and businesses," Sizeland said.

"Try to get business customers and employees out of the neighborhoods," Hughes said.

The authority's mission includes, but is not limited to: "public parking improvements, façade and landscape services (and) improved entrances," according to the plan, amended June 2020.

Matters related to parking represent one-third of the board's \$1.1 million budget for next fiscal year, starting July 1.

"We budgeted more resources to these lots," Sizeland said of the two

areas targeted for construction or paving. "Our next meeting is in July. Will we be able to look at some concepts or plans, proposals and costs by then? That would be reasonable. Residents need parking."

"We would like to see progress this year," Cousineau said.

Parking regulations can be a balancing act. The 3 to 5 a.m. ban generated criticism to get noticed.

"I've heard a number of residents question the overnight (ban) because they were using that as a place to park," Cousineau said.

"It doesn't make a great deal of sense for folks to not be able to park there overnight," Hughes said.

"There were several concerns by residents and business owners that there were many cars parked in those lots overnight," Sizeland said.

"At one point there was a car with a flat tire that hadn't moved for a week," Cousineau said. "That's a problem."

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OUR VIEW

# A hunting we will go

The past weekend included two events that many people spend months looking forward to — Mother's Day and the Kentucky Derby — but for many Michiganders this time of year also marks the traditional beginning of morel mushroom-hunting season.

While May is officially morel month in The Mitten, the fruiting period begins in late April and runs through mid-June. The bounty can differ year to year and like so many other things in life this time of year, it all depends on the weather. Damp nights followed by warm days produce the best crop, and since we've had plenty of damp nights lately, it looks like the necessary warm days are finally here.

While there are some 2,000 kinds of wild mushrooms in Michigan, morels are the safest and mushroom mavens will tell you they taste the best, especially when fried in butter.

The good news is that they can and do grow in all 83 of the state's counties, so you don't have to plan a special trip "up north" and fight the traffic and orange barrels on I-75. They can be found in wooded areas, at the base of old or dead trees, in landscaping mulch or even along your backyard fence. If you are looking for an excuse to get away though, the National Morel Mushroom Festival is taking place this weekend in Boyne City.

If you are new to the activity, here are some tips to make your first

outing enjoyable and successful.

First and foremost is safety. While there are plenty of mushrooms for the picking, many can make you sick and some are lethal. Despite myths you may have heard, cooking a poisonous mushroom does not make it safe; it makes the whole meal dangerous. Eating just a half of a cap of the wrong mushroom can kill an adult or lead to permanent organ damage. We suggest you tag along with an experienced hunter for your first time to better learn the ins and outs.

Nature books also can be informative and, in our cell phone-centric world, of course "there's an app for that." Keep in mind that morel caps attach to the stalk. Mushrooms with free-hanging caps are not edible.

Morels commonly stand 1 to 4 inches and are about 1 to 2 inches around. They mainly come in shades of gray and black and have a distinctive cap shaped like a honeycomb. The Department of Natural Resources suggests that you pinch them off at ground level, rather than pulling them out, so the root system can continue to reproduce year after year.

A mesh bag or topless pail is best for collecting your bounty, as plastic bags can speed up decay due to lack of air. Mesh bags also help seed the ground for future growth.

Once you get home, wash and dry the caps thoroughly, then cut them open lengthwise to check for bugs.

So get out there and enjoy, because there is a fungus among us.



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OUR VIEW

# STEM education keeps gaining steam

With the recent success of robotics teams at the local high school level, we thought it was a good time to take a deeper dive into what STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education is and the value it can provide to all students.

As readers saw in last week's News, the robotics team from University Liggett School won the FIRST Robotics World Championship in Dallas last month after wins at the district and state levels. Today, readers can learn about the combined robotics team from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools that also reached the state championship (page 9A).

Many probably fondly recall playing with Tinker Toys as children before graduating to Lincoln Logs or LEGOs and on to Erector Sets. Those classics no doubt inspired many of today's engineers and architects who are looking at retirement in the not too distant future. But for today's students, it's a whole new ball game.

Everyone knows today's youth are technologically savvy. If we had a dollar for every grandparent who called on their middle school grandchild to set up a new laptop or cell phone ...

But STEM education is more than just knowing how to use a smartphone or creating an email account. It is literally and figuratively the nuts and bolts of the future.

Global business consultants at Deloitte say that in 20 years, two-thirds of today's kindergarten students will occupy jobs that do not exist today. Think about it. They won't have jobs they maybe haven't heard of or considered; they'll have jobs that have yet to be created.

We are in the midst of what historians are calling the fourth Industrial Revolution. The first, of course, was in the late 18th century with the invention of the steam engine. The second, from about 1870 to 1914, involved mass production. A local guy you may have

heard of played a big role in that. The early 1970s brought about the third iteration with early work on the internet and other information technology. Today, it's all about robotics, artificial intelligence and automation.

Some might think STEM is only for the kids who are MIT-bound, but that isn't true. There always will be a need for careers that don't involve science — we'd like to think journalism is one. In fact, many reporters joke that they took up the field because they were bad at math in school. But STEM still can be beneficial for all students.

Kim Galea, a science and math teacher at ULS who coaches the Knight Vision robotics team, agrees.

"We've had students who were interested in the field but wanted to do something more hands-on, such as fabricating," she told the News recently. "We had one student go on to the Center for Creative Studies to pursue art. Others go into business. It's beneficial for everyone."

First, it teaches the soft skills so many employers today decry a lack of in young job-seekers. Things like communication, teamwork, critical thinking and self-confidence.

The hard skills are more obvious for the scientifically inclined, such as programming, coding and project management.

Finally, there is an entrepreneurial flavor, including initiative, innovation and ingenuity.

When it comes to boots on the ground, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently announced that Michigan's new fiscal year budget will include \$2.7 million in additional money for STEM-related grants. Charter public schools, meanwhile, often locate STEM-focused schools in low-income neighborhoods to create opportunities for students previously not exposed to such careers.

As the success of local STEM programs is celebrated, we hope GPPSS and ULS will increase offerings and more students will take advantage of them.

GUEST VIEW By Ryan Lally

# Talk to a veteran this Memorial Day

Memorial Day had special meaning for me as an Eagle Scout and a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, but it wasn't until I served on active duty as a Naval officer that I truly understood the significance of this solemn day of remembrance.

Volunteering for service in the post-9/11 military brought with it the reality that my peers and I may be deployed into harm's way to combat terrorism abroad. During nine and a half years of active service, my duties included traditional warship-board service with deployments to the Western Pacific, the Northern Arabian Sea and the Arabian Gulf from 2004-08, and then in Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal from 2009-13, with a deployment to a joint special operations task force in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



Throughout my military time I served alongside military members, government employees and civilian contracts from all branches of service — Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard — from a unit of thousands of people led by a four-star general/admiral, down to a small unit of special forces/special warfare operators. Whether a service member was providing support from behind the scenes, or they were at the tip of the spear of our war-fighting efforts, it was possible they or someone they know would face death in the line of duty.

Each generation has its own geopolitical and ideological conflicts for which military action is an eventuality. For those who answer the call to serve our country, the phrase "All gave some; some gave all" resonates a little more deeply on Memorial Day.

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Restore balance

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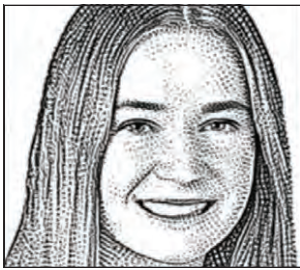
To protect our reproductive freedoms, we need to expand the Supreme Court. The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four new seats to the Supreme Court, bringing the number of justices to 13. It would help restore balance to a court that Mitch McConnell has packed with right-wing extrem-

ists who are on the verge of dismantling abortion care in America.

Recent polling showed that not only do a majority of Americans believe the Supreme Court should uphold the right to abortion care, they also agree we need to restore balance to the court and support adding additional judges to the Supreme Court.

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I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt



# Lessons learned in sports

**You can do anything you set your mind to.**

Now, people say this all the time, but it's not something I ever fully grasped just from the words. Looking at my experience in sports, though, it rings more true.

If you have the determination, the drive, to accomplish your hopes and dreams, you will get there, as long as it is not physically impossible. The reasoning is, big accomplishments take a lot of hard work. And hard work is inherently hard to do. It's hard to wake up early and go to one practice before school and one after. It's hard to push yourself in practice day in and day out. But, if you want it badly enough, hard work doesn't seem so hard. It seems fulfilling. Rewarding.

That's what I learned from my years running

cross country and track and field. All through high school, I ran varsity, with the hopes I would one day make it to run in college. I had huge breakthroughs my junior and senior year as I set my sights on those college-bound goals: I took the weight room seriously, I strategized more intentionally, I trained harder. I put in all the extra work and I ended up getting there.

**Good things aren't always comfortable.**

People run marathons — a whole 26.2 miles, just on their feet. Football players pounce at the line of scrimmage, ready to take down someone else or get slammed to the ground themselves. Soccer goalies stand in front of a net, just waiting to stop a ball hurtling toward them with their own body.

It's not that athletes love pain. It's just, the greater the challenge, the greater the reward. The fulfillment one feels when he reaches that finish line, some hours later; completes a game-winning pass after being tackled time and time again; blocks a gut-wrenching shot to the stomach to stop a game-winning goal. Athletes will tell you: that feeling is unmatched. It's thrilling; it's why we keep playing.

**Good things can take a lot of time.**

Sometimes things take time. You have to be dedicated, you have to endure some pain, you have to get up after falling down. But looking back on that journey after you've completed it — and successfully gotten what you've been reaching for — is so much more rewarding when it wasn't

just handed to you.

While this is one of my biggest lessons life is trying to teach me lately, it's one all athletes know well, whether they have accepted it or not. (I must admit, I still struggle with it.)

No world-record runner was ever hitting the times they hit the first time they toed the line. Great accomplishments take a great amount of discipline and training to get there. And dedicated time, too. Sure, some people are naturally more gifted in certain areas than others, but no one stepped up to the plate and hit a home run their first ever at-bat; kicked a soccer ball for the first time and had a perfect upper-right corner of the net shot; tossed a basketball and made a deep three bucket.

When we live in a world increasingly reliant on

instant gratification, I think this lesson taught in sports is one that's getting harder and harder to accept in life.

While I'm sure there are many more lessons I've learned from my years and years of sports-playing days, I don't know that they can be neatly tied into a subheading. They have culminated into who I am today and I couldn't be more grateful for that.

So, for all you moms and dads spending countless hours toting your kids to endless practices and games — whether that be high school sports just ending, summer leagues beginning, Little League galore — just know, eventually your kids will look back on these days, like I am, and realize they made them the determined, motivated, unstoppable person they have become.

GUEST VIEW By Tim Harris

## Enlisting taught me the meaning of service

I was 18 years old, just out of high school, enjoying my summer vacation, and wondered what I was going to do now. I lacked discipline and motivation. I did not have colleges knocking down my door and no scholarships to pay for them if they were. I knew better than to enroll in community college — I wouldn't have finished it anyway.

I walked into the armed service recruitment office at 9 Mile and Gratiot. The only branch that was not gone for lunch was the Navy, so that was what I joined. They asked what I wanted to do. I said I didn't care, I just needed money for college and I knew about the GI Bill. They were happy with the prospect of having a recruit who had no aspirations.

During the process of enlisting, I selected the shortest school possible, Airman ATD, a three-week school. They asked where I wanted to go, East Coast or West Coast. I hesitated, pondering that the East Coast was closer to friends and family, but I had never been to the West Coast. The man sitting in front of me said, "Well, with the airman school you selected, if you choose the West Coast you will be stationed in Honolulu or San Diego." I had a close friend going to dance school in Pasadena and well, come on, Hawaii! The hesitation stopped right there.

Upon completion, they handed me my orders. Man, was I excited. I ripped them open like a kid opening his gift from

Santa. The excitement didn't last, as it was orders to Everett, Wash. I said, "There must be a mistake. I'm supposed to be going to Hawaii or San Diego."

The man who handed me my orders looked at me, a bit taken back, and replied with a smirk, "There are no mistakes. Welcome to the Navy, shipmate."

It was that day I learned the NAVY acronym — Never Again Volunteer Yourself. I arrived via SeaTac Airport. It was rainy and cold and it felt like home. I met a very nice couple, about my mother's age, on the shuttle to the base. They asked all kinds of questions about my life and what had brought me to their town. I think they sensed the uneasy feeling I had arriving at some place I was going to live and not knowing a single soul.

The shuttle dropped them off first, a beautiful home high on the hillside facing the Puget Sound. From my ship, the USS Abraham Lincoln, an aircraft carrier, you could make out the speck where their home was on the hill. Several times they invited me to their home for dinner. I will never forget that family who welcomed me into theirs for the sole reason of being a service member.

My time in the Navy came with many trials, learning discipline, chain of command, respect for rank no matter who the man or woman. Learning how to lead and when to follow. It was the Navy that shaped the person I am today. I became an avia-

tion fuels crew leader on the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln. I struggled with patience more there than as a parent now. I had my fair share of trouble, but I lived a life worthy of the stories and what I learned from them.

During my time we deployed on what is called a WESTPAC, a six-month deployment at sea. This is where we cross the equator and go through a ritual I dare not write about. This is where the Navy gets its recruitment slogans of "See the World."

The list of places we were to port, if I remember correctly, were Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Perth and Hobart. I say "remember correctly" because for more than 90 days we never saw land, for various reasons. We started to call our ship the USS Neverports and our slogan was "SEEEE THE WORLD from the hangar bay of the Stinkin Lincoln." Morale was a little low.

A fun fact: After so many days at sea, you get what is called a steel beach picnic. Flight Ops shut down for the day and they give each person two tickets. These tickets may be redeemed for one beer per ticket. What happened next will stay with me the rest of my life and will be why the deployment will stay as fresh as the flowers at Charvat Florist.

On Oct. 12, 2000, three days before we were supposed to port into Thailand, our last possible port before our rotation in the Persian Gulf, we



received news that USS Cole had been attacked in Yemen. Al-Qaeda was responsible for the attack. Seventeen sailors were killed.

Seventeen letters, 17 visits to families' doors from strangers, 17 sailors not coming home.

It was that day my view of the mission and what I was doing changed. We stayed in the Gulf for some time working Flight Ops around the clock. The bonds made with those people during that time are lifelong, stronger than my vocabulary can describe.

Some time later, we were relieved as we made our way to Perth, Australia, and Hobart, Tasmania, for our last two ports before homecoming. If you ever have the opportunity to travel to either place, do it. They are the most welcoming people I have met on this planet.

After a six-month deployment our ship was scheduled for refitting, which means dry dock. The ship is torn apart and put back together over the

course of months and months. Not much for an aviation fuels crew leader to do. I was assigned a pretty simple task: to watch civilian contract welders work and make sure they don't catch on fire. If they do, put them out with your extinguisher and they just keep on welding.

I woke up in the berthing (large bedroom), where approximately 98 other men were waking up, on Sept. 11, 2001, on my way to watch some welders. I was walking to another room and a guy yelled from the lounge "Hey! Someone just flew into the World Trade Center." I yelled back, "What an idiot." A few minutes later, the same guy yelled, "Someone just flew into the other one." I thought to myself, "Wow, two idiots." I was picturing a little prop plane and some broken windows.

I got dressed, went to the office and learned the horrific news about what happened on the worst day of our nation's history.

My enlistment ended Sept. 28, 2001. I was considered non-essential and my division administration did not think we would be deployed because we were in dry dock.

Upon my discharge from the Navy, and because of what happened on 9/11, I began my pursuit of community service. I first became a paramedic, then a firefighter and then a police officer. I have been serving the community of Grosse Pointe Farms and its surrounding cities for 16 years as a public safety officer, K-9 handler, member of the dive team and member of the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team.

I was asked to write about what Memorial Day means to me and I believe I answered that. Thank you to the Grosse Pointe communities, the Grosse Pointe News and its readers for the continued support and, lastly, to those who will never read this.

Tim Harris is the K-9 officer for the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Department.

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## LALLY:

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Talk to a veteran about Memorial Day: what it means to them, those they knew who made the ultimate sacrifice and how it has affected them and their life. If you don't know a veteran, stop by the nearest VA hospital. It might just change your life.

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## LETTERS:

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I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act so we can create an institution that moves away from partisan politics and represents the good of all Americans.

CHRISTINE WUJEK  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Eliminating 'The Other America'

## To the Editor:

On March 14, the NAACP Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods Branch presented "The Other America 2022," to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 54th anniversary of his speech by the same name in Grosse Pointe in 1968. Our event featured Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, director of the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University, in a moderated discussion with students from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit. It included an inspirational performance from Mosaic Youth Theatre and gave youths a safe space to discuss issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. I shared details of the event in a March 9 podcast with the Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce. Ford House, where our event was held, was a co-sponsor, along with Authentically Detroit, DTE, Dykema Gossett PLLC, East Side Community Network, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, Michigan State University — Detroit Center, Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, PLC, Skillman Foundation, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Wayne State University, Wayne County Community College District and Welcoming Everyone GP.

The inspiration to create an NAACP chapter in the Grosse Pointes came from Elaine Flowers, a resident and one of the first black females to join the Detroit Police Department in the 1970s. Flowers envisioned programs for young people to discuss issues related to race relations. She believed our community was ready to "embrace racial equity and support the area to grow and separate itself from the well-known racist and unwelcoming past."

In 2015, the NAACP Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods Branch was char-

tered. At the March 14 event, we fulfilled the course outlined that year: to support and lift the voices of our young people to discuss race, equity and inclusion. It is yet another step to eliminating the so-called "Other America."

CYNTHIA DOUGLAS,  
PRESIDENT  
NAACP Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods

## Target school admin cuts

## To the Editor:

Nobody wishes unemployment on anyone, especially in classroom teachers.

Unfortunately, declining enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is a major contributor to the district's significant deficit, which cannot be allowed to continue.

Despite administration efforts to maintain and increase enrollment, reported stats show the decline has continued, while alternatives to public schooling have gained popularity.

Unless reversed, this decline will require 1) payroll cuts, 2) building closure and 3) property tax increases.

District leadership and the BOE have done a disservice to teachers and taxpaying residents by allowing enrollment to fall to a level at which GPPSS runs the risk of losing teachers and triggering other unpopular actions.

Staffing cuts usually result in loss of the most experienced and most highly paid teachers.

Faced with these realities, I urge the administration and BOE to make significant reductions in administrative positions and pledge that classroom teachers will be spared.

JAY R. HACKLEMAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Won't happen overnight

## To the Editor:

After reading your editorial about my record last week, I wanted to clarify several points. While I proudly ran on my work as an early education advocate, I also spoke about the COVID pandemic and a safe return to school, the district's enrollment and budgetary issues, how the board could be more transparent and proactive, and more. This was reflected in the candidate profile and election coverage published by the Grosse Pointe News and other outlets in 2020.

At our last board meeting, it wasn't clear how a proposal to set aside millions in bond funds would advance educational pro-

grams in the district, or do anything tangible to help with early education, or the future of Trombly or Poupard. This began at nearly \$10 million, but was verbally amended to \$6.7 million live during the meeting — only after it became clear that the original figure would have voided contracts and cost the district \$10 million to \$15 million, was inconsistent with the terms of the bonds issued and could have violated federal tax law. Typically, we do not have a first read and immediate vote on such a big question in the same meeting, but instead solicit expert opinions and public comment over several meetings prior to a vote. I could not vote for it in good conscience.

Finally, the early education resolution passed last year by the board threaded the needle on a complex issue — how to preserve our existing program despite serious funding and staffing difficulties (shared by every program nationwide), while also creating a pathway for future expansion of the program (which I do believe must include a site at Trombly). This requires a concrete facilities plan and a realistic strategy to recruit and retain staff who meet our high standards. This work is not easy and it won't happen overnight. And there is no guarantee of success if we don't all work together to make it so. I am grateful that Superintendent Jon Dean and Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges' teams have partnered to diligently work to explore the future of Trombly and for early education expansion in our community.

DAVID BRUMBAUGH,  
TRUSTEE  
Grosse Pointe Public School System

## Differing opinions

## To the Editor:

Based on recent Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings, there seem to be differing opinions about our school district's financial position.

Many board members say district finances are healthy. Yet GPPSS's own financial presentations show they lost about \$3.5 million last year. Their proposed budget amendment projects another \$4.4M loss this year. If this is a healthy financial situation, I'd hate to see what an unhealthy one looks like.

We do have a fund equity balance. However, the district's latest budget shows the fund balance

declining to \$10.5M this year. That's not a lot of cushion when GPPSS already loses \$4.4M per year and the rate of loss is accelerating.

Fixing things before the fund balance gets to zero would require increasing revenue, which requires increasing enrollment. Unfortunately the board hasn't shown much urgency about that, since it gave itself and Dr. Dean high ratings even though enrollment's dropped faster than comparable districts for years. District projections show further enrollment decline beyond this year. Meanwhile, expenses will continue to go up, forcing the district to cut valuable and experienced staff.

So GPPSS operates at a loss, enrollment keeps declining, current leadership can't seem to fix it and still we're told district finances are in good shape? To me this doesn't inspire a lot of confidence in the Board of Education, since it's hard to address financial problems when you keep claiming you don't have any.

MIKE VETHACHE  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Concern over bond spending

## To the Editor:

I have been following the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings for the past year and am very concerned about the district's bond spending. In 2018, residents voted to give GPPSS \$111 million to fix our beautiful buildings. Of that total, \$9.5M was for Poupard and Trombly. Those buildings are now closed, yet at the BOE meetings it came out that \$2.8M of that money was already committed and the remaining \$6.7M is needed to cover additional projects elsewhere. In other words, \$9.5M of taxpayer funds were used either for work at empty schools or are needed to cover unplanned additional costs at other buildings.

The concern I have is why does most of the BOE seem unconcerned by this? Of course costs can be hard to forecast, but it's curious that when it comes to GPPSS's improvement and maintenance projects, changes always seem to move in only one direction — toward more spending! On top of that, Dr. Christopher Lee said at the last BOE meeting that GPPSS still has additional critical spending needs that could require another bond even bigger than \$111M. Are they really leading us down a path of even more capital spending? Our enrollment numbers already prove we are having trouble attracting young families. How will dumping more debt on residents make more people move here?

VIRGINIA JEUP  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Promises issued, Part Two

## To the Editor:

With regard to the Our View in the May 5 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, titled "Promises issued, promises broken," I have another example where Trustee Brumbaugh's leadership is lacking.

When the district strategic plan was discussed, many in the community raised concerns about the lack of any specific

and measurable goals in the plan. Trustee Brumbaugh, who had attended a session about strategic planning with the Michigan Association of School Boards, remarked at a school board meeting that the standard for strategic planning was to have specific measurable goals. (You would think the well-paid consultant would have known this.) The district assured Brumbaugh they would provide measurable goals.

Mr. Brumbaugh issues a "pre-read" of agenda items before school board meetings and posts them on social media. For the agenda of Dec. 19, he included the following:

## KEY ITEMS

◆ Approval of the GPPSS Strategic Plan for 2022-24. [Note: In the last meeting, I asked for specific objectives and metrics aligned to the broad goals in the plan. These are important so we know what success "looks like" and measure our progress. If the overarching strategic plan is approved, administration plans to work with all the relevant building and grade level teams over the next month, which I think is reasonable.] See the draft plan here: <https://www.gpschools.org/cms/lib/M101000971/Centricity/domain/4873/12-20/Vd.pdf>

I reached out to Mr. Brumbaugh in February and March, well past the one month he thought was reasonable, asking where were the measurable goals. In February he said he would check. In March he didn't reply to my inquiry at all.

Surely the administration knows what smart and measurable goals look like, as Dr. Bishop wrote measurements of success in Mason's school improvement plan while he was principal.

The administration made a promise to Mr. Brumbaugh which is yet to be fulfilled or has been broken, while Mr. Brumbaugh has yet to follow up and inform his constituents about the status of his reasonable one-month request to have measurable goals.

Promises issued, promises broken indeed.  
CHRIS KACZANOWSKI  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Watch out, women

## To the Editor:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out,

Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak out,

Because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out,

Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out,

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me.

— Martin Niemöller

Watch out women. They're coming for you and the control of your body!

"Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood is here! Welcome back to the repression of 50 years ago.

BARBARA STONE  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Memorial Day

BY NORMAN WHALER

Dignifying banners flying  
And the bands stand poised to play  
As our thoughts go back with reverence  
On this Memorial Day...

All Flags on high do signify  
Our proud land is free  
Because they went when duty calls them  
To their destiny...

"Defend the land – defend the flag"  
Was the rallying cry  
The toward the sound of the roaring guns  
With a quickly said goodbye...

Goodbye my home – goodbye my love  
Farewell and please don't cry  
My country's called to defend her name  
So goodbye – goodbye – goodbye

Now through the years we stop and think  
And with devotion pray  
That we can always honor them  
On each Memorial Day...

God bless this land – God bless the flag  
May all that see it wave  
Remember them – and what they did  
And so unselfishly gave...

Norman Whaler lives in Grosse Pointe.

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# Gearheads take district title

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

The combined robotics team of Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School — Team 1189, The Gearheads — had a strong showing at the FIM district championship at Macomb Community College Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2. The team was victorious, finishing atop the district in the “rapid react”-themed competition.

The Gearheads took to the district stage after months of preparation for the competition, from the minute the video release of the game’s theme debuted in January.

The competition’s theme changes every year; this year, the goals of the contest were for the robot to move, collect balls and shoot them into a basket-like contraption and climb bars, said team captain Robert Hays, a senior at North. For months leading up to the competition, the team of robotics students worked at programming the robot, using Java.

“There’s a lot of designing that goes into it,” Hays said. “... We (took) a lot of concepts



COURTESY PHOTO

The team of Grosse Pointe North and South students celebrated a 1st place district championship win. The team includes: students Sa’ad Alrazzi, Ashlei Anatalio, Drew Behringer, Carter Cole, Allan Cooney, Teddy Cueter, Genevieve Gauthier, Hyab Gebregziabher, Jack Grace, Lilly Gutierrez, Chloe Harb, Robert Hays, Talia Hinlopen, Peter Hoffman, RJ Richards, Nicholas Rogers, Jack Somers and Gru Yerramalli, and mentors Jeff Santrock, Nick Santrock, Matt Rigotti, Mike Rogers, Jason Wolfsen, Alisha Wolfsen, Eric Kam and Steve Hays.

that we had used before that we knew worked and we applied them to this year.”

One such concept — and perhaps one crucial to their success — was the use of a pneumatic shooter instead of a wheel shooter.

“We were probably one of the only robots in the state of Michigan that used a pneumatic shooter and it actually worked extremely well,” Hays said.

The pneumatic shooter

uses a pressurized air mechanism to push the ball out of the robot, similar to a cannon. The pneumatic system minimized spin, something teams using the wheel shooter were unable to perfect.

“With this game, spin is actually not very good because it causes the balls to bounce out,” Hays said, “but with a pneumatic, there’s no spin. It’s just pushing it, so it makes it much more consistent.”

After the team’s district win, they went to the state championship, where they finished the season as the 70th best team out of 470 in the state.

“I’m really proud of the performance of our team this year,” Hays said. “I’m really proud of all the hard work that all of our students and mentors put in to make this happen. I couldn’t be more proud of everything they’ve done for us and the team.”

# Enrollment projection update

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Following concerns about the accuracy and breadth of the enrollment projection given by Plante Moran to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at its March 14 meeting, an update to the original projection was given at the May 9 meeting.

Paul Willis, a representative from Plante Moran, was in attendance with information regarding the decreased number of housing units by municipality shown in the last report and an updated peer district comparison for GPPSS.

In the March 14 presentation, showing a further enrollment loss of 600 students through 2026, a decrease in the number of housing units was one factor that could have explained continued enrollment losses GPPSS has experienced the past several years.

However, because the report detailed that there are 590 fewer housing units in GPPSS now than there were three years ago, several board members questioned the accuracy of the report.

Willis stood by the number originally provided and said to understand its meaning, it is important to understand how a housing unit is defined by the firm.

“(A housing unit) is a structure, so I know we hear (the question), where did 590 structures go?” Willis said. “That is not the case. Actually the structures increased by about 307 total units in the boundary, but the ownership structure and the type of unit actually did change.”

The report accompanying Willis’ presentation said the firm believes the decrease in housing units was predominantly due to a decrease in multiple rental units, because they were transitioned into either single rental or single occupant-owned hous-

ing units.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Secretary Lisa Papas were not convinced by the update, due to their previous concerns and doubt regarding the new information.

Ismail asked how Grosse Pointe Shores could have lost 60 units over several years if there are no apartments within the city’s limits, meaning no multi-family to single-family transitions could have taken place.

Willis attributed the number to carriage houses, which he said could have been converted from rental units back into full private residences by the same owner of the primary house.

Papas said as a City of Grosse Pointe resident who is active in her community, she also is hesitant to accept that there are 50 fewer housing units in the City than there were a few years ago. She spoke to several officials who work for the City and they also doubted the numbers.

“I reached out to some people in the city government as well and was told that (the data) does not sound correct,” Papas said. “And I am wondering if there is a better way we can look at this as a school district. In fact, the city manager of Grosse Pointe City responded to me today and said that often the data is not tracked (accurately) in the inner ring suburbs and it is often underestimated.”

Because Ismail previously requested that Grosse Pointe’s enrollment data be compared to peer districts like Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Northville, Novi and Troy, rather than other areas of Wayne County, he asked Willis if through comparing the data, Plante Moran was able to find an explanation for why Grosse Pointe was the only district among its peers to have enrollment losses totaling more than 10 percent since 2018.

# Budget update indicates layoffs

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

A budget update provided by Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson and Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Roy Bishop provided more details regarding the state of the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s finances before the school board is expected to adopt a budget for its fiscal 2022-23 year at its June 27 meeting.

An increase in per-pupil funding from the state of Michigan is almost certain, Matheson said, as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s executive office, as well as the Senate and House of Representatives, have suggested increases in funding up to \$450 per student to districts’ foundation allowance.

The local impact of several other state budget proposals — such as funding for at-risk students, special education,

career and technical education, educator retention, educator recruitment, mental health services and services for safe schools — are still uncertain because there is significant disagreement between the legislature and executive office over how much money should go toward each area.

Based on the data, Matheson said the district may receive an additional \$2,802,550 to \$3,738,418 from the state, accounting for the enrollment loss of 135 students and depending on what version of the budget passes.

While the district is expecting an increase in revenue from state aid, increased expenses also are projected from contractual increases in wages and health insurance increases. From current projections, 22 fewer professional staff positions will be maintained by the district the following year.

Matheson said while there will be fewer teach-

ers employed, it is not expected that many of them will be laid off.

“The majority of those 22 positions will be due to attrition, but we are potentially looking at five positions where we will be looking at a layoff situation,” Matheson said. “We have a process that we follow in identifying the least effective and where we would be looking at those layoffs.”

Throughout the meeting, there was debate as to whether or not GPPSS is in good financial standing. Both Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Vice President Colleen Worden discussed the current state of the district’s fund balance.

Worden said the district’s previous fund balances of between 15 and 20 percent may have been too high and may have indicated that the district was not spending enough of its capital in the classrooms.

Ismail, on the other hand, mentioned that a fund balance of between 15 and 20 percent falls

under the Michigan School Business Officials recommendations and he is concerned about the projected fund balance falling below this threshold.

A goal of the 2022-23 budget parameters, voted on in January of this year, is to restore the fund balance to 12 percent over the next year, from a project fund balance of approximately 10.5 percent by this June.

Because more information about state funding will be available following the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference on May 21, Matheson said there will be another budget development update at the May 23 board meeting. Then, a budget will be proposed at the June 13 board meeting before it is likely adopted June 27.

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## Hoofing & puffing for Lung Association

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Advice to no-goodniks: Don't lead Park police on a foot chase up the stairs at Comerica Park. They'll run you down.

Four of the public safety department's officers climbed a heart-pumping 2,123 steps at the ballpark Sunday morning, May 1, to raise money for the American Lung Association's Fight For Air Climb Detroit.

They did it wearing full firefighting gear, including air tanks, weighing a total 70 pounds.

"The funny thing is, the way I trained for this was putting on all the gear and walking the city hall lobby stairs," Lt. Colin Connaire said. "The heat is always cranked in there. Doing it out in the open at Comerica was a lot easier. It was a perfect, nice, cool day."

Connaire, Sgt. Mike Miller and PSOs Tim Evans and Esho Matty raised \$1,585, according to the lung association wrap up.

"We're going to beat that next year," Connaire said. "I think we're going to have a bigger team next year, too. The guys who saw how much fun we had and what a good cause it was are going to want to do it."

"We hope other officers will see the success we had and will throw their hats into the ring next year," Deputy Chief Jim Bostock said.

"The guy who was



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK PUBLIC SAFETY

Grosse Pointe Park PSO Esho Matty, front, takes a group selfie at Comerica Park. In the background are, from left, Sgt. Mike Miller, PSO Tim Evans and Lt. Colin Connaire. The team's motto is, "We don't get tired."

most enthusiastic was the youngest member of our department, Esho Matty," Connaire said. "He's 23 and a ball of enthusiasm."

"It's a great, positive thing to do," said Matty, hired last year. "We collected a lot of money for

a good cause. Lt. Connaire and I practiced for it, so it wasn't as bad as we thought it would be. It felt good being there."

First responders from as far away as Toledo and East Lansing participated.

"Thank you from the bottom of our lungs for being a part of the Fight For Air Climb Detroit," the association posted on its website. "Together, we have exceeded our fundraising goal and on our way to \$400,000! Let's keep the momentum going! Your support makes our work possible for the 1.6 million Michiganders living with lung disease. Every dollar raised supports our American Lung Association's research, educational and advocacy efforts."

"They walked up the steps to the upper bowl and then went up and down each aisle all the way around the stadium and finished at the Pepsi Porch," Chief Bryan Jarrell said.

"Our motto is, 'We don't get tired,'" Connaire said.

It's one thing to run around a baseball stadium wearing a thick, fire-resistant, water-repellant overcoat and pants, boots, helmet and air tank while carrying tools. Doing it at a structure fire is another.

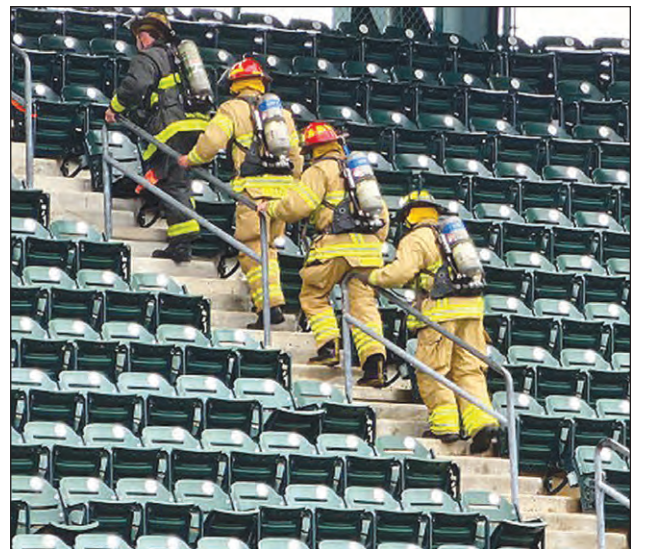
"The first time I went to a fire, it was in a basement," Matty said. "I go down and couldn't see anything. But we got it done. That's all that matters."

Connaire knows the relief of having lungs full of fresh air.

"I'm asthmatic," he said. "I have a daughter who is as well. As a charity, the Lung Association is on my radar. It was



From left are Deputy Director Jim Bostock, Sgt. Mike Miller, Lt. Colin Connaire, Chief Bryan Jarrell, Park PSO Esho Matty and PSO Tim Evans.



The team takes to the stairs at Comerica Park.

nice being able to help them by doing this."

Asthma hasn't slowed Connaire or his daughter, Gillian, 19. He runs marathons. She's in college and a former cross-country runner.

"I could not be prouder of her," Connaire said.

Now that she's an adult, he realized how fast his four children are growing up.

"I have two out of high school, a middle schooler and a third grader," he said. "I have two grown adults. It happened so quickly."



PHOTO COURTESY OF GPAAS

Proceeds from the breakfast support training, certifications, equipment, veterinary care and supplies for the Harper Woods K-9 program and K-9 Kaiser.

## GPAAS pancake breakfast supports Harper Woods K-9 program

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and Friends of the Harper Woods K9 Program board — especially Harper Woods K-9 Kaiser — are excited to welcome guests to a pancake breakfast fundraiser, from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20633 Vernier, Harper Woods.

Unlike last year's drive-thru event, this year's festivities take place indoors. The dine-in event also features a carryout option.

"Although the 2020 event was still successful in raising funds for the K-9 program, it just wasn't the same not

being able to visit with our supporters," said Corinne Martin, GPAAS founder.

The cost for breakfast is a voluntary monetary donation to GPAAS. Funds benefit the police department's K-9 fund, which is used exclusively for training, certifications, equipment, veterinary care and supplies, she added.

"The Harper Woods K-9 program proudly serves Harper Woods and all of the Grosse Pointes," added Lauren Feldman, GPAAS social media director. "While the Harper Woods Police Department pays the K-9 officer's salary, public safety departments are restricted from soliciting program funding. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, GPAAS serves as the

program's fundraising partner, assisting with annual costs. Tax-deductible donations can be made through GPAAS."

Patrol canine Kaiser is certified in obedience, tracking, article search, area search, building search, narcotic detection and handler protection, Feldman added. Certifications are through K9 Academy Training Facility and National Association of Professional Canine Handlers.

Aside from a hearty breakfast, fans of Kaiser also may show their support by purchasing a "Mini Kaiser" stuffed animal for \$25, breakfast included. The plush pups were introduced at last year's breakfast and were

quite a hit. "We did very well on Mini Kaiser sales, but still have some left this year," Martin said. "And everyone loves them, especially kids."

Guests also have the chance to participate in a raffle for a chance to win a grill.

"We hope that people will join us in support of GPAAS's fundraiser as we are the sole support of the K-9 program," Feldman concluded. "Most of the dogs in our adoption program come through our police departments and we are fortunate to have a community shelter to house them. The pancake breakfast is an opportunity to mingle, meet Kaiser and support all of our efforts."

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# Downtown SCS getting DIA mural

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

The area traditionally considered downtown St. Clair Shores — at Nine Mile Road and Greater Mack Avenue — will be home to the Detroit Institute of Arts' next community-informed mural.

Ani Garabedian, the DIA's community arts coordinator, said a final location hasn't been determined yet, but one option is the Great Lakes Ace Hardware at 23245 Greater Mack Ave.

The large north wall of the building, near the outdoor seating area of the Copper Hop Brewing Co., is under consideration.

"If that ends up being picked, the mural wouldn't take up the entire wall," Garabedian said. "Our largest mural to date is about 4,000 square feet in Lake Orion, while most of the others are about 1,000 square feet."

Some 800 residents responded to a city survey that asked what they'd like the mural to include.

Garabedian said a lot of suggestions contained a nautical theme.

"We don't want to say too much because we don't have an artist picked out yet," she added. "We want them to go through the results

and formulate their own ideas."

Once an artist is on board, that person will look at the surveys and then prepare three compositions for the DIA and city to consider.

The project should start in late spring or early summer and be completed by the end of the year. Previous projects have provided an opportunity for local high school art students and community groups to pitch in.

Known as Partners in Public Art, the DIA sets aside \$20,000 each for six such murals every year, with two each in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The money comes from a special millage that voters in the three counties approved that provides about \$25 million annually, some 70 percent of the DIA's annual operating budget.

The 0.2 mill levy means the owner of a \$200,000 home pays \$20 a year. In exchange, residents of the three counties get free admission to the DIA and free field trips are provided to schools.

The millage was first approved in 2012 and renewed in 2020. Voters in Wayne and Oakland counties both voted 76 percent in favor, while support in Macomb County was 62 percent.

# Skaters celebrate club's 50th with 'Night at the Museum'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Members of the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club will take to ice this weekend, following a two-year hiatus, to perform the 50th anniversary edition of "Reflections on Ice."

More than 100 figure skaters, ranging in age from 3 to 63, will present their adaptation of "Night at the Museum," Friday, May 13, through Sunday, May 15, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Ice Arena, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

"Our director, Claire LaDue, decided on the show," said Aimee Miller, club president. "It's been two years since we were able to have one. We wanted to do something with great costumes and entertainment and lively music while the kids are on the ice. 'Night at the Museum' provided that."

The ice show will include a variety of per-

formances based on scenes from the 2006 movie of the same name, starring Ben Stiller. Skaters will perform segments such as "British Invasion," "Historical Villains," "The Mayan Ruins" and "Stone Age," among others.

Solo and duet performances also are part of the show, which is a fundraiser for the club.

"This theatrically entertaining show for all ages will be packed with lights, acting, figure skating and modern music, as well as classics," Miller added. "Skaters ... will represent characters from the past and historical figures in chorus numbers, as well as our accomplished skaters performing as principle soloists and special feature step outs."

Skaters of varying skill levels, from participants in the St. Clair Shores Learn to Skate program to national-level skaters, are set to perform. Apart from youth club mem-



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This group of skaters will perform as African mammals during the show.

bers, collegiate skaters, adult members and some club alumni will perform as well.

"A lot of our skaters are part of the unified team from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South," Miller said. "They do four to five competitions each year. A lot of skaters (in this show) medaled at States this year."

Nearly half of the performers hail from Grosse

Pointe, she added.

Though organizers have been planning the show for months, "They've been very intensively rehearsing every day for the past three weeks," Miller said.

"Night at the Museum" takes place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 13; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15.

"People will be really surprised with what they see," Miller said. "The lights, the music is great, the energy is great. This is a great opportunity to see local kids who really worked hard to learn and work their way up the levels of figure skating. It's a great opportunity to see them showcase their talent."

Tickets are on sale now at the arena. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children. A \$2 discount is offered on tickets purchased at the venue. For more information, visit [scsfsc.org](http://scsfsc.org).



One segment of the show includes skaters performing as Mayan Aztecs.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, May 12, at Bayview Yacht Club. Member Clementine Rice is the hostess and will provide lunch for the group. The members will tour the iconic club to view its recent renovations.

## Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor

Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Storytime: Bird Watch, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during May.

◆ Paint Out! 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14. Painters may submit their work to be considered for juried prizes.

Admission is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members.

◆ Paint Out! Fresh Paint Party, a celebration of open-air paintings, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Spring Flower Tour, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, and Saturdays, May 21 and 28.

◆ Tai Chi for Health, 6 p.m. Thursdays, May 19 to June 2.

◆ Talk: Keep Growing Detroit, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

## Library

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

visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ ArtLab: Mysteries of Art, for ages 11 to 13, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Horror/Thriller Book Club, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, via Zoom. The group will discuss "The Girl Next Door," by Jack Ketchum.

◆ Savvy Seniors Computer Class: What is this Thing? at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Drop-In: I Will Assist, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside, 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, via Zoom.

◆ Adults Love Storytime Too! 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, via Zoom.

◆ Video Game Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.

◆ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 21100 Madison, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 20, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## The War Memorial

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

◆ "The Wine Counselor: Best of the Boot," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12. Tickets are \$59.

◆ An Evening with Chef Joe Paxton: Celebrating Spring in Michigan with Food and Wine, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. Deadline to register is Friday, May 13. General admission tickets are \$75.

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# Poster winner attends Defer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A certain little someone from Defer Elementary School won this year's Arbor Day poster contest.

Judges didn't know the winner's name, age or gender when choosing the first-place entry last month; just that he or she attended Sarah Hartley's fourth-grade class at Defer.

"Participants are identified by code," said Pat Deck, contest coordinator for the Park Beautification Commission, whose members judged 134 posters in this year's competition. "No names are listed."

The annual contest is for third and fourth graders from Grosse Pointe Park attending Defer, Maire Elementary School in the City of Grosse Pointe and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

Now, the mystery's over. Names have been named.

The winner and two runners-up were celebrated during the Park city council meeting Monday, May 9.



Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission judge 134 entries in the Arbor Day poster contest.

"This first-place winner is Marabell Verlinden," Deck said. "Marabell is very, very thrilled by winning."

Verlinden's poster shows a green-eyed girl dressed as a tree complete with green bouffant hair standing in front of a real tree with a dense crown of green leaves. The caption reads, "Trees are like people. Treat them with respect."

"Trees are very underrated," Verlinden said.

"They give air and homes. They should be treated with respect exactly like humans."

"The poster sends both an environmental, as well as a social message," Deck said.

"I liked the message and color exchange; the visuality of it," Commission Chairwoman Kimberly Clepton said.

Mayor Michele Hodges met Verlinden's parents a few years ago while

restoring the Defer greenhouse.

"I remember the day Marabell was born," Hodges said. "It's the most beautiful name ever. And, look what she's become, the most beautiful young woman with such a bright future."

The runner-up poster by Charlotte Bond, a student of Dana Moir at Maire, features the image of a single, large tree with a crown composed of textured dots, pointillist



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Grosse Pointe Park Arbor Day poster contest winner Marabell Verlinden and her fourth-grade teacher at Defer Elementary, Sarah Hartley, are all smiles moments after an awards ceremony during the Monday, May 9 city council meeting.

style, with the caption, "When life gives you seeds, plant a tree." "I always thought you should plant a tree because they help us live," Bond said. "They

deserve love." "She created the dots by putting the eraser of a pencil in acrylic paint and dotting the crown," Deck

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Architect Brian McMahon will present, "Eleanor & Edsel Ford and their Circle of Architects and Designers."

## Bicknell lecture a survey of architects, designers who worked with Fords

May is Preservation Month and to mark this, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture will once again be co-sponsored by one of the community's greatest examples of historic preservation, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This year's lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the new Visitors Center at Ford House. This program is free and open to the public.

Architect Brian McMahon will present, "Eleanor & Edsel Ford and their Circle of Architects and Designers." This presentation will survey the Ford's homes in Maine and Michigan and their relationship with the numerous architects, designers and artists who contributed to the design of these residences.

McMahon earned degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Pratt Institute School of Architecture. He has lectured and written extensively on architecture, industry and urban history and has organized numerous urban history and development exhibits and programs.

McMahon's next book, "The Mega Builder:

Henry Ford and His Circle of Architects," is to be published by Wayne State University Press. This book will examine the impact Henry and Edsel Ford had on architecture, engineering and building technology and the many architects, landscape architects, industrial and interior designers who worked with them.

His first book, "The

Ford Century in Minnesota," tells the story of Ford Motor Co. production in Minneapolis and St. Paul from the Model T era through the closure of the Twin Cities Assembly Plant in 2011.

Prior to taking up writing, McMahon owned a design-build business in his native New York City, restoring landmark buildings.

## Perennial plant exchange May 21 is an annual event

Alicia Kline likes tooting around town posting flyers for the city's spring perennial plant exchange.

This year's exchange is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Windmill Pointe Park's Tompkins Activity Center.

"This past week, I put up about 20 flyers in the community," said Kline, a member of the sponsoring Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

She summarized the functioning and purpose of the annual exchange: "Show up. Bring plants. Take plants."

Anyone can participate, not just Park residents.

There's no cost.

"People bring something from their garden, something they've harvested from a previous year or any kind of perennial they've divided or have extra clippings, cuttings, anything like that," Klein said.

Commission members seek donations of any healthy, non-invasive plant,

bulb, seed and houseplant. Items should be wrapped or potted and labeled with as much detail as possible.

"If you don't have anything to bring but are trying to find things for your garden, you can come," Klein said. "We have a table we call the orphans' table. You can go to the table to which people have generously donated more of and take from that."

The exchange takes place rain or shine.

Typical attendance is between 50 and 100, according to Commissioner Pat Deck.

"Sometimes, we've had a lot more than that," she said. "It goes fast."

White pine seedlings are being given away.

"We have more than 100 of them left over from our Arbor Day celebration," said Brian Colter, city forester and commission member.

— Brad Lindberg

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# OBITUARIES

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## John Edward Young Jr.

John Edward Young Jr., 84, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2022, at his home.

He was born Dec. 6, 1937, to Gertrude and John Young Sr. After graduating from University of Detroit High School, he went to Xavier University and then graduated from U of D Law School.

John was a well-regarded attorney in the city of Detroit. He was a member of the International Bar Association and Detroit Athletic Club, and participated in many philanthropic endeavors, including his beloved Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He loved beautiful music, great food, world travel, sailing and taking care of his roses, and often was found with a book in his hands.

John is survived by his son, William Young; daughter, Ann Young Gilligan; brother, Robert A. Young; and grandchildren, Hannah Young, Adelaide Young, Kellan Gilligan and Maguire Gilligan. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Young; son, Robert F. Young; brother, Jerry Young; and second wife, Victoria Keys.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's name may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at tickets.dso.org/support/donate or by calling (313) 576-5114.

## Reita J. Lambrecht

Reita Johnson Lambrecht passed away peacefully Saturday, April 30, 2022, in Sarasota, Fla., after a long illness.

Reita was born Feb. 25, 1936, in Kankakee, Ill., to Della W. Countryman and Joseph B. Johnson. She graduated from Carmel High School in Carmel, Ind., in 1954, before attending Dennison University and DePauw University and graduating from Indiana University in 1958, with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught elementary school for four years.

Reita became a Grosse Pointe resident in 1968, and enjoyed her involvement in volunteer work while raising her son, then age 7. Reita returned to school in 1977, and earned a Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University in 1980. She then earned a certificate for a two-year advanced program in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit in 1982. Reita worked for two years as a clinical social worker for Catholic Social Services in Grosse Pointe before becoming an adult therapist for a private clinic.

Reita was known for her interest, love and appreciation of people and life experiences. From 1993 to 1997, she

lived in Wiesbaden, Germany, where she traveled and skied extensively throughout Europe and developed lasting friendships.

In 2001, she married Richard W. Lambrecht Jr. Together they enjoyed continued travel and a full and active life with family and friends. Their shared interest in music — including Reita's lifelong enjoyment of piano — was significant to her life. Reita was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and Libri of Grosse Pointe. She was an active member of Mariners' Church of Detroit. Reita and her husband moved from Michigan to Plymouth Harbor in Sarasota in 2017.

Reita is survived by her husband, Richard "Dick" Lambrecht; son, Michael J. Beals (Julie); stepson, Richard Lambrecht III (Emily); stepdaughter, Gretchen Lambrecht; and seven step-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Reita Lambrecht will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Plymouth Harbor Foundation, Chapel Fund, 700 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236; or Mariners' Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

## Larry R. Lloyd, M.D.

Larry R. Lloyd, M.D., passed away Thursday, April 28, in Islamorada, Fla.

Larry was the loving husband of Linda (nee Flinn) for 51 years; loving father of Lawrence A. Lloyd (Julie) of Easton, Pa., Emily Carr (Matthew) of Elmhurst, Ill., and Elizabeth Lloyd-Conley (Joe) of LaSalle, Ontario, Canada; and grandfather of Brady Carr, Madison Carr, Hudson Carr, Magdalen Lloyd, Anthony Conley and Joshua Conley. He also is survived by his mother, Marilyn Lloyd-Stander (nee Boldt); and siblings, Dennis Lloyd, M.D. (Mary) of Flushing, David Lloyd (Denise) of Novi and Linda Sherman of Novi.

Larry earned Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Wayne State University. After his residency at St. John Hospital, he continued his career there as a general surgeon, taking on leadership roles including chief of surgery and program director for the surgical residency program. Larry had a passion for medicine and enjoyed sharing that passion with younger physicians and residents under his supervision.

In addition to his duties at the hospital, he was involved with many local medical organizations. He was a past president of the Midwest Surgical Association, as well as past president of the Michigan Chapter of American College of Surgeons, the Detroit Academy of Surgery and the Detroit Surgical Society. In addition,

Larry represented Michigan on the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors.

Larry was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and past commodore of The Old Club on Harsen's Island. He was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where he recently had taken the position of trustee.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, duck hunting and boating. He collected Lionel Trains and had an antique royal blue Pierce Arrow. In addition, he and his wife, Linda, enjoyed traveling and exploring the world together and spending the winter months in their home in the Florida Keys.

Visitation takes place from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The funeral service is at 3 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A private entombment will take place.

Donations in Larry's memory may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, gpmchurch.org; or Wayne State Surgical Society, wsusurgery.com.

## Phillip Michael Power Van Tiem

Phillip Van Tiem, 86, of Charlotte, N.C., passed away peacefully Friday, April 15, 2022, with his loving wife by his side.

Phil was born Oct. 4, 1935, in the City of Grosse Pointe, to August and Margaret Van Tiem. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Darlene; children, Bradford (Sherry) and Molly Jantzen (Martin); grandchildren, Jonathan, Christopher, Van and Xander; great-grandchild, Ellis; brothers, Thomas Sr. (the late Helen) and Stanley (Leigh); and dozens of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and siblings, Mary Louise, Augustus (the late Janice), Patricia Morgan (the late Kenneth), Barbara Conte (the late Felix) and Frederick (Janet Herrick).

Phil attended Maire Elementary School and St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe. After graduating high school, he was called to serve in the U.S. Army and was stationed in France. After being honorably discharged from the service, he attended Michigan State University, where he met his wife, Darlene.

During his career, he earned a master's degree in hospital administration and an MBA in finance. Phil started his professional career at GMAC and worked at St. John Hospital as director of patient accounting for 35 years.

A well-loved man, Phil enjoyed his family, traveling, community and meeting new people



John Edward Young Jr.



Larry R. Lloyd, M.D.



Phillip M. Van Tiem



Leposava Shadko



Elizabeth D. Huetter



Lynn A. Lasher

from every facet of his life. He found enjoyment in many things in life — playing all sports (especially football) and watching his Michigan State Spartans play. The annual sailboat party at his condo in Port Huron was a highlight he looked forward to each year.

He loved to cook and was especially known for his wonderful soups. Phil's other passions included gardening, swimming in the lake, hunting, fishing and any type of outdoor activity.

Phil was a spiritual man who will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, support.worldwildlife.org.

## Leposava Shadko

Leposava Shadko, beloved wife of the late Harold Shadko, and dearest sister of the late Marija Minanova and Adrijana Randolph, died peacefully Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Sunrise on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She will be deeply missed by her nephews, Kristijan and Oktavijan Minanov; their wives, Deborah and Alexia; and her great-nephews and great-niece, Karstan, Nikolas, Alexander, Markus and Karina; as well as by Harold's daughter, Suzanne Peele and her husband, Jon; his sons, Greg and Jim Shadko, and Jim's wife, Mary Lyon; granddaughters, Lisa, Leigh and Quinn; and several great-grandchildren.

Lepa was born May 22, 1937, in Prilep, Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (now North Macedonia), in her family home. She was the eldest of three daughters of George Panoski and Pavlinka Panoska (nee Kalpakoska). In 1965, she followed her younger sister's lead and immigrated to the United States.

She was facile with languages, speaking multiple fluently, and obtained a master's degree in Russian literature at Wayne State University. She met Harold while acting as a Russian translator and they were married in 1975. Lepa subsequently assisted Harold in running Production Industries, the auto

parts manufacturing business he founded.

The couple enjoyed summers at Crystal Lake and winters in Scottsdale, Ariz. Lepa also was an active member of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Macedonian Orthodox Church in Sterling Heights and a founding member and supporter of St. George of Kratovo Macedonian Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills. Toward the end of her life, Lepa had Alzheimer's disease and lived at Sunrise on Vernier, where the staff truly doted on her.

Lepa had an infectious joie de vivre. She was a vivacious woman who could always be counted on for a warm smile, good laugh, entertaining story and impeccable fashion. She was an advocate of wellness long before it was in vogue and an excellent cook, well known for her "Macedonian dirt." Her loves were entertaining and traveling. She will be greatly missed by her family, as well as by her friends who loved her like family.

Private Eastern Orthodox services were held at Wujek Calcaterra Funeral Home and White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

## Elizabeth Delaney Huetter

Longtime Grosse Pointer, artist and devoted homemaker Elizabeth D. Huetter died suddenly Sunday, May 1, 2022, at age 86.

She was born in 1935, the daughter of two schoolteachers, and grew up in rural Wisconsin. Craving adventure, she landed a coveted job as an airline stewardess during the golden age of flying. Soon she met M. Jeffrey Huetter. Their romance lasted 65 years and was blessed with three girls — Katherine Huetter Martini (Mike), Julie Goodwin (Scott) and Jane (Jim Leonardi).

A dynamic woman of many talents and endless creativity, she was known as a painter, event decorator, jewelry maker, floral and window display designer. But friends and family most likely will remember her as an excellent entertainer; whether hosting themed parties, picnics or holiday gatherings, always delighting her guests with her expert cooking skills and warm welcome.

Her retirement years were spent pursuing her passions — travel, music, bridge, cooking, canning and finding treasures at local estate sales. She also spent time volunteering and was an inspiration to many much younger friends at the gym.

Those who knew Liz knew she was a loving and supportive wife and mother, a trusted friend who could always be counted on and someone with the gift of making anyone feel like family.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donation in Liz's memory may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, csk.detroit.org.

## Lynn A. Lasher

Lynn A. Lasher, 70, a resident of Harper Woods, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

She was born Feb. 18, 1952, in Detroit, and was the daughter of George and Eleonor Lasher, both now deceased.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Lynn graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1970, and from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., in 1974. She worked as a legal secretary in Detroit until she retired and then worked part time for a senior care company.

Lynn was an animal lover. She fostered many cats and dogs, several of which she adopted. She enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader. She was a kind and caring person and also enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephew.

Lynn is survived by her sister, Mary Ann Dodge (Michael); brothers, Jan Lasher (Angie) and Thomas Lasher; nieces, Katie Dodge (Tim Kubik), Diana Dodge (Jon Cook), Gina Lynn (Shawn) and Megan McEvoy; and nephew, Anthony Orlando (Sherry).

A memorial Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 12, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial contributions in Lynn's memory may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org.

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**Gerald "Jerry" Bocci Sr.**

Gerald "Jerry" Bocci Sr., 84, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. He was born April 18, 1938, in Detroit, to Victor and Mildred (nee Hughes) Bocci, both now deceased.

First and forever, Jerry — "Papa" to many — was a devoted husband, father and special grandfather to his five grandchildren in Grosse Pointe Park. He often was seen behind the wheel either driving to or from the many activities his grandchildren enjoyed.

Jerry was an All-State miler at Denby High School in Detroit, where he held the honor and record for fastest mile several years. His high school running achievements also led him to a scholarship to Western Michigan University after he graduated from Denby in 1956.

After college, he served as the cross-country running coach for Servite High School in Detroit from 1961-63. In 1965, he married Jeanne (nee Rautio) and encouraged his wife to become an avid runner and walker as well. He trained himself as a racewalker and competed with the top 10 walkers in the United States, making the U.S. Olympic Trials in both 1968 and 1972.

Jerry and Jeanne continued to compete in both running and walking races many years. Together they ran marathon races in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii in their later years.

Jerry worked as a social worker supervisor for the state of Michigan more than 40 years and enjoyed retirement with Jeanne and their grandchildren. He enjoyed his non-competitive running days as a USA Track and Field and Amateur Athletic Union official and competition judge, traveling all over the U.S. to officiate events for youth and college athletes in track and field.

He also enjoyed woodworking, cross-stitching and reading.

He is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Jeanne; son, Gerald "Jerry Jr." Bocci (Courtney); daughter, GERALYN Turner (David); and grandchildren — who meant the world to him — Morgen



Gerald Bocci Sr.

"Cody" Bocci, Brandon Turner, Liana "Alyx" Bocci, Samantha Turner and Kaelinn "Rocky" Bocci. He also is survived by his loving sister, Charlene Westen; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to local youth sports programs of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

**Louann VanDerWiele**

Louann VanDerWiele, 68, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Friday, April 29, 2022.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, James "Jim" Martin; stepchildren, Heidi Martin and Andrew Martin (Jenni); parents, Sam and Mary VanDerWiele; brothers, David (Ruth), John (Laurel) and Bob (Kim); two nieces; one grandnephew and two grandnieces. She also is survived by her loving dog, Sophie.

Louann was born Oct. 24, 1954, in Grand Rapids. She graduated from Wayne State University and also earned a law degree from Wayne State. She retired in 2017, as vice president, associate general counsel of Chrysler and successor companies.

Louann will lie in state at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, until the funeral service at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow the service from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society, [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org), are appreciated.



Louann VanDerWiele

**Glen Paul Burkett**

Glen Paul Burkett, 76, of Clinton Township, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022, after a series of health challenges. He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon (nee Pointe); his two children and their spouses, Emily and Jeff Mounds and Jeremy and Melanie Burkett; four grandchildren, Brendon, Sophia, Betty and Alice; dear brother, Gary (Alexis); and loving nieces and nephew.

Glen was born Feb. 26, 1946, in Detroit. He attended Denby High School and then obtained a bachelor's degree in zoology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. He was a science teacher at Finney High School in Detroit, where he enjoyed close relationships with his fellow teachers and students until his retirement 30 years later. He was a lifelong Spartan fanatic who held football season tickets for decades and loved tailgating with friends.

Glen and Sharon met and fell in love at Mt. Hope Methodist Church and were married 52 years, during which time they built a beautiful life together. They lived and raised their children in the Grosse Pointe community where they also started a family business, Rainbow Estate Sales. Affectionately known as "Mr. Rainbow," Glen loved researching antiques, running lively weekend sales alongside close friends and employees, and developing lasting relationships with his customers.

Glen's favorite place on earth was his family cottage on the St. Clair River. There he spent hours on the porch talking with neighbors and birdwatching as the river rolled by. He and Sharon spent as much time as possible enjoying the slow pace of Stag Island life with their children and Glen's parents, Troy and Eva Burkett. Glen brought his extended family together



Glen Paul Burkett

for annual reunions on the island, creating treasured memories for all.

Glen will be remembered as a devoted husband, doting father and kind and generous friend to so many. He was a wonderful cook and loved socializing, storytelling and entertaining. His love of nature and animals came through in the beautiful gardens he tended and the many faithful dogs he owned over the years. Glen held close the values of fairness and equality; he approached life with a good sense of humor and healthy dose of sarcasm. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Glen's memory to Cass Community Social Services, Attn: CR, 11745 Rosa Parks, Detroit, MI 48206, or [casscommunity.org/](http://casscommunity.org/).

A celebration of life will be held in July at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; details will be shared as they become available.

**Howard C. Joondeph, M.D.**

Howard C. Joondeph, M.D., of Rochester, died Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital. He was born May 9, 1939, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Charles and Olga (nee Rada) Joondeph.

Howard graduated from Ridgewood High School, in Ridgewood, N.J. He received his B.S.M. degree from Northwestern University in 1961, and his M.D. degree from Northwestern University Medical School in 1964. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1965, as a flight surgeon and served two years in Vietnam in the 13th Bomb Squadron. Howard was one of the most highly decorated flight surgeons in the Vietnam campaign. He married Bette Berg on Christmas Day in 1965. They moved to Germany



Howard Joondeph, M.D.

for five years, where he was chief of Aeromedical Services for the 26th TAC RECON Wing and advanced to the rank of major. During their stay in Germany, they adopted their daughter, Whitney, and had their daughter, Ashley. After military service, Howard took his ophthalmology training at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago and their daughter, Courtney, was born. He was awarded a Heed Foundation Fellowship Award for additional training and research in vitreoretinal disease and surgery at The Johns Hopkins University.

Not long after the family moved to Grosse Pointe Shores, Howard opened his ophthalmology practice, Vitreo Retinal Consultants, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit. Several years later, Vitreo Retinal Consultants added another location in Clinton Township.

Howard was chief of ophthalmology at St. John, on the teaching faculty at the Kresge Eye Institute, Wayne State University, had more than 30 years of experience in ophthalmology and had lectured and written widely on the subject of retinal and vitreous diseases. He had a special interest in treating diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration, as well as a special interest in the surgery and management of complicated eye problems.

Howard was a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, a co-founder and trustee of the Macula Society, a member of the American Society of Retinal Surgeons, and a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American College of Surgeons and the International College of Surgeons. In addition to his affiliation with St. John Hospital, he also was a medical staff member of seven other hospitals.

Howard retired from medicine in 2017, and enjoyed traveling to his winter home in Naples, Fla. Going to Michigan Opera Theater, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, University of Michigan football, Red Wings hockey and dinners with the guys were some of his favorite pastimes. He was a member of the Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club for 20 years and a board member the last several years. He also was a member of Wire Fox Terrier Club of Michigan, and a lifetime member of the FWF Cantigny Post #367.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Ann (nee Uedelhofen) of Rochester; daughters, Whitney (Eric Brodeur) of Minneapolis, Ashley of Sterling Heights and Courtney of St. Clair Shores; brothers, Dr. Donald Joondeph (Andrea) of Issaquah, Wash., Dr. Marc Joondeph of Tacoma, Wash., and Dr. Brian Joondeph (the late Shirley) of Cherry Hills, Colo.; and the mother of his daughters, Bette (nee Berg) of St. Clair Shores. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, dear friends and his wire fox terriers, Winston and Cate.

His family would like to thank his exceptional doctors and nursing team — Ann, Lindsay, Lindsay, Emily and Danelle — at Ascension Providence Rochester. Their kindness and compassion were remarkable.

A Celebration of Life took place Monday, May 9, at the Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester.

In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, [leaderdog.org](http://leaderdog.org/); Wounded Warrior Project, [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org/); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

**Memorial****Jacquelin C. Harvey**

A memorial service for Jacquelin C. Harvey, who died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, outdoors in the memorial garden at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception will follow the service. Her obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Jan. 6, 2022.

# Worship Service



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9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

**MONDAY**  
7 p.m. - Worship Service  
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

**WEDNESDAY**  
10 a.m. - Bible Study

**Randy S. Boelter, Pastor**  
**Making New Disciples, Building Stronger Ones**

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## State BOE candidate to speak to Eastside Republican Club

Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, education advocate, businesswoman and candidate for Michigan's State Board of Education, will speak to the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Dr. Tarver will address the topic of education," Eastside Republican chairwoman Marie Hackleman said. "She brings a broad and diverse background in education and advocacy to the issues of today. In the last few years, we've seen a fundamental shift in education nationally and even locally."

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for a cookie and coffee reception with Tarver prior to the meeting. The forum is open to the public at no charge.

Tarver is an author, businesswoman, organizational psychologist and president of Tarver Consulting.

In April, she was one of two endorsed by the Michigan Republican Party for State Board of Education. The second GOP endorsement is Tamara Carlone. Michigan voters will have the opportunity to vote for two in the Nov. 8 general election.

Tarver has served as director of community affairs and election integrity liaison with the Michigan Department of State and, in 2013, was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to serve as member of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

"Her work at Michigan's Secretary of State has given Dr. Tarver



Dr. Linda Lee Tarver

great insight into election integrity issues," Hackleman said.

Tarver is a fellow of the Parent Leadership Institute Network, vice chair of Lansing Promise and a leader in urban community schools providing college scholarship/readiness.

She is a board member of the Automation Workz Institute, a post-secondary vocational school and workforce development organization. She serves as a community mentor and speaker for the Student Statesmanship Institute, which is a subsidiary of Citizens for Traditional Values.

Tarver has served as chair of the Ingham County Republican Party, co-founder of the Alliance of Black Republicans, former vice chair of the Michigan GOP, past president of

the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan, national surrogate for Black Voices for Trump, Evangelicals for Trump and Women for Trump and current National Committeewoman for the Michigan Republican Assembly.

She holds doctorates both in theology and education and for more than three decades has taught biblical truths to both children and adults.

Tarver lives with her husband, Clinton Tarver, in Lansing.

*The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Find more about the ERC on Facebook or eastside-republican-club.com.*

## TREES:

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said. "Very lovely."

"I really appreciated the minimalism behind it," Commissioner Nicholas Gwozdz said. "The hand-written font was very neat for a fourth-grader. The color scheme also worked for me because it was just black, green, white and brown, which I thought was representative of Arbor Week."

Runner-up Annalise Geresy is a student in a dual-teacher class at Defer taught by Shelby Rose and Rebecca Golus.

"This poster had the message, 'Help the future grow,' in the crown of a large tree whose trunk divided a globe into the future and the past,"

Deck said. "Illustrations showed how trees can be regenerated for the future."

Geresy said, "I wanted to share how trees are being cut down right now and how it's not helping the environment and, in the future, trees are being planted."

Council members awarded the winner a \$50 prize and certificate of recognition.

"Runners-up also receive a certificate as well as city logo items," Deck said. "We give each student who participates in the contest a Michigan white pine seedling. We make everybody feel good about their participation. It's a wonderful event. It promotes a lot of spirit in the community."

All of this year's posters are displayed at city

hall and the Park business community.

"We like to say every poster is a winner because students do such a great job," Deck said.

For more than 25 years the contest has been part of the city's Arbor Day celebration, held this year April 29. Arbor Day is in its 150th year and sponsored nationally by the Arbor Day Foundation in Lincoln, Neb.

"The contest is an integral part of the city being recognized as a Tree City USA," Deck said.

The Park has earned the designation, issued by the foundation, 39 years in a row, according to City Forester Brian Colter.

At Defer, all teachers except for split classes had 100 percent turnout for the contest, according to Deck. Participation at

## Great Lakes Boating Festival on hiatus; will return in 2023

May typically brings with it the start of warm weather, flowers and the Great Lakes Boating Festival at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This year, however, the festival will not take place due to the construction replacing a large part of the GPYC harbor, which should be completed by Memorial Day. Plans are to host the festival again beginning in 2023.

The Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, however, will host its annual fundraiser — which normally accompanies the boat show — from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the GPYC. The

Summer Breeze party and auction raises funds to support youth nautical activities in the community, including supporting the high school sailing programs, the inner-city community sailing program at Challenge the Wind and other nautical education opportunities for youth.

This event is open to the public and all are welcome. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 884-2500 or emailing switchboard@gpyc.org.

The event includes a strolling dinner, entertainment, open bar until 9 p.m. and live auction. Among the items avail-

able for bid is a 2022 Boston Whaler Super Sport 130 with trailer. Find more auction items online at [greatlakesboatingfestival.com/party-auction](https://greatlakesboatingfestival.com/party-auction).

On Sunday, May 15, the GPYNEF will award 11 \$2,000 scholarships to area youth who have participated in junior sailing programs at area clubs or participated with the high school sailing program. Information regarding how to apply for a scholarship opportunity may be found online at [gpynef.org](https://gpynef.org).

For more information, visit [greatlakesboatingfestival.com](https://greatlakesboatingfestival.com).

## The history of Detroit jazz at The Helm

Jazz aficionados are invited to bebop, scat or swing their ways to The Helm from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, for a primer on Detroit jazz history.

Longtime Detroit newsman, journalism professor and author Tim Kiska

brings his "The Detroit History Podcast" to The Helm with a review of the history of jazz in Detroit. From the Graystone Ballroom to Miles Davis' rhythm section, Detroit has had a greater impact on America's native art form — jazz — than one

might know.

The event includes light hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for nonmembers. Regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online at [helmlife.org](https://helmlife.org). Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.

## The Helm hosts golf fundraiser June 20

Fore the Helm, the fourth annual golf outing fundraiser for The Helm at the Boll Life Center, takes place Monday, June 20, at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Participation is limited, so golfers are encouraged to sign up soon.

Event registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for this four-person, scramble-style event. All golfers receive a boxed lunch, use of a cart, entry into contests, heavy hors d'oeuvres following the event and two drink tickets for the "19th Hole."

Prizes will be awarded to the men's,

women's and mixed teams with the lowest score, as well as the men's and women's golfer closest to the pin.

Cost per golfer is \$275 or \$1,100 per foursome. Various sponsorships still are available. In addition to signage recognition, sponsorships include entry for a four-person team.

Those who'd rather skip the golf and go straight to the afterglow may purchase a \$60 ticket for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and mingling.

Register or become a sponsor online at [helmlife.org/fore-the-helm/](https://helmlife.org/fore-the-helm/) or call The Helm at (313) 649-2104.

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## 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:

◆ Bocce League, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, May 17. Cost is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ The Detroit History Podcast Happy Hour Event, 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Cost is \$18 for members,

\$22 for nonmembers. Longtime newsman and journalism professor Tim Kiska will review the history of jazz in Detroit.

◆ The movie "Some Like it Hot" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Rosa's Fitness Combo Class, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Rosa Hunter. The class includes tai chi, yoga, ball exercises, cardio and balance, as well as brain exercises, sign and foreign language, affirmations and more.

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. The facilitator is Jessica Malfa of David Gilboe & Associates.

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

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

◆ Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 5 to 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, with facilitators Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited and Marian Battersby of Home Instead.

◆ Parkinson's Caregivers support group, 5:30 to 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month, with facilitator Angela Ferrera.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. A fellowship dinner takes place at Whiskey Six. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](https://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

## Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its next Lunch and Learn event from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. America's

Book Coach Elizabeth Ann Atkins of Grosse Pointe Woods will discuss how writing a book can boost branding and business. Reserve a seat at [grossepointechamber.com](https://grossepointechamber.com).

## Grosse Pointe South

The Grosse Pointe South High School Band & Orchestra present a Spring Concert & Senior Showcase at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students. Visit [gpsbandandorchestra.org](https://gpsbandandorchestra.org) for more information or tickets.



# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Making connections

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Tammy Black envisions her community treehouse taking children to new heights in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood.

"We'll provide treehouse guests financial coaching, workforce development, health and wellness classes and other recreational classes like art therapy, horticultural therapy and gardening," Black said. "We'll also be training such things as non-biases, collaboration skills, self-confidence, self-esteem building and leadership development."

Black, a mother of six, is a mental health counselor and 10-year resident of the neighborhood on Detroit's east side.

"My house is where the kids want to play and have conversations," she said. "One day I looked across the street from my house and, being an avid watcher of Pete Nelson of 'Treehouse Masters,' said to myself, 'Oh, my God, this will be a perfect space for a treehouse center.'"

The resulting Community Treehouse Center concept in the 200 block of Manistique was among 18 Detroit neighborhood projects awarded grants in 2018 by the Kresge Foundation.

"A Kresge gift is a pretty important benchmark of credibility," said Michele Hodges, mayor of Grosse Pointe Park and president of the Belle Isle Conservancy.

The treehouse is designed by Merritt Chase and Smith Group architects as a 700-square-foot, wheelchair-accessible structure standing 10 feet off the ground between a pair of large trees on two formerly blighted lots.

"It will be for people

with disabilities," Black said. "It will run on solar power. It also will be a place for mental health. Since I'm a mental health counselor and kids love to talk to me anyway, I seek to gain relationships with people so they can be able to talk over their issues."

"The treehouse is a true community asset we all should be rallying around to make happen," Hodges said. "When you work together, things do happen."

If it weren't for construction delays and cost increases due to the COVID pandemic, Black figures the center would already be up and running.

"When COVID hit, it took wood prices skyrocketing, contractor prices skyrocketing," Black said. "So, our \$300,000 project became, you might as well say, a \$700,000 project. Yeah, it kind of threw us back in fundraising mode. This project would not happen without our community support and surrounding communities' support of our grassroots efforts, from volunteering to programming participation."

An adjunct to the treehouse is located a few lots up Manistique and known as the Creative Empowerment Garden.

"That's our solar garden donated by Charles H. Wright, which is an outdoor solar movie theater operated by solar panels," Black said. "When the power goes out in the community, people can go there and plug up because it's run by completely off the grid."

From personal and professional experience, she knows some struggling school children gain self-confidence through alternative methods of



PHOTOS FROM COMMUNITY TREEHOUSE CENTER

Manistique street Community Treehouse rendering by Merritt Chase and Smith Group architects.

teaching, including hands-on horticulture, art, solar power and entrepreneurship curriculums.

"They're mostly shy children," Black said. "Especially for a child growing up, it gives them confidence they can do anything, they can achieve all of their creativity. They can be business owners or politicians. They can have supervision jobs. When you're not stressed out or dealing with personal mental issues, you can accomplish more and you feel better about yourself."

Neighborhood children are ready and willing.

"I feel good working with elders and helping each other," 12-year-old Dorian Jennings said.

"I love learning new things and plan to start my own business and invest in stocks," said Jyra Lisa, 9.

"I want to learn about solar panels," said Jaibe, 8.

"I like working with seniors and being a part of something great in my community," said Jaesha, 14.

Black won't let funding setbacks delay her curriculum.

"This summer, children

will be working on a house," Black said. "They'll learn how to bring it up to code. That will be a resilient house for them to learn how to do their solar. Also, it will be another place people can go in case power goes out. And they're going to learn entrepreneurship this summer. They'll be able to open their own little businesses."

Hodges said she met Black at least five years ago during one of Black's fundraising campaigns.

"I made a donation and got a free T-shirt along with it," Hodges said. "Rather than making her

mail it to me, I stopped at her house to pick it up. I was so moved and inspired by what she was accomplishing that I felt a kindred spirit and connection with her ever since."

Hands-on classes, a bird-watching garden and solar power learning lab are intended to offer children means to inner understanding, expression, sense of accomplishment and connection with each other and nature.

"They're able to use gardening and art therapy as a way of dealing with issues, whether

stress, ADHD, depression and bi-polar," Black said.

To Hodges, the garden and forthcoming treehouse represent more than construction projects.

"It's a testimony to our commitment to work together with our neighbors," she said. "This is a perfect, results-oriented opportunity to do that."

"Not only do we work together well with Jefferson-Chalmers, but other communities also," Black said. "We work with the kids, with each other. I don't want to lose that."

## Artists invited to Ford House Paint Out!

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House invites guests to channel their inner Monet or O'Keeffe by getting outside with their paints and easels during the first Paint Out!

Local painters are invited to Ford House Saturday, May 14, to create their own art on the 87-acre historic estate. This one-day event is for painters of all skill levels who enjoy painting outdoors. Artists who participate will have the opportunity to submit their paintings for juried prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, then sell their paintings at a party that evening.

"Ford House in spring is the perfect inspiration for painters who enjoy nature in its true beauty," said Emily Sullivan, education programs coordinator. "We're excited to see what masterpieces are created and it's always a joy to provide artists with a chance to have their work displayed and acknowledged by the community."

Special guest juror is notable Michigan-based artist Heiner Hertling, who began his art career in Hamburg, Germany, and moved to the United

States in 1965. He worked as a commercial artist in New York before moving to Detroit where he created advertising illustrations for the auto industry.

Hertling's art is displayed in museums and private collections internationally. His television series, "Your Brush with Nature," a plein air painting show, has given him a stage to share his knowledge with other artists around the world.

During Paint Out! on May 14, painters will create art from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with juror selection at 4 p.m. The day will end with the Fresh Paint Party, a reception during which the public can meet the artists, see and purchase artwork, and enjoy refreshments.

Paint Out! tickets are available online at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. Admission is \$30 for Ford House members, \$35 for nonmembers, and includes the party. Painters will need to bring their own easel and supplies.

Fresh Paint Party admission is \$8 for Ford House members, \$10 for non-members.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Widower moving on with my wife

**Dear Gabby:** My wife has struck up a friendship with a widower. I feel bad for him too but it has been over a year.

He calls about everything and frankly I am getting sick of it. They even seem to be getting very emotionally attached. How can I get this guy to move on? — **Left Out in Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Nora Nanny:** I would tell the guy heart to heart that

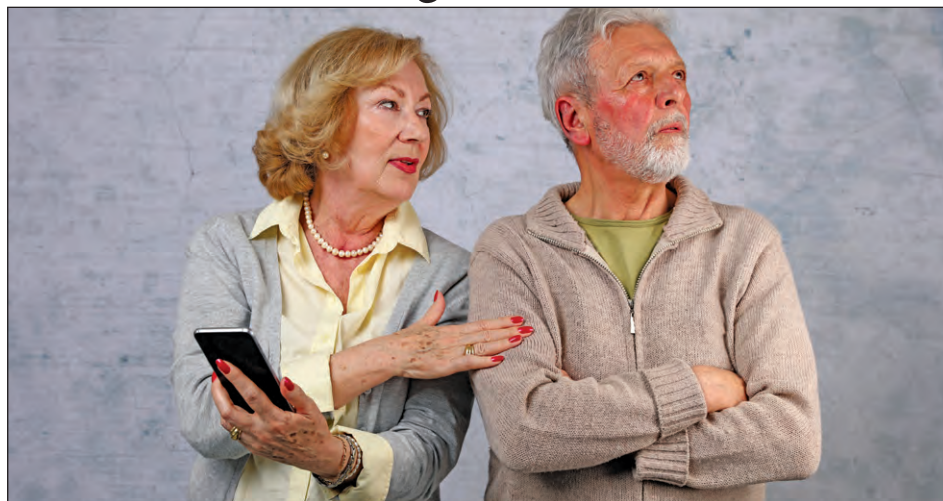
you are uncomfortable with him spending so much time and energy on your wife. The guy needs to move on and find someone who's not married.

**9 year old:** I would just say I feel uncomfortable with my wife by that guy.

**Gabby:** Let's have a little bit of compassion here. Most likely this widow doesn't even realize how it's affecting others. I would start by double

dating. Find someone to set the guy up with and have a dinner here and there. If that doesn't work I think you would be best served in asking your wife about her feelings for him after sharing your concerns. Chances are he's a charity case, not a competitor.

*We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to [advice@grossepointenews.com](mailto:advice@grossepointenews.com).*



## National Nurses Week: May 6 - May 12

**Dear Ann Landers:** You have printed several letters from nurses who said their job is difficult, back-breaking and unrewarding.

While I agree this is not the easiest work in the world, I feel privileged to be a nurse because I can make a difference in the lives of people when they need it most.

I am honored to be a member of this noble profession and am sure there are thousands of others like me. -- **Becky in Charleston, South Carolina**

**Dear Becky:** Thank you for your touching letter. I received this poem from the Faxton Hospital Foundation in Utica, New York, which the nurses in my reading audience will find inspiring:

What Is a Nurse?

by Ann E. Coupe

A nurse is a very special person, who

Never fails to place the needs of patients first, whose

Unique gentleness and depth of love are self-

lessly given: a

Radiant and humane person, dedicated to caring for the sick: that

Special bridge between physician and patient so vital to recovery.

Ever loving, ever giving, a nurse is the orchid of God's flowers.



And now, dear readers, what follows is the last corsage I am pinning on the nurse's shoulder for several months to come. Here it is:

**Dear Ann Landers:** You recently printed a job description for nurses dating from the 19th century. The writer gave the erroneous impression that nurs-

## Classic Ann Landers

ing is a lot easier today than it was then. He is wrong.

After 20 years as a nurse, I've seen tremendous changes in both duties and ethics. Today, nurses must be educated and continue to keep up-to-date on technical advances and procedures. There are discoveries almost daily that affect how illness, wounds and trauma are treated. Nurses must learn how to operate newly invented devices that improve the care of patients.

Today, a nurse must be a facilitator, educator, caregiver, confessor and manager. She must also have intelligence, compassion and intuition. Years ago, the nurse fulfilled the role of what would be a nurse's assistant today. Now, nurses handle more duties so the physician can concentrate on the more complicated situations. We are no longer menial servants, as that century-old job description would indicate, but highly educated, highly skilled medical professionals working to bring the best care to each person who seeks our help.

I do not claim that nurses are one rung down from sainthood, but we're close. -- **New Jersey R.N.**

**Dear Suzi:** Amen, sister.

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## Friendship derailed over pandemic-era preferences

**DEAR ABBY:** A dear friend of many years is currently not speaking to me. She recently moved from California to Denver and had invited me to visit. We agreed on the dates, and I took time off work and booked the flights.

Less than two weeks before my arrival, she abruptly canceled the visit, expressing no regrets or concern for whether I would be

recently lifted mask mandates and other COVID precautions in her state and prefer to continue to avoid indoor dining, bars, etc., that she wanted to "postpone for a few months," when we might be able to enjoy more activities.

When I expressed hurt feelings at being disinvited, she became angry and ceased communication. Is this friendship over? How

I am not sure why your friend became angry and canceled your visit, unless she had planned activities that would take place in restaurants, theaters, etc. I am also puzzled that she should end a friendship of many years over it. Because this is recent, give her a little more time to cool off. Then extend an olive branch and see if she has put this unfortunate episode in perspective.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 58-year-old, never-married woman with a 22-year blue-collar career. I own a home and will retire with benefits many people dream of.

I've recently ended a relationship with a man I've known since childhood. I truly love him.

The problem is that he had been stealing from me. I confronted him several times, but finally had to involve the police. Now, he has flattened my tires and repeatedly dented my cars.

My question is this: Is there more than one right person for everyone? How long will it take me to recover from a broken

heart, if ever?

His vandalism and my huge financial loss keep me away from this whack job. How well do you really know a n y o n e ? -- **DISILLUSIONED IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR WASHINGTON DISILLUSIONED:** You should inform the police that your ex-boyfriend is continuing to retaliate because you reported him.

There is no timetable for healing from a broken heart, but take it from me, it DOES happen. I firmly believe there is more than one "right person" for everyone. You do not truly love HIM. What you love is the fantasy that he's the only right person for you.

We get to know the significant people in our lives -- both male and female -- by observing them over a long period of time and watching how they treat others. You should not keep your distance from this man only because of his vandalism and the money he has cost you, but also because he has anger problems he seems unable to control. Surely those character flaws showed

themselves before he started acting out on you.

Think back on the little things you may have chosen to ignore, and you may recognize that I'm right.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I married as teenagers 40 years ago. Our children are adults, and most people consider us a perfect couple.

My wife has had several affairs over the years, some she has admitted to and others I have stumbled across. For the most part, they have been physical only, with no emotional attachment.

Twenty years ago she had a passionate affair with a younger man. It ended when he broke it off to be with someone else. I didn't know about it at the time.

A year ago, she found out he's single again and invited him back into her life. Now, she's openly seeing him. She's telling me they are "just friends" and she "needs his company because only he understands her."

I believe if he had a better job and financial outlook, she would leave me in a minute. I can't stand the

thought of losing the love of my life, but I also can't keep living with her knowing I play second fiddle in her heart. She refuses counseling because she doesn't see this as a problem. Should I give her more time (a year already) or file for divorce? -- **CONFUSED IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You have given your wife enough time to come to her senses. You state that she refuses counseling and you believe she would leave you in a minute if he made more money.

That means she is staying with you only because of the lifestyle you provide. I do think there should be some counseling -- for YOU.

It will provide insight and emotional support as you contemplate divorce.

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



able to get a refund from the airline.

She indicated that because I was not comfortable with the

should I proceed? -- **RISK-AVERSE IN THE WEST**

**DEAR RISK-AVERSE:**

# A Chicken for Spring Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My husband and son were in our old stomping grounds of Boston last weekend and I couldn't help but think of my favorite dish there. It was at Todd English's restaurant, Figs. The name of the dish is Chicken Oreganato. It's seared chicken with a tomato salad, oregano and feta cheese and served over top of a bed of crusty bread.

My goal is to make this dish with as many spring vegetables as I can get my hands on and try to replicate it to the best of my ability.

The juice from the sauce is soaked into crispy bread which makes everything delightful. Creamy goat cheese, mint, leeks, peas and asparagus make it my inventive dish.

As Julia Child said, "It's always about small cooks with hearty appetites. They can make great things." Sometimes

food works as a poem and I think you will agree with this one.

Swap the goat cheese for feta or the croutons for rice or noodles. This is just a guideline. But trust me, the mint defines every delicious bite.

Cheers, Mombeau

## Chicken with Spring Vegetables and Goat Cheese

- 2 large chicken breasts
- 1 large leek
- 1 bulk of asparagus
- 1 cup of frozen peas
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp chopped mint
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 oz goat cheese

1 baguette

Flour for dredging

Salt and Pepper

I like to prepare the vegetables first. Wash and slice your leek into half moons. Next, trim, wash and slice the asparagus into 1 inch pieces. Mince the garlic cloves and set aside.

Preheat your oven to 400. Slice your baguette into diagonal pieces and place on an oven sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and cook for about 6 minutes or until browned and crisp.

Onto the chicken. Slice the breasts horizontally so you have two thin slices. Pound them out if you want but it doesn't really matter.

Lightly sprinkle with salt and pepper and then dredge them in flour.

Add to a heated skillet with 2 tablespoons of olive oil and 1 tablespoon of butter. Sear for 2 minutes per side.



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Remove from the skillet and add the leeks, asparagus, peas and garlic. Cook for 3 minutes and then add the wine, chopped mint and 1 tbsp of butter to thicken the sauce.

Simmer for 5 minutes and add the chicken and any remaining juices back in. Cook for another few minutes making sure not to overcook the asparagus.

Serve the chicken over a toasted baguette with plenty of sauce and vegetables over top. Crumble goat cheese over the finished product at the last minute.

# Wines of Central and South America

Every year the wines of this region get better, more adventurous, and more enjoyable and prices thankfully have stayed at a reasonable level. We're introducing a few unique choices the month, so I highly suggest trying them all ASAP. Cheers!

## This Month's 6 for 70

These wines have a value of 12-18 dollars retail. Retail value total averages \$90. Many of the wines have been well rated by the critics for many years, and all have been approved by Zack and Stacey! The wines are:

### Wapisa Sauvignon Blanc Argentina

Revolutionary is the word Patricia Ortiz, owner of Wapisa, uses to describe the winery. Not only is Wapisa the only Coastal Winery in Patagonia, but it is the only winery in Argentina to age wines under the sea. Inspired by the coastal influences, Patricia decided to incorporate the ocean into the aging process.

The pressurized atmosphere with its constant temperature provides perfect conditions for aging wines. With its distinctive, vivid aromas and saline acidity, Wapisa Sauvignon Blanc expresses the complexity of the soil and the sea breezes of the Atlantic Patagonia region.

### Fabre Montmayou Cabernet Franc Argentina

Decanter 95 Points  
Intense red color. Elegant on the nose, with red and black fruit aromas and hints of mint. Fresh and well balanced, with a long finish. Best served with lamb stew, pork, game and chocolate desserts.

Ripe nose with fresh red fruits and lively notes of green vegetables and capicum. Quite solid palate with pleasant fruit and juiciness, peppery and spicy.

### Terrapura Carmenere Chile

Matetic Wine Group, a family-owned winery known for organic and biodynamic farming bought the Terrapura winery in 2016.

This wine displays a bright ruby-red color with intense and expressive aromas of strawberries, blueberries, and a bit of black pepper. The palate is smooth with sweet tannins and a long, pleasing finish with an elegant touch of oak.

TerraPura Carmenere pairs with a broad range of dishes such as spicy foods, pastas with red sauce, and red or white meats.

### Taberero Vittoria Chardonnay Peru

It has a light intensity yellow color with greenish hues. Its scent has intense aromas of green pepper, green olive, and freshly cut grass. When just on the palate, it is tasty and fresh, slightly acidic and there is a remarkable degree of minerability to then give way to a long and pleasant end taste.

### Vina Marty Mariposa Alegre Cabernet Sauvignon

James Suckling 91 points  
This is creamy and spicy, polished and sleek, with less spice and more fruit, but produced in a similarly approachable way to its Carmenere counter-part. "Very fresh and floral with violet and dark-berry aromas and flavors. Medium body. Fine tannins. Juicy blackberries and a pretty hint of walnuts and chocolate at the end."

### Gaia Red Blend Argentina

Intense Red Color with violet hues. Black Fruit and spicy aromas. Juicy

and fruity with some tannin backbone. Medium to full body. Polished and pretty. A spicy red with dried herbs, blackcurrants and dark plums.

Finely crafted on the palate, which is medium-to full-bodied and rolls over layers of blue fruit, laced between bright acidity.

Pairs well with grilled meat, cheese and chocolate. Blend: 50% Malbec, 45% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

## This month's 3 for 70

These wines are chosen for their fine quality and are valued at 25-33 dollars. Retail value total average over \$90. The wines are:

### Alma Negra M Blend Argentina

James Suckling 94 points  
This shows a compressed palate of blackberries and licorice with hints of currants. Full-bodied. Svelte. So delicious to drink now, but will improve with age.

Cabernet franc, bonarda and malbec. Enjoy now or hold in your cellar. Founded by Ernesto Catena, a fourth-generation winemaker of Italian descent, Alma Negra means Black Soul due to the deep, intense color of the wines made from the Bonarda grape.

The first wines made, which were all reds, had a real "black soul" when you saw them in the glass. Ernesto also wanted to create a wine about which little was known concerning the composition or technical details, so that the wine was judged solely on how the taster perceived it.

### Domaine Bousquet Ameri Blend Argentina

Named after Domaine Bousquet co-owner Labid al Ameri, Domaine Bousquet's flagship wine is

a Malbec-dominant blend. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot add the complex dimensions that elevate this wine from "expected" to "exciting." Rich berry, coffee and toasty black-fruit aromas. Fruity and complex on the palate, with black cherry, cassis, black pepper and herbal flavors.

### Goutte d'Argent Sauvignon Blanc

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The wine is quite restrained and shy, with white pear and some floral aromas. It's not very varietal, at least it doesn't have the pungent herbal aromas of many Sauvignon Blancs in Chile. The palate is gentle and soft with integrated acidity and clean flavors. A fresh, lime and mango-pastry nose with a fluid, gently creamy palate. Fresh and balanced.

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# 47th annual Woods flower sale

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The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission hosted its 47th annual flower sale May 6-7.



Three-year-old Asher Sarnovsky picked out a geranium for his mom for Mother's Day.



Grosse Pointe Woods Sgt. Brian Urban selects two hanging planters, one geranium and one petunia.



Gloria Arslanian helps Joe Foerster pick out flowers to plant.



Monica Perry and Toya Perry look at the hand-painted rocks created by a Woods Beautification Committee member.



## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



By now I'm realizing that, probably like many of you, I'm keen to learn about the newest "quick fix." Whether for diet, overall health, household items — really anything. For weight loss, I could test out one of these "miracle" items 10 times a day and never run out of "We Tried It" columns.

Although I'll probably never stop getting suckered into it, I'm beginning to realize there's a lot of truth to the popular notion, "If it sounds too

good to be true, it probably is." Case in point, ColonBroom. I find myself with a kitchen full of 12-ounce canisters of berry-flavored powder that claims to broom your system and fix your gut health. After that you are supposed to lose tons of extra weight and unwanted bloating, as well as have a boatload of energy. Who wouldn't



want this? Save yourself the hassle

and the money. I haven't noticed a single change other than drinking more water than usual to choke down the clumpy berry fiber powder. That \$45 I spent will be crowding my already overcrowded vitamin shelf.

That said, here is what ColonBroom contains and claims: It's non-GMO,

vegan and gluten free. It's also sugar free, as it uses Stevia. If you use as directed, you simply use one scoop of it in a big glass of water a few times a day. I even doubled up on it, hoping for double the results. If nothing else, ColonBroom is consistent.

Consistently no results. I give this a zero alligator score. As they say, there's a sucker

born every minute and today, it's me.

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From left, Emma Greenwell as Mary Reynolds and Tom Hughes as Christy Collard in the 2015 movie "Dare to be Wild" directed by Vivienne De Courcy.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
**"Dare to be Wild"**  
2015 - TV-PG  
1 hr 40min

Once in a blue moon I run across a movie that's just wonderful, from beginning to end. "Dare to be Wild" falls solidly into that category.

It's the story of Mary Reynolds, an Irish woman, who in spite of not being an established garden designer, manages to win first prize at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. In a way that was a spoiler however it's basically what the entire movie is all about.

That said, it's not about the outcome, but the remarkable journey getting there that counts. And what a magical journey it is!

This true story centers on Ms. Reynolds (Emma Greenwell), a young woman who has been enchanted by fairies and has had a deep respect

for nature since she was a young girl. She's also a self-taught garden designer, driven by her love of ancient history and wild plants and flowers.

Mary takes a job as an apprentice to Charlotte 'Shah' Heavey (Christine Marzano), a well-known garden designer to the stars. Shah not only passes Mary's designs off as her own, she uses one of her plans to garner a spot in the Chelsea Flower Show.

Mary submits a design of her own and against all odds, makes the final cut. When Shah abruptly cans her, I was convinced there would be a battle between the two regarding the appropriation of her designs. Fortunately the film doesn't go down that rabbit hole.

This is where the saga truly begins. Not only does Mary have to raise a seemingly impossible

amount of money, she needs help transporting the 500 species of plants to London and faces the challenge of constructing her ambitious garden installation.

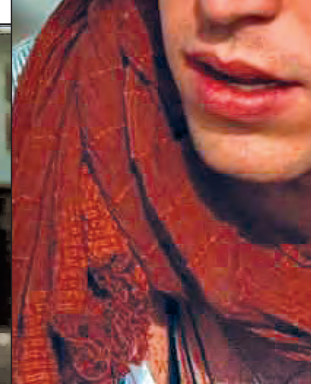
While working for

Shah, she meets her handsome young assistant, Christy Collard (Tom Hughes), and the two strike up a friendship. Christy is interested in botany as well, however he's on a mission to transform deserts into fertile sustainable areas. This takes him to Ethiopia, where he works with the

locals to make their arid lands bloom again. Mary travels to Ethiopia to lure Christy back to Ireland to help her with her project. Naturally, while she's there, a budding romance begins.

Some of the scenes of the country are absolutely spectacular. Back in Ireland, Christy introduces Mary to his father, played by Brendan Somers. He's the eccentric leader of a hippie commune, who is all about mysticism and the ancient ways. Mary needs to convince them to assist her in her quest to compete at the flower show.

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## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

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Writer/Director Vivienne De Courcy does an admirable job telling this enchanting story. You'll find yourself rooting for Mary, and just when you think

disaster is about to occur, the seemingly impossible happens. If it all seems too good to be true, you have to remind yourself that this is a true story.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Plex and Prime Video.

★★★★

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd



recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

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# Production begins for F-150 Lightning Trucks

DEARBORN, Mich., — April 26, marked the launch of the all-new, electric F-150 Lightning pickup – a milestone moment in America’s shift to electric vehicles.

F-150 Lightning trucks are now being built for customers across America. F-150 Lightning is the fastest-accelerating F-150 yet and the only full-size electric pickup available now with a starting price less than \$40,000.

Built at the ultra-modern Rouge Electric Vehicle Center within Ford’s historic Rouge Complex, F-150 Lightning is the only electric vehicle that is Built Ford Tough. Ford F-Series has been America’s best-selling truck for 45 years in a row and is second only to the iPhone in revenue among all American consumer products, according to a 2020 study.

“Today we celebrate the Model T moment for the 21st Century at the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center,” said Ford Executive Chair Bill Ford. “The Rouge is where Ford perfected the moving assembly line, making it a fitting backdrop as we make history again. The stunning anticipation for F-150 Lightning is a credit to the work of our Ford engineers and designers, and the UAW team members who are building these trucks with pride.”

Ford has unprecedented demand for F-150 Lightning with 200,000 reservations and is expanding the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center to ramp up production to a planned annual run rate of 150,000 in 2023. The company has invested a total of \$950 million and created 750 jobs at the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center. Ford’s investment in Michigan for F-150 Lightning alone now totals more than \$1 billion, with 1,700 recently created jobs spread among five Ford plants in the state, including Van Dyke Electric Powertrain Center, where Lightning electric motors and electric transaxles are assembled, and Rawsonville Components Plant, where Lightning batteries are assembled.

“America’s real transition to electric vehicles starts now,” said Ford President and CEO Jim Farley. “F-150 Lightning is just the beginning of our ambitions for growth and leadership in digital, electric vehicles. We continue to expand our EV manufacturing footprint across the U.S., including the start of site preparation at BlueOval City, which will enable us to meet the ever-increasing customer demand for our exciting EV line-up.”

Ford is on track to deliver more than 2 million electric vehicles annually by 2026, equal to about one-third of the company’s global volume, on the way to 50% by 2030.

With acceleration from zero to 60 mph in the mid-4 second range with the extended-range battery, the freedom of a 10-kilowatt smart power plant on wheels, a starting price less than \$40,000 before available tax credits and software updates that will make it even better over time, F-150 Lightning is attracting new customers to Ford. A full three-quarters of reservation holders do not currently own or lease a Ford vehicle. F-150 Lightning is also converting many of them to first-time truck or electric vehicle buyers.

Harnessing a century of manufacturing mastery for an electric pickup

Ford announced its intention to build the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center at its historic Rouge complex 19 months ago, in September 2020, and has since created an ultra-modern site leveraging more than 118 years of expertise in manufacturing at scale.

Ford remains the top automaker in America in terms of U.S. production, sales of U.S.-made vehicles and employment of hourly autoworkers.

“For UAW Ford members, the launch of the Lightning F-150 is an example that when electric vehicle expansion is done right, it can create good paying union jobs and opportunities,” said UAW President Ray Curry. “Today’s launch demonstrates that we can create a win-win for UAW families and communities as we build EV products for decades to come.”

The manufacturing technology in the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center is just as innovative as the F-150 Lightning. It is the first Ford plant without traditional in-floor conveyor lines and instead uses robotic Autonomous Guided Vehicles to move F-150 Lightning trucks from workstation to station in the plant.

These Autonomous Guided Vehicles create more flexibility in the plant for additional production output, quality checks and product customizations, among other benefits. And changes can be made quickly without the constraints of a typical line that requires the installation of floor chains, moving mats, conveyors and overhead cranes. The plant also uses cobots, or collaborative robots, that work side-by-side with people without any safety

cages needed. These cobots help with tasks that would be ergonomically challenging for employees, while also keeping employees safe.

“Today UAW members begin a new generation of building the iconic F-150, crafting a game-changing electric vehicle backed by our UAW craftsmanship and quality assembly,” said Chuck Browning, UAW vice president, director, Ford Department. “Our members are proud of building Ford Tough and are excited to build this new Lightning EV with the same UAW care and legendary performance Ford customers have grown to expect.”

The Rouge Electric Vehicle Center is a zero-waste-to-landfill site, meaning none of the material generated as a by-product of the manufacturing process will go to landfills. The plant was built on the former Dearborn Assembly Plant site, using materials from the prior plant in the foundation.

Ford is committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and to using 100% local, renewable electricity in all of its manufacturing operations by 2035.

The smartest, most innovative F-150 that Ford has ever built

America’s favorite vehicle for 36 years straight is revolutionizing what it means to go electric.

For the first time, a full-size pickup provides cavernous lockable storage to store 400 liters of cargo out of sight. This Mega Power Frunk doubles as a cooler – washable and drainable – with lighting to see in the dark. It also has 2.4 kW of exportable power. Combined with the power available from the 5.5-foot bed and cab, it brings the truck’s Pro Power Onboard total to up to 9.6 kW from 11 power points.

At home, F-150 Lightning, together with a home integration system, can power a house during an outage for three days and in time will be able to offer power back to the grid. It can charge other electric vehicles so no one is left stranded.

“It’s not every day that you get to launch a truck that will change the way Americans feel about electric vehicles,” said Linda Zhang, F-150 Lightning chief program engineer. “The team has done a phenomenal job ensuring we are offering customers unique features only made possible by the electric power unit. But it’s the drive experience that will blow people’s minds. It is simply effortless.”



**MOON ALERT:** After 2:40 a.m. EST today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Libra.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, May 12, 2022:

You are friendly, caring and personable. People like you. You work hard to attain your goals. Nevertheless, you like pleasure and a comfortable life. This year you will attain greater personal freedom as various changes occur. Stay light on your feet so that you are flexible and ready to act.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Today the Moon is in a sign that is opposite from your sign, which means you have to cooperate with others. You have to be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with them. This could trigger an interesting conversation with a sibling or neighbor. Stay open. Tonight: Patience.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Today you might have to put your personal considerations second to those of someone else. Or perhaps you have to cooperate with a certain situation, especially at work. Hey, you’re not being a martyr. This is simply how your day is rolling. No biggie. Tonight: Work.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Grab every chance to enjoy a social outing or an entertaining distraction, because this will please you today. It could involve activities with children, the arts, the entertainment world or something to do with sports. It also might involve an old acquaintance. Tonight: Be friendly!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

This has been a popular time for you, which means at times you have been all things to all people. This can be exhausting! That’s why today might be your perfect chance to take a breather and hide at home. Find a private cubbyhole where you can replenish yourself. Tonight: Cocoon.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you have a strong need to express yourself. You want to be heard, because you have something important to say. You don’t want to be caught up in superficial conversations that you feel are a waste of time. You want a real exchange with someone. Tonight: Listen!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Because the Moon is sitting in your House of Earnings, you will emotionally identify with your possessions and your wealth today. This is why you might have a strong attachment to something. (“My precious!”) Some of you might be put in a position where you feel you have to defend yourself. Tonight: Clean.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today and tomorrow, the Moon is in your sign. This happens every month for about two days, and when it occurs, it gives you a slight advantage over all the other signs. However, it also can make you more emotional than usual. Be aware of this. Tonight: Cooperate.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

It’s quite all right if you want to withdraw and keep your feelings to yourself today, especially if you feel a tad insecure. (We’ve all been there.) Very likely,

you don’t feel like socializing. Hey, relax. On Saturday, you’ll be out there flying your colors! Tonight: Hibernate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A heart-to-heart conversation with a female might be important today. This could be because you want to share some personal information or, vice versa, someone wants to share their thoughts with you. This might be why you feel more protective of others. Tonight: Set goals.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It’s curious; both today and tomorrow, personal details about your private life might be a bit public. For some reason, people are talking about you. Are you aware of this? If you are aware of this, you might take control of the narrative. Tonight: Keep a low profile.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

In an effort to broaden your horizons today (or do something different), you might encounter someone who is unusual. Perhaps they have a different background from yours. This could be a learning opportunity for you. Meanwhile, this is a good day to make travel plans. Tonight: Research.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is an excellent day to catch up on old business from the past, especially items related to wills, estates, shared property, insurance issues, taxes, debt -- all that sort of thing. It can make you cringe. But hey, it’s not going to go away by itself, is it? Tonight: Check your finances.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Ving Rhames (1959), actress Emily VanCamp (1986), actor Emilio Estevez (1962).

## Contract Bridge

LESS IS MORE

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 9 7 5  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ A K Q 5 2  
♣ 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 2  
♥ J 9 7 5 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ Q 9 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 6 3  
♥ A 4  
♦ J 8 7  
♣ K J 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 4  
♥ K Q 10  
♦ 10 6 4  
♣ A 10 8 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Most of the hands that appear in this column were actually dealt and played in a real game or tournament and come from a variety of sources. A few were played either by me or in my presence.

Occasionally it is necessary to change a card or two in order to emphasize a particular point. If I didn’t do that, the hand would be pointless and not worth writing about.

Take this deal, for example. As it is shown, there’s really nothing to it. West leads a heart, and East wins with the ace and returns a heart. Declarer then reels off five diamond tricks, two spades, two hearts and a club, making four notrump in what seems to be a routine hand.

To report such a dull hand in this column would irk many readers; something must be added to make the deal more interesting and instructive. However, the fact is that if South played the hand as described above, he misplayed it, and in order to get that point across, I make a slight change. I take West’s three of diamonds and give it to East in exchange for the three of spades.

If declarer now plays the hand as described above, he gets punished for his transgression and goes down one. His proper play at trick three is a low diamond to the ace, followed by a low diamond back! In that way he protects against either opponent having four diamonds and so ensures the contract.

I wouldn’t dare publish the deal as it appears in the diagram, because I’d have a very difficult time convincing readers that a declarer who makes three notrump is really a better player than a declarer who makes four notrump!

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by Steve Becker

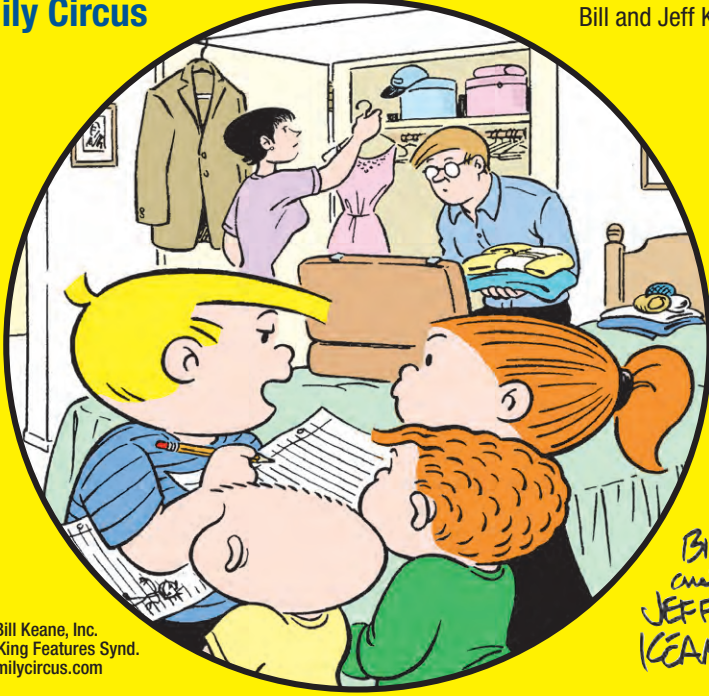


Hundreds of Ford employees spell out “F-150” to celebrate the launch of the Ford F-150 Lightning, which is now being built for customers across America.

# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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**“While Daddy and Mommy are away I’ll be drawin’ the cartoons. So do somethin’ funny.”**

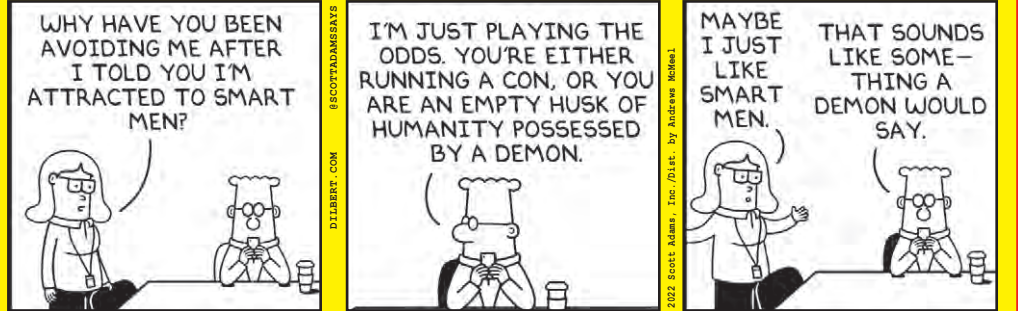
## Garfield

Jim Davis



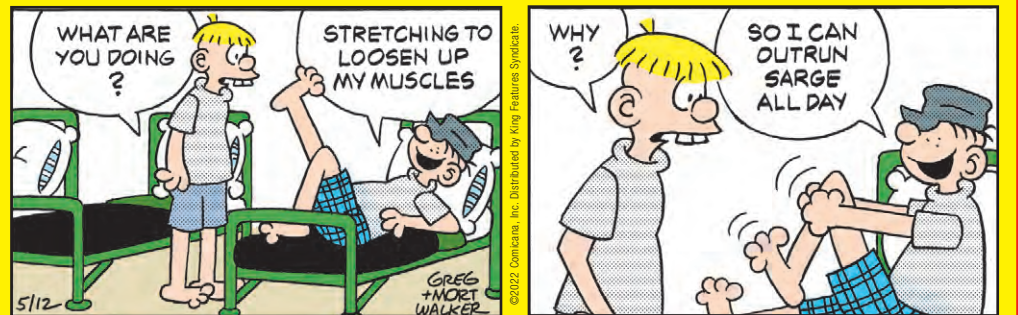
## Dilbert

Scott Adams



## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



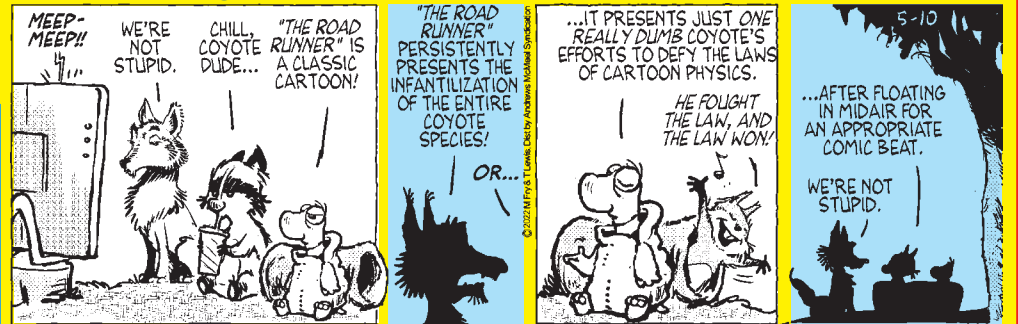
## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



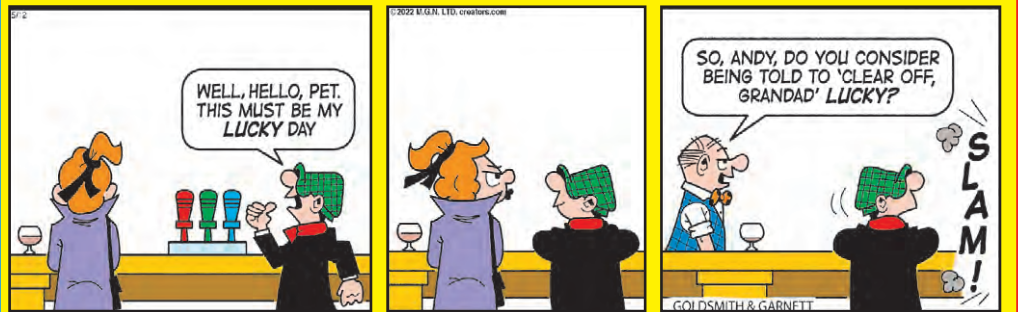
## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

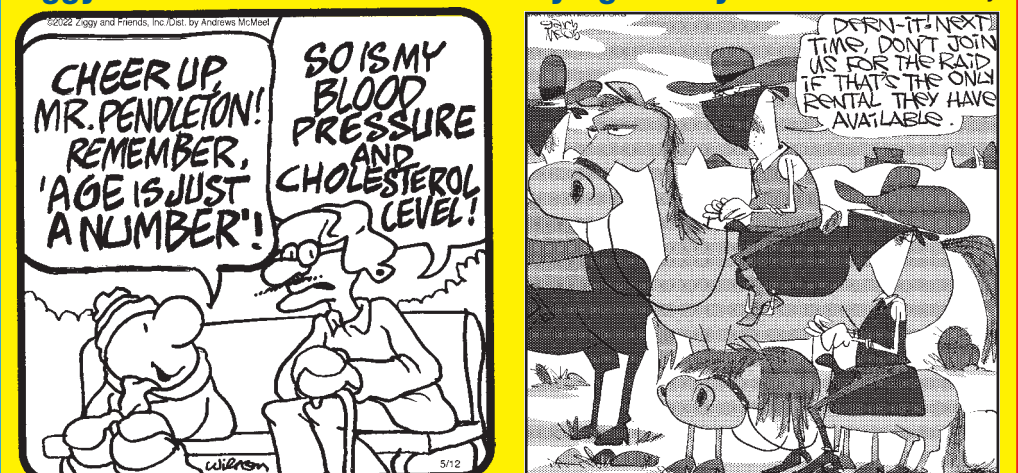


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

5/12 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 12, 2022

- ACROSS**
- 1 Additionally
  - 5 Capital of Jordan
  - 10 Possesses
  - 14 Hamlet's relative?
  - 15 Capital of Egypt
  - 16 Drudge
  - 17 Follow to the letter
  - 18 Milk dispenser
  - 19 Against
  - 20 Sartre play that takes place in one room
  - 22 Seasoned, as peanuts
  - 24 Superlative suffix
  - 25 Habitat for many bioluminescent organisms
  - 29 "To be of Piercy poem)
  - 30 Includes on an email
  - 32 Marker topper
  - 33 Japanese title of respect
  - 35 NYC or LA neighborhood
  - 37 No longer enthusiastic
  - 39 Fateful date for Caesar
  - 42 Frequent flyer
  - 44 Reach an agreement
  - 46 Counted up
  - 47 Fluster
  - 48 Dated
  - 49 Samantha Bee's channel
  - 50 "Out of thyme," for anyone except a chef

- 51 H.S. equivalency test
- 52 Honolulu's home
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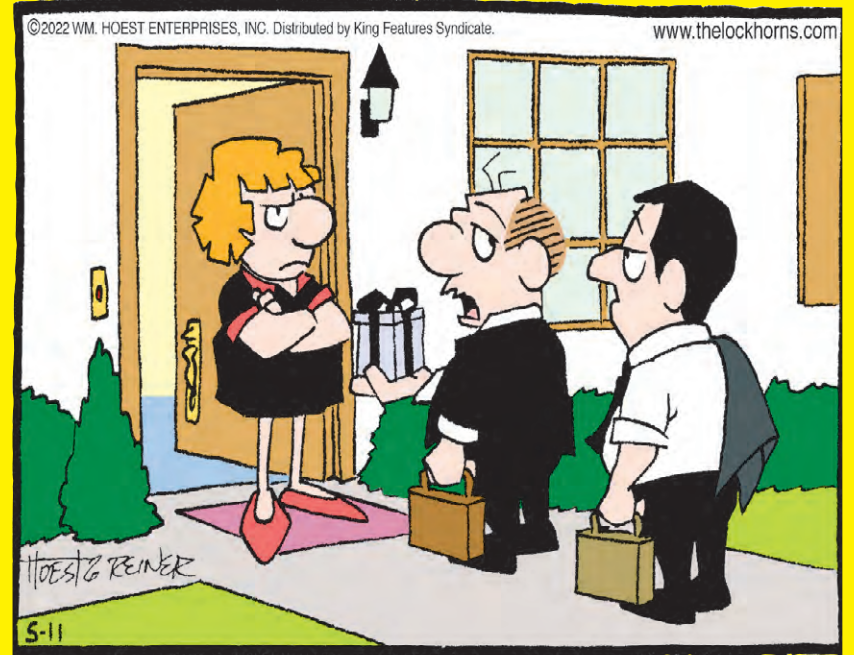
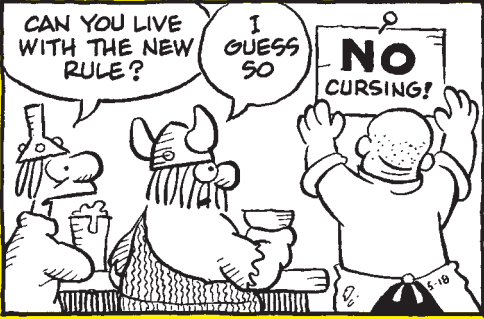


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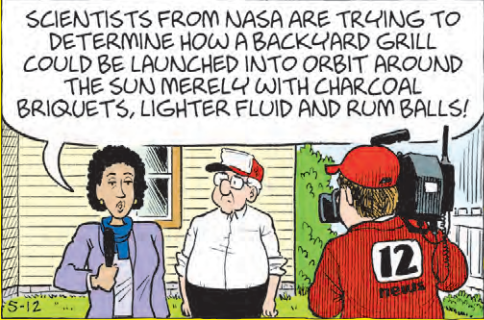
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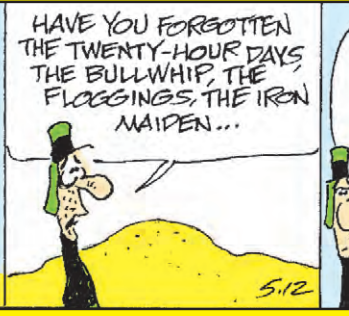
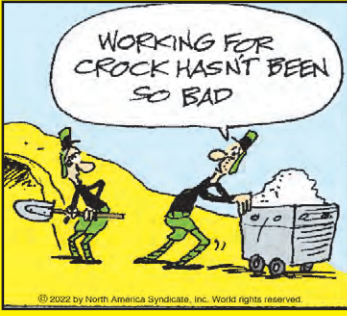
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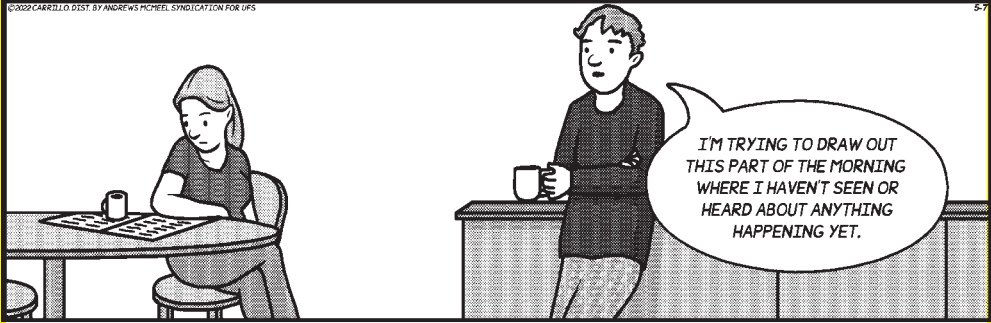
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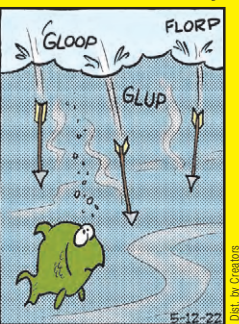
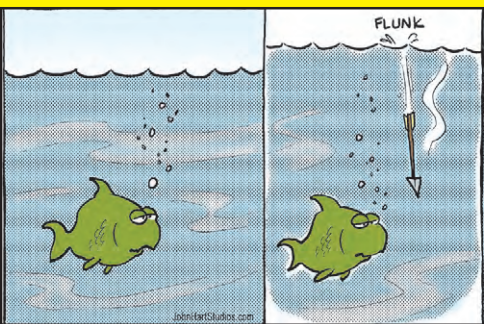
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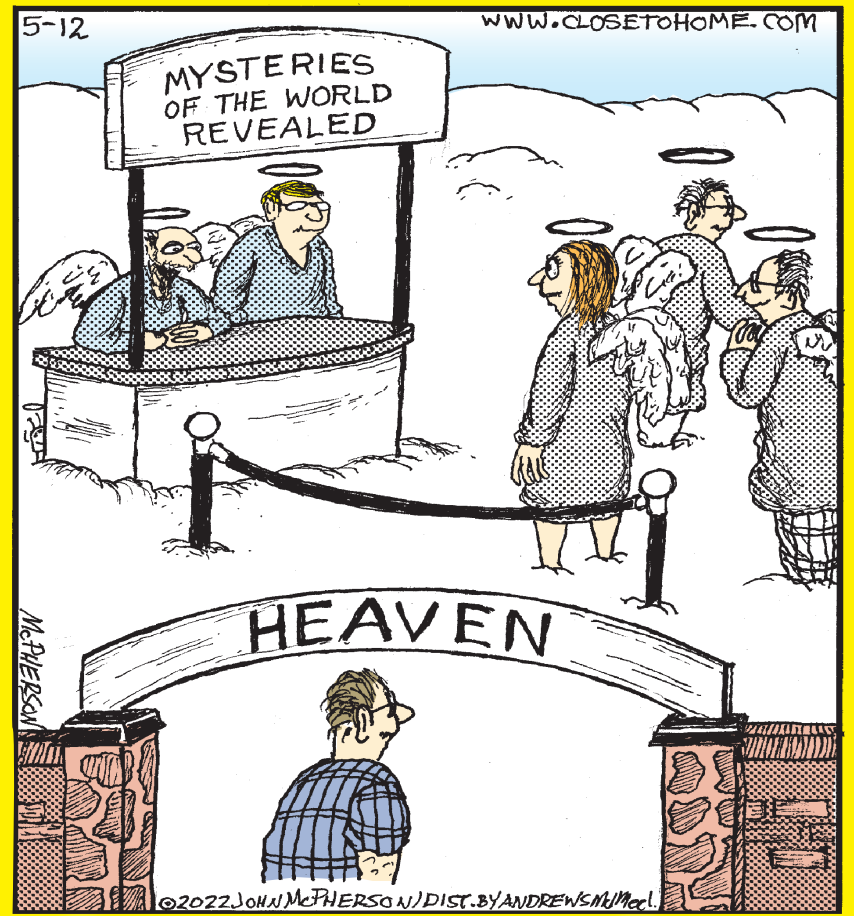
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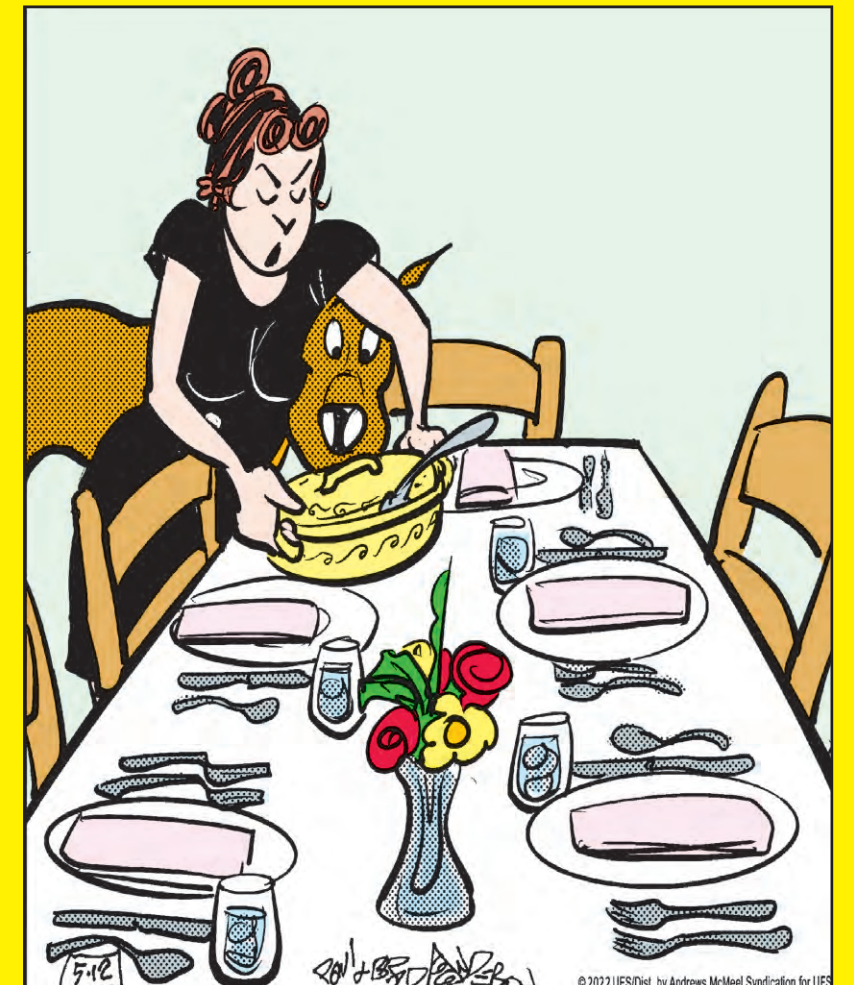
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"It never ceases to amaze me. They can ask any question, but 90 percent of people want to know what's really in a hot dog."

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"How many times do I have to tell you? This doesn't involve you."



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## North softball climbs up MAC Red

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Following a busy beginning to the month of May at the Michigan Stars Tournament, the Grosse Pointe North softball team returned to league play last week, hitting the road for a pair of MAC Red games last Wednesday and Thursday. North ended with two key division wins to help the team climb up the league standings.

The first contest was a showdown against Utica Eisenhower. North's bats came alive with 13 hits in what ended as an 8-1 victory.

Sophomore Jenna Winowiecki led the way on a big offensive day with three RBI for the Norsemen. Sophia Borowski brought in a pair of runs and senior Jessica Alway recorded four hits while crossing the plate three times. Katelyn Barr, who struck out eight batters and allowed just one run through all seven innings, got the win on the bump.

The offensive explosion for North in a key league game is a nice boost this time of the season. Norsemen head coach Ron Smith sees it

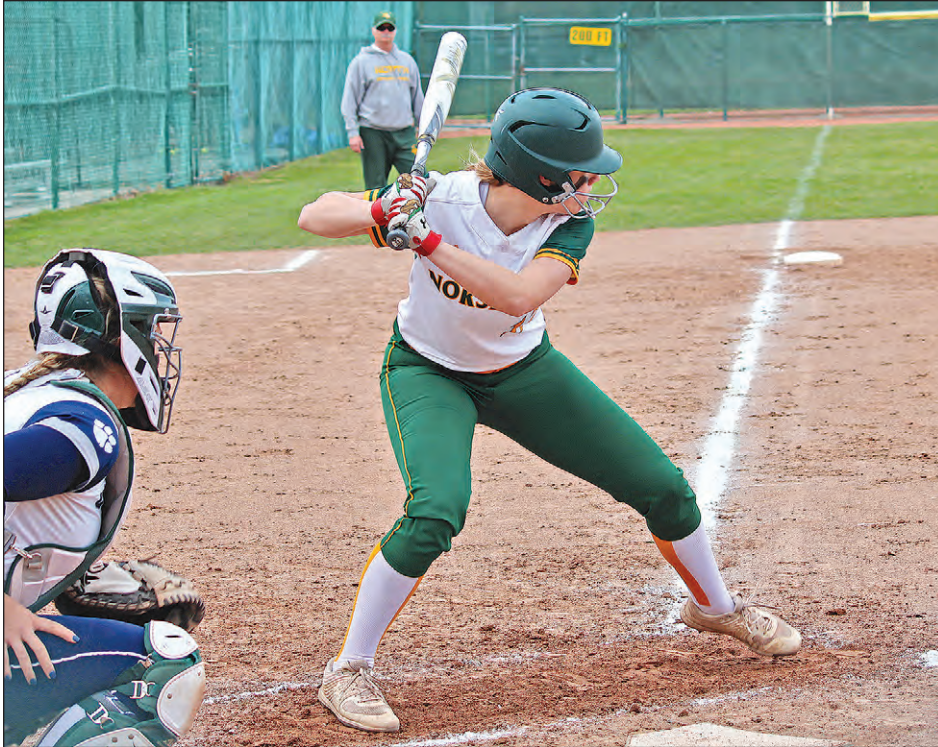


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**Sophomore Jenna Winowiecki at the plate for North. The Norsemen softball team is currently third in the MAC Red Division standings and is just 2.5 games behind current leader Dakota.**

becoming more regular as the team hits its stride in league play.

"I'm expecting us to get even stronger," Smith said. "Things came alive in the second or third week of the season. In the last week, we've seen the bottom part of our lineup really get stronger and we're excited about that."

North followed

Wednesday's win with another league game on the road last Thursday. The Norsemen traveled to Chippewa Valley and picked up a 5-2 victory.

While the Norsemen put up five runs, including two from the bat of shortstop Natalie Babcock, another solid pitching performance stood out Thursday from senior Maraina Smith,

who tossed all seven innings and allowed two runs while striking out seven batters.

With Barr and Smith both pitching complete games in important spots, North's pitching staff is proving itself valuable. The top arms for the Norsemen were expected to play major roles this spring, but already have gone above

and beyond.

"All of them have exceeded our expectations," Smith said. "We play a very tough schedule in not just the MAC Red, but other games like in the Michigan Stars tournament. ... Our pitching has rolled through it just like we had hoped. We're not out throwing no hitters, but we've lost six games and four of those have been one-run games."

Pitching has helped keep the Norsemen competitive in close games throughout the spring. With the offense starting to come alive, North is putting things together as the final weeks of the regular season get closer.

The Norsemen currently sit in third place out of seven teams in the MAC Red Division. While wins have become more frequent, some of the losses earlier this season were in close games. However, those early close games are already proving to have been helpful.

"It never feels good to lose by a run, but we have learned from it," North's skipper said. "It's shown over the last few games that this team just doesn't stop. If we're down by a run in the last

inning, we're still fighting. ... They learn each and every game and I think those close games will play a big role later on."

Lessons learned from close games are key if North wants to achieve its ultimate goal of playing its best during the season's final stretch. While pitching and defense have been highlights for the Norsemen, remembering there is always room for improvement is what North is keeping in mind.

"We want to sustain and tune our defense," Smith said. "We've played several games of error-less ball this year. Behind every good pitcher is a good defense because you don't expect a pitcher to go out there and strike out 21 batters. Our defense has been there and over the next couple of weeks we want to sustain that good defense while continuing to grow our offense."

On Thursday, North hosts Romeo for another MAC Red matchup. The team then gets a break from league play over the weekend, traveling to Algonac Friday and hosting Marysville and Utica for a pair of non-league games Saturday.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Nine-time All-State. Four-time All-American. State record holder. Team captain.

Those are just some of the accolades that could be used to introduce Grosse Pointe South swimmer Drew Vandeputte.

The Blue Devils senior achieved so many hon-

ors this year alone, there would be too many to list. In his four years of swimming at South, Vandeputte has done almost everything a great swimmer can do. To him, however, the reality of his accomplishments is still setting in.

"It's hard to comprehend how far I've come and amazing to see what myself and the team have been able to accom-

plish during the time that I've been at South and that time I've been swimming," Vandeputte said.

Swimming became a passion for Vandeputte around 10 years ago when he joined the recreational summer swim team in Grosse Pointe Park. Between swimming for the Park in the Lakefront Swimming Association and the Grosse Pointe Gators club team, Vandeputte found his love for the sport and the areas where he could excel.

"I started out as a backstroker, but that quickly turned around when I hit my head on the wall after forgetting to count my strokes into the wall," he said. "Then I found a love for breaststroke and now I'm mainly a breaststroke and an IM swimmer, so all four strokes at once."

It also was through the Lakefront and Gators where Vandeputte met some of his current Blue Devils teammates. He grew to know fellow swimmers like Tucker Briggs and Keiran Rahman, who were some of his teammates on the 200 medley relay

team that broke the state record this season.

Vandeputte, along with Jake Vallan, Rahman and Briggs, won a state championship and broke the state record in the 200 medley relay at this year's Division 2 State Championships. It was a triumphant moment and the culmination of years of hard work in and out of the pool. However, in that moment, the focus was more on beating a rival.

"At prelims we walked in ready to race, but I don't think we gave it all we could," Vandeputte said. "We made top seed and we came in the next day just ready to destroy. Last year, we were barely out-raced by U of D in the 200 medley relay and that fueled our fire. We just wanted to beat them."

The competitive spirit Vandeputte and his teammates displayed that day at states has always been part of what makes him such a great swimmer. The senior has shown how much heart and hard work he has put into the sport over the years, and it was what helped him be named a captain of the



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**South senior Drew Vandeputte has been a nine-time All-State selection and named All-American four times during his swimming career.**

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**Drew Vandeputte**

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Blue Devils his senior season.

Being a captain of a swim team is a bit different than being captain in other sports. Swimming is a sport that relies heavily on individual performance, but that does not make teamwork any less crucial. For Vandeputte, it is reminding his teammates about their collective goals that can be seen as possibly his most important duty as a captain.

"It's tough to get the whole team to come together," he said. "But that's what practices are for. You race against each other. Being a cap-

tain you realize that we aren't going to get any faster if we don't work together as a team. Hype each other and push each other to our absolute limits."

Before becoming captain and having a decorated senior swimming season this winter, Vandeputte took a break from the pool. A break he felt was much needed.

Vandeputte was able to achieve his longtime goal of strapping on a helmet as a member of the South football team last fall. He had wanted to join the football program as a freshman, but

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## Baseball teams battle through regular season

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

**Grosse Pointe North**

The last week has been fun for the Grosse Pointe North baseball team. The Norsemen continued to roll through the competition, picking up important MAC White wins in the process and having a night under the spotlight at Comerica Park.

Last Thursday, North took Game 1 of a MAC White doubleheader against Anchor Bay. Catcher Luke Babcock led the way on offense with three RBI in a 6-0 victory over the Tars. Drew Hill got the win on the mound, striking out 10 batters and allowing three hits over seven shutout innings.

Game 2 of Thursday's doubleheader gave the Norsemen their only non-winning result of the week. North looked to be on the way to another victory, but a late push by the Tars helped bring the game to an end in an 8-8 draw.

Babcock had a pair of RBI in the game while second baseman Parker O'Neill had three. The Norsemen were trailing

8-7 in the bottom of the seventh when sophomore Shane Armbruster hit an RBI single to tie the game.

Following Thursday's league doubleheader, the Norsemen faced non-league competition Friday as they met Utica Eisenhower under the bright lights of Comerica Park. Both teams showed up strong on the big stage, battling back and forth. However, it was a big moment for North that helped the team secure a 6-5 win.

Trailing 5-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning, the final inning on Friday, senior Bryan Carney launched a triple to right field that ended up bringing the tying and winning runs across the plate. It was Carney's first hit of the night, but the biggest of the game to bring the Norsemen a walk-off win at Comerica.

Jordan Arsenau had a pair of RBI at Comerica, while Jake Tedesco and O'Neill put together multi-hit performances at the plate. Carney also spent some time on the mound, allowing four runs on three hits in three innings.

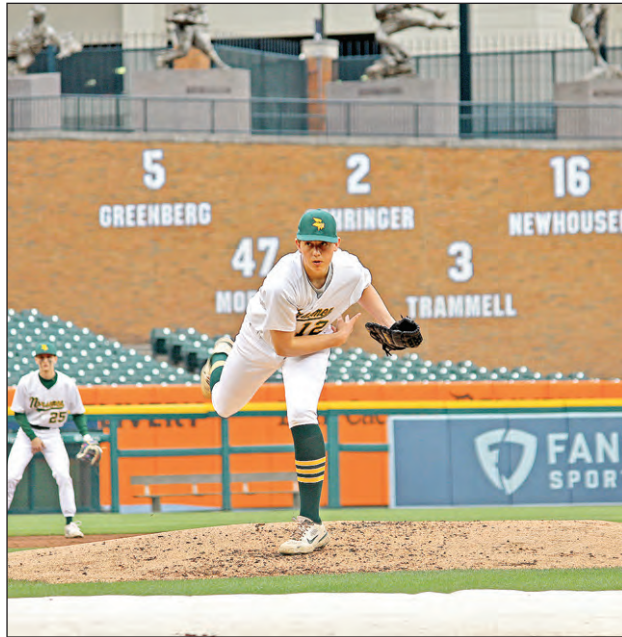


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**Bryan Carney on the mound for the Norsemen at Comerica Park. Carney also hit a walk-off triple that secured a 6-5 win for North over Utica Eisenhower.**

Monday brought a return to MAC White Division play for the Norsemen with a showdown against St. Clair. In a close, defensive game between the White's top two teams, North prevailed.

Hill and Babcock had an RBI each to bring in North's two runs in a 2-1 win. Tedesco tossed six innings on the mound with 10 strikeouts and

allowed one run to get the victory, which helped North secure the top spot in the White.

North travels to St. Clair again Thursday for a rematch. The Norsemen stay on the road Monday against Utica and then are home also against Utica Tuesday, May 17.

**Grosse Pointe South**

Last week had its ups and downs for the Blue

Devils, who are holding onto the top spot in the MAC Red. The team dropped two of three games in a division series against Romeo before suffering non-league losses over the weekend. However, a dramatic win over Dakota Monday helped South get back some magic in a key division game that perfectly encapsulated what coach Dan Griesbaum likes to say: "Every MAC Red game is a battle."

South faced three non-league games Saturday, dropping two of them. The first was a 14-12 loss to Sterling Heights Stevenson, usually a MAC Red opponent, but in a game that did not count for the division. Wells Graham had three RBI while River Kraus and Jonathan Drake had a pair of RBI each to lead South's offense in a high-scoring loss.

The Blue Devils followed that with a 6-5 win over L'Anse Creuse. Getting everybody involved in non-league games is a key for South to make sure everybody is able to contribute. Four different players had at least one RBI for the Blue

Devils in the win, including Nolan Eszes, who had two.

Saturday's last game was a 9-0 loss to Detroit Western. South's bats were silenced, getting only four hits in the game and sending the team into Monday's return to league play hungry for a win.

Hosting Dakota Monday, the Blue Devils knew they needed a win to stay at the top of the Red. While seven players recorded hits for South, it was Drake's big blast in the final inning that gave the Blue Devils a much-needed victory. Down by two runs and with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Drake flipped the script with one swing, sending a three-run home run over the fence to end the game 6-5.

"Our lineup is pretty much settled and we're getting contributions from a lot of different people," Griesbaum said about his team's offensive production. "You need to have that because you can't have just your top four or five guys producing and expect to

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HOME GAMES

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

**Thursday, May 12**  
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4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Dakota  
6 pm Girls JV Soccer vs. Fraser  
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Fraser Senior Night

**Saturday, May 14**  
8:30 am Girls Varsity Tennis Quad @Elworthy & Grosse Pointe North  
11 am & 1 pm Boys JV Baseball DH vs. Anchor Bay  
11 am & 1 pm Boys JV "B" Baseball DH vs. Anchor Bay @Elworthy  
3 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cranbrook

**Sunday, May 15**  
Coed Varsity Sailing GPS Spring Classic @GPYC

**Monday, May 16**  
4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Bloomfield @Elworthy  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Eisenhower

**Tuesday, May 17**  
3:30 pm Girls Varsity Track vs. ULS  
4 pm Boys Varsity Track vs. ULS  
4:30 pm Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Stevenson @Elworthy

**Wednesday, May 18**  
8 am Girls Varsity Tennis State Regionals @Elworthy & Grosse Pointe North  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Eisenhower  
6 pm Girls JV Soccer vs. Stevenson  
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

**Thursday, May 12**  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Romeo  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. St. Clair  
4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Eisenhower @Ghesquire  
6 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Bedford

**Friday, May 13**  
4:15 pm Boys JV Baseball South  
6 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Regina

**Saturday, May 14**  
8 am Girls Varsity Tennis Quad

**Monday, May 16**  
4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Utica  
6 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. L'Anse Creuse

**Tuesday, May 17**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Utica  
4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Anchor Bay  
4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Lakeview  
6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Eisenhower

**Wednesday, May 18**  
8:30 am Girls Varsity Tennis State Regionals  
3 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. Romeo @Lochmoor  
4 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Lakeview

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

**Thursday, May 12**  
4 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. U of D  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Center Line  
4:30 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. L'Anse Creuse  
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**Friday, May 13**  
5 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Lenawee Christian

**Saturday, May 14**  
11 am Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Catholic Central

**Monday, May 16**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Lutheran Westland  
4:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Bishop Foley  
4:30 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Detroit Country Day School  
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**Wednesday, May 18**  
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Grand Blanc

## Knights hold off Norsemen

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Crosstown rivals met on the lacrosse field Monday evening for an anticipated showdown. The girls lacrosse squad from Grosse Pointe North made the short trip to University Liggett School to take on the Knights. The Norsemen fell early and made a late push to come back, but Liggett was able to hold on for the win 12-9.

The game began with a 6-0 scoring run for the Knights. The streak of unanswered goals included a pair by senior attack Ava Jacobs, along with contributions from Abi Cone and Summer Orłowski.

Ella Maltby finally got the Norsemen on the board in the latter end

of the first half to make it 6-1. Sophomore Frannie Rinke added another goal for the Knights before Maltby was able to answer for her second of the day. Rinke made it 8-2 in favor of Liggett, but a late goal by North senior Lauren Barthel sent the game into half-time 8-3 with the Knights still on top.

Cone opened the scoring in the second half with a goal to extend Liggett's lead back to six. The Norsemen began pushing back as Maltby completed her hat trick to begin closing the gap. Fellow North senior Natalie Gatteno added a goal to make it 9-5, followed by a second score from Barthel to make the deficit only three goals.

North's run of three unanswered goals was ended by Rinke, scoring her third of the day. Liggett's Ali Roth added another goal to help push Liggett's lead back to over five.

Trailing 12-6 late in the second half, North went on another run. Senior Mary Andreoli scored back-to-back goals while Maltby added her fourth of the day in one last attempted comeback. Time ran out for the Norsemen, however, leaving Liggett to take the win by three.

The Knights follow the victory with a few days off before traveling to Cranbrook for a road game Saturday. North returns home for two games this week, hosting Bedford Thursday and Regina Friday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Liggett defender Chloe McFarlane brings the ball across midfield for the Knights on Monday in a win over Grosse Pointe North.**

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win.” South hosts Dakota again Thursday to end their MAC Red series. The team then gets a weekend off before traveling to Eisenhower in another league showdown Monday.

**University Liggett**

The Knights continued Catholic League play over the past week with a pair of doubleheaders. Facing some of the toughest competition in the state on a regular basis has brought highs and lows for Liggett, which

showed in the most recent games.

The team traveled to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Saturday for two games against the state’s top-ranked team. In Game 1, Oliver Service had two hits and an RBI and Matthew Greene brought in Liggett’s only other run as the Eaglets took the first game in a blowout 13-2.

Game 2 on Saturday was a bit closer, but ended in another loss for the Knights. Service led the offense again with a pair of RBI as the bats were a bit more lively this time around for Liggett. The Knights tallied nine total hits, but it was not

enough to get the job done as St. Mary’s swept the doubleheader with a 7-4 victory.

A return home Monday also brought a return to winning ways for the Knights. After being swept in Saturday’s doubleheader, Liggett took on De La Salle for two games and ended up doing some sweeping of its own.

Greene and Jack Jones were the stars of Game 1, taking the mound and tossing a combined shutout while allowing only two hits all game. Jones threw the first three innings without allowing a hit or run. Greene took over for the final four innings, allowing just two hits and striking out five batters while continuing the shutout. Jones also came up big at

the plate with a pair of RBI on offense in the 5-0 win.

The Knights continued to roll in Game 2 on Monday, riding a big third inning to a 10-2 victory. Blake Ilitch and Neil Murphy were at the front of the offense for the Knights with three RBI each. Service also brought in a pair of runs with his bat.

Joey Randazzo got the victory on the mound and lasted a complete game. He allowed two runs on six hits while notching 10 strikeouts for the win.

The Knights go on the road Thursday for another Catholic League doubleheader against U of D Jesuit. Liggett then comes back home Saturday for two games with Detroit Catholic Central.



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**Jonathan Drake hit a walk-off three-run home run for South on Monday to complete a comeback victory over Dakota.**

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North Record (11-3-1)		
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/12	@ Lake Orion	7-0 L
4/16	@ Grosse Pointe South (DH)	4-2 W, 12-0 W
4/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	3-2 W
4/21	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	3-2 L, 15-11 L
4/23	@ Avondale	12-0 W
4/26	@ Chippewa Valley	12-2 W
4/28	Chippewa Valley (DH)	13-2 W, 9-3 W
5/2	Anchor Bay	10-0 W
5/5	@ Anchor Bay (DH)	6-0 W, 8-8 T
5/6	Eisenhower (@ Comerica Park)	6-5 W
5/9	@ St. Clair	2-1 W
5/10	St. Clair	
5/12	@ St. Clair	
5/16	@ Utica	
5/17	Utica	
5/19	@ Utica	
5/21	Mt. Pleasant	
5/21	Portage Northern	
5/23	UD Jesuit	
5/24	Rochester Adams	
5/27	@ Brighton	

Grosse Pointe South Record (15-11)		
Date	Opponent	Result
3/28	Cloverleaf, OH	3-1 W
3/28	@ La Salle, OH	16-2 L
3/29	@ Cincinnati Moeller	9-1 L
3/30	Lorain, OH	14-3 W
3/31	@ Cincinnati Princeton	7-2 W
4/7	De La Salle	9-0 L
4/11	@ Detroit Country Day	15-0 L
4/12	Detroit Edison	4-2 W
4/16	Grosse Pointe North (DH)	4-2 L, 12-0 L
4/20	Henry Ford II	13-6 W
4/21	@ Henry Ford II (DH)	14-11 W, 11-6 L
4/22	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	7-4 W, 8-5 W
4/27	@ Stevenson	2-0 W
4/28	Stevenson	6-1 W
4/29	Stevenson	14-6 W
4/30	Allen Park (@ Comerica Park)	8-6 W
5/2	@ Romeo	2-1 L
5/4	Romeo	6-0 W
5/5	@ Romeo	5-4 L
5/7	Stevenson	14-12 L
5/7	L'Anse Creuse	6-5 W
5/7	Detroit Western	9-0 L
5/9	Dakota	6-5 W
5/11	@ Dakota	
5/12	Dakota	
5/16	@ Eisenhower	
5/18	Eisenhower	
5/19	@ Eisenhower	
5/21	TBD (GPS Invitational)	
5/24	@ Brother Rice	
5/27	@ University Liggett	
5/28	Northville	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	

University Liggett Record (12-7)		
Date	Opponent	Result
4/2	@ Brother Rice (DH)	14-0 W, 2-0 L
4/16	@ Richmond (DH)	4-3 W, 7-0 W
4/19	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	7-2 L, 8-5 L
4/22	UD Jesuit (DH)	3-0 W, 5-1 W
4/25	Plymouth Christian (DH)	15-4 W
4/28	@ Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	9-1 W, 6-3 W
4/30	Brother Rice (DH)	5-1 W, 2-1 L
5/4	@ De La Salle (DH)	5-1 W, 3-2 L
5/7	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	13-2 L, 7-4 L
5/9	De La Salle (DH)	5-0 W, 10-2 W
5/11	@ UD Jesuit (DH)	
5/14	Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	
5/16	Lutheran Westland	
5/18	Grand Blanc	
5/23	Cardinal Mooney	
5/27	Grosse Pointe South	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	
5/28	Northville	

# North falls behind late against Romeo

By Mike Adzima  
*Sports Reporter*

With the end of its regular season just weeks away, the Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team found itself still searching for its first MAC Red Division win last Thursday, hoping for a win against Romeo. Home field advantage helped the Norsemen come close to picking up its first division win in a back-and-forth showdown against the Bulldogs, but after three close quarters, Romeo pulled away to defeat North 11-8.

While the game finished with 19 total goals, the first period looked like a defensive battle. Neither side managed to generate much offense in the opening 12 minutes. One goal was scored in the entire quarter between the teams, but it gave Romeo its first lead of the game.

Romeo scored again in the opening minute of the second quarter, but North quickly struck back. Senior attackman Jason Michalski found the back of the net for the first of four goals to



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Senior attack Mitchell Mills scored twice for the Norsemen last Thursday night in a loss to Romeo.**

put North within one. It returned to a two-goal game minutes later as Romeo went up 3-1. North’s Chase Reinhard scored to make it 3-2, but the Bulldogs added another to increase the gap again. The

Norsemen finally found success at stringing goals together late in the first half, getting back-to-back goals from senior Mitchell Mills to tie the game, while Michalski added one to make it a 5-4 lead for

North at halftime. After a late surge in the first half to take the lead, Romeo recaptured the lead to start the third quarter. A pair of unanswered goals by the Bulldogs made it 6-5 in favor of Romeo, but the Norsemen continued to battle.

Michalski scored again to complete his hat trick and tie the game at six goals apiece. Romeo followed with two more goals to regain the lead before North’s Ethan Michalski cut the deficit back to one. The Bulldogs added another goal to make it 9-7 heading into the fourth quarter.

As the final 12 minutes started, Romeo pulled off another run of back-to-back unanswered goals to take its lead from two to four. Jason Michalski added a goal in the closing minutes for North, but it was not enough as the Norsemen fell by three.

North travels to L’Anse Creuse Friday for a game against a non-MAC Red opponent. The Norsemen then return home Tuesday, May 17, to host Eisenhower.

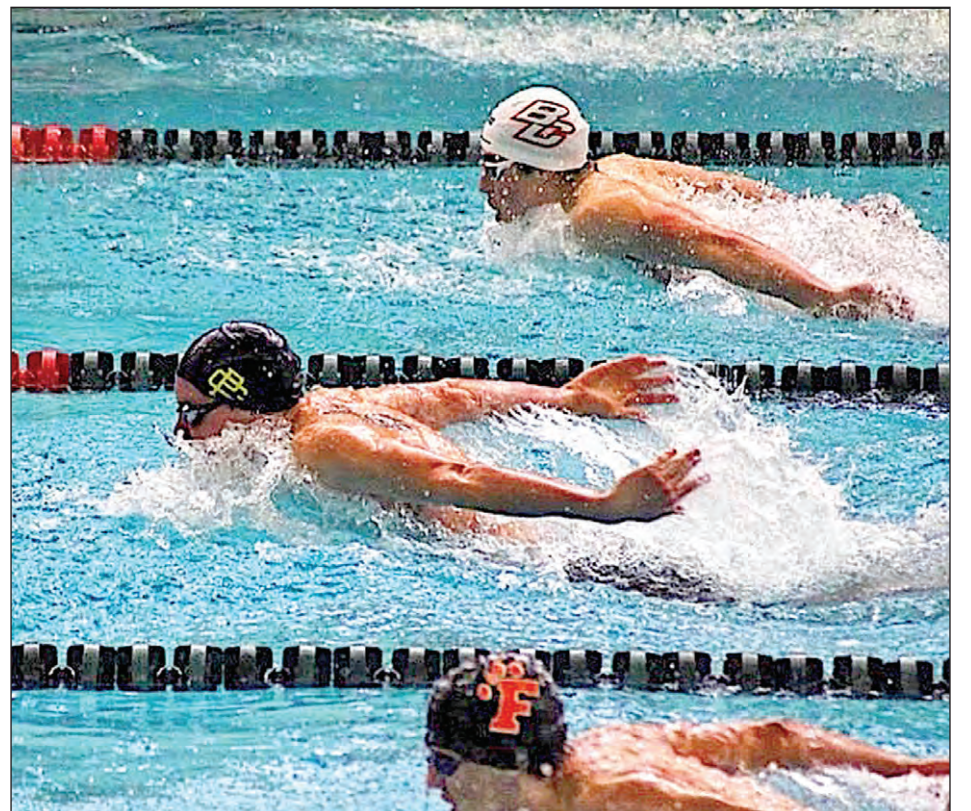
**ATHLETE:**

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chose to focus on swimming at the time. His senior year, he finally got the chance to take the field as a Blue Devil and became a better swimmer because of it.

“I went through a bit of a burnout where I didn’t really want to swim and I wasn’t making up any times or having as much fun,” he said. “I took a little break and decided to play football. I got stronger and put on more muscle and used that muscle in the water to be faster.”

After spending fall under the Friday night lights, Vandeputte was back in the pool for one final season with the Blue Devils. Returning to the sport he has loved for a decade, ending his high school career with a state title and new record alongside some of his closest friends and teammates was truly a storybook ending.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Vandeputte, center, was part of the 200 medley relay team for South that set a state record at this year’s state championships.**

“Right after Tucker finished into the wall and we looked up at the board and beat the state record by two seconds,

that’s the single moment where I felt like, ‘Wow, it’s going to be over, but it’s one of the best times I’ve had in my entire

life,” Vandeputte said. To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

4D | SPORTS

Varsity Softball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (9-6-1)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	
4/12	Chippewa Valley	1-0 L
4/14	Dakota	15-1 L
4/16	DeWitt (@ Lake Orion)	5-4 L
4/16	Utica (@ Lake Orion)	4-1 W
4/16	@ Lake Orion	3-3 T
4/19	@ Romeo	9-6 W
4/21	Anchor Bay	8-6 L
4/26	Cousino	12-4 W
4/28	Henry Ford II	6-0 W
4/30	Clarkston	7-6 W
4/30	Shepherd	11-10 L
4/30	Trenton	3-2 L
5/1	Gaylord	5-4 W
5/1	Brandon	2-1 W
5/4	@ Eisenhower	8-1 W
5/5	@ Chippewa Valley	5-2 W
5/10	@ Dakota	
5/12	Romeo	
5/13	@ Algonac	
5/17	@ Anchor Bay	
5/18	Lakeview	
5/21	Stevenson (DH)	
5/23	Utica	
5/24	@ Henry Ford II	
5/26	Eisenhower	

Grosse Pointe South		
Record (13-6)		
Date	Opponent	
4/12	@ Marine City	14-5 L
4/14	Fraser	18-0 L
4/16	Rochester (GPS Round Robin)	16-1 W
4/16	Woods-Tower (GPS Round Robin)	10-3 W
4/20	@ Berkley (DH)	6-5 W, 12-11 L
4/21	Port Huron	8-4 W
4/23	Dearborn	10-0 W
4/23	Detroit Western	20-5 W
4/23	Grosse Ile	8-2 L
4/28	@ Port Huron Northern	6-5 W
4/30	@ Holland	15-13 W
4/30	Loy Norrix	13-8 W
5/4	Cousino	11-6 W
5/5	Marine City	10-2 L
5/7	New Haven (GPS Round Robin)	5-3 W
5/7	Parkway Christian (GPS Round Robin)	18-2 W
5/7	Avondale (GPS Round Robin)	20-0 W
5/9	@ L'Anse Creuse	12-2 L
5/10	@ Fraser	
5/11	Lakeview	
5/12	@ Regina	
5/16	@ Port Huron	
5/19	L'Anse Creuse	
5/21	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
5/23	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/24	Port Huron Northern	
5/26	@ Cousino	
6/1	@ Eisenhower	

University Liggett		
Record (3-6)		
Date	Opponent	
4/11	@ Cabrini (DH)	7-5 L, 10-4 L
4/22	Lutheran North	15-0 L
4/26	Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	7-5 W, 16-5 W
4/30	@ Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	12-2 L, 18-2 L
5/6	Cabrini (DH)	9-7 L, 8-4 W
5/10	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	
5/12	Center Line	
5/20	Lutheran Westland (DH)	
5/26	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	

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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE  
AUCTION OF  
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Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on **MAY 25, 2022** at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

<b>2008 DODGE AVENGER</b>	<b>1B3LC56K38N214152</b>
<b>2009 CHEVY COBALT</b>	<b>1G1AT58H297280942</b>
<b>2006 CADILLAC DTS</b>	<b>1G6KD57Y46U109121</b>
<b>2007 CHRYSLER ASPEN</b>	<b>1A8HW58227F513982</b>
<b>2008 CHRYSLER SEBRING</b>	<b>1C3LC56K58N281662</b>
<b>2011 CHEVY MALIBU</b>	<b>1G1ZB5E15BF213096</b>
<b>2008 FORD ESCAPE</b>	<b>1FMCU03Z28KC79958</b>
<b>2009 DODGE DURANGO</b>	<b>1D8JB18T09F700261</b>
<b>2001 GRAND MARQS</b>	<b>2MEFM75W21X684717</b>
<b>2008 CHRYSLER TWN/CNTRY</b>	<b>2A8HR54P08R834793</b>
<b>2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX</b>	<b>2G2WS522341250055</b>
<b>2003 HONDA CBR</b>	<b>JH2PC37053M001890</b>
<b>2010 CHEVY TRAVERSE</b>	<b>1GNLVEED2AS109029</b>
<b>1999 BUICK PARK AVE</b>	<b>1G4CW52K9X4634333</b>
<b>2008 CHEVY EQUINOX</b>	<b>2CNDL83F886049727</b>
<b>2007 CHEVY TRAIL BLAZER</b>	<b>1GNNT13S172295773</b>

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Lt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

POSTED: May 09, 2022  
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# Blue Devils' bats come alive during weekend

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

While the Grosse Pointe South softball team split a pair of league games last week, the team showed some of its best stuff over the weekend. The Blue Devils hosted a round robin tournament Saturday with a trio of non-league games. Some would say South was not a very kind host to its three opponents of New Haven, Parkway Christian and Avondale as they took three wins while scoring 40 runs in the process.

South opened the day with a 5-3 win over New

Haven. The Blue Devils got off to an early lead in the first inning when Shannon Dame crossed home plate on a passed ball. In the first three innings, South scored five unanswered runs. Luna Agosta led the offense with two RBI while Peyton Grieser and Avery Harris had an RBI each as well.

New Haven made a push in the final two innings, but the Blue Devils' pitching and defense were able to hold off the attempted comeback. Lily Stidham tossed six innings for South in the win and struck out 11 batters while allowing three

runs. The bats really began heating up for the Blue Devils in Game 2. South took on Parkway Christian and used a monster 15-run first inning to cruise to an 18-2 victory.

South's 15-0 run in the opening inning began with a two-RBI double from Stidham. However, it was Grieser who had the biggest game at the plate with six RBI. Four came on a grand slam in the opening inning that made South's lead 13-0.

Getting the start on the bump in Game 2 for South was Murphy Russell. In a game that took just three innings to

complete, Russell allowed two runs on just four hits.

The offensive fireworks did not stop there for the Blue Devils. In the third and final game of the day, South once again exploded for a big game at the plate as the team took a 17-0 win over Avondale.

Five different Blue Devils had multiple RBI in Saturday's third win. Liv Livingstone and Katie Steiner had three each. Dame, Harris and Ellie Smith had a pair of RBI each. Emily Peacock tossed three shutout innings in the win while surrendering just one hit.

After the big weekend, a return to league play Monday was not quite as kind to South. The Blue Devils fell 12-2 on the road to L'Anse Creuse in only their third MAC Blue loss of the spring.

Stidham and Harris brought in the two runs for South with their bats in the loss. Peacock pitched 3 innings and surrendered 10 runs, only four of them earned, while Russell allowed two more runs in 2 innings of relief.

South is on the road at Regina for a non-league game Thursday. Then it is back to MAC Blue games Monday as the Blue Devils hit the road to face Port Huron.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH SOFTBALL

The Grosse Pointe South softball team posing with some hardware after winning the GPS Round Robin last weekend. The Blue Devils defeated New Haven, Parkway Christian and Avondale for three straight wins on Saturday.

# Club swimmers grab top 20 national finishes

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe Gators and Pointe Aquatics swimmers competed among the country's best in national-level meets this spring. Those highlights include:

**Pointe Aquatics National Club Swimming Association (NCSA) Age Group Championship, Orlando, Fla.**

- 12U U boys
  - Tyler Collins — 19th (100 free, 200 free)
- 12U girls
  - Ella Hafner — 20th (100 free)
  - Nicole McEnroe — 13th (400 IM) and 18th (100 breast and 200 back)
  - Campbell Shore — 10th (50 breast)

- 12th (100IM) and 19th (50 free) Relays
  - Mia Melhem, Nicole McEnroe, Ella Hafner, Campbell Shore — 13th (200 Free Relay) and 15th (400 Free Relay)

**Grosse Pointe Gators 2022 Mid States 14U Championships, Indianapolis, Ind.**

Mischa Eng represented the Gators on Team Michigan at the 2022 Mid States 14U Championships Jan. 8-9, at IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis. Eng scored 21.5 points, finishing 14th (200 IM), 6th (200 Back) 15th (200 Breast), 14th (400 IM) and 16th (100 Back).

**2022 I S C A International Senior**



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN HAFNER

From left, Pointe Aquatics relay team members Mia Melham, Ella Hafner, Nicole McEnroe, Campbell Shore and Elliana Orlando, finishing 13th in the 12U 200 Free Relay and 15th in 400 Free Relay this spring at the NCSA meet in Orlando.

- Cup, St. Petersburg, Fla.**
- Phoebe Handwork — 18th (50 Breast)
  - Sophia Kapla — 10th (500 Free)
  - and 17th (400 IM)
  - Keiran Rahman — 11th (50 Back)
  - Sophie Schuetze
- See SWIM, page 5D

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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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**2009 HONDA PILOT .....5FNYP48589B035134**  
**2008 FORD FUSION .....3FAHP08198R103270**

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2022. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective May 15, 2022, and is hereby published by title:

**A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50, ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

The ordinance is available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us).

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 5/12/2022

# Pointes athletes sign college letters



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

South's Kamryn Richards, center, signed on to play basketball at Macomb Community College.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE GATORS

Diana Muccioli, front center, a senior from Grosse Pointe North, along with her family and Gators coach John Fodell, celebrate her commitment to swim for Wayne State University next fall.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

James Daley, a senior at University Liggett School, is headed to Kalamazoo College to join the lacrosse program.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

Ben Sheffield from North is going DI, signing his official letter to join the soccer program at Bucknell University.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

South swimmer Olivia Yoo signing her letter to swim for the University of Pittsburgh.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

A pair of South athletes signed their letters to Adrian College. Loukas Holowinski, left, will play tennis and Jackson Taylor, right, will play football.

## SWIM:

Continued from page 4D

- 19th (200 IM), 9th (50 Fly), 18th (100 Fly), 7th (200 Fly)
- Andrew Vandeputte — 17th 200 IM (1:55.64) 17th, 10th (50 Breast), 12th (100 Breast), 8th (100 IM), 10th (200 Breast).
- Olivia Yoo — 18th (200 Free), 26th

(50 Free), 7th (100 Fly), 4th (200 Fly)

2022 ISCA Elite Showcase Classic, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Ronin Hobson — 3rd (100 IM and 100 Back), 7th (50 Fly), 8th (100 Free), 5th (200 IM and 100 Fly) and 9th (50 Free). Hobson also scored 37 points for his team.
- Corrine Stencil — 4th (200 Fly) and 10th (100 Fly)

## Correction

The story "Pointe Aquatics, Gators swim like champs," in the May 5 Grosse Pointe News, should have read, in the 2022 Michigan Age group Championship Meet, Grosse Pointe Gator Ronin Hobson took 1st place in the 50 back, 100 back, and 50 fly. He took 2nd place in the 100 fly, 200 IM and 50 free. Hobson was the meet's High Point winner for 10-year-old boys, scoring 111 points.



### ORDINANCE NO. 398 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELECTION PRECINCT ORDINANCE

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms has enacted an ordinance to amend Election Precinct Ordinance No. 338, Code No. 3-01, entitled "An Ordinance to Establish Election Precincts in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, to provide for the Boundaries and Designation of a Polling Place for such precincts, and to Repeal Ordinance 88."

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:

THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective twenty (20) days upon publication.

A true copy of this ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except weekends and holidays.

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, State of Michigan, this 9th day of May, 2022.

Louis Theros, Mayor  
Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk

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### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

#### ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

A copy of the recommended budget and instructions to participate in the meeting is available on the Library's website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org). For questions email the Library Director, [jkeyser@grossepointelibrary.org](mailto:jkeyser@grossepointelibrary.org). At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

George Lapastora  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Grosse Pointe Public Library

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6D | LITTLE LEAGUE



Crosby & Cooper Getz bring home the championship and present their mom with a white rose as a token of appreciation for spending her Mother's Day at the ball field.

Courtesy Photo

# 2022 Grosse Pointe News Mother's Day Tournament



Photo by Renee Landuyt

#2 Connor Sharp (GP Park Rangers) scores the first run of the game in the first inning.



Photo by Renee Landuyt

#5 Miles Quinn pitches for the GP Park Rangers.



Courtesy Photo

The Lakeside Dirtbags 12U team were tops this weekend, bringing home the hardware after besting Taylor in a close game ending with an impressive catch by Alex Nicholson. Players (from left to right) top row: Coaches Marty Wayman, Terry Brennan, Joel Danielewicz, and player Dylan Phillips. Second Row: Ethan Morgan, Davis Gryzenia, Tommy Brennan, Jack Babcock, Cole Wortman, Cayden Wortman, Merritt Huebner and Alex Nicholson. Front row: Henry Getz and Henry Danielewicz (not pictured: Marty Wayman)



Courtesy Photo

Little Caesars 9U sluggers watch the big boys sealing their victory after winning their final game on Sunday.



Courtesy Photo

Zander and Blake Steiner pose with their mom, Carolyn, after bringing home the medal in the 9U championship game.



Courtesy Photo

GP Sluggers take 2nd place in the 2022 GP News Mother's Day Tournament (8U division). This was the first tournament action for the Sluggers. The team had an overall record of 3-1. They lost a well-played game to Lac St Clair Bulldogs 10-7 in the Championship. All the players contributed to a great performance offensively or defensively. Players include Gavin Ahee, Grayson Ahee, Nathan Crandall, Grayson Farrell, Rainier Goddard, Michael Komasa, Wesley Marchal, Jackson Mitchell, Jack Mulvaney, Luke Nickolas and Holden Puma.



Courtesy Photo

10U Lakeside Dirtbag champions pose with their dedicated moms after an exciting victory. Players include: Carter Tourangeau, Michael Agnone, Henry Schmitt, Nico Brennan, Will Kowal, Graham Farrell, Charlie Bunch, Julian Wade, Conrad Casby, Brady Lamb, and Evric Arnold.



Photo by Renee Landuyt

Little Caesars' 12 & Under teammates, #4 Ben Savich celebrates with #12 Zane Hemler after Savich threw the last out to win the game against the Kimball Cougars



Photo by Renee Landuyt

#7 Jack Tobin, for the Woods Shores Hitz team, tags out #4 Rocco Deschaine (GPP Rangers)



Photo courtesy of Michael Dzubak

The 9U Little Caesars Team won the 9U Division on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Caesars won the championship in convincing fashion over a highly competitive LAC Bulldogs team 7-1. In the Championship Game, Caesars was led by the strong pitching performances of Bobby Michelotti, Evric Arnold, and Gregory Nicholson, along with some very timely hitting. Caesars had great catching performances by Grayson Winkler and Blake Steiner. Caesars had a full complement of hitting on display this weekend with Coper Getz, Crosby Getz, Bobby Michelotti and Evric Arnold leading the way. Throughout the tournament, Caesars received strong infield play by Jack Dzubak and outfield play by Zander Steiner. Beau Wortman, Mikey Peplinski, Felix Martinez, and Alex Hiller all had great well-rounded performances.



Photo by Matt Harber

### 11U Champions, Lakeside Baseball

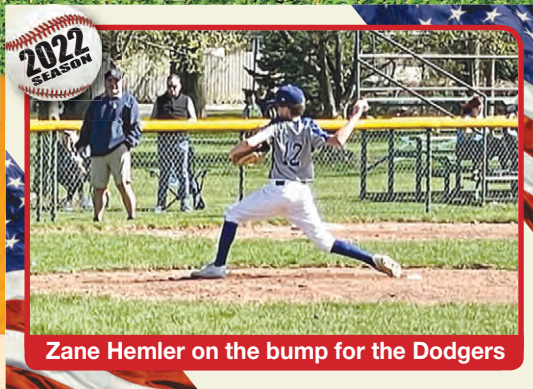
- Carson Ahee
- Max Chittenden
- Sam Conn
- Max Copen
- JR Crandall
- Jacob Gilewski
- Charlie Harber
- Will Hines
- Cole Lupo
- Jack Nickolas
- Brody VanDrew
- Ryder VanDrew

- Coaches
- Matt Harber
- Scott Lupo
- Jeff Hines

\*Pictured in Photo Top Left to Right: Coach Michael Dzubak, Coach Chip Getz, Evric Arnold, Gregory Nicholson, Blake Steiner, Felix Martinez, Bobby Michelotti, Coach Joe Michelotti Bottom Left to Right: Zander Steiner, Coper Getz, Jack Dzubak, Crosby Getz, Mikey Peplinski, Grayson Winkler, Alex Hiller (Not Pictured: Beau Wortman)

# AROUND THE HORN

This week's Little League baseball and softball highlights from around town



Zane Hemler on the mound for the Dodgers

**Woods/ Shores** - Zane Hemler of the Dodgers was the majors player of the week. He pitched 6.1 innings giving up only one hit and 17 strikeouts. He slashed .600/.667/.800 with 4 SB.



Davis Gryzenia and Henry Danielewicz man the field

**Farms/ City** - On Wednesday, May 4, the Angels started fast with four runs in the top of the first, but the Braves stormed back with six in the bottom half to take the lead until the fifth, when the Angels scored two with two outs, then Henry Danielewicz shut the door for the Angels. Davis Gryzenia led the Angels pitching 3 and 2/3 innings to keep the Angels close - and was 3 for 3 at the plate with four RBI's including the game winning double. The Angels defense was solid with Patrick Gough leading the way roaming CF making catch after catch.



A Pirates player slides into home

**Park** - The Pirates are in first place early on, winning three games in the first week. Noah Cruz and Ben Biondo have led the charge on the mound and at the plate.



The Sooners are all smiles

**Grosse Pointe Little League Softball** - Team of the week! The Machine Pitch division Oklahoma Sooners went 2-0 last week, with two 4-2 victories. The Sooners are managed by Amanda Pata.

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## Announcements

### 101 PRAYERS

**NOVENA** to St. Jude Apostle and Martyr great in virtue, rich in miracles, kinsman of Christ, intercessor of all who invoke your aid in time of need, I pray to you to use your great God given power to aid me in my urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known. Pray for us who ask for your aid, St. Jude. Say three "Our Fathers", three "Hail Marys", and three "Glory Be's" This novena has never been known to fail, say the novena for 9 days. Thank you for favors received, St. Jude. J.G.

### 200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

**BELDING CLEANERS** needs Cashier/Counter help. Grosse Pointe. Part-time, mornings and afternoons and some Saturdays. Flexible Schedule. Great work atmosphere. Excellent pay \$15+ an hour. Come in and fill out an application: 15139 Kercheval Or email resume to: [info@beldingcleaners.com](mailto:info@beldingcleaners.com)

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### 203 HELP WANTED DENTAL / MEDICAL

### MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT-ADMIN GROSSE POINTE AREA

Established multi-provider practice in Grosse Pointe area seeking a FT, experienced Medical Office Asst. & Provider/Administrative Support Staff Member. Duties include: Admin & Clerical support for Functional Medicine/Integrative Medicine Provider and Physician (D.O.) Medical Asst. Support, Experience in Functional Medicine helpful but not required. Desired candidate must be willing to be trained in responsibilities relative to Functional/Integrative Medicine, Phlebotomy, Admin support, patient coordination & communication and clinical support to patients on behalf of providers. Must possess excellent communication and customer service skills, a positive attitude and a team member mentality. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume and introduction letter via email to: [maryann@inmmed.com](mailto:maryann@inmmed.com)

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### BURBERRY TRENCH COAT

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### 2 'DUBLIN' SCNCES

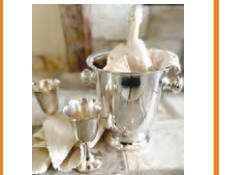
Regina Andrew, lightly used, Retail for \$237.50 each



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