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## Inside battle for mayor in Park Farms to see uncontested election

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND PARK** — New Park City Clerk Meaghan Bachman gets a double dose of election experience in her first few months on the job.

Bachman will oversee a city council primary Aug. 8, plus the main Nov. 7 election. The latter features a contested race for mayor between first-time incumbent Mayor Michele Hodges and first-term Councilwoman Christine Gallagher.

Seven council candidates met the 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, deadline to file election petitions at Park city hall.

Council candidates are Brent Dreaver, Jay Kennedy, Timothy Kolar, incumbent Martin McMillan, Kirk Merametdjian, Elvis Torres and Heather Ulku.

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## Projections show continued enrollment loss

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — The reason for shrinking enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is multifaceted, but in terms of simple math the district is

graduating more seniors each year than the number of kindergartners coming in.

And that isn't expected to change anytime soon, according to numbers presented by Plante Moran Cresa at the Board of Education's Finance

and Facilities Committee meeting Tuesday, April 18.

In 2015, for example, when enrollment was 8,005, there were 691 seniors and 403 students in kindergarten. This year, out of 6,485 students, there are 583

seniors compared to 465 kindergartners. PMC's projection shows total enrollment falling to 6,344 next year, with 563 seniors compared to 438 kindergartners.

Paul Wills, a partner with PMC, said its projections have been 99.6 per-

cent accurate since the consulting firm started working with the district in 2017.

Looking forward, by the 2027-28 school year, enrollment will be 6,033. Of that number, the two

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## Family first at North

Friday, April 21, the Grosse Pointe North Student Association hosted 65 of the North's staff's children during Bring Your Kid to Work Day. The groups traveled to different rooms, hosted by teachers, visiting the planetarium, as well as TV production, German, science, vocals, drama and commercial foods classes. They also stopped at the library, ate lunch and had field day in the gym.

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## Hill public lot to install pay stations

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Visitors to The Hill have two months to exchange pleasantries with the public lot gatehouse attendant, before the lot is transitioned to a gateless pay station system in early July.

With management of the lot currently outsourced to Metropolis Parking, the decision comes off the back of significantly increased costs to the city in recent years.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Come July, the public parking lot on The Hill will be gateless and no longer have a need for an attendant.

Equating the total annual revenue the lot brings to the City with what it then must pay Metropolis, the Farms saw a net revenue

of \$79,378.74 in 2020; \$51,750.35 in 2021; and \$49,942.91 in 2022. See STATIONS, page 3A

## Performance center is in courtroom drama

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — When the SpaceX rocket went crackerdog two minutes into its test launch last week, those who know the travails of technological advancement judged it's "unscheduled disassembly" an overwhelming success.

After all, the F14 Tomcat crashed on its first flight, yet developed

into the world's top naval fighter. Conversely, the F16 prototype took off when it wasn't supposed to. The lesson? Never up, never in. A loss is one step toward achievement. The only failure is giving up.

Pair those learning experiences with the theatrical adage that a lousy dress rehearsal harbinger a knockout opening night.

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## Resident bills to reflect bond issued by City

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Building on the groundwork of when council adopted a notice of intent to issue bonds not to exceed \$15 million in October, the local governing body voted last Monday to authorize a 25-year capital improvement bond in an amount not to exceed \$3,570,000. The bond, set to be

sold at a competitive public sale, will be paid back via an increase to resident utility bills at an estimated 4 percent interest rate.

"We would project that this could be some time as early as late May/early June, with proceeds available before the end of the fiscal year," reported Patrick McGow, bond counsel for the City, as far as when the bond may officially be sold.

The funds are necessary for:

- ◆ expansion and extension of the Kercheval Place storm sewer running behind The Village commercial district;
- ◆ critical sanitary sewer repairs identified in last year's sanitary sewer televising;
- ◆ sewer improvements on Cadieux;
- ◆ and water line, lead replacement and stormwater improvements on Cranford and Neff Road in conjunction with

upcoming road work on the two streets.

"I would point out that late this afternoon we got an estimate from our finance director that the average homeowner for this money we're borrowing today would pay \$54.16 annually, or \$4.51 per month on the water and sewer bill," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted, calling it, "Just the first little bit of what's to come."

City council approved the

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## DRAMA:

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The better to understand the situation in which backers of the Schaap Performing Arts Center find themselves now that preparation of the construction site is blocked by a lawsuit from the city of Detroit.

It isn't lost on the center's interim director, Jaime Rae Turnbull, that the suit concerns the lack of demolition and building permits regarding land to become a parking lot leading to the stage door loading dock, where all the drama comes and goes.

"The entire building site is in Grosse Pointe Park, but the parking lot sits in Detroit," Turnbull said. "And, yes, we are required to get a permit from Detroit to build the parking lot. We have to get two permits, actually: a permit to demolish a Detroit address and a permit to build a parking lot."

It isn't practical to chuck the lot and move on with the balance of construction.

"We need to have the ability to drop off things at what I like to refer to as the stage door entrance," Turnbull said.

Center backers hoped for groundbreaking this month after clearing the site of two buildings that straddle Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park. Both structures had been used for decades by the Park's public works department.

Detroit officials ordered demolition stopped March 28, upon learning the Schaap group hadn't obtained a permit. Permits were obtained from the Park for work in its jurisdiction.

"(The) defendant has refused to abide by the permitting process and plan approval process," according to the suit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court against Schaap project backers, the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation. "Instead, defendant has begun demolishing the existing structure which lies partially in Detroit without a Detroit demolition permit or any other necessary approval."

The foundation owns the properties in contention, which are vacant lots.

Another variable is the Detroit neighborhood in and beside which the center is to be built is considered historic and thereby subject to control by the Detroit Historical District Commission.

Among the commission's several problems with the performing arts center are:

- ◆ curb cuts for the loading drive off of Alter Road disrupt the district's pedestrian nature,

- ◆ the lot and drive heavily impact pre-World War II apartment buildings on Alter,

- ◆ center designers faced their project's most negative physical aspects — the lot and drive — toward Detroit, conflict-

ing again with the pedestrian nature of the intersection of East Jefferson and Alter.

The intersection's four corners currently host, respectively, a vacant lot, a vacant lot, an eight-pump Marathon gasoline station and an eight-pump Mobile gasoline station.

John Roach, director of media relations for Detroit, provided the Grosse Pointe News a copy of the lawsuit and attending exhibits, but said he couldn't comment on pending litigation.

Turnbull said, "Obviously, we wouldn't have a signed-off site plan from every level if we didn't have support from Detroit. The site plan has every department's approval. What it doesn't have is the Historic District Commission's approval on the permit. That's where the situation lies, with the Historic District Commission and getting their sign-off or planning and development sign-off on the permit."

"If the Historic District Commission determines that the proposed work is appropriate for the historic area, (it) will issue a certificate of appropriateness," according to the suit. "If the Commission issues a denial of the proposed work, (Detroit) must deny a permit for the proposed work. Without a permit, the applicant may not legally commence any work on the property."

## BB gun shooters caught

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Businessman Joe Hebeka has reason to doubt satisfaction will come from the arrest last week of three Detroit teens for using BB guns to shoot out the windows of more than 40 parked cars in the Park.

Hebeka, president of the Park Business Association, is the one reported last winter about returning from Thanksgiving vacation in Florida to find his SUV on blocks minus wheels in a Detroit Metropolitan Airport parking garage.

No justice came from the \$8,000 hassle. Why should anything come from vandalism?

"So, this is nothing?" Hebeka asked top Park public safety administrators during a meeting of the Police Advisory Committee Thursday, April 20.

"Prosecutors in Wayne County have other things they consider far more pressing to address," answered Bryan Jarrell, Park public safety director.

Police were on the lookout for unknown suspects in a white SUV cruising the Park at night April 8 and 13, peppering parked cars with BBs.

"When it happens the first time, we're on alert," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "After the second time, we're on high alert. By the time they came back the third time, they didn't have as good a chance to get away."

The third time came last week. "We started getting calls on the evening of the 18th (Tuesday) about more BB gun damage," Pittman said. "We had a description of their car based on surveillance video from the other incidents. Officer Brady Baetens was on patrol. He has good police instincts, so he knew what thoroughfares to check going out of town after the damage was done."

Baetens stopped the suspect vehicle on Mack Avenue at Cadieux, a main



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Three juveniles arrested last week for shooting windows with BB guns used models advertised to look like real a Glock 9 mm.**

gateway between the Pointes and Detroit.

"He walked up to the car and saw three masked individuals," Pittman said. "He could see a container of BBs on the center console. He saw one BB gun in plain sight and searched the car and found the second one."

Police also confiscated a half-empty bottle of copper-coated steel BBs listed by the manufacturer as originally containing 6,000 rounds.

Police arrested the suspects, three 16-year-old males.

"Two were fairly upfront and friendly," Pittman said. "They were remorseful and admitted what they did. The third didn't cooperate."

None have criminal records that investigators could uncover.

"Kids making a dumb mistake, but it

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## BOND:

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bond issuance 7-0 during its meeting Monday, April 17.

During the same meeting, it also unanimously approved bids for the following three sewer infrastructure projects, which will be paid using the bond.

**Kercheval Place sewer improvements**

The scope of the work will extend the storm sewer pipe from Cadieux to Notre Dame, expand it to a 30-inch pipe, install larger catch basins to flow into that sewer and disconnect the sewer line from the existing 15-inch sani-

tary. It also will partially replace a Kercheval Place water main to expand it from a six-inch to an eight-inch; improve catch basin drainage at the Cadieux and Notre Dame intersections with Kercheval; and reline sanitary pipes to accommodate the storm sewer upgrades.

"The whole idea is to reduce potential flooding in The Village and Kercheval Place," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said.

After being redirected through the new 30-inch pipe, storm water from the commercial district then will travel underground to St. Clair where it dumps into the city's largest pipe, 58 by 91 inches, and then

heads south all the way to Lake St. Clair.

"The storm sewer system in that area is much larger than the sanitary system, so we'd be far better off having that water go into the storm system than where it currently is going today," City Engineer Stephen Pangori said.

While the project does not incorporate another one of the city's goals to connect Village business roof drains directly into the large storm water pipe, it will provide the foundation by installing leads from the 30-inch pipe to the sidewalk for future connection.

"So we won't have to excavate the road again," Randazzo said.

"We'll just have to excavate the sidewalk to make that connection from the buildings to that pipe. So the prep will be all done."

Last month saw city council reject the singular bid proposed for this project at the time because of its price tag of approximately \$1.5 million.

Going back out to bid with an extended timeline for the project — a start date is yet to be set, but November will mark completion, with restoration done by May 2024 — ultimately gleaned three new bids and saved the city nearly \$500,000.

The lowest bid, which council accepted, came in at \$1,057,146.20 by HMC LLC. This still is significantly higher than the city engineer's initial estimate of \$627,506.

"(The City's engineer) AEW has worked with HMC on other projects," Randazzo said. "They specialize in under-

ground utilities, which this is perfect for them."

**St. Clair and Fisher open-cut repairs**

Following work that began December of 2021, to clean, televise and inspect the City's medium-priority lines noted in a 2007 comprehensive sewer inspection report, two locations require being cut open to get a sewer liner through the piece of pipe.

The open-cut repairs will take place on St. Clair just north of Kercheval and on Fisher Road near Jefferson. Both may include temporary road closures.

City council approved the low bid of \$83,235 to Fontana Construction.

"These are considerably deeper excavations that our normal contractor wouldn't do," Randazzo said, adding, "We've used Fontana on many projects before. ... So they are highly recommended."

**Pipe-lining sewer repair**

Based on the same inspection, four sections of city sewer will be repaired using the cured-in-place pipe-lining technique.

These include the St. Clair and Fisher locations mentioned above, as well as another Fisher location near Maumee and one section near St. Paul between Rivard and Washington.

"Those were identified as high priorities to get done by our engineers," Randazzo said. "They would put that pipe liner in one manhole and then they'll heat it up (or use) ultraviolet light, and that would harden and then the inside of the pipe would virtually be a brand new pipe."

Council approved the low bid of \$64,298.80 to Insituform Technologies, which did work for the City in the early 2000s.

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# Dame honored for 17 years leading the City Civic campus survey now online

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — This week marks the first in nearly two decades the City of Grosse Pointe is operating without the leadership of longtime city manager Pete Dame.

Amid his last council meeting Monday, April 17 — featuring one of the most packed agendas in recent memory to push forward a number of city projects before his departure — Dame was honored with a two-page resolution of appreciation.

“In 2006, Pete Dame joined the City of Grosse Pointe as city manager, bringing with him vast experience in community development and project management,” it reads. “As his first development project in Grosse Pointe, Pete worked to reach an agreement to revitalize the former Jacobson’s building into a mixed-use development, now known as Kercheval Place, including the replacement and construction of a modern municipal parking structure to serve both the building and The Village business district.”

A plaque, commemorating the project and which rests on The Village parking structure facing the Trader Joe’s entrance, marks not only the project Dame considers his proudest accomplishment, but also the first time the city manager was named on a plaque. Along with the resolution, council gifted him a framed photo of the plaque.

“So you can take a little chunk of your crowning achievement with you,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted upon its unveiling.



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

**Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak presents former city manager Pete Dame with a resolution honoring his efforts over the last 17 years.**

Shortly after Dame’s arrival was the economic downturn of 2008. The City entered the tumultuous period without an AAA bond rating, saw a significant loss of property tax revenue and yet, under Dame’s leadership, emerged with the highest bond rating possible.

“There were a few things that I never expected to happen in Grosse Pointe,” Dame said. “(I) never expected to be meeting in an old fire hall. I never expected to run into financial difficulties in Grosse Pointe of all places, and the continuing difficulty of balancing a budget every year in a municipal finance system that is broken and solely dependent on property taxes. And it still needs to be fixed.”

What has been fixed, however, are a vast number of city roads and infrastructure projects. The resolution noted Dame secured millions

of dollars in grants; instituted the original master plan process; introduced a voter-approved road improvement program; facilitated a partnership with the Neighborhood Club for its new facility and a unique property swap and parking sharing program; and led the comprehensive efforts while garnering community approval for improvements to the City’s public works and public safety facilities, including the city council chambers and municipal court.

He also, in 2008, piloted the creation of the downtown development authority and served as its director until the City was designated a Michigan Main Street community in 2020.

“As Pete Dame begins the next phase of his career by returning to his hometown of Portage, Michigan, we are reminded that the work Pete Dame has done for

the City of Grosse Pointe can be observed each day,” the resolution reads. “Whether in The Village, at Neff Park, on Mack Avenue or Fisher Road, Pete’s impact is forever part of the City of Grosse Pointe.”

Dame previously stated his decision to return to Portage was driven by the desire to aid his aging parents and return the gift of the good upbringing he was given.

“I don’t think we would have survived the great recession without you,” Councilman Don Parthum said. “Nobody really knows the hard work that you do. So thank you very much (and) good luck.”

As he leaves, Dame also credits the City for meeting his wife, Kristen.

“I never expected to have someone who could be so supportive and caring and loving,” he said, “and I love her dearly and I appreciate her understanding and support as we move forward.”

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The public can weigh in online through early next month with ideas and preferences for changes to the civic campus on and around city hall.

The survey consists of about one dozen questions about campus appearance, usage, likes, dislikes and touchy-feely things such as, “What words describe how you’d like the new civic center to feel?”

Options range from “historic” to “fresh” and include, but are not limited to, “natural, casual, dynamic, functional and traditional.”

The survey is posted on the Grosse Pointe Park Facebook page, facebook.com/grossepointepark.

“It remains up until May 1, or thereabouts,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

He also plans on adding it to the city website, grossepointepark.org.

Results will be categorized in time for discussion at a public engagement session

hosted by the Downtown Development Authority. A date and location haven’t been set.

The survey is part of Jima Studio’s \$15,000 contract with the DDA to study possible redesigns of the city hall campus.

The DDA district consists of municipal headquarters and property on the north side of Jefferson between Maryland and Lakepointe — which currently consists of a front lawn, vacant lot and a parking lot shared by the city and public library.

The finished concept should convey themes of accessibility and friendliness, according to DDA board members. They’d like to see space for public art, celebrations, concerts and more.

Hence, survey questions such as:

◆ What would you be most excited to see included in a new civic campus?

◆ What do you think could improve your experience moving around the civic center?

Participants are required to list if they are Park residents.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, MAY 1

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods marina opens for boat launching.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park summer hours begin.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe budget hearing, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods tennis and pickle ball spring registration begins, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA Board informational meeting, 7 p.m.

## STATIONS:

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The city’s contract with Metropolis Parking expires June 30, at which point three Luke II self-serve pay stations will be incorporated and spread out along the back of Hill businesses.

“This is the same system that Grosse Pointe City has implemented, because they were having a lot of issues with their attended lots,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said. “In talking with the mayor and city manager, it’s worked out well. And Grosse Pointe Park, I understand, is looking at the Luke system for the Kercheval corridor of the Park.

“We had looked at other systems and frankly, we thought that having the continuity of the same equipment in each of the parking areas along the Kercheval corridor was important.”

The system operates with a pay-by-license-plate format and will accept cash, coins or card. Parkers paying via card also have the option to enter their phone numbers at the kiosk to receive a reminder text when time is almost up, along with the option to extend time via phone.

“Currently it’s a cash-only system,” Reeside noted. “We don’t accept credit cards. ... There will be three stations and we will have some type of shelter over it, so you’re

protected from inclement weather.”

But where it differs from the City’s system is that the Farms, at least initially, will not offer a parking app option.

“We decided not to go with the app because of the cost,” Finance Director Tim Rowland said of the Passport parking app, which comes with the Luke II system. “They were going to charge 30 cents per transaction to the customer, as well as charging on the city side a convenience fee and a flat charge. The city would pay 25 cents per transaction, plus 2.9 percent.”

Mayor Louis Theros and Councilman Neil Sroka, in particular, noted strong interest in finding a way to incorporate a parking app at some point down the line, largely for the convenience.

“I say we move forward with this proposal, but that we look very seriously at where we go with it even within six months,” Theros suggested.

Council voted 5-2 during its April meeting to purchase the three pay stations for \$32,625, with councilmembers John Gillooly and Sroka opposed. The latter noted concern with purchasing the equipment before a parking app option also was secured. Gillooly did not respond to a request for reasoning.

While the parking fees in the public lot have not

increased since 2014, the July transition to pay stations could include an increase in parking fees to cover the cost of the new equipment and future possibility of a parking app. The fine for

a parking ticket also may rise from \$10 to \$15 to address the additional enforcement required by a gateless system, but such changes would be determined at the May or June council meetings.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Teacher, coach, soccer team owner: Woods native does it all

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

David Dwaihy wears many hats. The Grosse Pointe Woods native is a teacher, high school coach, professional soccer club co-owner and now the coach of a professional women's soccer team. Soccer has played a part in all of it and it all connects back to his roots.

"My first experience was playing in the Neighborhood Club soccer league. I remember games at Brownell and everything," Dwaihy said.

That also includes fond memories of taking part in summer soccer camps at University Liggett School, which helped grow his love for the game. Instead of becoming a Knight, however, Dwaihy was a Norseman and played varsity soccer at Grosse Pointe North High School before going on to play at Kalamzoo College, where the game once again set the stage for his next big step.

"I went to Kalamzoo College with Sean Mann, who had the idea for (Detroit City FC)," he said. "He invited me



COURTESY PHOTO

Dwaihy, left, played for Detroit City FC beginning in the club's inaugural season in 2012. He is now a co-owner of the club and was recently named head coach of Detroit City FC's women's professional team.

to be part of the original group of five guys who founded the club and I got to play in the first year in 2012, as a bonus perk. I got the opportunity to be a part of the club and get it off the ground and still be a part of it and it's been a really cool transition from being a player to being involved in soccer operations."

Dwaihy has been with the club at Detroit City since its inception and still is heavily involved

today. He has embedded himself in the history of Le Rouge as a player and owner, but, always eager to take on a challenge, Dwaihy decided not to stop there.

In December, Dwaihy was announced as the new head coach of the Detroit City FC Women's team. He takes over the club in its second year of competition in the recently formed USL W League. Dwaihy was slightly

hesitant to take the position at first, but was encouraged by his wife, Meghan, to embrace a new challenge.

While Dwaihy is no stranger to professional-level soccer with his decade of experience at Detroit City, he knows there will be some adjustment needed as he transitions between working on the sidelines with high school athletes and experienced pros.

"This is definitely the

highest level I'll have worked with," Dwaihy said. "... There's NCAA Division I players and people who have played at high amateur and pro levels. I think what I do with coaching high school should transition a bit naturally. ... But it will require more preparation with time and thoughtfulness and more demand with managing the group."

Dwaihy's days of coaching high school soccer are still going

strong, even with the new responsibility. He has spent the past several years coaching Liggett's boys varsity soccer team in the fall and the girls varsity soccer squad in the spring.

On top of everything, Dwaihy spends a lot of time focusing on his day job as a math teacher at Liggett, a position he landed out of college with help from his old soccer camp mentor, David Backhurst.

While he enjoys being involved in high-level soccer with Detroit City, the moments he is at the school teaching and coaching mean the most to Dwaihy — and help him learn lessons of his own that he can take into other aspects of his life.

"Even on your worst days or in the most stressful times, you can always feel really good about what you're doing," he said. "You're a supporter for young athletes and for me, I get to teach them a few things about math, but also experiences. ... I feel really good about what I do and I feel like it's meaningful and rewarding because coaching and teaching go hand in hand."

### Grosse Pointe Woods

#### Pricey mistake

A resident in the 2300 block of Allard reported a Rolex watch valued at \$14,000 and a wallet were stolen from the center console of his vehicle between 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, and 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21.

The man told police the vehicle was locked and parked in his driveway. He also said he leaves the keys in the vehicle in the passenger door, so any-

one trying the door handle could unlock the car.

#### Reverse delivery

Several Amazon packages and a gray backpack were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 2100 block of Hollywood between 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, and 8 a.m. the following day.

#### Stolen vehicle

A 2012 Chrysler 300 was stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital between 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, and 7 a.m. Thursday, April 21.

The complainant told police the vehicle was locked and paid off.

—Ted O'Neil  
Report information

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

#### Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil  
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public

Safety, (313) 881-5500.

#### Grosse Pointe Park

##### Cars stolen

Someone stole a white 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix parked curbside in the 1000 block of Wayburn between 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, and 7:09 a.m. the next day.

At 10:39 p.m. Friday, April 21, a blue 2021 Kia Forte was stolen while parked in front of a residence in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

##### Sign stolen

A metal-frame commercial sign valued at

\$150 was taken from in front of a business in the 15000 block of Kercheval between 8 and 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20.

##### Package stolen

Porch pirates pinched a UPS package set outside the front porch of a house in the 1400 block of Buckingham between 3:30 and 4:40 p.m. Friday, April 21.

The package reportedly contained a Detroit "Bad Boys" sweatshirt valued at \$54.

##### Bikes and tools stolen

Two Detroit A-Type

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## REPORTS:

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bicycles, one black, one pink, each valued at \$1,300, plus \$150 worth of miscellaneous lawn tools were stolen at 2 a.m. Saturday, April 22, from an open garage in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

“(The resident’s) surveillance camera captured the theft,” police said. “(An) investigation is ongoing.”

### Window breaker

A 3:58 p.m. Saturday, April 22, a man reportedly showed up at a residence in the 1300 block of Wayburn to retrieve a television he said belonged to him.

“When (he) was notified that the resident with the TV was not home, he broke several windows in the residence with a shovel,” police said. “The incident was witnessed by another resident and investigation is ongoing.”

Police logged the case as malicious destruction of property.

— Brad Lindberg  
Report information about these and other

crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

### City of Grosse Pointe

#### Scam alert

A Microsoft warning popped up on a Grosse Pointe woman’s computer at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, routing her to scammers, who convinced her to purchase \$5,500 in Apple gift cards.

#### Counterfeit

A black woman in her 20s with black hair and wearing pink pants gave a counterfeit \$100 bill to a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Tuesday, April 18.

With possible identification via surveillance footage, the investigation is ongoing.

#### Fuzzy memory

A resident on Lincoln reported a bag of tools was missing from his garage Wednesday, April 19, but could not recall the last time he saw them.

### Theft

A black woman wearing a pink jacket and blue jeans is accused of stealing \$49.77 worth of items from a business in the 17000 block of Mack Thursday, April 20.

#### Failed auto theft

Three unknown subjects wearing all black broke the passenger window of a 2022 Kia parked in the 400 block of Cadieux Saturday, April 22. The suspects ransacked the vehicle and broke the ignition, but were unable to steal it.

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

### Grosse Pointe Farms

#### Break-in string

GMC vehicles were the main target of a string of larcenies from autos that took place in the Farms overnight into the morning of Monday, April 17.

Incidents include:  
◆ Two phone char-

gers, Ray-Ban sunglasses and about \$20 in miscellaneous change were stolen from an unlocked 2018 GMC Yukon parked in a Newberry Place driveway.

◆ Although rummaged through, nothing was stolen from an unlocked 2019 GMC Yukon parked on Stanton Lane.

◆ The radio and various industrial tools were discovered stolen from a GMC Savana work van in the 200 block of Kerby. The door handle showed signs of prying.

◆ Another round of industrial tools were stolen from a 1991 GMC Sierra truck parked in the 200 block of Kerby. The passenger-side window was broken to gain entry.

◆ Unsuccessful entry was attempted into a locked Ram work truck parked in the 400 block of Bournemouth.

◆ A box of Clif Bars and brand-name water bottles were stolen from an unlocked 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked on Newberry. Not stolen was a wallet containing \$20, a debit card and spare change.

One resident’s camera system picked up a suspicious dark-colored

Dodge Ram around the time of the incident.

### Recycling

Surveillance footage shows a man in a new-model burgundy Dodge Ram pull up behind a Mack car shop at 12:57 p.m. Monday, April 17, and exchange two tires from the truck with three used tires tagged for disposal.

He also took four sets of customer tires.

The suspect is described as a white man wearing a black coat with a Matco Tools logo on the back, black pants and a black stocking cap.

### Breaking a lease

A 28-year-old Farms man called the department at 10:18 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, stating he was being held against his will in the basement of a restaurant in the 19000 block of Mack and being human trafficked.

Upon locating the man at the establishment, he told officers he has been living in the basement more than a year, is paid \$8 an hour and feels he is being unfairly treated by staff and management. He admitted he has not been abused physically and is free to leave the

building as he wishes.

The owner said he allowed the man to live there as he had nowhere to stay and was paying him \$12 an hour without asking for rent and utilities.

The man was arrested for assault with intent to commit great bodily harm warrant out of Macomb County. He also was informed he will be arrested for trespassing if he returns to the establishment.

### Uno reverse

Officers were called to a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 1:53 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, when employees said a 38-year-old Detroit man threatened to get a gun from his car after saying he waited 30 minutes to receive a cold burger.

No gun was found on the man, nor did he have outstanding warrants.

However, one of the employees — a 41-year-old Detroit man — was arrested when he was found to have a warrant out of Warren for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

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

## Park honors public safety lifesavers

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — In the public safety business, satisfaction gets no greater than for saving lives.

Three Park public safety officers earned lifesaving awards this week for actions Feb. 27. The dispatcher who handled the 911 call earned a department citation.

Officers Thomas Gamicchia, Jessie Lafriniere, Jason Lockwood and Dispatcher Dawn Kelly worked as a team on an emergency about an elderly man found unresponsive at home on Yorkshire. Officers

found him not breathing and without a pulse.

Quickly connecting the patient to an automated external defibrillator, officers also performed CPR. They persisted while carrying the man downstairs to a stretcher and into an ambulance for transport to a hospital.

“Try that,” said Bryan Jarrell, Park director of public safety.

Still detecting no pulse, officers persisted with chest compressions to prompt a heartbeat.

“Right as the ambulance was pulling into the emergency room entrance, the man’s pulse returned (due to) the officers’ relentless efforts to save him,” Jarrell said.

Kelly is a nearly 12-year veteran of the department.

“Dispatcher Kelly kept the caller calm,” Jarrell said.

Gamicchia is a 27-year veteran of the department.

Lafriniere has worked for the Park four years and for Grosse Pointe Shores before that.

Lockwood is a four-year veteran.  
— Brad Lindberg



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### OUR VIEW

## Tax, utility hikes may stink, but sewer upgrades vital investments

**T**hough residents in a few of the Pointes will be on the hook for a higher tax or utility bill, we believe the value of water and sewer infrastructure upgrades underway in Grosse Pointe Park and those proposed in the remaining Pointes are worth it.

The system improvements are the result of city leadership teams making proactive moves to avoid a repeat of the disastrous consequences to homes and businesses from the 2021 floods, after historic rains hit our area. We applaud city leaders for taking vital action.

The cost to repair and upgrade these systems, in tandem with the construction, noise, dirt and disruption, won't be a picnic, but sitting idle is not an option.

### Grosse Pointe Park

In the Park, infrastructure improvements are full steam ahead. The Mack water main, stretching from Cadieux to Kensington is already complete, save for some sod work. The \$400,000 project replaced generations-old, six-inch diameter cast iron piping with eight-inch diameter plastic pipes.

The work is being done thanks to 67 percent of Park voters who passed the 10-year, 2.5-mill infrastructure millage last November.

Amounting to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, the millage is allowing strategic funding to replace infrastructure as conditions change over time. It will support the replacement of additional pipes, water service lines made of lead and the installation of an extreme emergency release valve along Essex and Three Mile Drive.

### Grosse Pointe Farms

This month in the Farms, city council unanimously approved a contract, capped at \$2,883,000, for design engineering plans to construct a second pumping station at Moross and Chalfonte; separate the inland district sewer system north of Moross; partially separate the sewer system along Mt. Vernon, McKinley and McMillan; and install a force main along the Country Club of Detroit.

The Farms is actively seeking methods to innovatively pay for at least part of a multi-phase project, including applying for a low-interest loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. The CWSRF offers 20- and 30-year loans with approximately 1.875 and 2.125 percent respective interest rates, versus traditional rates of 4 percent and higher.

With the ideal method to separate the entire sewer system proving too expensive at \$140 million, Farms officials chose the current proposed plan, stating it struck a balance of maximum impact for minimum expense. It will help mitigate the frequency and magnitude of flooding in the Farms, remove stormwater from the system and reduce flows to pumping stations at Kerby Road and regional locations, which also will benefit surrounding communities.

The project's grand total is projected to fall somewhere north of \$39 million. Early calculations estimate that each household will pay an additional \$44.95 per month on top of the current utility bill. As we reported last week, Farms Mayor Louis Theros cautioned that despite this major investment, it's not "a fix-all. We rely on Grosse Pointe Park doing its part, Grosse Pointe City, Dearborn, City of Detroit ... so this is our part in the process."

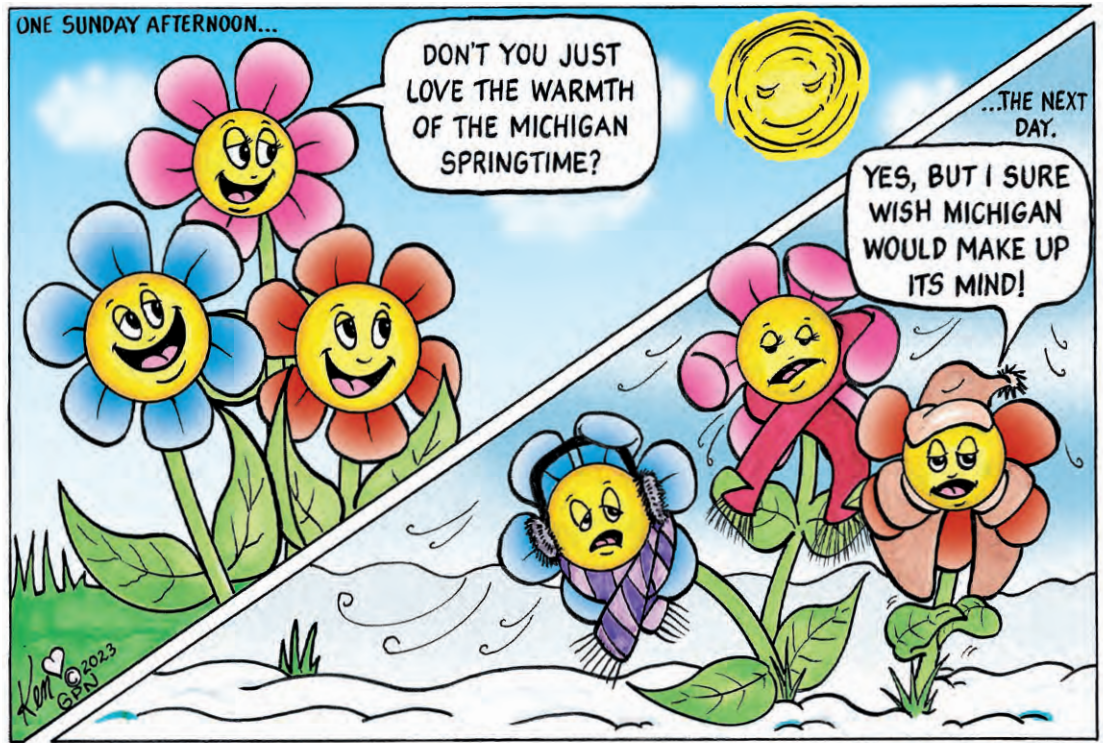


ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

### City of Grosse Pointe

On page 1A of today's Grosse Pointe News, you read about another Pointe doing its part. The City of Grosse Pointe plans to upgrade its sewer and water infrastructure, thanks to a 25-year capital improvement bond in an amount not to exceed \$3,570,000.

The funds are necessary for the expansion and extension of the Kercheval Place storm sewer running behind The Village commercial district, critical sanitary sewer repairs and sewer improvements on Cadieux, as well as water line, lead pipe replacement and stormwater improvements on Cranford and Neff Road in conjunction with upcoming road work on the two streets. It's estimated the average cost for the money being borrowed for a City homeowner to be \$54.16 annually, or \$4.51 per month on the water and sewer bill.

The City also is applying for low-interest loans from the state for a number of projects, including separation of a portion of its stormwater system and lead pipe replacement. You will read more about these projects in next week's issue.

Meanwhile, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores both have approved for each municipality to apply for loans from the same pot of money and have held initial talks regarding the scope of the work.

While no one loves a tax hike or a bigger utility bill, our cities can't continue to operate by hanging a proverbial rosary on the clothesline and hoping it doesn't rain again. Inaction would be de facto negligence.

We do have one neighbor not doing its part, simply because it has no money — Highland Park, which is delinquent on a \$24 million water and sewer bill. On April 4, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Highland Park must pay its overdue bill to GLWA.

With the investments Grosse Pointers are making out of their own pocketbooks to improve infrastructure, which also benefits surrounding communities, we are grateful to know elected officials and our city leaders are committed to being good stewards of Grosse Pointe's financial resources, with an eye to future generations who will call the Pointes home.

### OUR VIEW

## Lock and key

“For the sake of security  
No one wants to make a terrible choice  
On the price of being free.”

Lyrics from the song “Lock and Key” from the rock band Rush are particularly apropos this week in Grosse Pointe.

The sad part is, the lyrics are fitting nearly every week in the Pointes — and have been for decades on end — based on the headlines involving car break-ins in the Grosse Pointe News. Readers are nearly guaranteed to see at least one incident in our police reports involving the break-in of an unlocked car. Usually it's the theft of loose change, but it can sometimes include much bigger ticket items like cameras, computers or, in a case this week in Grosse Pointe Woods, a \$14,000 Rolex watch.

As we reported today on page 4A, the theft victim told police the vehicle was locked and parked in his driveway. However, he also said he leaves the keys in the vehicle in the passenger door, so anyone trying the door handle could easily be able to unlock the car. Well, a thief did just that. And scored a Rolex in the process. Time (and opportunity) was apparently on his side.

Friends, this isn't rocket science — lock the doors to your cars and homes. Thieves love an opportunity and to keep their crime as easy as possible. We are doing half of their jobs by leaving our valuable items accessible.

The glass half full perspective is we feel safe enough in our community to leave our cars unlocked. The reality is criminals know Grosse Pointe is a target-rich environment for exactly this reason.

Be smart. Put your valuables under lock and key.

## LETTERS

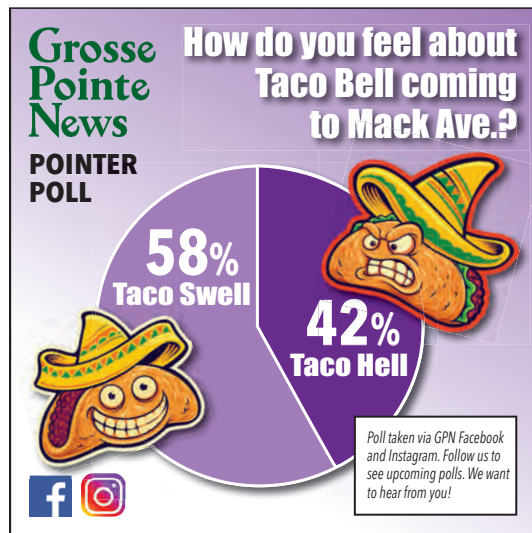
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### With heartfelt gratitude

**To the Editor:**  
Residents of Grosse Pointe our whole lives, we have always been proud of our community, its amenities, services and the wonderful people who also call it home. An incident a week ago Saturday night and Sunday just reaffirmed our faith in our Grosse Pointe.

Anyone who owns a dog knows how much a pet becomes a part of the family. That's the way it is with our grand-dog, Charlie, an exuberant, playful, 2-year-old tricolor rescue beagle/hound mix. Escaping in The Village Saturday evening, our family's world was turned upside down. Nineteen hours of agony.

But, through the cooperation of the Grosse Pointe police departments, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, Facebook



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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



# Get out among the greenery

Despite what this week's weather would imply, warm summer days are supposedly right around the corner.

As such, Good Plant Care polled 3,000 people and pulled together a list of the top 200 public gardens in America respondents would like to visit.

While Hawaii swept the first three places, Michigan did have four public gardens make the list.

Hidden Lake Garden received the most votes out of those in Michigan and placed 33rd.

Located in Tipton, just an hour and a half drive

from the Pointes, Hidden Lake Garden could make a nice day trip, complete with windows rolled down and sunglasses on a fair weather day.

Owned by Michigan State University, the 755-acre arboretum and botanical garden includes rare and exotic species of plants, along with a variety of themed gardens. A new canopy walk also is expected to open June 20, 2023.

Fun fact: Its history began when a businessman purchased 200 acres of land in 1926, intent on farming. When he found the ground didn't work well for agriculture, he began growing a nursery instead.

Next, coming in at No. 75 on the list was Fernwood Botanical

Garden and Nature Preserve.

Located in Niles and close to the Indiana border, a trip to this garden would bring Pointers about two-thirds of the way to Chicago. Its 105 acres were established in 1964, and aside from the variety of habitats, feature a Japanese-style garden, restored historic farmhouse and visitor center.

The Monet Garden of Muskegon was named No. 126.

Inspired by French impressionist artist Claude Monet, this garden may not be worthy of being a destination considering it's a vacant city lot transformed into a pocket park, but could be a nice stop during a Michigan road trip.

Last but not least, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park earned No. 159.

It's a bit surprising, if you ask me, that it didn't place first among Michigan attractions.

Spanning more than 150 acres in Grand Rapids, the gardens have an extensive collection of contemporary sculptures by world-renowned artists, as well as a number of indoor and outdoor gardens.

Also shocking to me is the fact the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor didn't even make the list. Operated under the umbrella of the University of Michigan, these gardens might just be my favorite I've ever visited.

With nearly three miles

of garden paths and free admission — minus the parking fee — the variety of nature offers a lovely way to spend a peaceful afternoon.

For anyone looking for a bit more of an interactive adventure, but perhaps not quite as much thrill as a high-ropes or zipline course, the Dow Gardens canopy walk in Midland also is a great option.

With bragging rights as the nation's longest canopy walk, at 1,400 feet long and up to 40 feet above ground, included are birds-eye views of a forest pond, grove of spruce trees and an orchard.

The canopy walk also rests amid 110 acres of various gardens, bridges and water features.

The ordered list of the top 10 public gardens in America, according to the Good Plant Care survey, is as follows:

- ◆ Koko Crater Botanical Garden — Hawaii
- ◆ Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, Big Island — Hawaii
- ◆ Wahiawa Botanical Garden — Hawaii
- ◆ Florida Botanical Gardens — Florida
- ◆ San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers — California
- ◆ New York Botanical Garden — New York
- ◆ Liliuokalani Botanical Garden — Hawaii
- ◆ Alaska Botanical Garden — Alaska
- ◆ Desert Botanical Garden — Arizona
- ◆ Central Park Rose Garden — New York

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**POINTE THEATER GROUP GETS OFF TO ENTHUSIASTIC START:** Last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the Alger House, the curtain rose on a performance that may make Grosse Pointe history. There were no props or scenery. The actors were only 30 private individuals. The plot was the first act in the creation of a perma-

nent Grosse Pointe Community Theater Group.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**SCHOOL CENSUS BEGINS MAY 1:** The first school census in three years is slated to begin throughout the district May 1. It must be completed by the end of the month. Because an annual school census is no longer

required by law, school officials have indicated that another local head count may not be taken for several years. Therefore, they urge community cooperation so that the data will be as complete as possible. The information will be useful in determining future enrollment projections.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**NORTH'S SUMBERA ENTERS PREP FOOTBALL COACHES**

**HALL OF FAME:** George Dudich Jr. was a wonderful salesman for the virtues of life in the Grosse Pointes when he was attending Central Michigan University some 30 years ago. And because of that, Grosse Pointe North has a Hall of Fame coach in two sports. "I didn't know anything about Grosse Pointe," said Frank Sumbera, who was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. "But George and I were pretty good friends and he was always talking about how great the Grosse Pointe community was."

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**BREAKING BREAD AT FORMER CHURCH:** Octoberfest will take on a new meaning this year, with the expected opening of the newest venture by the Atwater Brewing Company on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Mark Rieth, Atwater's owner, has confirmed he signed a letter of intent to take over the former Grace United Church of Christ on the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe, and expects to

be open by late summer. **BASHARA FACES CHARGES:** Bob Bashara has been charged with first-degree murder in the January 2012 death of his wife, Jane Bashara. Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy announced the charge April 17. In addition to the charge of murder, which carries a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole if convicted, she charged Bashara with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, solicitation to commit murder, suborning perjury during a capital trial, witness intimidation and obstruction of justice.

## LETTERS:

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friends and the Grosse Pointe Park Community Page, tips on sightings and locations and times kept coming in. And to one particular neighbor on Stratford Place we owe a debt of gratitude, as her sighting came at a time when it would have been easy to give up.

Home as of last Sunday night, cuddled in his blanket in his favorite corner of his favorite chair, nursing sore muscles and raw paw pads, Charlie is safely back with his loving family. The cooperation, concern and thoughtfulness shown by our community was so reassuring, especially during what seem to be such unsettling times. Thank you all so very much!

MAUREEN CHRISTIAN  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Attn: Code enforcement

To the Editor:

Look at the blight on Anita Alley, namely the block between Marter and Charlevoix. What happened to the Code people?

Then in my block there is now a three-story Frank Lloyd Wright replica built on the first floor of a house built in 1954. Codes?

Then for my block a decision was made to improve the sidewalks making them safe by dumping stones covered in what appears to be black tar holding the stones together?

I am sad.

FREEDA LAWRIE  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
Editor's Note: This let-

ter was originally addressed to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Maintain one pool

To the Editor:

As swimmers who use the middle school pools of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, we ask the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education to consider maintaining at least one of these pools. We are all community members that use these middle school pools on a regular basis.

While several of us still have children in the school system, many of us no longer do. But we all pay the higher taxes the Grosse Pointe com-

munity charges so we can continue to have access to these fine facilities.

Having pools in the middle schools allows children and adults in this lakeside community the opportunity to learn to swim. Countless lives have probably been saved by learning to swim in the middle school pools.

Rising obesity rates show that swimming, like all sports, is good for anyone of any age. Swimming is one of those rare sports which can be enjoyed for fun and fitness well into later years.

The special needs swim program has been around for many years and uses these pools. There are special education stu-

dents in the Brownell school who use the pool.

And, these programs give back to the community in other ways. Many of us have become certified lifeguards and, as such, were able to step in and become volunteer

lifeguards at the Windmill Pointe pool when the lack of lifeguards threatened to cancel morning lap swimming last summer, thereby benefitting other residents.

It does not seem there

is much availability to use the high school pools as both are used regularly by the high school swim teams and local swim clubs.

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# Lululemon coming to The Village

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Calico Corners left its 3,226-square-foot space at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval in May 2021, but Jim Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company LLC, which owns the building, has held out for “the right kind of tenant” to complement The Village.

Compounding 18 months of lease discussions, multinational retailer Lululemon fit the bill and is moving into the location at 17101 Kercheval, with a tentative open date of July 1.

An apparel retailer specializing in athletic clothing, the chain’s current closest location is accessible via a 20-minute drive into Detroit.

“In the last 18 months, we have had an opportunity to lease the former Calico space to several interested parties, but none of them measured up to what Lululemon would bring to The Village,” Bellanca said. “We decided to work with them to make their vision a reality. It took a long time, but we’re pleased to have Lululemon as another national anchor to The Village.”

The concept coming to The Village is a one-year to 18-month pop-up, Bellanca reported.

“Then they’ll make a decision on a long-term lease,” he added, “but my understanding is that 80 percent of their pop-ups turn into long-term relationships.”

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Having sat vacant since May 2021, the former Calico Corners space at St. Clair and Kercheval in The Village soon will find new life with Lululemon.

## Focusing on female fitness

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A new fitness studio just for women recently opened with an emphasis on individual or small group workouts.

Body Matrix by Margo is located at 19798 Mack.

“It took us a couple months after we found the space because we did all the painting and wallpaper ourselves,” co-owner Margo Stetz said. “I thought we could open in a few weeks but people said that’s not going to happen. I had to learn a lot of patience.”

The studio offers full body training through a combination of cardiovascular exercise and weight training.

“We start off with a free assessment to find out where they are as far as



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A client flashes a smile after a workout at Body Matrix by Margo.

any muscle imbalances and talk about their goals,” Stetz said. “It’s kind of like building a house, going through different stages.”

That could include losing weight, getting toned or adding muscle. Stetz also offers meal planning

ideas.

“I’m not a dietician, but I do give some ideas on healthy eating,” she said. “Fitness and nutrition go hand in hand.”

The other co-owners are Crystal Sitar and Jeff Blume, husband and wife from Novi.

“We started doing personal training with Margo because we were working from home,” Sitar said. “When she moved over this way she would still come to our house to train us, but she always wanted to have her own studio. When we found this place, we decided to go for it.”

Sitar said Stetz has helped her lose 50 pounds. “I feel so much better,” she said. “I’m an investor and a client.”

Stetz, who grew up as a ballet dancer in St. Petersburg, Russia, moved to the States 16

years ago, spending 13 years in California before moving to Michigan three years ago. She is certified through the National Personal Training Institute in Rochester Hills.

“I fell in love with how the body moves while studying ballet and I’ve always been passionate about exercise,” she said. “It makes you feel better and prevents depression, especially if you’re stuck behind a desk for eight hours a day.”

The studio offers an infrared sauna that can be used post-workout or on its own.

“It helps with muscle recovery after a workout and helps you sweat out toxins,” Stetz said. “It also increases your metabolism to help with weight loss.”

Visit [bodymatrixbymargo.com](http://bodymatrixbymargo.com) or call (313) 921-5551 for more information.



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## New business

Salon Besa, 20527 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is a full-service hair salon on a mission to help customers feel and look their most confident. Besa is an Albanian cultural precept, translated as “faith” or “oath,” that means “to keep the promise” and “word of honor.” Its team of professionals, led by salon owner Besa Fama, helps clients achieve their vision. Visit [salonbesa.com](http://salonbesa.com), call (313) 743-5199 or email [besa@salonbesa.com](mailto:besa@salonbesa.com).

Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant and Fama share the scissors while surrounded by staff, family and friends, as well as chamber Membership and Event Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, left, and President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, right.

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## Dirty Dog expanding social atmosphere

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Having recently celebrated its 15th anniversary, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe at 97 Kercheval on The Hill is implementing a number of first-time changes to its offerings beginning in May.

While the restaurant historically has featured live jazz performances each day it’s open, it now will reserve those for Fridays and Saturdays, with seating times at 6 and 8:30 p.m. As for Tuesday through Thursday, guests can expect a more social-focused setting with jazz ambience playing through



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### Beef short ribs

the speakers.

“We’ve always been known as a jazz venue that also happens to serve great food — Gretchen (Valade’s) plan was to put the music first before anything else — and that’s been great, but some of the things that the guests

were met with is that it is so jazz-focused that we call attention to the performances and it wasn’t a very social-friendly atmosphere,” explained Marina Nunez, assistant dining room manager. “... So now we’re making it more social-friendly for the guests, where they can still have the jazz atmosphere, hear the jazz music overhead — which (was) very important to Gretchen — and then put the food and the service as a feature Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, making it more welcoming for our local Grosse Pointe community.”

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# GPPSS facing serious budget questions

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Decisions the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education makes over the next three budget cycles will have a profound impact on the district's future, be that positive or negative.

That was a message of a presentation the board heard Monday, April 24, from Brendan P. Walsh, former board treasurer and president and current volunteer member of the board's Finance and Facilities Committee.

Walsh made it clear that his numbers weren't meant to be taken as a line item budget, but rather data to be considered as a benchmark to

isolate problem areas.

"This is meant to set aside any question of whether cuts need to be made or not," he said. "The last three years have been the worst financial results for the district outside of the global financial crisis of 2009 to 2013."

Walsh, who served on the board from 2005 to 2013, noted, "these are not fun financial times," but added "it was even less fun then."

His modeling includes three scenarios: Making no cuts over the next three years; making cuts to maintain the current 10 percent fund equity balance; making cuts to achieve a 12 percent fund equity balance. A district's fund equity balance is equal to 10

percent of its total budget.

By making no cuts, the district will face a \$9.5 million operating deficit in 2025, including a fund equity balance of negative \$4.1 million, down from a positive \$5.5 million that would be used to balance the budget.

"It's clear a salary reduction of \$3.7 million will be needed in 2023-24," Walsh said. "If not, your Social Security costs will be unsustainably high. There needs to be a reduction in cost and staffing."

Budgeting to keep the fund equity balance at 10 percent would result in a shortfall of just \$326,000 in 2025. Decisions to increase fund equity to 12 percent, or \$12 million, would result in an operat-

ing shortfall of \$352,000.

Along the lines of reducing salaries and retirement costs, Walsh said the district could cut spending by nearly \$1.6 million by increasing the student-to-teacher ratio from the current 18.7 to 19.5. Raising it to 20 would save another \$1 million.

Walsh also noted the district needs to look at how much it spends on operations and maintenance, as GPPSS spends proportionally \$3.7 million more a year on that than districts of a similar size around the state.

"Having two high schools has a massive impact," he said. "Most districts our size have one high school."

The administration put together a list of \$3 mil-

lion in cuts the board requested, including reducing the number of teachers by 10 full-time equivalents. Those cuts have yet to be made as it will depend on attrition such as retirements or resignations.

The monthly human resources report voted on at Monday's meeting also was to have eliminated one of two assistant principal positions at Parcels Middle School.

The board removed that item from the report, noting the large volume of emails members received decrying the move. People spoke against the idea during public comment, even after the report was amended, and others spoke against sugges-

tions to cut library assistants in the middle schools. Some board members indicated they would not support the library cuts.

"The board gave us parameters to identify \$3 million in savings and we've done that and received feedback from the board," Superintendent Jon Dean said after the meeting. "We'll have to go back to the drawing board."

Discussion among the board became testy after Walsh's presentation and some questioned where he obtained his figures and what background he had in school finance.

"I take issue with this," Trustee Colleen Worden said. "This should come from Amanda Matheson

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high schools combined will have 1,803 students, or roughly 900 at each building.

PMC expects the number of high school students to drop to 1,741 by 2027, before climbing to 1,835 by 2032.

Beyond that, the number of students at the three middle schools is pegged at 1,677 for next year, but should increase to 1,688 by 2027. The middle schools should reach 1,782 by 2029, but will fall to 1,703 by 2032.

"By 2032, kids born during the pandemic will be in middle school," Wills pointed out. "There

were predictions that the birth rate would go up during COVID with people working remotely, but it went down, just like it did during the recession."

Live births in Wayne County fell by more than 1,000, for example, from 2008 to 2009. Those students would be entering high school now. Similarly, live births fell below 22,000 in 2020 and have leveled off.

Wills pointed to other demographic factors impacting the district, including that the median householder age is 57.

"You've got more people who don't have young kids who are holding on to their homes," he said. "The overall median age

is 46, compared to 40 countywide."

The total number of households in the district with school-aged children is 8,101, or 40 percent. As the district has pointed out in the past, one key to increasing enrollment is capturing students as early as possible.

Wills said private pre-K enrollment among eligible students is 72.2 percent, compared to 27.8 percent for public pre-K enrollment.

"That's no surprise," Superintendent Jon Dean said. "You can drive down Mack and count four or five churches that have preschools."

Public K-12 enrollment, however, is at 85

percent, compared to 15 percent for private. Part of the decrease in the number of kindergarten students moving forward, however, is that PMC projects the number of Young5's enrolled in the district to drop from 98 this year to 88 in four years.

Dean said the district could gain more students at that level if state lawmakers move forward with universal pre-K.

"They're talking about increasing the income threshold for that through the Great Start Readiness Program," he said. "If that happens, I think more people would be interested in us than paying for preschool for their 4 year old."

## ELECT:

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Councilman Brian Brenner, appointed to office last year to fill a vacancy, and incumbent Councilman Vikas Relan, a member since 2019, did not file petitions for election.

The mayoral candidates won't appear on the primary ballot, only the one Nov. 7.

Meanwhile, in Grosse Pointe Farms, it's going to be smooth sailing this election season, with all current incumbents running for re-election unopposed.

Set to retain their seats are Mayor Louis Theros and councilmen Joe

Ricci, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood.

Theros has served as mayor since 2017, with 16 years on city council prior to that.

Wood and Ricci will enter their fourth terms, although the latter's first term was a partial, and Sroka will see a second term.

This also means there will be no primary in the Farms this election season. The candidates will head straight for the November ballot.

The filing deadline in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods is 4 p.m. July 25.

— Laurel Kraus and Brad Lindberg

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# The Regina roundtable

## Regina receives highest honors at state conference

Regina High School's Student Council recently attended the annual Michigan Association of Student Councils/Michigan Association of Honor Societies state conference in Grand Rapids.

Regina was the only Catholic school nominated and/or to win in every category. The school received awards in the following areas:

- ◆ The Award of Excellence — the highest honor a member organization can earn from MASC/MAHS Michigan Student Leadership.

- ◆ The STAR School Award — designed to show a combined student leadership effort throughout the entire student body.

- ◆ The Exceptional Service Project Award — an opportunity for schools to showcase a service project they have completed.

Additionally, the school received nominations in three other categories:

- ◆ Unsung Hero: Athena Rosati, grade 10
- ◆ Student of the Year: Lindsey Vandervord, grade 12
- ◆ Advisor of the Year: Jennifer Perrino
- ◆ Principal of the Year: Ann Diamond

## Novice mock trial team is newest state finalist

Regina's newly formed mock trial team competed against 12 other teams during regional competition and was selected to advance to Michigan's state tournament in Lansing March 18.

The high school's year-one team was the only all-female group to compete in the Macomb County regional and gave male contenders a run for their money.

Although Regina's

mock trial team did not advance to the semi-finals to compete on a national level, they were one of only 10 teams from the state to make it this far, thus making history for Regina after just one year.

Members Jayda Groth, Greta Hellebuyck, Bailee Jackowski, Vera Micakovic, Grace Paniccia and Athena Rosati said they are thankful for the coaching and support of Regina alums, Judge Kathy Galen; attorney coaches, Emily Annal, Darrien Fortier and Emily Peacock; and teacher, Bailey Rothe.

## Freshmen spearhead Saddlebots' Robotics season

Regina's Robotics Team #7188, The Saddlebots, finished 28th out of 42 teams at the Troy Athens FIRST Robotics Competition tournament. Through the headship of three freshman students with no veteran leadership experience, The Saddlebots ranked better than veteran teams five to 10 times larger.

Due to their consistent individual robot scoring, the team was selected to compete in an alliance for the championship round for the second time in two consecutive weekends. For The Saddlebots having only approximately five years of experience competing in the FIRST Robotics competitions, the team is sitting proudly, ranked 241 out of 480 teams in Michigan.

## Forensic females make it to nationals

Regina's forensics team has had a successful season, culminating with two Regina entries nominated to advance to nationals in Louisville, Ky., on Memorial Day weekend.

Through the support of alumna coach Julie Cash-Sharp, Vivian Sawicki

and moderator/former forensics state champion Harry Totten, the students have been empowered to highly excel.

Duo Audrey Schena and Aubriana Scott received a third-place medal and will advance to nationals. Madison Ezell received a second-place medal in speech and also will advance to nationals.

For dramatic performance, member Sydney Desjardines achieved a fourth-place ribbon to compete as an alternate at nationals if needed.

## Hall of Fame commemorates distinguished individuals

Regina is hosting its second annual Hall of Fame ceremony at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. The program was established to recognize and commemorate the 52 years of leadership, dedication and service to Regina students and community by former coach Diane Laffey.

The Hall of Fame seeks to recognize, preserve and honor alumnae, athletes, faculty and distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions and exemplify the virtues of Catholic/Christian women and men. Community members nominate individuals who exemplify these values and contributions. Nominees are voted into the Hall of Fame by a 75 percent majority vote from the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

This year, Regina will induct the following members into The Hall of Fame:

- ◆ Gregg Golden — humble, kind and very resilient; the current cross country and track coach known for leading his teams to winning a number of titles.

- ◆ Janet Leze, Class of 1960 — honest, faith-filled



and hard working; an active alumna from Regina's first graduating class known for her endless support of the school.

- ◆ William Madek — disciplined and caring; former Regina powder-puff coach who passed away in 2022, who brought the school many victories and known for deeply caring for Regina and its students.

- ◆ Michele J. Robertson — dedicated and supportive; former social studies teacher known for her 32-year teaching legacy and high-scoring AP students.

- ◆ The 1989 State Championship softball team.

- ◆ The 2004 State Championship softball team.

## Regina launches athletic complex campaign

In conjunction with National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Feb. 1, Regina began its campaign launch for The Diane Laffey Athletic Field and Complex. The school chose to name the complex after retired coach Diane Laffey, honoring her 52-year coaching legacy.

The Diane Laffey Athletic Complex and Field will serve to reflect the legacies of past and current athletes, empower and support girls and women in sports, and fulfill the needs of surrounding communities in Macomb, Wayne and Oakland county. It will accommodate 40 percent of top-played youth sports, including track, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse.

For more information, visit [reginahs.com](http://reginahs.com).



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Joshua Koch, left, from Grosse Pointe South High School, and Emmett Cho, of Grosse Pointe North High School, competed in the National Quiz Bowl Championship individual tournament in Chicago earlier this month.

## Question and answer session

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

### THE GROSSE POINTES

— One student each from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools competed in the National Quiz Bowl Championship individual tournament early this month in Chicago.

South sophomore Joshua Koch finished 32nd in the 200-player field, while North senior Emmett Cho was 68th.

"It was a great time meeting new people and sightseeing," Koch said.

Both compete on their respective school quiz bowl teams, with invitations to the individual tournament based on how players performed during the team season.

"It was weird not having teammates to rely on," Cho said. "I really had to get down into my knowledge."

Koch agreed.

"When you're on a team, you might get one out of every eight questions, depending on the topics," he said. "For this, you're on your own."

The tournament started with players competing in small groups trying to reach a qualifying score in as little time as possible. The top players advanced to the championship after five rounds.

"I do well with classical music because I listen to it a lot and play piano,"

said Cho, who will compete with his North team at the national tournament in Atlanta in late May. "I also do well in science, particularly chemistry, but I'm trying to get better at philosophy and literature."

Koch said he enjoys history and also did well on questions about pop culture, literature and geography.

"Some of the questions about science were subjects I haven't had yet, like chemistry and physics," he added.

During the team state tournament two weeks ago in Ann Arbor, Cho and Koch were both named first-team All-State. North finished third overall, while South placed sixth.

Both came to quiz bowl on the advice of others.

"My sister was on the team and was a senior when I was a freshman," Cho said. "I remember her telling me I should join even before I got to high school."

Koch said a friend's brother encouraged him to get involved.

"He said it was something that was right up my alley," he noted.

Both also plan to stay involved in college. Cho plans to major in chemistry at the University of Chicago, while Koch said he's leaning toward the University of Michigan where his sister, Becca, attends.

## 'South Runs for the Roses' is May 6

The second annual "South Runs for the Roses" is 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The fundraiser is the new theme for the spring benefit put on by the Mothers Club of Grosse Pointe South.

Tickets are \$140 and include dinner, dancing, entertainment, valet

parking and a drink coupon. Sponsorships are available and auction items are being accepted.

Items to be auctioned include sporting event tickets, vacation stays, dinner cruises and gift baskets.

Contact co-chairs Erika Page and Jacqueline Mathis Knuth at [southrunsfortheroses@gmail.com](mailto:southrunsfortheroses@gmail.com) for tickets or to make a donation.

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(deputy superintendent for business services),

who is basically our CFO. Looking at other districts with far fewer buildings is not a fair comparison. Our operating costs are going to be higher with older buildings."

Walsh said he spent several hours talking with Matheson to make sure his figures were correct.

After board President Ahmed Ismail asked Worden if she was "done slamming Mr. Walsh," Treasurer Sean Cotton said he found the information informative.

"This needed to be seen," he said. "People can state we're not in a financial crisis, and when you point it out you're said to be denigrating the community. I wonder how much of this work would have been done if others had gotten elected."

Walsh finished by saying every choice the board makes can drive efficiencies, but that, "every choice you make you're going to have people at this microphone saying 'please don't do this.'"

# Cats away, rats have field day

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— A shortage of patrol officers opened the door to a big jump in larcenies, a near-doubling of auto thefts and more than doubling of burglaries in the city during 2022, according to the chief.

“The types of crimes we’ve seen this huge increase in are crimes addressed primarily through proactive street patrols — officers riding around in cars,” said Bryan Jarrell, Park public safety director.

Increases in burglary and auto thefts contributed to a 61 percent jump in major crime reported last year compared with the year prior, according to the public safety department’s annual report for 2022.

Burglary cases totaled 21 during 2022, a 133 percent rise from the nine cases during 2021.

Reports of motor vehicle theft totaled 32 during the year, a 78 percent rise from 18 during 2021.

Both burglary and auto thefts hit levels higher since at least 2018, and were 64 percent and 241 percent greater, respectively, than the average number of cases from 2018 through 2021.

Another crime that shot up is larceny. The 121 cases reported during 2022 represented a 53 percent increase from the 79 during 2021.

The larceny increase ends at least a four-year decline in such offenses, cases having gone down steadily from 149 in 2018, to 70 in 2021.

All told, the number of index offenses, the term the FBI uses to describe what the agency considers more serious crimes, in the Park hit 179 during 2022. The figure is a 61 percent increase from the year before and 18 percent greater than the four-year average.

“Public safety needs to be No. 1 in our community,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “With budget discussions coming, it will be evermore apparent how we move forward. We look forward to working collaboratively to resolve this matter.”

Of the latest 114 shifts in the Park public safety department, which is the equivalent of 38 days, Jarrell said he was fully staffed with six officers only 11 percent of the time.

“That’s 13 shifts,” he said. “Sixty percent of the time, I only had four officers.”

Of those four officers, one is assigned to standby duty.

“That means, I had only three patrolling the streets,” Jarrell said.

The effectiveness of adequate manpower was shown last fall by ending a rash of nighttime auto break-ins.

“We created an overtime larceny detail to do some undercover work and then ended up making four arrests the night they came in,” Jarrell said. “We had extra staffing that allowed us to do that.”

Yet, the everyday ranks aren’t as full as he’d prefer.

“There’s a 2010 study from Purdue University

that shows a direct correlation between increases in crime and reductions in staffing,” Jarrell said.

Another increase in major, although infrequent, crime last year were four cases of aggravated assault compared with none during 2021.

The final major category of crime, and the only one which decreased in occurrence in the Park during 2022, was forcible sexual offense. Police handled one case during the period compared with four in 2021, five in 2020, six in 2019 and two in 2018.

All of this happened while total calls for service declined 18 percent from 2021.

The public safety department’s staff of 33 sworn officers during 2022, including the chief and deputy director, responded to 6,840 calls for service.

A call for service describes something which prompted a response by officers and, also, an incident an officer initiated, such as a traffic stop, assisting a citizen or investigating suspicious persons.

Of those calls, 21 concerned malicious destruction of property, a 5 percent decrease from 2021, and only about one-third of the 58 cases reported in 2019.

Among non-index crimes, which the FBI rates as relatively less serious, the overall number reported last year in the Park declined 8 percent from the year before. It was the lowest in at least five years and down 41 percent from 99 cases

in 2018.

Of a total 57 non-index crimes, drunken driving was the most common. Officers logged 38 instances during 2022, compared with 42 in 2021, which happened to be the most since at least 2018.

Other categories were: ◆ drunkenness and liquor violation, five (six in 2021);

◆ obstructing police, eight (four in 2021);

◆ weapons violations, one (six in 2021);

◆ disorderly conduct and vagrancy, two (four in 2021) and

◆ trespassing, three (none in 2021).

For the second straight year, there were no cases of obstructing justice.

## Motor vehicles

“One of the primary responsibilities of the uniform division of the department is the enforcement of the Michigan traffic code,” according to the report.

Hence, the year saw 1,417 tickets for moving violations, plus 1,924 parking tickets.

Also during the period,

there were 83 motor vehicle wrecks, a 30 percent increase from the year before. Six wrecks resulted in a personal injury. Some 77 wrecks generated at least \$1,000 in property damage.

## Firefighting

Of the department’s 541 total fire runs during 2022, extinguishing actual fires occupied the department’s cross-trained officers far less frequently than other matters.

During 2022, there were 23 structure fires in the city. Park officers also provided mutual aid five times to neighboring Pointes.

The most common activity attributed to the fire division was operating the ambulance.

“In 2022, our basic life support units, EMTs, responded to 327 calls for service,” according to the report.

Most of those calls (316) concerned a sick patient. Six runs were to auto accidents, three regarded deceased individuals on scene and two mutual-aid backups to other departments. EMT cases totaled 19 less than during 2021,

but were slightly more than the 295 annual average dating to 2018.

Firefighting responses consisted of:

◆ investigating 89 fire alarms,

◆ 38 carbon monoxide investigations,

◆ 22 smoke investigations,

◆ 20 natural gas leaks,

◆ 13 instances of downed power lines and

◆ one spill of hazardous material.

## Outreach

“Arguably, one of the most important services we provide is community outreach efforts,” according to the report. “We engage with our residents in meaningful ways to enhance the trust and confidence they have in their public safety department.”

Examples include meetings of the Police Advisory Committee, the department open house, Coffee with a Cop, two town hall meetings and displaying fire trucks at the public parks and block parties.

“These personalized, low-key meetings provide an opportunity for public safety officers to introduce themselves and interact with members of the public in a positive, non-enforcement manner,” the report reads.

# House fire doused

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Firefighters needed a lot of water last week to save a lakeside house at the foot of Ellair Place.

“It was a small fire that took a lot of resources because of where it was in the walls,” said Bryan Jarrell, public safety director. “It was a mess.”

“The fire was contained to one section of

wall and put out quickly with minimal damage, hopefully,” Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said.

Crews from the City of Grosse Pointe and Farms joined all six available Park officers, including Jarrell, at the scene Monday, April 17.

“The fire was contained in one area,”

Jarrell said. “It was a painter using a heat gun doing something to wood and igniting it. But, the damage we had to do to rip the walls out inside and outside of the house was probably not as much as the water damage that occurred.”

Officers remained on scene with heat monitors to make sure hidden flames didn’t spark up again.

— Brad Lindberg

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# Park-City redo dispatch deal

**GROSSE POINTE PARK AND CITY** — Park officials approved a contract extension this week to handle public safety dispatch services for the City of Grosse Pointe.

“The extension is for a two-year period,” said Nick Sizeland, Park manager.

Terms stay essentially the same as when the arrangement began in 2013.

The main difference is the amount of money the City pays the Park to staff and operate a joint dispatch center for the two communities.

Starting with the new fiscal year in July, the City’s base payment increases by \$11,662 for a total outlay of \$130,605 and a 3 percent increase each year thereafter.

“Without an adjustment in the contract, the Park would have received only \$118,943,” according to Sizeland.

Park officials approved the

terms Monday, April 24. Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council approved their half of the agreement April 17.

The Park also agreed to continue monitoring City security cameras in The Village parking structure and gated lots, plus lodge and feed City prisoners.

The Park began handling the City’s dispatch and 911 calls in 2013.

“This agreement saved funds for both cities by operating a consolidated dispatch center instead of one for each community,” Sizeland said.

The original, three-year agreement was renewed in 2017 with an automatic renewal unless canceled.

Rising operating costs brought the Park back to the table.

“Discussions had been ongoing due to rising costs with operations, wages-fringes and

technology upgrades,” Sizeland said.

“As a catchup, the City and Park agreed to increase the base annual amount as of July 1, 2023, with a 3 percent increase each year thereafter,” Pete Dame, manager of the City, reported to his council April 17.

“Seeing the benefit of the savings to the City and service provided by the Park, the two parties agreed amending the annual contribution by the City was necessary for a fair contribution,” Sizeland said.

The new deal lasts two years. “(It) will automatically renew unless both parties renegotiate a new agreement or one party cancels,” Sizeland said.

“All the other substantive provisions remain the same,” Dame said.

— Brad Lindberg

## DOG:

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The talent lineup for live music weekends currently includes jazz guitarist Kris Kurzawa — winner of five Detroit Music Awards — May 5 and 6, as well as vocalist Kimmie Horne May 12 and 13. The month’s lineup concludes with bass guitarist Ali Bey and Detroit flutist Alexander Zonjic.

Weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., a seasonal menu will feature fan favorites — such as smoked tomato soup with boursin toast and duck fat fries — and new additions. Alternatively, the weekend prix-fixe menu gives guests the opportunity to select seasonal options from four courses. The set cost is \$75.

“The prix-fixe menu allows our guests to order up front, then relax and enjoy the show,” said Willie Jones, general manager, in a press release.

The focus of the changes is on welcoming more people to the venue, while keeping true to Valade’s vision, said Andre Neimanis, executive chef and general manager.

“The show will go on,” he added. “We’ve been here 15 years. We have received huge accolades for food and service and we’re going to continue to preserve her legacy.”

The changes are planned to remain into the foreseeable future.

“After 15 years in business, our world-class staff thought it was time to freshen things up, while keeping the essence of the Dirty Dog — excellent food and jazz — at our core,” owner Mark Valade said in a press release. “The Dog was so special to my mother, Gretchen, founder of the cafe. She was passionate about supporting local jazz talent and audiences. We believe this format will bring in new customers, while continuing to build our dedicated jazz audience and honoring my mother’s legacy.”

## CAUGHT:

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gots to the level of 40 to 50 cars being shot up,” Pittman said. “They went overboard.”

“You can expect to pay an average \$100 to \$400 to replace your windshield, a side window or rear car window. Classic and exotic vehicles will be more expensive,” according to “How much does it cost to replace a

car window?” posted Dec. 11, 2022, on jdpower.com.

Juveniles aren’t arraigned the same way as adults, even for dozens of counts of malicious destruction of property.

“Juveniles are not charged criminally,” Park Detective Ryan Willmer said. “They’re detained as offenders.”

“If they were adults, we would hope for restitution for our victims,”

Pittman said. “But, these are kids. They don’t have means to pay for this and I don’t know if their families do, either. So, the best we hope to get out of this is the kids learn a lesson and don’t do it again.”

“We were able to make a couple phone calls and have them lodged in the (county) juvenile facility,” said Jim Bostock, Park deputy director. “So, they did have to go downtown. How long

they stay there, I’m not sure. It’s a property crime. They’re juveniles. For Wayne County, it’s catch-and-release and notify the parents.”

Video evidence from residential and commercial security systems helped officers know what to look for.

“It’s one of the best things we can have,” Willmer said. “It gives us something to work on, a vehicle or what a subject is wearing. That gives us

a lead.”

The BB guns the teens possessed are advertised online as having the “unmistakable look of the original pistol with plenty of power!”

“(Officer Baetens) thought it was an actual gun,” Jarrell said.

“That’s very dangerous,” Pittman said. “Especially if you’re on the street at night and an incident just occurred and you see somebody in possession of this. You

don’t have time to stop and figure out if it’s real or not. You’re going to assume any firearm you see is real.”

Citizens posting praise on the department’s Facebook page included Nicholas Relich, “Great job guys;” Barbara Oliver Dorda, “Great job;” Shawn Knight, “Great work;” Janet Abdenour Dabney, “Thank you!!!” and Mary Platz, “Great job officers! Thank you!”

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## ‘Something Rotten!’ closes out Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 75th season

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre wraps up its 75th season with a “tribute to theater lovers everywhere,” according to GPT President Danielle Caralis, who makes her directorial debut with a side-splitting production of “Something Rotten!” May 5 to 14, at Pierce Middle School.

“If you love Shakespeare, this is a great show for you,” she said. “If you hate Shakespeare, this is a great show for you.”

The show is set in Renaissance England circa 1590. William Shakespeare is a rock star.

“And we mean it most literally in that he’s famous, he’s got money, fame and glory,” Caralis said.

Playwright brothers, Nick and Nigel Bottom, are attempting to give Shakespeare a run for his money. One of them asks a soothsayer what the future of theater looks like. The answer: musicals. His next question: What’s a musical?

“Then they go through this big production number about musicals,” Caralis said. “The brothers attempt to write the world’s first musical and outsmart and outwit William Shakespeare at the same time.”

“Fans of musical theater in particular are going to enjoy themselves from beginning to end,” she added. “There are 50-plus references in the script or music to other famous shows.”

Caralis fell in love — or perhaps more accurately roared with laughter — when she first saw the show at the Fisher Theatre in 2018.

“It was brand new material then,” she recalled. “I laughed from beginning to end. It has everything I personally love about theater — catchy songs, clever characters, witty banter, funny jokes, big dance



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From left, Alex Quinlan as Nigel Bottom, Cara Motzkus at Portia, Jay Callahan as Shakespeare, Christine Campbell-Cormier as Bea and Mario Simone as Nick Bottom.



Left, Christine Campbell-Cormier wants to be your “Right Hand Man.” Right, Alex Quinlan as Nigel Bottom and Cara Motzkus as Portia.



numbers. I was personally drawn to it.

“I thought, ‘We have to do this show as soon as we can,’” she continued.

“Something Rotten!”

became available to amateur theater groups in 2019; GPT scooped it up and added to its 2019-20 season schedule.

“But like the rest of the

season, we didn’t get the opportunity to do it,” Caralis said.

The season was canceled due to the pandemic.

“We’re still very

excited for this new material,” she added. “It’s still relatively unknown. Our audiences were asking for us to do a newer show.”

The cast of 26 includes

### The details

♦ What: “Something Rotten!”

♦ When:

8 p.m. Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6

2 p.m. Sunday, May 7

8 p.m. Friday May 12

2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13

2 p.m. Sunday, May 14

♦ Where: Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park

♦ How: Tickets are \$30 at gpt.org/rotten or by calling (313) 881-4004

a mix of familiar and new faces to the theater group. Caralis spoke to the Grosse Pointe News two weeks before showtime and said cast and crew alike are well-prepared for curtain.

“I’ve worked on a lot of shows and I’m not certain I’ve ever said two weeks out that we’re in great shape,” she said. “It’s unusual. Usually I’d say, ‘I don’t know if we’re going to make it,’ or ‘There’s so much going on.’ But not once have I felt that with this cast and crew.

“The cast is prepared,” she continued. “The costumes are ahead of schedule. Makeup and hair is ahead of schedule. There are a lot of wigs — it’s a hairy show. The set is very clever. It’s already built in the shop. We just need an audience. We want to hear some other people laughing at the jokes.”

With a wealth of onstage and backstage experience after 21 years of membership to GPT, Caralis is trying something new with “Something Rotten!” as a first-time director. She said it’s rewarding to watch her vision come to life.

“I think the best directors, in my opinion, have spent time onstage and backstage,” she said. “They know the ins and outs of producing a show. They’ve experienced different kinds of

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### The cast:

Mario Simone of Romeo as Nick Bottom  
Alex Quinlan of Royal Oak as Nigel Bottom  
Jay Callahan of Clinton Township as Shakespeare  
Christine Campbell-Cormier of Columbus as Bea  
Cara Motzkus of Grosse Pointe Park as Portia  
Tom Pagano of Clinton Township as Nostradamus  
Nick Marinello of Mount Clemens as Brother Jeremiah  
Kyle O’Donnell of Grosse Pointe Farms as the Minstrel  
Adam Bernard of Royal Oak as Shylock  
Mike Edick of Grosse Pointe Woods as Lord Clapham/Master of Justice

### The ensemble and troupe:

Sarah Bryant of Sterling Heights  
Carl Ghafari of Grosse Pointe Shores  
Dylan Hart of Taylor  
Shelby Holley of Royal Oak  
Nick Hysick of Sterling Heights  
Kristina Kamm Mardlin of Warren  
Charles Kruse of the City of Grosse Pointe  
Sophie Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Jimmy O’Leary of Detroit  
Kristina Pagels-Quinlan of Royal Oak  
Jordan Prisky of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Emily Ruskak of Royal Oak  
Trevor Sherry of Clinton Township  
Sara Shook of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Pano Varlamos of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Kyle Weatherbee of Grosse Pointe Woods

### The crew:

Danielle Caralis, director  
Arlene Schoenherr, producer  
Emma Kruse, apprentice director  
Olyvia O’Donnell, assistant producer  
Marie Boyle Reinman, music and vocal director  
Catie Hauff, choreographer  
Amy Ricker, stage manager  
Jeff Ver Beek, assistant stage manager  
Don Bischoff, tech director and set designer  
Tracy Bischoff, set designer and scenic painter  
Theresa Selvaggio, hair and makeup design  
Eric Leszczynski, lighting design  
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# Get ready to bust a move: Prom season is here

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

From swing dancing to breakdancing, the robot to the Running Man, Grosse Pointe is invited to break out all their best dance moves for a throwback fundraiser like none other.

The board of Phoemale, a Grosse Pointe-based nonprofit that helps women get back on their feet after trauma, wants men and women alike to party like it's 1999. Or 1950. Or 1970.

No matter the decade, adults are invited to dust off their prom attire and get decked out for its throwback prom fundraiser, which takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Tompkins Center in Windmill Pointe Park.

"We would love for people to dress up for any generation," said Phoemale Vice President Beth Oates, who is debating whether to crimp or curl her hair to match her '80s attire.

A fellow board member is prepared to flaunt '40s fashion at the prom, though dressing according to decade is entirely optional.

"You can just come as you are," Oates said. "Wear jeans if you want to. Just come out and help us raise money for a good cause."

Phoemale — the name combines "phoenix" and "female" — helps women survivors of four specific traumas: homelessness, human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic abuse. Unlike other agencies that help them rehabilitate, Phoemale assists women who have a plan to recover but face a gap in resources.

"We're looking for women who are already on the path to recovery," Oates explained, "women who've already rehabilitated themselves and are trying to succeed. We help with housing, transportation, education — areas other nonprofits don't have the funds or programs for. We have unrestricted funds, so we are able to help."

Women are referred to Phoemale through social service agencies and other nonprofits, who nominate each woman, provide background information and explain the need.

"We as a board vote," Oates said. "In most instances it's unanimous, but sometimes we have follow-up questions."

The sort of support Phoemale provides covers the gamut.

"Phoemale has paid for cars and bus passes, new mufflers and refrigerators, among many other things," said Jenelle David, president. "We always say, there are lots of charities that can provide food, clothing or shelter. But not many will pay off traffic tickets so a woman can get her driver's license back, or buy four new tires after a bad ex-boyfriend vandalized her car. That's what we do."

Added Oates, "One woman was finishing her last semester of college and her financial aid ran out. We were told what she'd gone through, how she had rehabilitated herself and how passionate she was about being successful. We were able to pay for her last semester of college. It was a hiccup that could have spiraled. We made sure she was



able to continue on a path of success."

Since forming in 2016, Phoemale has helped more than 30 women get through such challenges.

"Even with the pandemic, we've never stopped our work," Oates said. "We just couldn't have in-person events."

Looking for a unique way to gather supporters now that a large, in-person fundraiser is possible, the throwback prom idea was proposed.

"We're hoping for a different kind of get-together than people have done in a long time," Oates said.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Music, dancing, food and an open bar are included with the price of admission. Guests have the option to purchase prom photos, 50/50 raffle tickets and other add-ons as well.

The fundraising goal is \$25,000; 100 percent of the proceeds benefit women in need who have a plan to recover, but face a gap in resources. With two-third of tickets sold, the group is halfway to its goal.

Phoemale encourages partygoers to throw caution — and good taste — to the wind as they relive or reinvent their high school proms.

"I really want people to flash back to their high school experience — or if they had a bad experience, this is an opportunity to relive it in the way they want," Oates said. "The dance floor will be open all night. I'm excited to see the looks; I hope to see every generation covered."

For more information about Phoemale or to purchase tickets, visit [phoemale.org/prom](http://phoemale.org/prom). Links also are available on the Phoemale Facebook and Instagram pages.

"We're always looking for other nonprofits to work with, too," Oates added.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### The Helm

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

◆ The movie "The Monuments Men" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 28. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Brainstorming, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 9, with instructor Lori Stanley.

◆ Watercolor Painting, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, May 9, and June 13, with instructor Roselyn Rhodes.

◆ Mother's Day speaker and luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, with Michael House, author of "Remembering Hudson's: Detroit's Legendary Department Store." Lunch is provided by French Cow crepe shop and entertainment is provided by pianist Frank Koscielski and Jeff Renolds. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie "Where the Crawdads Sing" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 12. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Watercolor Painting with Roselyn Rhodes, 2:30 to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Cost is \$25 per class for members, \$35 per class for nonmembers.

◆ Crafting with Holly, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the second

Wednesday of each month, with Holly Hazel. Cost is \$10 per class for members, \$15 per class for nonmembers. January students made colorful collage luminaries.

◆ Euchre Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Pingpong, 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free for members, \$5 per hour, per table for nonmembers.

### Concert

Laura Rain & The Caesars will perform live music at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mack, Detroit, 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Admission is \$15 and reservations are recommended. Call (313) 821-4998 after 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or visit [cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com](http://cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com) to reserve a table.

### Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a Purse and Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in the lower level of the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Hundreds of gently used wallets, purses and totes will be available for purchase, as will the Friends' inventory of used books, puzzles and more. All proceeds benefit the library.

### Library

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

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

◆ Read Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Books on the Lake, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ QPR Suicide Prevention Training, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ First Tuesday Book Group, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The Art of Earl Krentzin, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ May the 4th Be With You, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Water Flower Painting, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### The Family Center

The Family Center hosts Preschool Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, through May 17. Structured playtime with parachute

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From left, Mario Simone as Nick Bottom, Jay Callahan as Shakespeare and Alex Quinlan as Nigel Bottom.

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shows. It's taken that long for me to feel like I have enough experience and confidence in doing

this job. I tell directors, 'You're the CEO. You're running the show.' You never know how big the CEO job is until you sit down and do it.

"The best directors in this group taught me everything I know," she added. "... The older I become, the more I feel more than comfortable moving the chess pieces around the table. And it's rewarding watching people who were strangers become friends and work toward a common goal they all can be proud of."

Caralis welcomes the community to the show, which she gives a PG-13 rating for some adult content.

"It's such a fun night out," she said. "If you're looking for laughs, this show is for you. It's a great opportunity for date night. It's also a really exciting way to cap off the 75th season. We're happy to bring new material to end the season with a real bang and go into the next 75 years on a high note. We're ready to laugh with you."

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Mrs. Ambreeka and Mr. Peter Fox

## Jain—Fox

Ambreeka Jain and Peter James Fox were married Oct. 8, 2022, in Snowmass, Colo., by Deacon Richard Shubik. A reception on Snowmass Mountain followed.

The bride is the daughter of Sanjiv and Rajnee Jain of Naperville, Ill. The groom is the son of Dr. James and Jaclyn Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Emma Yan, a friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Julia Fox; the bride's friends, Amanda Nagode, Krista Sufie, Alyssa Lozynski and Caroline Yoe; and the bride's cousin, Anisha Jain.

The groom's brother, Dr. Stephen Fox, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Dr. Aksay Jain; and the groom's friends, Luke Elder, Christopher Homa, James Champane, Conrad Schaitberger and Justin Gallagher.

A second wedding ceremony took place in February in New Delhi, India, where the bride's extended family lives.

The bride graduated from Naperville High School and the University of Illinois—Gies College of Business. She is a vice president of Lincoln International Bank.

The groom graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and the Mendoza College of Business at University of Notre Dame. He is a junior associate with CVIC Partners in Chicago.

The couple reside in Lincoln Park, Ill.



Dr. and Mrs. Leo Hall

## Olinik—Hall

Kelsey Lynn Olinik and Leo McKeever Hall were married Dec. 30, 2022, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit. The Rev. Charles Kosanke officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Colony Club in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Linda Olinik of Novi. The groom is the son of Maura McKeever of Grosse Pointe Park.

The bride wore an A-line, ivory lace gown with sand-colored underlay, lace and light beading. The back was configured with a mini keyhole opening. Her flowers were arranged in hand-tied bouquets of phalaenopsis orchids, white roses, Sahara roses and greenery shaped in a dramatic drape.

The bride's sister, Kristen Collins, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Katherine Lind, Kelly Mourdian and Lauren Wooster; and the groom's sister, Caroline Rudisill. They wore emerald-green dresses in a variety of lengths from BHLDN and carried bouquets matching the bride's arrangement.

Brian Hall, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's friends, Paul DiGiovanni, Zachary Franchett and Nayan Telang; and the bride's brother, Matthew Olinik.

The bride is a nurse practitioner specializing in pediatric gastroenterology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Michigan in 2014, and a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Colorado—Anschutz in 2019.

The groom is an ophthalmology resident physician at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in German and pre-professional studies from the University of Notre Dame in 2014, a Master of Science degree in medical research from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2019, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2021.

The couple honeymooned in South Africa and reside in Philadelphia.



Marijane and Edward Crocker

## Brennan—Crocker

Marijane Karen Brennan and Edward Day Hedges Crocker were married Sept. 30, 2022 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church by Msgr. John P. Zenz and Msgr. Patrick F. Halfpenny. A reception at the Country Club of Detroit followed.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Vincent J. and the Hon. Megan M. Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Crocker Jr. of Washington, D.C.

The bride wore a stunning floral fil coupé A-line gown with a draped neckline designed by Lela Rose. She carried a bouquet of white and soft yellow garden roses, dahlias and ranunculus with dark greenery designed by Kate Schmidt of New Creations Floral Co.

Her sister, Margaret Brennan, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her cousin, Claire Dinan, and her friends, Elinor Biddle Babcock, Margaret Blake, Tessa Dikkers, Margaret McBrien, Marie Monark, Ellen Pate and Jaclyn Rastelli.

Each attendant wore a light blue gown with an elegant embroidered floral overlay designed by Jenny Yoo. They carried bouquets of all-white roses, dahlias and ranunculus with dark greenery, also designed by Kate Schmidt.

The groom's brother, Thomas Crocker, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brothers, Dr. Vincent Brennan Jr., and Daniel Brennan; and his friends, Ethan Bauer, Will Courtney, Kyle Davis, Fenner Gibson, Steven Lee-Kramer and Peter Malm. The groom's friends, Sean Fagan, Matt Schilling and Dylan Staples, served as ushers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in media studies, with a minor in religious studies, from the University of Virginia and a Master of Real Estate Finance degree from Georgetown University. She is an acquisitions associate at Republic Properties, a commercial real estate development firm in Washington, D.C.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina. He is a vice president with The Carr Companies, a commercial real estate development firm in Washington, D.C.

The couple honeymooned in Portugal and reside in Washington, D.C.

# ENGAGEMENT

## Fox—Ernatt

Dr. James and Jaclyn Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Stephen James Fox, to Abigail Colleen Ernatt, the daughter of Mark and Jeanne Ernatt of Lake Orion.

Dr. Fox is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate from Wayne State University. He is an emergency medicine physician.

Miss Ernatt is a graduate of Lake Orion High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Michigan. She is a nurse practitioner.

An October 2023 wedding is planned.



Abigail Ernatt and Dr. Stephen Fox

## K-9 fundraiser next weekend

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society hosts its pancake breakfast fundraiser, benefiting the Harper Woods K-9 program, from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.

Admission is \$10 — cash or check only — and includes pancakes, breakfast meat and a beverage. Checks should be made payable to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, with "For HWK9" in the note line. Call (313) 884-1551.

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## Ecumenical Men's Breakfast hosts brunch

The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast hosts the 53rd annual Husbands, Wives and Friends Brunch from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and other guests will discuss their April 2022 trip to Poland to care for Ukrainian refugees.

Cost is \$10 per person, cash or check only, at the door. Email [disante1@comcast.net](mailto:disante1@comcast.net).

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**Swan robe**

At left, a soft and beautiful white cover-up for the bride, from Harp's. Gorgeous white ostrich feathers circle the hem, creating a sweet, flirty wedding night look.

**Rya Love chemise**

At top, a romantic mini gown with delicate pleating. So perfect for the bride — sexy and sophisticated, yet feminine and sweet with its bodice detail and ruffled hem. From Harp's.

**Bridal bustier**

This satin and lace long-line bustier, right, offers the perfect figure control under wedding gowns or evening wear. From Harp's.



Next to the wedding dress, bridal lingerie is likely the other important piece of wedding apparel brides-to-be tend to fret about most. Whether it's the appropriate support garment for under your dress, a wedding night nightgown that makes you feel every bit a bride, or loungewear for the honeymoon, a little help from an expert goes a long way toward building your confidence and helping you make the right decisions for looking your best.

Harp's Lingerie, of Birmingham, has been the first name in well-fitting, quality feminine lingerie for over 75 years. They've seen many styles come and go over the years, so they're experts in catering to women of all shapes and sizes, including brides and bridal parties. Undergarments for sheer or sleeveless wedding gowns can be tricky, but Harp's has the expertise to outfit brides with precision support that gets them through the day and evening comfortably, while feeling beautiful and secure as they walk down the aisle and beyond.

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If you are looking for casual robes and nightwear that are perfect for the bridal party or honeymoon vacation, look no further than Capricious.

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Weddings today have many ancillary events to plan for: Bachelorette parties, night-before bashes, girls' weekends, engagement events, after parties and more.

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**Wacoal Embrace lace chemise**

Harp's gorgeous chemise, left, features beautiful embroidery on stretch mesh. For bridal sleepwear or to wear as a slip.

**Shapewear**

At right, this ultra-sheer high-waisted mid-thigh short uses sculpting compression zones to flatten tummy and smooth thighs. From Harp's.



**Elomi plunge babydoll**

Elegant full figure underwire babydoll, above, has a touch of beautifully scalloped embroidery and a sheer mesh body with a ruffled hem. From Harp's.

**Dominique bustier**

At right, this bustier seamlessly shapes, supports and smooths. Convertible construction makes it perfect for strapless dresses. From Harp's.





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One-size lace thong is adorned with delicate crystals. From Harp's.

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Brides are encouraged to stop in and see what's in store for their most special days ahead.

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### Faceplant night shirt sleepwear

At right, the lighter-than-air shirtdress-style nighties are ideal for bridal party shenanigans or to pack for the honeymoon. These lightweight bamboo sleep shirts offer light warmth, yet are breathable and moisture-wicking — to cover all nighttime temps. In a variety of pretty colors and patterns, you'll want one for every night of the week! From Capricious.

### Beautiful bamboo

Right, a few of the colors and designs of the Faceplant Dreams line of lounge and sleepwear at Capricious.



This fabric is unbelievable! Made from organic bamboo, it offers incredible softness and durability. Because it's natural, it breathes, keeping you cool.



### Faceplant tulip pant set

Above, the loungewear you'll want to live in! This pretty kitten-soft, loose-fitting strap T and tulip-hem lounge pant set are the ultimate comfort duo. This soft bamboo is the coziest fabric you'll ever wear. Faceplant Feet First slippers in gray complete the casual look. From Capricious.

### Faceplant Feet First slide slippers

Comfy bamboo slippers, left, soothe feet and offer all-day walkability for lounging around on the honeymoon or back at home. Several colors to choose from, these will become your favorite footwear! All yours, from Capricious.

### Faceplant Dreams robe and slippers

This soft pink angel-wing sleeved midi robe, right, has a front tie and feels like a cloud. Super-soft bamboo rayon blend offers light, cozy comfort in a choice of colors. A lovely gift for the bride that she will wear often. From Capricious.

The matching pink Faceplant Feet First plush slippers will have you walking on air, and not just because you are in love! But you *will* fall in love these amazingly soft slide slippers that caress your feet in the cushiest breathable bamboo. From Capricious.

## CLOUD-COMFY SLEEPWEAR



# OBITUARIES

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

## Craig Douglas Wilson

Craig Douglas Wilson, 45, of Nashville, Tenn., passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Craig was born Nov. 17, 1978, in Grosse Pointe, to Philip and Donna Wilson. Craig grew up in Grosse Pointe and participated in swimming and began his love of music. From an early age, he learned guitar and piano and recorded his first solo album at 16 years old.

Craig attended Grosse Pointe South High School, where he participated in the show choir and took voice lessons with Dr. Jennifer Barnickel-Fitch, now deceased, who became like a sister to Craig. After graduating high school, Craig pursued a degree in musical theatre performance at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Craig performed in many shows at WMU, including a memorable lead performance as Pippin in "Pippin." After four years at WMU, he moved to New York City to pursue his dream of becoming a rock star.

Once in New York City, Craig began performing in musicals, including a workshop of "Starmites" and a production of "The Baker's Wife" with Joseph Stein and Stephen Schwartz. He also performed in Prospect Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in Central Park. In addition to acting, Craig continued to write, produce and perform original music at many well-known venues around the city, such as Rockwood Music Hall, The Bitter End, The Red Lion and CBGB. He worked with many incredible artists and musicians and made friends with every person he met.

While living in New York, Craig began traveling to Nashville to write and produce music.

After journeying between the two cities for several years, he decided to move to Nashville full time. He spent nearly a decade in town, writing, producing and performing original music. He became known as "the mayor of Nashville" among his friends, as there wasn't a person in town Craig didn't know. From writing and producing numerous Billboard-charting songs to playing countless arenas and stages across the country — including the Grand Ole Opry, Bridgestone Arena and Madison Square Garden — Craig truly fulfilled his dream of becoming a rock star.

Craig was born with songwriting in his blood and spent most of his life working on his craft. He spent his career as a champion for the underdog and always saw the best in others. He made friends everywhere he went and was an incredible connector within the industry. As a writer, he was a strong force behind every song he wrote and left his mark on every project in which he was involved. He always knew how to help an art-

ist find their voice. He was genuine in everything he did. He always knew the right words to say and lifted up everyone in his life. He led with kindness and was a loyal and true friend to everyone. He brought many people together and created a unique community bonded by his friendship and generosity. His passing is a huge loss for the music industry and everyone who knew and loved him.

Craig was predeceased by his parents, Philip and Donna Wilson. He is survived by his brother, Perry; and many cousins, students, co-writers and countless friends.

A memorial service and visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3009 Columbia Ave., Franklin, TN 37064.

A memorial concert will occur from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at City Winery Nashville, 609 Lafayette, Nashville, TN 37203.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a GoFundMe created by Don and Sheila Swartz to help cover the cost of services and additional estate charges, bit.ly/40EkctA.

## Jennie Wolf

Jennie Wolf (nee Wagner) passed away peacefully Saturday, April 15, 2023. She was a caring wife, sister, aunt and friend.

Jennie Wolf was born Jennie Lubera in Buffalo, N.Y. After high school graduation, Jennie entered the convent to become a Felician sister. She obtained both bachelor's and master's degrees while in the convent, beginning a long and successful teaching career, which continued after she left the convent. She married John Wagner and settled in Rochester, N.Y. Jennie loved to travel with John and, later in life, with her second husband, Stan Wolf.

Jennie moved to Grosse Pointe in 2019, putting her in close proximity to her brother, nieces, nephews and extended family. She had a strong faith and cared greatly for her family and friends, with whom she loved to attend concerts and other events.

Jennie was predeceased by her husbands, John Wagner and Stan Wolf; and parents, John and Antoinette Lubera. She is survived by her devoted brother, Richard Lubera (Elizabeth); nephews, Dave Lubera (Katie), Robert Lubera (Mary) and John Wagner; nieces, Debby Kawsy (Paul), Paulette Bouakadakis, Norma Foster, Pam Wagner and Dolly Wagner-Wilkins; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The funeral Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic

Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Contributions in Jennie's memory may be made to Kids on the Go, kidsonthegocamp.com.

## Carolyn M. Sands

Carolyn M. Sands, 84, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Carolyn was born May 1, 1939, in Detroit, to Clifford and Mary Harwood. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights University and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She taught first and second grade for 42 years and retired from Mason Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She is survived by her stepdaughter, Pamela Sands; stepson, Jeffrey Sands (Elizabeth); grandchildren, Samantha, Colton, Katie and Gabriella; great-grandson, Cooper; and brother, Charles. She was predeceased by her husband, Conrad; brother, Richard; and sister, Ann. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

## Julianne LaVallée Murphy

Julianne LaVallée Murphy, 97, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, in Sarasota, Fla., with her son by her side. She was formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Murphy was born in Marietta, Ohio, the youngest of George and Florence LaVallée's two children. She attended Academy of the Sacred Heart in Cincinnati and Katharine Gibbs School in New York City.

After graduating, Mrs. Murphy returned to Marietta, where she was employed as a secretary. She met Paul Murphy and the two were married in 1950. In 1956, they brought their family to Detroit, where her husband had been transferred. They raised their family in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Murphy served as a Red Cross volunteer at the former Bon Secours Hospital and was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and the Michigan Chapter of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. She moved full time to Sarasota after the passing of her husband. Her family said she will be remembered as a gentle and graceful woman with a kind heart, quick wit and joy for laughter.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her sons, Peter, Thomas, Andrew (Wendy) and John (Dana); grandchildren, Prescott, George, Alexander, Lauren, Tiffany, Maxwell, Brandon, Ryan, Neil and Michael; and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul; and grandson, Justin.

Donations may be made in her name to Boys Town Nebraska, bit.ly/3L3oHs3, or Dunbarton House Museum, dumbartonhouse.org/about/join-and-donate. The family



Craig Douglas Wilson



Jennie Wolf



Carolyn M. Sands



Julianne L. Murphy



Paul Joseph DeRonne



James Charlus Graham

will celebrate her life during a service this spring.

## Paul Joseph DeRonne

Paul Joseph DeRonne, 82, passed away Friday, April 21, 2023.

Paul was born and raised in Detroit. Born Aug. 31, 1940, he attended St. Clare of Montefalco Church and grade school. He was a graduate of St. Joe's High School in downtown Detroit. He was a member of the Michigan Air National Guard for six years. He and his wife, Lorrie, owned and operated DeRonne Hardware on East Warren in Detroit, starting in 1964. Needing more space, the hardware store was moved to Eastpointe in 1991.

Paul enjoyed golfing, boating, fishing, bowling, hunting at a deer camp in the Upper Peninsula started by his grandfather, skiing, playing cards and games, feather bowling and traveling. Paul loved being with, working with and vacationing with his family. He loved talking and interacting with everyone. Basically, Paul loved people.

He was the beloved husband of Lorrie (Claire Way) for 62 years; loving father of Diane Bober (Bruce), David (Rachael) and Donna Frontczak (Nick); proud grandfather of Brian Bober (Janiece), Sarah Cook (Matthew), Lisa Coram (Patrick), Allison Orlando (Freddy), Nicholas Frontczak II (Courtney), Christopher Frontczak, Robert DeRonne and Jack DeRonne; great-grandfather of Nicholas III, Frederick, Claire, Griffin, Rosalie, Gwennyth, Logan, Nora, Benjamin, Luke and Ethan; dear son of the late Euphrasia (Nolan) and late Alfred DeRonne; and brother of the late Patrecia McCleary (John), the late James DeRonne (Kathy) and the late William DeRonne (Susan). Paul is remembered fondly by his many nieces and nephews.

Visitation takes place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, with a memorial service at 7 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SAY Detroit Mitch Albom's Charities, 29836 Telegraph, Southfield, MI 48034, saydetroit.org; or Capuchin Soup

Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## James Charlus Graham

James Charlus Graham, 90, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023.

James was born July 11, 1932, in Dunlap, Tenn., to Franklin Borders and Minnie Olena Graham. He was raised on his parent's farm with his brothers. James was the valedictorian of his high school class of 1950. He moved to Michigan, where he began working with the Chrysler Program. Soon after, he made an honorable decision and joined the U.S. Army. James attended the Basic Airborne Course and was certified as a qualified parachutist. He became a member of the 11th Airborne Division of the 187th Regimental Combat Team. As part of this unit, James fought behind enemy lines during the Korean War. He was the recipient of the American Spirit Honor Medal, Parachute Badge, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged and returned to Michigan.

He worked as a drafter and attended the Lawrence Institute of Technology where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical and mechanical engineering. James was employed by Ford Motor Co., where he worked for 34 years. During his tenure, he moved his family to England and Germany. He was well respected by his peers and those who worked under his leadership. While James was successful throughout his career, he received special recognition for heading a multi-phase program to improve vehicle lighting, specifically the use of halogen head lamps. After retiring from Ford Motor, he was contracted by the United States Department of Energy to consult on the hybrid electric vehicle program.

James was a lifelong learner, as he eagerly studied and became an expert in any activity in which he participated. He was an avid sailor and member of the United States Power Squadrons. He was a senior member certified in operations training, weather and navigational astronomy courses. He received the educational achievement award and was qualified as an instructor and vessel safety check exam-

iner. He spent countless hours sailing his Jeanneau O'Day 39 monohull sailboat, which he proudly named "Cherokee," a nod to his heritage. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club since 1996. He greatly enjoyed the opportunity to not only participate, but also experience great success in many races. He valued the friendships he made on Lake St. Clair.

James was especially proud of his family, never missing a chance to share many accomplishments his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren achieved. He loved to tell stories and make people laugh, which he did often. His laugh was contagious. James was a kind and generous heart and was always ready with a helping hand. He was able to fix anything and enjoyed repairing and maintaining many beautiful old homes. He also was extremely active and passionate about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. He gave the best hugs, his family said.

James is survived by his wife of 43 years, Maureen E. Graham; children, Judy Graham, Jeffrey Graham (Susan), Jill Greenfelder (Joe), Jacquelin Richardson, Charles Esmacher (Kathryn), Ellen Larson (Eric) and Dana Peter (Larry); grandchildren, Courtney Sriha (Mo), Megan Graham, Lauren Czepecki (Reid), Lindsey Greenfelder (Siavash Rahimian), Connor Greenfelder, Jonathan Shuert (Lauren Meress), Jacob Esmacher, Elizabeth Esmacher, Emily Esmacher, Hunter James Larson, Payton Larson, Paige Peter and L.J. Peter; great-grandchildren, Julianna Shuert, Ariella Shuert, and Jonathan James Shuert; and nieces, Karen Serilla (Michael) and Nancy Comito (Johnny).

James was predeceased by his parents, Franklin and Minnie Graham; and brothers, Perry and Billy Joe Graham. He will be missed deeply by his family, who will forever be grateful for his love, guidance and support.

The family asks the public to lend a hand to someone in need, in the spirit of James' generous heart and willingness to help without expecting anything in return.

A funeral service took place April 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

OBITS:

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**Yvonne "Bonnie" Mary Perry**

Yvonne Mary Perry, 77, known as Bonnie, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at home in St. Clair Shores, with her husband and children at her side.

Bonnie was born Jan. 12, 1946, in Detroit, and grew up in the Kramer Homes community with her sister, Karen, and brothers, Patrick and Charles. Bonnie graduated from Lincoln High School and met her loving husband, Joe, of 54 years while working at Peninsular Steel. She was an active member of the Assistance League to the North East Guidance Center in Detroit.

She was the loving mother of her daughter, Tara, and son, Joey. A talented decorator and homemaker, she built a warm home, no matter the address, and helped many others do the same. She also loved entertaining, whether her own family and friends, her children's friends or friends of friends. Whoever came to visit, Bonnie had a unique gift for making them feel



Yvonne Mary Perry

loved and welcome. She also carried the party with her wherever she went; she could always be found at the center of any group of people sharing a laugh. Later in life, her love and laughter continued with the addition of her daughter-in-law, Nana, and grandchildren, Joseph and Elijah, who always brought great joy to her heart.

A memorial Mass will be held for Bonnie at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. She will lie in state at 9 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, [stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=home-btn-donate-now](http://stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=home-btn-donate-now).

**'A Concert for Two Pianos' is May 13**

Experience breathtaking master works for two pianos when Pro Musica of Detroit presents Dennis Russell Davies and Maki Namekawa in a concert performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pianist and chamber musician Davies is hailed as one of the most innovative and adventurous conductors and programmers in the classical music world today. Namekawa is a leading figure among today's pianists as a soloist and chamber musician.

Also husband and wife, the artists formed a piano duo in 2003, regularly performing in European and North American venues. Two days prior to their Pro Musica of Detroit concert performance, they will perform "Bill's Garden: A Celebration of William



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Dennis Russell Davies and Maki Namekawa

Bolcom at 85" at the J.P. Morgan Library & Museum in New York City.

The Saturday matinee concert will be hosted by Cecelia Sharpe of WRCJ 90.9 FM. Presenting sponsor of "A Concert for Two Pianos" is the

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and Sandra Napolitan.

The Pro Musica concert program includes masterworks for two pianos by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Dimitri Shostakovich and William Bolcom, National Medal of Arts, Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award-winning professor emeritus of music at University of Michigan.

Davies is a native of Toledo, Ohio.

"A masterful and innovative force in classical music, Dennis Russell Davies is considered among today's most inventive conductors at the forefront of the orchestral, chamber and operatic worlds," wrote music critic Bruce Duffie.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$5 for students with valid ID. Each ticket includes an afterglow with the artists, sponsored by Lynne Metty.

For tickets and details, visit [promusicadetroit.com](http://promusicadetroit.com).

**Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concludes 70th season**

Conductor and music director Joe Striplin led the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra in the John Williams' "March from 'Superman'" at its final scheduled concert of its 70th season April 23, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Guest violin soloist Jiamin Wang, who was scheduled to play Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 3," was unable to attend the concert.

Concertmaster Greg Staples, led by Striplin, stepped up to skillfully complete the solo performance. The GPSO finale ended with Nicolai Rimsky-Korakov's



"Scheherazade." William Hulsker announced the GPSO's 2023-24 season schedule. The symphony's summer

concert will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets and schedule information may be found at [gpsymphony.org](http://gpsymphony.org).

— John Minnis



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The choir during a performance at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

**DCC to perform May 6**

The Detroit Concert Choir, led by Michael A. Mitchell, artistic director, presents "Spirit of the American Road!" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The award-winning choir will take listeners on a musical road trip that celebrates the traditions of American song. Celebrating its 36th season with a vision to "inspire and enrich lives through exceptional music," the 80-voice choir includes singers from more than 35 metro

Detroit communities. Among them are Grosse Pointe residents Robert Acton, Michael Auty, Stan Harr, Rachel Hutchinson, Judy Jogan, Joseph Lucido, Michelle Metes, Veronica Smith and Marie Zacny.

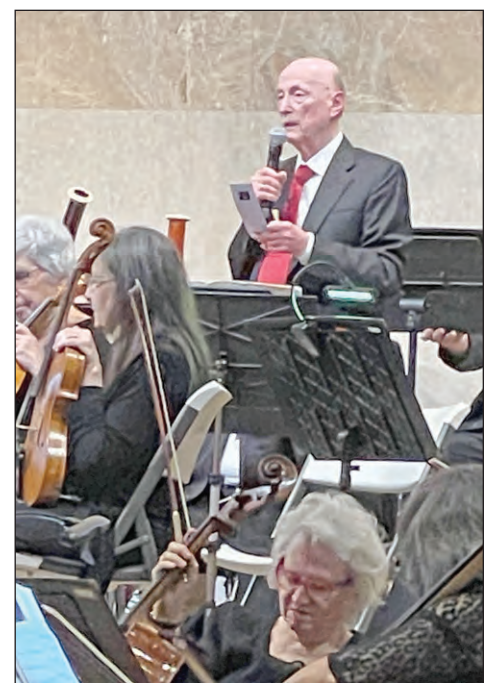
DCC activities are supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling (313) 882-0118 or visiting [detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org).



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Above, concertmaster Greg Staples, led by conductor and music director Joe Striplin, stepped up to skillfully complete the solo performance. Right, William Hulsker announced the GPSO's 2023-24 season schedule.



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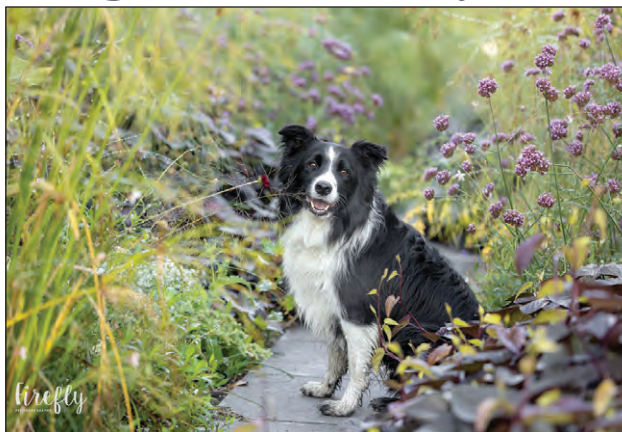
# Ford House celebrates Moss the goose dog's birthday

As Sir Arthur Conan Doyle once said, "A dog reflects the family life. Whoever saw a frisky dog in a gloomy family, or a sad dog in a happy one?" No dog better represents the light and excitement of Ford House than the estate's goose dog, Moss, a 6-year-old border collie who works as director of wildlife management at Ford House. And there's no better way to celebrate this canine colleague than with a birthday celebration as he turns 7 years old this summer.

Ford House members and their own furry best friends were invited to attend Moss's birthday celebration Saturday, May 6, on the plaza at Ford House's Visitor Center. Moss is such a popular part of the Ford House experience that this event sold out in minutes.

"Moss is one of our most dedicated workers," Ford House President & CEO Mark J. Heppner said. "Maintaining this breathtaking property is a big job for our landscape team and Moss is critical to that work, shepherding geese and other wildlife away from visitors. But perhaps his most important job here is creating smiles in the faces of children and adults each time they visit."

Members and their dogs will enjoy treats following the reveal of a recently commissioned



COURTESY PHOTO

**Ford House members are invited to help Moss celebrate his seventh birthday May 6.**

portrait of Moss by U.K.-based artist, Marianne Mantovani. The first 50 members who registered for this free event will receive an 11-by-17-inch print of Moss's portrait; copies also will be available for purchase in The Shop located in Ford House's Visitor Center.

Born in 2016, Moss has been an integral part of Ford House for seven years. Moss was born in Athabasca, Alberta, Canada, and was trained by Lisa Wright before taking on his duties on the estate. Any given day, Moss can be seen chasing away the Canada geese ensuring that the grounds are in pristine condition for visitors.

Mantovani is a portrait artist from York, England, and is inspired by both the beauty of animals and the intricacies of the human face. Self-taught from a young age, she has studied portraiture

and worked with oil, acrylic and watercolor paints over her lifetime, but has found that her strength and passion lies within both graphite pencil and pastel artwork. Her art uniquely captures the spiritual essence of her subjects, while evoking both the mood and the character.

Mantovani began drawing professionally in 2020, and since has been working on personal commissions. After suffering from stage 5 kidney failure due to lupus in 2002, and being the recipient of her own brother's kidney in early 2021, she is more focused than ever to use her natural talent to spread happiness to others through her portraits. Learn more at [instagram.com/mantovani\\_portraits/](https://instagram.com/mantovani_portraits/)

For a full list of events and experiences, visit [fordhouse.org](https://fordhouse.org) or call (313) 884-4222.



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## Rotarians at work

**Members of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe volunteered to help beautify the Moross Greenway on April 15. Members picked up trash, trimmed bushes and provided general clean-up duties. Pictured from left are Ted Coutilish, Bob Lucas, Tom Mercer, Diane Strickler, Jackie Dale and Heather Guenther.**

## The Furniture Bank hosts 5th annual fundraiser May 6

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan hosts its fifth annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser — featuring a sampling of wines curated by sommelier Paula Hartson, along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a live auction and jazz — from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 6, on the 32nd floor of the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit.

Guests also are invited to take a guided architectural tour of the Guardian Building's historic lobby, boardroom and bank vault.

"At the Furniture Bank, we believe that even the

most vulnerable metro Detroit families should live in a stable, dignified home," said Robert Boyle, executive director of the Furniture Bank and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "We're grateful for sponsors like Joseph Aiello & Associates, who support our work to provide beds and furniture to local families in need, and because we're able to celebrate our mission in an architectural treasure like the Guardian Building, it only makes the evening more special."

For more than 50 years,

the Furniture Bank has supported more than 85,000 vulnerable families across metro Detroit, providing them with beds and essential home furniture, helping them live with stability and dignity.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$100 and include parking at the Griswold-Larned garage. Visit [furniture-bank.org/](https://furniture-bank.org/) events, call (248) 332-1300, Ext. 205, or email [events@furniture-bank.org](mailto:events@furniture-bank.org) to purchase.

To donate gently used furniture, call (248) 332-1300 or visit [furniture-bank.org](https://furniture-bank.org) to schedule a pick up.

## EVENTS:

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games, songs and stories is led by Danielle Mitchelson. The group is free, but registration is appreciated.

The Family Center hosts QPR Training, with Kiersten Gutherman, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, May 1, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Question,

Persuade, Refer is like CPR for mental health. Ages 15 and older are welcome to attend. The program will help attendees recognize suicidal warning signs, understand ways to initiate conversation and learn ways to persuade and refer someone to the appropriate resources. Training is free. RSVP to [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

### Ford House

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

- ◆ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is

reduced.

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

- ◆ May 2023 Bird Walk, 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, to Sunday, May 7. Experts Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Audubon President Bill Rapai lead the walk. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Storytime: "This is the Nest That Robin Built," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, May 2 to 30.

- ◆ The Basics of Ornamental Plasterwork workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Cost is \$28 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

- ◆ House tours and

grounds passes are offered noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, now through Nov. 30. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7.50 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

- ◆ Grounds passes are available daily, 8 a.m. through sunset, now through Dec. 31. Passes cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

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

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3. Will Owen, owner of The Wig Boutique, speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

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### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, St. Isaac Jogues Church, 21100 Madison, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

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

### GPAA

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

- ◆ "Imitating the Landscapes of the Masters" with Donald Cronkhite. John Constable's landscapes will be the focus of classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, May 4 and 11. Martin Johnson Heade's landscapes will be the focus of classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, June 8 and 15. Cost is \$115 for GPAA members, \$135 for nonmembers.

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## Painting puts into perspective historic vs. present-day Cadieux house

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a house with a wealth of history behind it that sits inconspicuously at 533 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Cadieux farmhouse, the second-oldest house in Grosse Pointe, rests in its fourth location since being built in 1850.

"I believe the story of the Cadieux family and their original farmhouse — which still survives in Grosse Pointe, after several renovations and at least three relocations — is arguably one of most interesting stories relating to the founding and history of both Detroit and Grosse Pointe," said Ron Lamparter, a longtime member and former board member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, and who has "honorary life member" status on its board.

Lamparter's fascination — along with his desire to commemorate the farmhouse's history and that of the Cadieux family — led him to commission the reproduction of a 1991 painting of the original Cadieux farmhouse for Cadieux family descendants, as well as for the historical society and its president, Leslie Wagner, who currently lives in the farmhouse. The new artwork, however, includes a twist; it features the farmhouse in its early days positioned above the house as it now stands.

"Ron and Mary

Lamparter are good friends of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society," Wagner said. "... (Ron) has been so encouraging about the new history center and providing guidance during my leadership at GPHS. When we had both the Cadieux descendants and Lamparters to our home, Ron had the idea to superimpose the old image onto the full house. It makes me so happy because it's sometimes difficult to describe how the old house fits with the new."

The Cadieux family also was pleased with the results.

"We are so excited that we had an opportunity to take a farmhouse painting my family had done several years ago and connect it with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the current owners of the Cadieux farmhouse," Michael Cadieux said. "It's also a great experience for our children to appreciate the history of the community and our family's connection to it. We thank our friends, the Lamparters, for making this amazing connection a reality."

Wagner had nothing but praise for Lamparter's past and continued efforts with the historical society.

"It means so much when someone from the community sees the work that we're doing and values it," she said. "I love having a little bit of history owning the second-oldest house in the Grosse Pointes. We just recently did some



**Ron Lamparter, left, presents the painting to Grosse Pointe Historical Society president Leslie Wagner and her husband, Alan Wagner. The Wagners live in the historic Cadieux farmhouse.**

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RENEE LANDUYT

updating with Tiffany lights and we're in the process of painting the exterior. I'm excited to show the community our renovations.

### Looking back

Documents reveal that in 1803, the "original" Michael Cadieux came from France to the Detroit area when he was 18, to join family members who relocated before him. He bought land — a ribbon farm located on what now is known as Cadieux Road — in 1835. He sold trees for lumber and also had the first mail route connecting Detroit to Chicago, at the time called Fort Dearborn.

Cadieux and his wife, Archang, raised 12 children, among them their son, Isadore, who in 1850 built the house in question in Detroit. The white clapboard farmhouse was constructed of wood, using

building methods perfected by French settlers. Shortly after it was completed, he moved the house by barge to a piece of his father's land — waterfront property at Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park.

The house stood there until 1870, when another family member felt it was not healthy to live on the shores of Lake St. Clair. According to the historical society, the home was relocated to 16939 E. Jefferson, at Notre Dame, where it remained for the next 144 years.

The original floor plan showed an 800-square-foot, single-story structure

with pine floors, a narrow staircase and hand-hewn balusters. Shortly after its 1870 move, a second floor was added.

In 1991, the kitchen was expanded, the dining room was reduced and a laundry room was added on the first floor. Also, the size of two second-floor bedrooms was increased and a third bedroom was added upstairs.

In 2011, Beaumont Hospital bought the farmhouse and several other properties with plans to develop the site — where its current parking structure was built a few years later. However, recognizing the house's historic

value, the health system put it up for sale and offered to relocate it rather than tear it down.

More than 100 offers came in to purchase the home; Wagner was selected for the honor. In 2014, the house was relocated to 533 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, where it stands today at 173 years old.

Isadore wasn't the only member of the Cadieux family connected to a local historic building. His brother, Francis Cadieux, served as the District No. 1 School Inspector for 33 years. The Cadieux School, which until recently served as the administration building of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, was built in 1905-06, and named after the family. It was the second school building built for District No. 1, now the GPPSS. It initially hosted eight classrooms for 240 students.

In 1916, a north building, 399 St. Clair, was added to increase capacity. By 1924, the buildings housed students in kindergarten through 12th grade and in 2002-03, the buildings were connected. Along with the 1890-built Cook Schoolhouse, currently located in Grosse Pointe Woods, they are the only two original school buildings that remain.

Sources: Katie Doelle/Higby Maxon Agney and Grosse Pointe Historical Society

**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Brian Kaminski, MA, BCBA

## Autism and the human experience

Sometimes breakthroughs come where we least expect them — at times during our weakest moments.

A recent perspective shift for me came moments after a "parental tipping point" — those moments only other fellow parents can fully understand — exhausted, defeated and ashamed after losing my cool amid a house full of toddlers (four to be exact). I don't know whose tantrum was more impressive this day — theirs or mine. Sadly, I must admit, I believe it was the latter. As I chastised myself, I couldn't help but think, "These moments never happen to me within my clinical practice. Why should it be any different with my own children?" I think it's a shared human experience that we are usually at our most flawed around the ones we love most deeply.

As I was reflecting on my behavior this day, I paused to identify the common thread of what led me to "snap" in this particular moment, in hopes of not making the same mistake again. The more I reflected on my behavior, I identified that these moments shared either one of two traits. They occurred when either:

A) I was viscerally at sensory overload. I'm talking "four simultaneous crying and clamoring children, TV blasting full 'Mickey Mouse Clubhouse,' Alexa pumping 'Frosty the Snowman' on repeat (it's April), all while the kitchen timer is going off and I'm pretty sure something is smoking" kind of sensory overload. The type of overload which causes your brain to cry out, "Make. It. Stop!" Hence the tipping point.

B) I was talking repeatedly to a child (or children) with priorities entirely at odds with my own. You can call it developmentally appropriate boundary testing, "selective hearing" or perhaps sheer toddler-ism. By all accounts, however,

you can call it utterly and completely trying, stretching and downright humbling.

Most days and most moments I have the patience for it — all of it. Some moments, however, I must honestly say that I don't. And those are the moments which sting the most and stay with me the longest.

But these two facts alone were not my breakthrough. It was the realization that my own personal "challenging behaviors" were caused by: a) sensory sensitivities and b) communication barriers. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

### Practicing empathy and understanding when faced with challenges

Difficulties with sensory stimulation and barriers communicating are classically defined criteria of Autism Spectrum Disorder. As the term spectrum signifies, these sensitivities and challenges exist along a continuum of differing magnitudes and characteristics. Yet, the autistic lived experience exists along a continuum we all exist upon — the varying ways we perceive and experience the world around us in a term now known as "neurodiversity." These differences, however great, are still firmly rooted in a shared sameness: Shared equalness.

Shared worthiness. How can you not be moved with empathy and understanding instead of judgment when faced with these challenges?

Look for part two of this column next week about how these challenges and others can be transformed.

Brian Kaminski, MA, BCBA, is vice president of clinical services at Lumen Pediatric Therapy. For more information, visit [lumenkids.com](http://lumenkids.com).

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Making better snack choices for your kids

**Dear Gabby:** My kids are involved in a lot of activities. From choir to football to service projects and more, we simply never have time to eat right.

I have found myself in a snack crisis — I've basically thrown all of my food values and standards out the window and end up hiding in the McDonalds line more often than I'd ever admit. Is there anything I can do to get my head out of the McFlurry machine and into something better for my family? Help!!!

— Grossed out in Grosse Pointe

**Dear Grossed,**

There's a very good reason that fast food, fast casual and packaged foods are all so crowded, profitable and booming. The reason is that we are all in such a hurry these days — darting from one place to the next.

As with most things, planning is always the best bet for success. There are several healthier options around town should you decide to go out, like Beyond Juice, Farms Market for a quick prepared snack

or meal, etc.

However, something that has worked for this mom is keeping a snack bag in the center console of the car.

I include granola/protein bars, popcorn, milk and chocolate milk drink boxes that don't require refrigeration, trail mix, nuts, bottled water, beef jerky and usually a few treats for bribes as necessary.

Those are no-brainers that can be easily obtained at places like Trader Joe's.

If you want to get into level two snack prep,

cheese sticks, shelled edamame, homemade protein balls, smoothies, salad in a jar and cut up veggies are great options but require a cooler and some work.

The key is to think about the week ahead on Sunday and get yourself prepped and ready. Good luck and happy snacking!.

— Gabby

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## House Sitter has been snooping around

**DEAR ABBY:** A close friend takes care of my home when I travel several times a year. It involves picking up my mail, watering my indoor and outside plants and checking through the house for anything that might need attention in my absence.

I return the favor for her each time she's out of town. I don't have anyone else near where I live who can do this for me.

The problem is, when she's here, she snoops through my things. I

know because I keep things in a certain order (I'm neat and organized), and it's very noticeable when my belongings have been rearranged.

It bothers me because it's an invasion of my privacy and just plain wrong. I would never think of doing this in her home. I have no desire to see her personal items.

Over the years of our friendship, this person has become increasingly possessive and clingy to the point that it's uncomfortable. I

have overlooked it to avoid hurting her feelings. How do I handle this? Do I continue to lock up confidential paperwork and leave everything else for her to snoop through? If I tell her I'm aware of what she's been doing, I'm afraid she will refuse to help me out any longer. —TRAVELER IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR TRAVELER:** There are workarounds for your travel schedule. You could have the post

office hold your mail until you return. Living in Connecticut, your outdoor plants are likely dormant in the winter. Inquire at your local nursery about wicking devices to ensure your indoor plants are sufficiently watered.

Because this "friend" can't resist pawing through your personal things, ask for your key back if she has one (or change the locks on your doors) and tell her kindly that her help is no longer needed. It goes without



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

saying that any financial records should have been under lock and key to prevent prying eyes as soon as you realized they were askew. Please consider it, and when you do, reconsider the friendship.

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been going to an excellent hairstylist for a year and a half. The problem is

she doesn't want me to have color on my hair. She wants me to let my hair go gray. I detest the idea.

She keeps insisting it is "so pretty," and she won't let it go. During my last visit, she became almost combative about it. She said she had

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

Teaching kids to love reading is no easy feat. Especially in the teen years, it seems like the last thing kids want to do is take time to read. With demanding homework loads and perpetual cell phone and gaming temptations, it seems impossible to make reading a priority.

We all know how beneficial reading is for children. Reading to children beginning at a young age supports cognitive development, prepares them for academic success, increases concentration and discipline, and improves language skills. As toddlers and young children get ready to start preschool and kindergarten, it is essential.

For tweens and teens, taking time to sit down with a good book has many positive effects. Their critical thinking and writing skills are strengthened, attention spans are lengthened and memory building is enhanced. While all of these perks sound awesome, if you can't get your child to enjoy reading, it's going to be quite difficult to incorporate this habit into your routine.

Unfortunately, reading has become somewhat of a drag in our house. The kids would rather watch YouTube before bed and when reading is suggested, they report they've already read every book we have.

That's where Coreander's Children's Bookshope comes in. Last week, I decided to take the kids up to the bookstore so they could each pick out their own book that interested them. When we arrived, the kids scattered around the store, reading titles and checking out new chapter books. After about 30 minutes, each child had a few books they were excited about. Once they made their decisions, we headed to the kids events and more. If you head to Eventbrite or to Instagram @coreander-bookshope, you will find more information regarding registration.

To add to the fun, Independent Bookstore Day is coming up April 29, with two special events to celebrate the magic of local book shops. If you're looking for a fun way to foster your kids love for reading, head to Coreander's and check out all they have to offer.

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back of the store for a scoop of ice cream.

Overall, Coreander's allowed me to turn this outing into a fun experience for everyone. The store is absolutely amazing. It truly looks like a magical wonderland inside with stunning murals on each wall, an incredible book selection and the kindest staff. Coreander's is a fun addition to Grosse Pointe and my kids have already asked to go back.

While there is a large selection of kids books in store, there are books for adults too. The events calendar is chock full of authors' visits, engaging

# The St. Clair room

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Jacobson's was an iconic establishment in Grosse Pointe. It was founded in 1838 in Reed City, Mich., by Abram Jacobson.

As the company grew, so did our love for Jacobson's. A local luxury department store featuring every high end item needed was such a draw.

It was a heartfelt place to buy a gift for your loved one at Christmas. The gift giving of a silver box with a red ribbon was unforgettable. This store was momentous for our hometown as well as many others across the country. The history is intriguing.

My uncle, Thomas Drummy, was a general manager from the Grosse Pointe Branch 1987-1992 but started at the Jackson store in 1971. He says Jac's and he's right, so don't use Jack's.

This recipe comes from the book "Jacobson's, I miss it so!

The Story of a Fashion Institution," written by Bruce Allen Kopytek, is a gem and a stunning recollection of the fabulous store we once had.

The St. Clair Room was a beautiful room that had big double doors that lined D'Hondt Way. The "public passage," landscaped by Irma D'Hondt, to perfection, created a joyful lane for people to enjoy the store and the restaurant.

You can think of the alley today as the Trader Joe's entrance, which once was the iconic entrance to a wonderful restaurant and store.

Again, my grandmother and mother would take me to eat a fancy lunch as a treat. The St. Clair Room was a premier establishment for many Grosse Pointers. They were always so kind. They treated you like royalty.

This salad is absolutely outstanding. It's crunchy and a bit sweet with a zing from the

marmalade and green onion. Curry is a spice that transcends it from good to great. Go relive your past and enjoy.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Cashew Chicken Salad

1 lb cooked chicken breast

¼ cup diced celery

¼ chopped green onions

¼ cup raisins

½ cup cashew pieces

### Dressing

2 tbsp mango chutney

¾ cup mayonnaise

½ tsp curry powder

Chop your cooked chicken finely and add to a large mixing bowl. Add the celery, green onions,



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raisins and cashews, reserving two tablespoons of cashews for serving.

Meanwhile, whisk the dressing together and then pour over the top.

Fold everything together and let sit for at least an hour, if you can hold out.

# Tough times call for more from 'restaurant service'

With the economy in free fall, with millions of people on a budget, and with wine moving from an optional purchase to a luxury, a number of once-treasured lifestyle events are now hard to justify.

Dining out is one of them.

It's not that we can't afford a couple of \$13 entrees, two \$5 salads, and a shared \$7 appetizer. By themselves, that would get us out the door for well under \$50. But regular readers of this column know we have, alas, left out one rather essential item.

The standard markup for a bottle of wine in most restaurants is twice the retail price.

Assume that a wine sells in a store for \$25. We're being asked to pay \$50 for that same bottle in the cafe.

This means that the under \$50 meal is now nearly \$100. That has left many restaurants with a lot of empty chairs on midweek nights; some are light on weekend nights, too. It's not a happy time.

What I have yet to see is a trend to lure customers by lowering wine prices. Look, restaurant owners pay about 33 percent less than retail to get a bottle of wine. Their "twice retail" price means they're making three times their cost per bottle.

Remember that \$25 bottle of wine from above? Restaurants pay less than \$17 a bottle for it. So at \$50, their profit is more than \$33.



Ask questions of your server when seeking affordable as well as great tasting wines when dining out.

I have seen a few places that discount wines on Wednesday nights — that sort of thing. But it is generally haphazard.

Restaurateurs argue that the added charge for their wines you get lovely stemware (but that jelly jar with a stem isn't very elegant, is it?) and proper service.

Let's hold it right there. Proper service? Excuse my guffaw.

In the vast majority of restaurants, two things occur that have nothing to do with proper wine service.

- White wines are

usually served way too cold.

- Red wines are usually served too warm.

I have often ordered a fine white wine only to find it was cold

to say that red wine ought to be served at "room temperature."

The origin of the phrase came from the French "a chambre," which refers to the chateau, sans central heating.

When a red is served warm, it's usually insipid and shows its alcohol. I suggest 60 degrees, or "cellar temperature," which allows the wine to show some of its balance and subtlety.

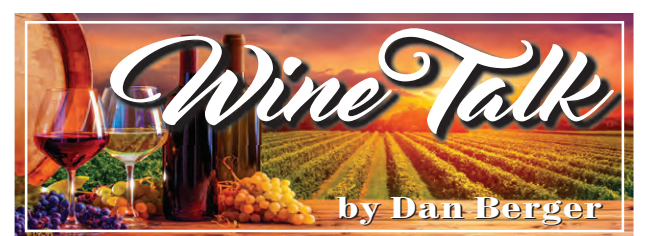
The fact that so few restaurants know this makes their claim of 'fine wine service' a lie.

Wine of the Week: 2006 Clos du Val Ariadne, Napa Valley (\$21) — Clos du Val has made this semillon-sauvignon blanc blend for years, and this vintage is one of the finest ever. Subtlety is its calling card, with faint hints of lemon peel, hay, and a subtle spice. The fact that this wine was sealed with a screwcap made it

enough to cauterize my tonsils. The only reason to chill a white wine to near-freezing temperatures is that it is so bad the temperature will mask its awfulness.

White wines of character should be served at 55 degrees Fahrenheit or so, to allow for the subtle aromas and nuances of fruit character in the taste to be visible. Taken out of a 40-degree refrigerator, a white wine is mute and has nothing to say to the diner.

Moreover, it's one of the great myths of wine



slightly backward when it was released months ago. And now that the 2007 is on the market, some may go for the younger wine. Resist the temptation. This wine needed the time in bottle to

develop amazing complexity. To find out more about Dan Berger, visit the Creators, Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## DEAR ABBY:

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expected me to stop asking for color by now.

She colors her hair a beautiful shade of red. When I asked her about it, she said that "she had the right because she was born with that color." It is very hard to get a hairstylist who knows how to cut my

hair. Why do you think this has become such an obsession with her, and what should I do? — HATES THE GRAY

DEAR HATES: What you should do is TAKE CONTROL. It is a hairstylist's or cosmetologist's job to give the clients what they want, if it's possible. Tell that nifty woman you do not want her to raise the sub-

ject of letting your hair go gray again because, if she does, she will lose you as a client. And then follow through.

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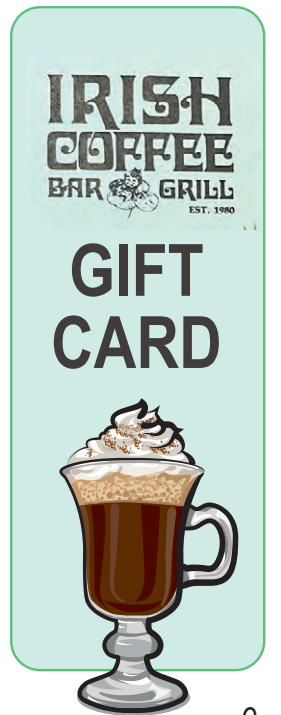
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## Wonderful moms deserve it all

The age-old question still stands. What do moms (and mother figures) actually want for Mother's Day? After scouring the internet for ideas and inspiration, it seems as though that question isn't as easy to answer as we once thought.

The qualities that make mothers so special are the same qualities that make them unique. Some moms are the resident math expert in the house, assisting with dreaded fractions homework late into the night. Other moms are the best bedtime storytellers, making funny voices for each character as their child falls asleep. Some honorary moms are incredible chefs, whipping up delicious meals and desserts with ease. While every mother is different, one quality

among each mom is universal, nothing compares to the love all these special women have for their children.

At the Grosse Pointe News, we think all moms are special and should be celebrated every day, especially on Mother's Day! Luckily, Grosse Pointe is filled with incredible local shops where it's easy to find the perfect gift for mom.

To reflect the interests and qualities of all of our wonderful mothers, we are featuring a big beautiful giveaway that showcases gifts from so many of our generous local businesses. This Mother's Day Giveaway is made possible by so many of our advertisers who wanted to gift one lucky winner with some extra Mother's Day love!

### To celebrate Mother's Day 2023 – ENTER TO WIN 23 amazing items from favorite local merchants:

1. A Bombshell candle from **Glitter & Scotch** by the Jack Baker Candle Co. The candles are all hand-poured by two Texas men who own the company. Jack Baker Candle Co. is just their side gig – as owners Roy and Kevin are bomber pilots full time! This candle has wildflower seed paper that you can plant in the jar once the candle is finished – or throw it in your garden now and watch the flowers grow
2. An oh-so-pretty and feminine tasseled floral scarf from **El's Boutique**
3. Veuve Cliquot pink plastic champagne glasses from **IRIS**
4. Petrified Botanical Heart from **Posterity Gallery**, made with gorgeous actual natural preserved blooms
5. A gift card from **Glitter & Scotch** for the trendiest clothing and accessories
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7. A lovely gold and white beaded clutch in an exquisite floral pattern, with long gold chain included, from **Savvy Chic**
8. A beautiful beaded bracelet from the amazing **Posterity Gallery**
9. Gift card from **Irish Coffee** for a delicious meal and drinks
10. Scout Original Deano Bag in a custom Michigan print from **Small Favors**. The Original Deano is the tote bag that started it all. It was SCOUT's first design (in 2004) and remains the top-selling bag to this day. There's a reason for that – the tote is ideal for carrying pretty much everything and folds flat for easy storage. This original Michigan print is exclusive to Small Favors and features everything from our beloved Michigan mitten, records for Motown, a shout out to the Motor City with the Model T, our state fish, bird, flower, sprinkles of Michigan cherries, the Mackinac Bridge and much more Michigan memorabilia. Every loyal Michigan mom needs to have this iconic bag
11. Gift certificate from **Village Palm** for something floral and fantastic!
12. Orrefors Amour votive candle holder from **The League Shop**. The human heart holds many mysteries, but there's no mystery in the inspiration or the name for this lovely votive, it's all about love. Brilliant cool crystal is made soft and warm by its flickering glow. A perennial Orrefors favorite to collect and give, this attractive candle will make a lasting Mother's Day memory. There is also plenty of room to engrave a sweet message to tell Mom how much you love her.
13. The cutest pink champagne-inspired pouch from **IRIS**
14. Julie Vos Bee Hoops, lightly hammered hoop with a whimsical bee accent, from **Capricious**. So pretty – wear them and just wait for the compliments!
15. Gift card from Champs (try some amazing barbeque!)
16. Beautiful gold ball necklace from **El's Boutique**
17. A super fun straw beach bag with zipper enclosure from **El's Boutique**
18. Gift card from **Bakehouse 46** for some yummy treats
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Many thanks to these fine local merchants for honoring moms with these great prizes.

## HERE'S HOW TO ENTER!

You can enter via Instagram or email:

Visit our Instagram page @grossepointenews and check out our Mother's Day Giveaway post. The post's caption describes how to enter the giveaway.

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The giveaway will run from 5 p.m. on April 26 through 5 p.m. on May 3, 2023. A winner will be drawn at random. The winner will be notified on May 4, 2023, via email or direct message on Instagram. Winner must be able to pick up the prizes at the Grosse Pointe News offices at 16980 Kercheval Place.

## Create a totally relaxing day of pleasure and peace for mom

The unconditional love and undying patience moms exhibit as they raise their children is worthy of more than just a single day of appreciation in May. Moms do a lot for their families, and though that's something to celebrate every day, Mother's Day merits upping the ante in regard to showing Mom how much she's loved and Here are some ways to ensure this Mother's Day is a day for Mom to relax and bask in all the extra attention she deserves.

- Serve breakfast in bed. Mom might be on breakfast detail on hectic week-day mornings, but Mother's Day marks the perfect time for spouses and kids to take over kitchen duty. Keep the cereal in the pantry and go the extra mile by preparing a warm homemade breakfast and serving it to Mom in bed. Present the meal with a small bouquet of flowers and some reading material and then let Mom eat in peace and quiet if she so prefers.

- Turn the en suite into a spa. Nothing complements a relaxing breakfast in bed better than a subsequent dip in Mom's own private spa. Transform the bathroom into Mom's personal soaking space. Clean the bathtub, light some candles around the tub and bathroom, turn on some relaxing music, dim the lights, and then invite Mom in to soak in a freshly drawn hot bubble bath.

- Make the kitchen a mom-free zone for the day. Keep the relaxing vibe going

by making sure Mom doesn't have to lift a pot or pan all day. Make sure all the dishes are washed before Mom comes downstairs for the day and let her know you've already ordered lunch from a local restaurant. Even if Mom loves to cook, a day off from kitchen detail can make Mother's Day that much more relaxing.

- Spend some time in the great outdoors. If the weather allows, visit a nearby park as a family and go for a walk. Nature has its own way of helping people relax, so some time outdoors in the spring air can keep the chillin' on autoplay going into the afternoon. If the family includes young children, choose a park with a playground so Mom can relax and watch the kids play from a nearby bench.

- Book a dinner reservation. It might require some advance planning, as Mother's Day reservations can be hard to come by, but a night at Mom's favorite restaurant can be the perfect conclusion to a relaxing day. If Mom's more of a homebody, whip up a homemade meal and let Mom relax with a glass of wine as you prepare a feast.

Mother's Day is the perfect time to plan a whole day of R&R for mothers who do so much for their families throughout the year. A little planning goes a long way to ensure Mom gets the day off that reflects your year-round gratitude.

## The meaning behind some of the most popular flowers for giving

Flowers are a popular present to bestow on Mother's Day, and gift givers may want to select flowers for Mom that convey a unique and meaningful message. The language of flowers has been recognized for centuries. Here's a look at some of the meanings behind certain types of flowers to help guide Mother's Day gifting.

- **Amaryllis** plants start as bulbs and are naturally spring-blooming flowers. The name comes from the Greek word "amarysso," which means "to sparkle," and they symbolize pride (the good kind.)

- **Asters** are delicate daisy-like perennials. They make great gifts because they symbolize love and daintiness. Ideal for the woman who taught you how to dab your mouth with a napkin and raise your pinky finger when you drink tea.

- **Begonias!** There are more than 2,000 types of begonias, and the flower symbolizes deep thoughts. Begonias were made famous by French horticulturist Michel Bégon, who thought the blooms looked like beautiful girls. So if your mom is still all va-va voom, maybe a beautiful begonia is just the ticket to remind her how pretty she is.

- **Daisies** are happy-looking flowers, and according to Norse mythology they represent motherhood and children. Bet you didn't know how perfect the daisy is for this special occasion honoring moms.

- **Delphiniums** come in pink, white and blue varieties and embody youth and renewal. They're a good pick if you want to convey a continued or renewed affection for a person. Love for Mom lasts forever, so let her know with this apropos choice.

- **Roses** are sometimes known as the "queen of flowers." Pink roses symbolize admiration, gratitude and joy. A dozen or more pink roses would sure send the message that Mom is respected royalty in your eyes and that she brings you great happiness.

- **Tulips** with an orange hue are thought to represent understanding and appreciation. They can express all the gratitude you have for Mom, from the diaper days until now. Yellow tulips symbolize happiness, while pink tulips are symbolic of love. Red blooms should be reserved for sweethearts, so let Dad get her those.

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Left, Simon Helberg as Cosme McMoon, Meryl Streep as Florence Foster Jenkins and Hugh Grant as St. Clair Bayfield.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "Florence Foster Jenkins"  
 2016 - Rated PG-13  
 1 hr 51min  
 ★★★★★

Many moons ago, when I was a young copy cub, trying to break into the wonderful world of advertising, my first boss and mentor I nicknamed "Jefe" told me about a unique historical figure. She was a New York society woman who, in spite of her comically bad voice, would rent music halls and give recitals for her friends.

I didn't give the information much thought until recently. Then I discovered who he was talking about. Florence Foster Jenkins. Just the name alone should strike fear into the hearts of music lovers everywhere. Now that I've seen this wonderful biopic about her, I know why he found her so entertaining.

A bit of backstory is in order here. Ms. Jenkins was a child piano prodigy, and even performed a recital for President Hayes. She married at a young age to a much older man, who gave her syphilis. This disease caused her severe nerve damage, which ended her career as a pianist.

This film tells of her exploits in the early 1940s in New York City.

Jenkins is played sensitively by Meryl Streep. She was a wealthy patron of the arts and even had her own establishment called "The Verdi Club" where she entertained her friends.

Hugh Grant plays her doting and supportive

second husband St. Clair Bayfield. He's a dashing Englishman who comes from a theatrical background. He's devoted to her, especially in her pursuit of learning the art of singing. Bayfield is very protective, and when she performs, he



# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



makes sure only sympathetic listeners attend her concerts.

When anyone disrupts her shows, he personally escorts them out of the venue. It makes you wonder if he really believes she can sing, or is he just going along for the ride? The director Stephen Frears and screenwriter Nicholas Martin do a brilliant job of keeping you guessing.

Now onto a brief description of her voice. Ms. Streep has proven in the past that she can, in fact, sing. But to hear

what she does here is truly amazing. Let's just say Florence Foster Jenkins had one of the most "unique" voices ever. That would be a kind way of saying she had one of the worst voices in the history of classical music. A cat being strangled would be an apt description.

When I first heard it about 20 minutes into the film, I laughed so hard, I had to stop and catch my breath. When you realize that she was serious, you simply shake your head in disbelief.

his career. But he opts to take advantage of the lucrative opportunity.

Adding further interest to an already fascinating story is the double life the charming and debonair Bayfield leads. After he tucks his wife into bed each night, he retreats to his own apartment where his mistress Kathleen (Rebecca



Ferguson) awaits. There, unbeknownst to Jenkins, they regularly throw wild parties.

I especially enjoyed the lavish attention to detail that was paid to the sets, the cars, and the costumes. They bring the 1940s to life. And some of the outfits Ms. Jenkins wore were way over the top. However, if you do a little digging, you'll see they were spot on.

What's more, if you search YouTube, you'll be amazed to discover how close Meryl Streep comes to reproducing the voice of the real Florence Foster Jenkins. There's a nice quote from Ms. Jenkins that nicely sums up both her career and the movie: "People may say I couldn't sing, but no one can ever say I didn't sing."

If you're interested in learning more about this remarkable woman, there's a documentary streaming on Hoopla.com titled "The Florence Foster Jenkins Story."

Note to parents: This is a family-friendly film.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy.com. Also on Paramount+ and to rent on Prime Video.



Left, the real Florence Foster Jenkins and Meryl Streep as Florence Foster Jenkins.

Another accessory to her crimes was the young pianist who accompanied her. We encounter him at an audition as they search for a pianist to perform onstage. Simon Helberg ("Big Bang Theory") plays Cosme McMoon perfectly.

At his first encounter with the aspiring singer, his reactions are hilarious. His expression is one of absolute disbelief. When he realizes Jenkins is serious, he quickly sobers up and puts on a straight face.

McMoon is somewhat torn. On the one hand, he's offered a handsome salary to play with Jenkins. On the other hand, this situation has the potential to destroy

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

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

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

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**Moon Alert:** After 2:45 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, April 27, 2023: You are independent and self-reliant. You function well spending time alone. You often feel that you're more productive this way. This is a year when relationships will be important. It's also time to rejuvenate yourself. Do not hesitate to ask for help from others this year.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) This is a tough day, pure and simple. Parents might be challenged when dealing with their kids. Romantic partners might be at loggerheads. Disputes about the cost of a vacation, a social occasion or something to do with sports or your kids also might arise. (It might be a sorry topic from the past.) Hang in there. Tonight: Relax.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) This is a challenging day, and it's best if you know this right off the bat. Then you can gird yourself and be prepared. Relations with parents, bosses, VIPs, teachers and the police will be tough. Even family dynamics will be testy. Take a step back. Give everything some space. Don't get involved. Tonight: Cocoon.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Power struggles and quarrels about politics, religion or practically anything might arise today. They will catch you off guard because you don't see it coming. The secret is not to take the bait. You don't have to respond. Refuse to get embroiled. Walk away. Tonight: Conversations.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Money squabbles, as well as difficulties with friends and groups, are par for the course today. These arguments might be about real issues, or they could be naked power struggles. Either way, you don't need this. Channel your energy somewhere else. Tonight: Organize your belongings.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Because the Moon is in your sign today, you are more excitable and emotional than usual. On top of this, you might be at odds with authority figures — parents, bosses, teachers and the police — a dangerous combo! Take a step back. Remove yourself. Take the high road. Tonight: You're strong.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People might become embroiled in issues, perhaps related to your job, your health, a pet or broader social issues about politics and religion. Don't get involved in these today. A resolution will not be easy. People will argue. Do something else. Tonight: Solitude.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You like harmony in your surroundings (even though you're an excellent debater). Today people are at odds about financial issues, social plans, inheritances and shared property. Because there is a volatile energy to everything, don't get involved. Tonight: Be friendly.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Power struggles with authority figures, as well as partners and close friends, could be nasty today. But only if you participate. If you remove yourself from this equation, you are protected. Decide not to get involved, because things are too difficult today. (You gotta know

when to hold and when to fold.) Tonight: Show respect.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Squabbles with siblings, relatives and neighbors might arise today. Ditto for difficulties with co-workers. If you get embroiled, you'll end up with egg on your face. (Ketchup helps.) It's far better to avoid quarrels and discuss these matters on another day. Tonight: Explore!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Money issues about social occasions, kids and the arts, plus arguments about the division of labor or shared expenses, (especially with romantic partners) are classic today. But you always have a choice. You can get involved and argue, or you can choose not to get involved. It's allowed! Tonight: Check your finances.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Domestic problems might be a drag today. Dealing with partners, close friends and parents (especially family you haven't seen for awhile) might get you down. If you can remove yourself from this situation, that would be ideal. (But it's not always possible.) Stay objective. Tonight: Cooperate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) This is an accident-prone day. Heightened feelings, especially about angry encounters with others, might be a distraction that causes you to have a physical accident or say something that you will later regret. Don't let this happen. Maintain your cool. Stay chill and be a role model for others. Tonight: Work.

**BORN TODAY** Actress Sally Hawkins (1976), actress Siobhan Finneran (1966), businessman, model Rande Gerber (1962).

EVENTS  
Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- » **Blues Jam**  
First Place Lounge,  
8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
16921 Harper Ave.
- » **Demetrius Nabors**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees**  
Ewald Branch,  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **To Jazz with Love**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- » **Sam Butler's Folklore Sextet**  
Cliff Bell's,  
7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles**  
Comerica Park,  
6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.

- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles**  
Comerica Park, 6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- » **Demetrius Nabors**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Laura Rain and the Caesars**  
Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille,  
8-11 p.m.  
17315 Mack Ave.
- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Composing Detroit Spring Exhibition Show 2023**  
5 p.m.  
8711 Grand River Avenue.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles**  
Comerica Park,  
6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Royal Comedy 2023**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **The Vincent Chandler Experience**  
Cliff Bell's,  
7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

- » **Moss's Wildlife Adventure**  
Ford House,  
12-4 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- » **1st Tuesday Book Group**  
Ewald Branch,  
2-3 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play**  
Ewald Branch,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Flower Day 2023**  
Eastern Market,  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
2934 Russell St.
- » **Detroit Career Fair**  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
351 Gratiot Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- » **Guided Visualization & Meditations**  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
22811 Greater Mack,  
Suite L2.
- » **Music Jam**  
Cabbage Patch Saloon,  
9:30-11 p.m.  
15130 Mack Ave.
- » **Kris Kurzawa**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. New York Mets**  
Comerica Park,  
6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Teen Leadership Council Meeting**  
Woods Branch,  
6-7 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- » **Mother's Day Sip & Shop Event**  
Maria Lamia Boutique,  
12-5 p.m.  
19653 Mack Avenue.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles**  
Comerica Park,  
1:10 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.

MONDAY, MAY 1

- » **Blues Jam**  
The Cadieux Cafe,  
8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- » **Demetrius Nabors**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Free Head and Neck Cancer Screening**  
Van Elslander Cancer Center, 1-3 p.m.  
19229 Mack Ave..
- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Detroit - Disney Animation: Immersive Experience**  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 2 p.m.

Contract Bridge

IMAGINATIVE DEFENSE

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 4  
♥ J 5  
♦ A 9 3 2  
♣ 9 7 6 4 3  
**WEST**  
♠ 9 7 6 3  
♥ K Q 10 9  
♦ K J  
♣ K 8 2

are some holdings South could have where you could lose by ducking. East's jack falls on your king, indicating that declarer has the ten, which is blocking the suit. It is at this point that you should be very careful about what you do next. For example, if you cash your nine of hearts, South will discard his ten of clubs and easily score nine tricks. But resisting the impulse to cash the heart nine at this juncture is not good enough. Given declarer's opening two-notrump bid and what you can see in your own hand and dummy, it is a virtual certainty that if South is allowed to score four club tricks, he is sure to make the contract.

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 5 2  
♥ 8 6 4 2  
♦ 10 8 6  
♣ J 5  
**SOUTH**  
♥ A K Q  
♦ A 7 3  
♠ Q 7 5 4  
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you're West, defending against three notrump. You start by leading the K-Q-10 of hearts, declarer winning the third round with the ace. Your partner played high-low to the first two tricks and followed to the third, so apparently he also started with four hearts.

South now leads the A-Q of clubs, and you properly take the queen with the king. This is because there's no holding possible with which you could gain by ducking the queen, but there

And so, in an attempt to cut him off from dummy, you should shift to the king of diamonds! If you make this play, South goes down one; if you don't, South makes the contract.

While the king of diamonds is admittedly an unusual play, this doesn't mean that it is impossible to find. On the contrary, you have all the information needed to justify it. It is true that declarer might have a hand where he can make the contract no matter what you do. But it is also true that the king of diamonds is the only play that gives you a chance to defeat the contract when it can be defeated.

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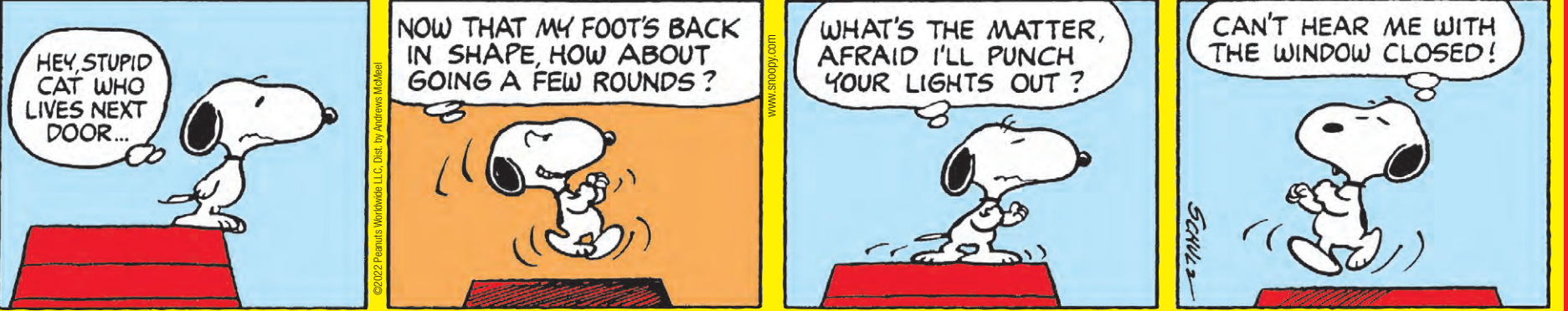
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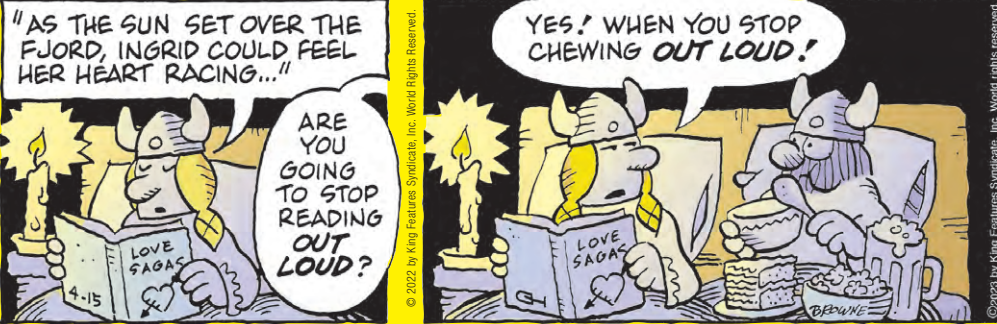
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Charles M. Schulz



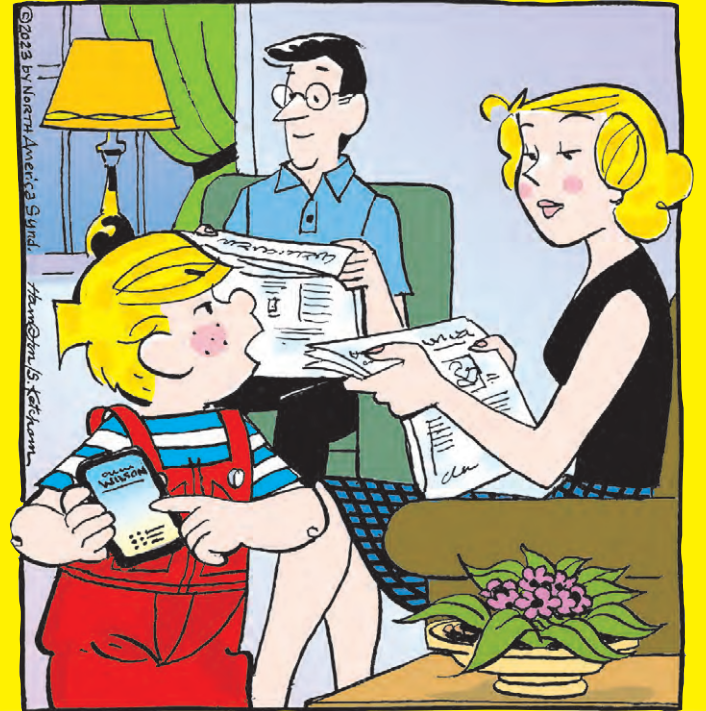
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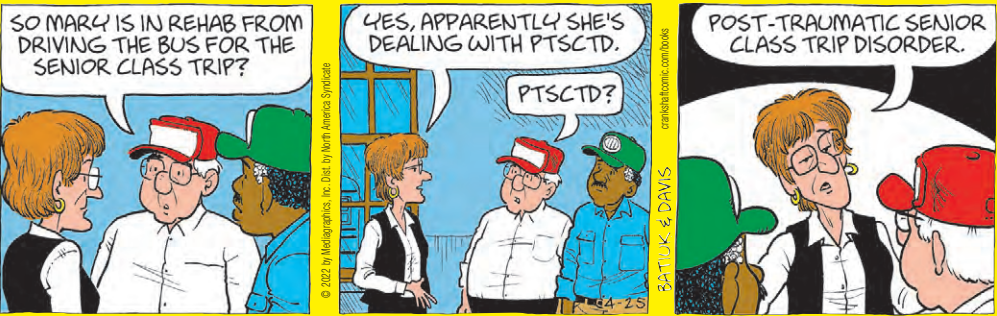
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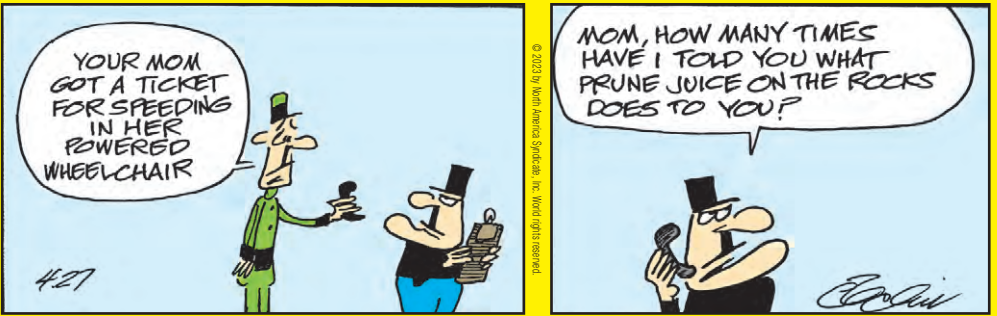
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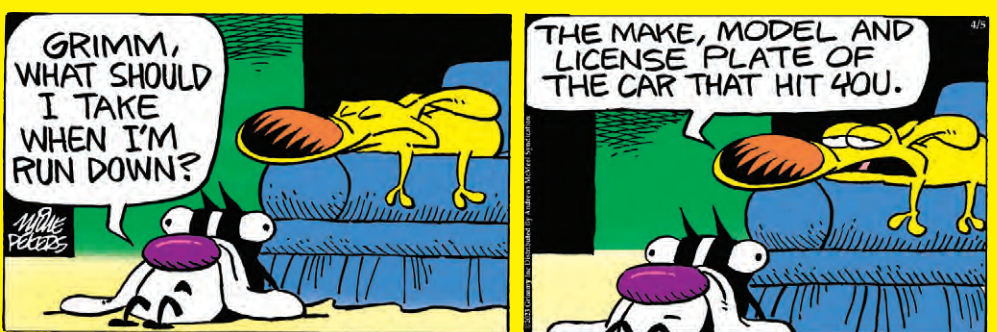
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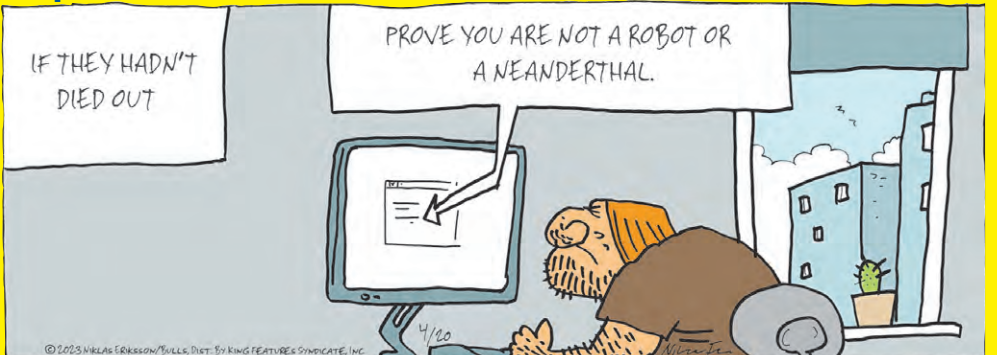
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Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



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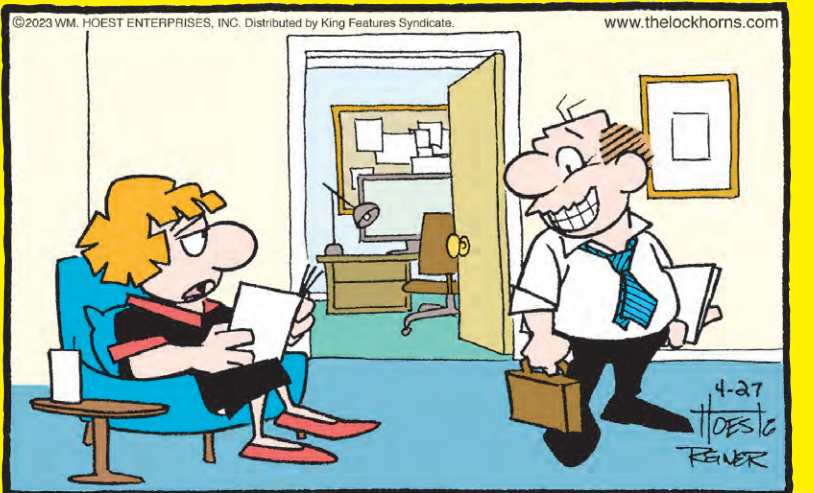
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"I PUT MR. WILSON ON SPEED DIAL, BUT HE DOESN'T ANSWER ANY QUICKER THAN HE USED TO."

## The Lockhorns

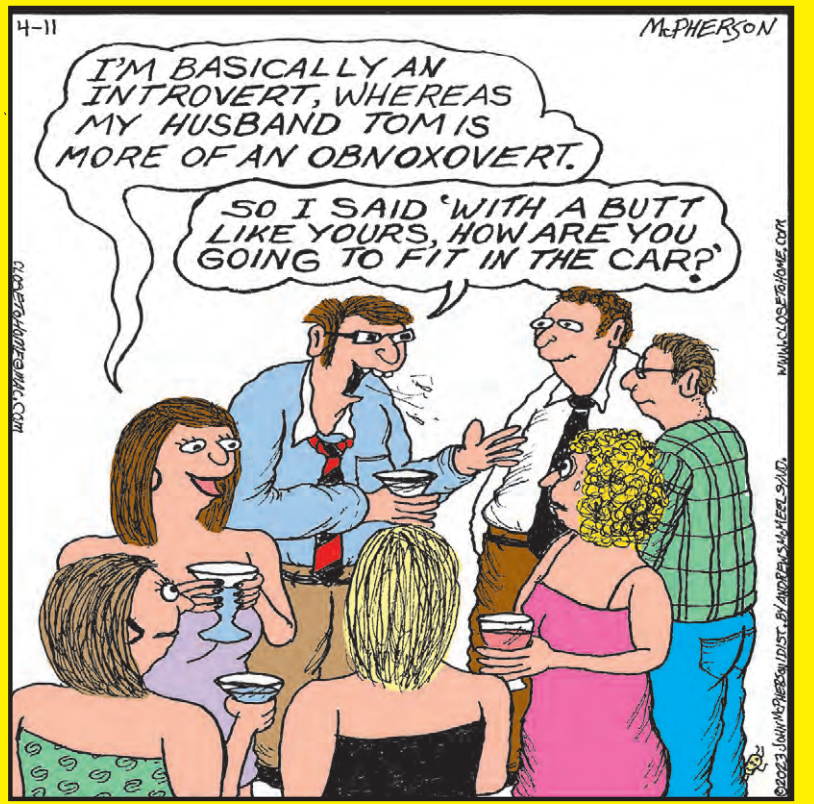
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"HOW LONG DID YOUR ZOOM MEETING LAST?"

## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Here's the deal. If the pill comes out of the first meatball, you do not get the second meatball."

Look at the pictures below. Then write three facts and three opinions about each photo.

# Advertising: Fact or Opinion?

**KNOW THE DIFFERENCE**

When companies want you to see something, they advertise their products. Their ads are carefully crafted to make you want to buy what is being advertised.

## Just the Facts

Look at the bike ad at right. Some things an advertiser claims to be true are **facts** and some are **opinions**. **Facts are statements that can be proven true or false.** Such as:

- ✓ The bike has three gears.
- ✓ The bike is available in red or blue.
- ✓ The price of the bike is \$99.

## That's Your Opinion

Opinions, on the other hand, are true for some people, but may not be true for others. For example:

- ✗ This bike is the best.
- ✗ This bike is more fun to ride.
- ✗ This bike will make you popular.

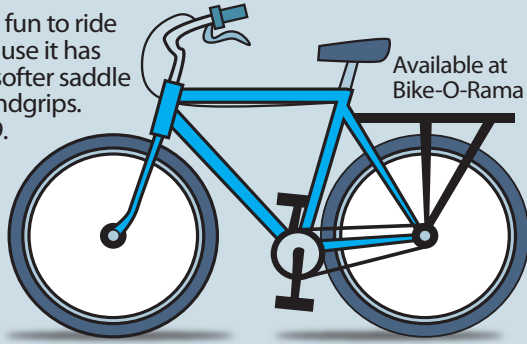
Look at these two ads. With a **GREEN** crayon, circle the **FACTS**. With a **RED** crayon, circle the **OPINIONS**.

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Available in red or blue, the Cruise Star will make you the coolest kid on the block.

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## A movie packed with double-decker laughs!

The non-stop comedy hit for the whole family is now on DVD and Blu-Ray. Available for a limited time only at BigBox Mart.

★★★★★  
—Meghan Usher, Film Fans  
From the director of RUNAWAY POPCORN CART

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## Chips so crunchy, they'll wake your neighbors.

We've been making potato chips for 100 years. They're the crispiest, most delicious chips in America. Try a bag today.



## Let's Talk About It

Which would you rely on to decide whether or not to buy a product: Fact, opinion or both? Discuss this with your family this evening.

### Try This:

Watch a TV commercial. How many facts can you count? How many opinions can you count?



FACTS:

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OPINIONS:

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Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

## Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **FACTS** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

<b>A</b>			<b>F</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>		<b>S</b>
<b>C</b>			<b>T</b>

## Design an Ad

In the space at right, design an ad for a product you like. Include at least two facts but no more than two opinions. Have a friend circle the facts and opinions.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

## Extra! Extra!

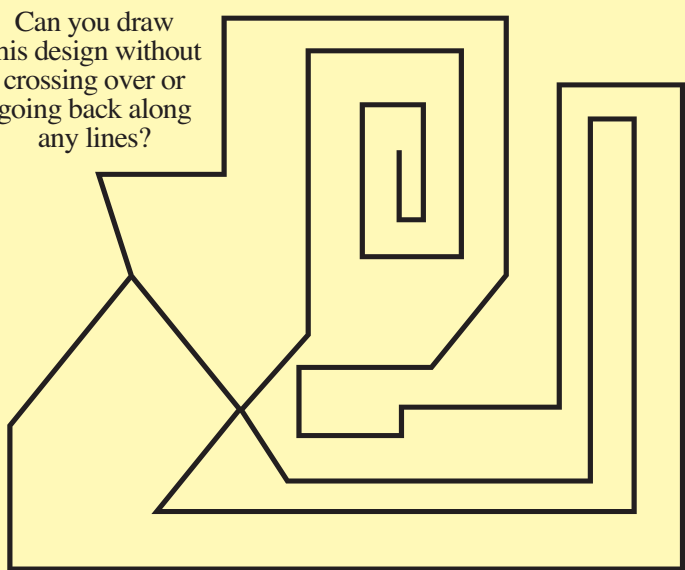
### Ad Study

Look through the newspaper and select five or more ads. Count the number of facts in each ad. Count the number of opinions. Draw a graph to show your results.

Standards Link: Math: Summarize informational data in a graph.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you draw this design without crossing over or going back along any lines?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Hand-eye coordination.

## Double Double Word Search

- ADVERTISE
- COMPANIES
- PRODUCTS
- OPINION
- CLAIMS
- DESIGN
- CREATE
- PROVEN
- CRUISE
- FALSE
- FACT
- TRUE
- KNOW
- BUY

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

C	R	A	F	A	L	S	E	F	S
S	T	C	U	D	O	R	P	C	E
N	T	L	Y	V	G	C	A	R	I
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P	I	A	G	S	P	E	S	I	O
N	F	N	G	E	W	O	N	K	C

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Ad Funnies

Select an ad in today's newspaper that has five or more adjectives. Replace each of the adjectives with one that means the opposite. Then read the ad aloud to a friend.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Identify adjectives and antonyms.



What is green and crawls through the grass?

ANSWER: A Girl Scout who has lost her cookie.

## Write On!

### Just the Facts

Write three sentences describing your classroom. Only use facts. No opinions.

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## North, South excite with walk-offs; Knights keep win streak rolling

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Two walk-off wins and a trip to Comerica Park highlighted the week for varsity baseball teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, while University Liggett rattled off its eighth straight win before rain delayed the Knights' chance at a comeback for No. 9 on Saturday, April 22.

### South

With tight games and little margin for error facing teams day after day in the MAC Red, Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball swept Henry Ford II in a three game series to open up league play last week.

"All three games could have gone Ford's way," said South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. "Every day is a battle in the MAC Red. There's no days off and there's no weak teams."

In Game 1 of the series on Thursday, April 20 at Henry Ford, senior co-captain and right handed pitcher Wells Graham went the distance, allowing only five hits, striking out five and not walking

a batter in a 2-1 South win.

The game was scoreless until the top of the third when Ben Frakes hit a solo home run to put South up 1-0.

In the top of the sixth, Ford was its own worst enemy. The Falcons walked Cliff Grabowski and Andrew DiLodovico reached on an error, giving South runners on first and third. A passed ball allowed Grabowski to score, giving South a 2-0 lead.

Ford mounted a small comeback in the bottom of the sixth, knocking in a run on a sacrifice fly after back-to-back singles put the Falcons in scoring position. Ford threatened in the bottom of the seventh with two runners at first and second but a fly ball to Grabowski in center recorded the third out and sealed the win for the Blue Devils.

Friday brought wet weather and a double header against Ford, but the ending of Game 1 was picture perfect for the Blue Devils, who celebrated a thrilling 3-2 walk-off win, thanks to the heroics of the Blue Devils clean-up hitter



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

**Blue Devil Chase Mazey faces a 2-2 count at the plate Sunday at Comerica Park, before earning a walk in the top of the third inning.**

Hunter Belanger.

In another tight MAC Red battle, the game was knotted up at two until the bottom of the seventh when Belanger singled up the middle on the first pitch of his at-bat to give South the dramatic win.

Pitching was strong on both sides. Hayden Vinyard started for South, allowing five hits and two runs through six innings, striking out two and walking just one batter. Grabowski got the win for South, allowing only one hit and giving

up zero runs and no walks with one strikeout in the seventh. Grabowski, Belanger and Joey McEvoy had two hits each for South, while Graham and Connor Stafford each had a hit.

"Every inning, every pitch you have to focus," Griesbaum said. "Otherwise, it's one little thing that can turn the tide for a team."

South rode the momentum into Game 2, coming out on top 7-3. South faced another late game tie, when Ben Domzalski

scored one run to put his team up 4-3.

From there, the Blue Devils tacked on three more runs, collecting six hits on the day. Domzalski and Graham each had two hits, with singles also coming from DiLodovico and Jake Kozel.

South's Ben Frakes pitched five innings, allowing three hits, three runs and striking out six.

This week, South faces Sterling Heights Stevenson in a three

game series, beginning with a game Tuesday, April 25 that took place after press time. They meet them at home for Game 2 at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, and play away for Game 3 at 4 p.m. Friday, April 28. South hosts a double header at home against L'Anse Creuse starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29. South is 11-3 on the season.

### North

In a week that kept pace with South baseball's success, Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball earned three important MAC White wins against L'Anse Creuse North, which included an exciting 3-2 walk-off win at the hands of junior second baseman Luke Shanley in Game 1 of a double header against the Crusaders Thursday, April 20.

Shanley's clutch hit came with the bases loaded and facing a 2-0 count, when he hit a line drive to left field, knocking in Jordan Arseneau for the Norsemen's winning run.

See BASEBALL, page 8D



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Griffin Adams is playing his third year of varsity lacrosse, but his first at midfield after playing previous seasons at attack.

### Griffin the Great

- 1 of 3 senior co-captains for South boys varsity lacrosse
- Registered 21 goals and 30 assists in six games this season
- Signed to play college lacrosse at Eastern University in Pennsylvania

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Over the last few years, the Adams name has become a fixture within Grosse Pointe South lacrosse. Now in his senior year, Griffin Adams is a captain of the Blue Devils and following in the footsteps of his older brothers in the game his family loves.

"Growing up they were always playing but I played baseball and then wanted to play something more fun so I decided to join them and try out lacrosse," Adams said. "I realized I loved it. It's fast paced and never boring and now I'm headed to play college lacrosse, too."

Adams has made a name for himself over the years as a centerpiece of South's offense. His 53 goals and 58 assists in 2022 are a prime example of how he is just that, and his senior season is off to a hot start already with 21 goals and 30 assists in six games.

Those numbers certainly caught some eyes, helping Adams to secure

his future in the game as he will play NCAA Division III lacrosse at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. The goals are impressive, but the assists might stand out even more. For someone

self. It is something that makes him a valuable asset to any squad and helped him earn the honor of being one of South's three captains this spring.

"I have a pass-first

make a risky play."

Being a captain is an honor but no major challenge for Adams, who is used to being a leader in the Blue Devils' locker room. The biggest adjustment he has had to make this spring is a significant leap in changing positions. Normally playing on attack, Adams moved to midfield this season.

The new position still suits his style of play fairly well when it comes to creativity and aggressiveness. It has not been without some adjustments, however, having to be aware about playing in a larger area of the field.

"I have to get more used to playing on both sides of the ball," Adams said. "I moved to help a freshman, Jack Smith, go to attack and be more involved in the offense... Dodging up top instead of behind the net is taking some getting used to...It's a whole new ballgame when you move to a new position after years."

Moving into a new See ATHLETE, page 3D

Grosse Pointe News

**Griffin Adams**

School: Grosse Pointe South  
Sport: Lacrosse

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who has spent a majority of his career playing attack, Adams is never afraid to create plays in order to generate scoring chances for the rest of the team, not just him-

mentality and I like seeing other people score because it boosts my morale and the team's," he said. "I think I have the clutch gene. I'm never nervous or scared to

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## 2D | SPORTS

# North's bats come alive against South, Knights pick up steam and wins

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

As April comes to an end, the first month of the softball season is winding down. There is still more than half of the exciting season still left to play, and all three teams from the Pointes had plenty of action last week, including a long-awaited rivalry matchup.

## North vs. South

Crosstown rivalry games between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South are typically a fixture on the calendar every year. That was the case in 2022 before weather postponed the scheduled regular season matchup multiple times, resulting in the two teams never meeting on the diamond. All that made the anticipation for the Norsemen and Blue Devils' game last Friday, April 21, even higher.

Fans who were expecting a close matchup after all the waiting may have been a bit disappointed. The game ended up being all Norsemen as North's big bats led the team to a 16-1 win over its crosstown rival.

"We were excited to play once we finally got together," North softball head coach Ron Smith said about the rivalry matchup. "...We played extremely well and I was pleased with the way we were able to execute

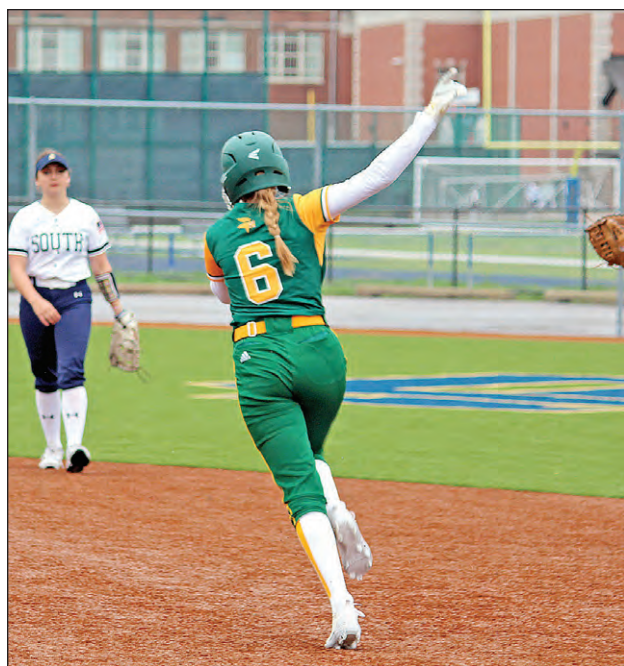


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**North's Lizzy Rheume points to the sky while rounding the bases after hitting a three-run home run against South.**

everything we had to do. But seeing both of those teams out there taking pictures and reminiscing about Little League days, that's the really great part of it."

The Norsemen got ahead early in the first inning with two runs. The first came on Natalie Babcock's steal of home plate, which was shortly followed by a sacrifice fly from Kaitlyn Barr. It was in the second inning when North's bats really began to create fireworks.

Addi Molitor started the inning with a bang launching a two-run homerun to center field. The lead went up to 5-0 after Babcock made it

home on a wild pitch, and then soared to 8-0 in favor of North when Lizzy Rheume took a three-run shot over the left field fence.

South's only run of the game came in the fourth inning when Murphy Russell tallied an RBI double. For North, Rheume finished the game with five RBI and Molitor ended with three. Barr pitched two hitless and scoreless innings for the Norsemen before Sarah McCloskey came on for two innings of relief.

North tried to take the momentum from its rivalry win into the weekend for a doubleheader on Saturday, April 22

against St. Clair. The Norsemen and Saints tied the first game 4-4 with Sophia Borowski batting in a pair of runs. The second game was a Norsemen win 4-3 highlighted by seven strikeouts on the bump for McCloskey. North faced Dakota on Tuesday, April 25 after press time and is on the road for its next game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Chippewa Valley.

The Blue Devils rebounded from the loss to their crosstown foe with two big wins over the weekend. Avery Harris had two hits in a 4-3 win over West Bloomfield on Saturday, April 22. Later the same day, South dominated Westland John Glenn 17-0 in a game where Luna Agosta and Alex Lupu combined for nine RBI. The Blue Devils traveled to Marine City on Tuesday, April 25 after press time and will host Warren Cousino at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

## Liggett

The Knights have been virtually unstoppable after dropping their first two games of the season early in April. Three wins to end last week made it six victories in a row for Liggett,

including a couple of key wins in the Catholic League.

Last Friday, April 21, Liggett visited Marian for a doubleheader that ended with two Knights' wins. The first was an 8-1 victory where Victoria Nugent was the stand-out. Along with her seven innings on the rubber that included 12 strikeouts and just one earned run, Nugent got it done with the bat, as well as bringing in two runs at the plate.

The Knights kept it rolling into Game 2 with an even bigger win 14-0. The game lasted only three innings after the Knights scored ten runs at the very beginning. Isabel Standish led the way at the plate with four RBI while Nugent and Jasmine Maxwell had two each. Nugent was

pitching yet again and didn't allow a single hit in the three-inning shutout.

The next day, Saturday, April 22, saw the Knights take on Cass Tech at home. It was a closer game than anything Liggett saw in the doubleheader the day before, but the team was still able to collect another win taking down the Technicians 7-5.

Nugent had another big day at the plate with three RBI on two hits. She also got another win on the rubber pitching five innings and allowing three runs with eight Ks. Sasha Deimel pitched two innings and allowed two runs on three hits.

The Knights are home again looking to keep the winning streak alive against Lakeview at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

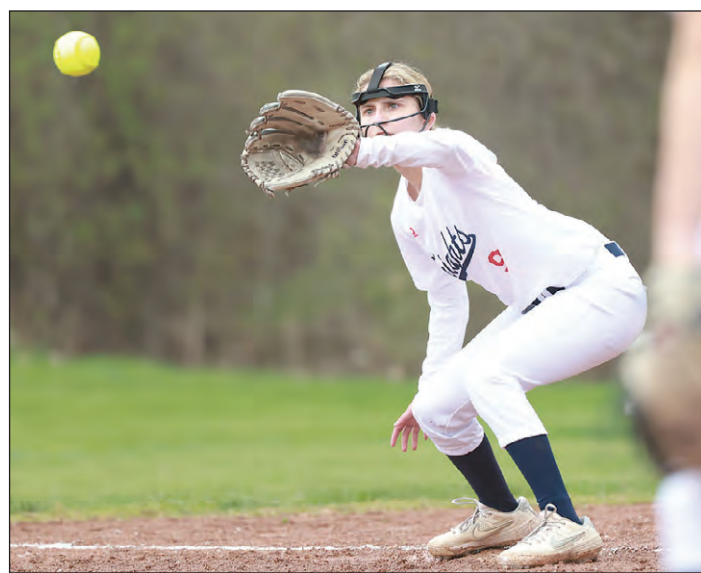


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**Sasha Deimel looks the ball into her glove at first base for Liggett.**



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**North junior Amelia Streberger fights to keep the ball away from South's Isabella Deveroux, right, and Eleni Melhem. Streberger scored both of the Norsemen's goals in the 2-1 win last Friday, April 21.**

## Streberger's goals help Norsemen sweep South

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Eleven days after their first meeting of the spring season, the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls varsity soccer teams faced off again last week. It was North's turn to host last Friday, April 21, in the final regular season matchup between the two rivals. The Blue Devils looked to split the season series, however the Norsemen triumphed again, thanks in large part to the efforts of junior Amelia Streberger, who helped

lead her team to another 2-1 victory.

While South struck first in the prior matchup between the two sides, it was North's turn to take the lead first this time. In the 18th minute, a Norsemen corner kick ended with a header from Streberger making it past Blue Devil keeper Elsa Bachert and into the back of the net to put North ahead 1-0, a score which would hold through halftime.

The Blue Devils were able to change the game quickly in the second half. Just two minutes

after the break, senior Olivia Dimuzio evened the game at one apiece with nearly an entire half left to play, heightening the chances for some late-game drama in the rivalry yet again.

Things remained tied for about the next 20 minutes. Then, Streberger came up big for the Norsemen once again. The junior notched her second goal of the night with 17 minutes remaining to put North back on top. That would end up as the deciding goal as the Norsemen defense held off South for the final minutes to earn the rivalry sweep.

North would keep the momentum rolling and defeat MAC Red foe Dakota 2-0 on Monday, April 24. The Blue Devils followed up the rivalry loss with another 2-1 losing result Monday against Ford II.

South hosted Utica on Wednesday, April 26 after press time and then gets a week off before taking on Chippewa Valley at home at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. The Norsemen head on the road for their next matchup at Stevenson kicking off at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 CITY PROPERTY TAXES AND 2023-2024 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue, on the proposed 2023 City tax levy and on the proposed 2023-2024 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning April 28, 2023.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget.

**Christopher Hardenbrook**  
City Clerk

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior defender Luke Dixon and North's Michael Sendoykas battle for a ground ball.

## South routs Norsemen in boys lacrosse MAC Red opener

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The time has come for league play in boys lacrosse this spring, and what better way to open the league season than with a rivalry matchup? That is what fans in the Pointes were treated to last Wednesday night, April 19, when Grosse Pointe North went across town to face Grosse Pointe South.

While both teams found some key wins in the non-league schedule to boost them into league play, the rivalry meeting ended up being all Blue Devils. South went ahead early and never let up on the gas as it cruised to a 17-3 win.

Freshman standout Jack Smith got the offense going early for the Blue Devils with the opening goal of the game just 32 seconds in. Griffin Adams added another for South a couple of minutes later before North's Ethan Michalski cut the early lead in half.

Michalski's goal made it seem as though the

Blue Devils could be in for a tough fight with their rivals. However, South answered with three straight goals, one from Smith, one from Adams and one from Harry Wright, to end the opening quarter up 5-1.

That momentum at the end of the first quarter turned into dominance in the second for South. Adams and Smith both added two more goals in the quarter to finish off hat tricks before halftime. Jack Hanigan and John Monahan both found the net for the first time in the second quarter to send the game into halftime with South up 11-1.

With the game already well in hand, the Blue Devils added to their lead even more to start the second half. Smith scored once again and Adams added two more to bring his total for the night to seven. Monahan tallied two more goals as well with North finding the scoreboard for the first time since the first quarter to end the third. Michalski scored another

for the Norsemen in their late efforts to get anything on the board in the final quarter before the running clock ended things.

Adams had three assists to go along with his seven goals for South. Smith finished with five goals and Wright had two to go with a trio of assists.

South took on Farmington a couple of days later last Friday, April 21 and won 17-8, and followed it up with a closer 9-7 victory over Novi the next day. For North, it bounced back from the rivalry loss with a win 4-2 over Bishop Foley Saturday, April 22.

The Norsemen faced Port Huron on Tuesday, April 25, after press time. They host Eisenhower at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

South looked to keep things rolling on the road Wednesday, April 26, after press time against Notre Dame Prep. Up next for the Blue Devils is another road matchup against Port Huron at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Adams winds up for a shot in a game against Grosse Pointe North

## ATHLETE:

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position and still excelling shows off the faith that the Blue Devils have in Adams and his abilities as an all-around player. Being willing to make that move for the good of the team to allow a younger player to get experience is another example of his leadership.

It is what has made South's staff believe that Adams will go down among the all-time greats in Blue Devils lacrosse once his final season is over at the end of the spring. As he goes on to play in college and perhaps even beyond, Adams legacy at South will always be remembered for his willingness to do it all in order to win.

"Over his three varsity seasons, I've never seen a

player make his teammates better like Griffin does," South boys lacrosse head coach Justin Macksoud said. "He's an extremely gifted player and highly-skilled scorer. He can shoot from anywhere with either hand and take anyone one-on-one with his speed and agility. The

thing is, he's a better passer and also the smartest player I've ever coached. His lacrosse IQ is off the charts."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

### PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDINANCE NO. 456

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 456 repealing Section 18-266(6) of the Grosse Pointe City Code – Operation of mechanical and electrical amusement devices upon insertion of a coin, slug, token, or similar item generally for use of a game that includes pinball machines, video games, air hockey, and all similar devices and games. The ordinance eliminates an outdated provision of City Code that is not currently enforced. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 456 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

**Christopher M. Hardenbrook**,  
City Clerk

GPN: 4/27/23

## North, South boys and girls teams tussle in track and field

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Spring temperatures dipped last week to a level that was chilly enough to challenge any track and field athlete, but both the girls and boys teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North ignored the cold and channeled the rivalry's heat in a MAC Red showdown that featured nearly 270 athletes Tuesday, April 18, on the Blue Devils home turf.

### Girls

On the girls side, South bested North 89-48, winning 10 of the meet's 17 events and moving the Blue Devils to 3-0 on the season.

South and North were evenly matched in the individual sprint and distance races, said Steve Zaranek, South girls head track and field coach. The teams came out of those races tied 27-27. The difference was in hurdles and relays, where South won 17-1 and 20-0 respectively.

"We were just a little deeper and that depth came out in those two

areas," Zaranek said.

The score also remained close in the five field events, with South having a 25-20 advantage.

South senior co-captain Selga Jansons helped lead the way by winning both 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles, in addition to leading off South's winning 1600 relay and anchoring the winning 400 relay. Along with teammates O'hara Diamond, Sofia Guevara, Claire Zurowick and Madison Duff, South ran to season-best times in both relays.

Diamond had another banner day, winning the 100 dash and leading off the 400 and 800 relays. Sophomore Jaimison Diamond added sprint depth points in the 200 dash.

Sophomore Adelina Parikh took second behind Jansons in both hurdle events, while junior Hannah Przybyski took third place in the 300 hurdles.

In the distance races, South's lone first-place finish came from sophomore Savannah Spangler in the 3200 meter run. Spangler also placed in the 1600

meter run with junior Morgan Deenik. Deenik, Spangler, Kelly Gavagan and Ella Pazuchowski teamed up in the 3200 relay for a first-place finish. Deenik and Gavagan took second- and third-place finishes respectively in the 800 run.

In the field events, South sophomore Olivia Barba became the fifth girl in South history to break the 100 feet distance, winning the discus with a throw of 100 feet, 5 inches. Barba placed second in shot put by throwing a career best of 29.3. Junior Malvina Lubanski added third-place points in both events.

South also took second and third in the pole vault with senior Ava Rogowski clearing a career best 7 feet, 6 inches with teammate freshman Evelyn Wodysz clearing a personal record 7 feet.

Freshman Morgan Duff and her senior sister, Madison Duff, placed first and second respectively in the long jump, each leaping more than 14 feet. Senior Grace Winger

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PHOTO BY MIRANDA BARBA

South's O'hara Diamond hands off to Sofia Guevara in the team's 400 meter relay win against North. The Blue Devils took first place in all four relays on their way to an 89-48 win.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

# Three Norsemen sign on to next chapter

Three athletes from Grosse Pointe North are turning the pages to the next chapter in their sporting careers and marked the moment in college signing ceremonies Wednesday, April 19, at their soon-to-be alma mater. With friends, families and coaches looking on, Kaiden DePascale, left, committed to play men's tennis at Buena Vista University in Iowa; Leah Salisbury, center, committed to play softball at Rochester University in Rochester Hills; and Joel Jarvi, right, signed on the dotted line to play men's lacrosse at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. **Congrats to these special athletes. Go make Grosse Pointe even prouder!** —Meg Leonard

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

# QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The high school spring sports season is in full swing, and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights include:

### SOUTH GIRLS TENNIS

South girls tennis lost 6-2 to Port Huron Northern on Monday, April 24. The doubles pairs of Maeve Hix and Ana Maria Garberding and Megan Kornmeier and Katelyn Strong collected the Blue Devils' wins.

### LIGGETT GIRLS TRACK

Liggett girls varsity track and field earned 35 points and finished tied for eighth place at the Catholic League Intersectional Jamboree, hosted by Bishop Foley High School Thursday, April 20.

### LIGGETT BOYS TRACK

Liggett boys varsity track and field earned 95 points and finished third overall at the Catholic League Intersectional Jamboree, hosted by Bishop Foley High School Thursday, April 20.

### NORTH GIRLS TENNIS

Grosse Pointe North girls tennis fell to tie Birmingham Groves 4-4 on Thursday, April 20, winning two doubles matches and two singles. The Norsemen fell to Forest Hills Northern 7-1 on Saturday, April 22. Heleina Pietrowsky had the team's lone victory.

### LIGGETT GIRLS TENNIS

The Knights' girls tennis team from University Liggett dominated Everest 7-1 on Monday, April 24. Liggett swept the entire singles competition and took three of four doubles matches.

### LIGGETT AND NORTH BOYS GOLF

Liggett boys golf defeated North last Wednesday, April 19, at the Lochmoor Club by a narrow margin of just six shots. Campbell Marchal had the low score for the Knights at 47, tying Jack Howe, who had the lowest score for North in the nine hole competition.

### SOUTH BOYS GOLF

South boys golf traveled to the Detroit Golf Club on Monday, April 24, for the Detroit Golf Club Invitational hosted by U of D Jesuit. The Blue Devils finished ninth with Corbin Ifkovits shooting the low score of 74.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to [mleonard@grossepointenews.com](mailto:mleonard@grossepointenews.com).

# SPORTS CALENDAR APRIL 2023

**27**

- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS baseball vs. Stevenson
- > 4:30p.m. - GPS softball vs. Cousino
- > 7 p.m. - GPS boys lax @ PH
- > 4 p.m. - GPN @ ULS girls tennis
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN softball @ CV
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN baseball vs. CV
- > 6 p.m. - GPN boys lax vs. Eisenhower
- > 3 p.m. - ULS boys golf @ Austin Catholic
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS girls soccer vs. Greenhills
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS softball vs. Lakeview
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS boys + girls track & field @ Greenhills

**28**

- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS baseball @ Stevenson
- > 7 p.m. - GPS girls lax @ Eisenhower
- > 8 a.m. - GPN boys golf @ Gil Evans Tourney
- > 3:30 p.m. - GPN boys + girls track & field @ Franklin
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN girls lax @ Sacred Heart
- > 6 p.m. - GPN boys lax vs. LC
- > 7 p.m. - GPN girls soccer @ Stevenson
- > 5:30 p.m. - GPN girls lax @ St. Catherine
- > 7 p.m. - ULS boys lax @ Anchor Bay

**29**

- > TBD - GPS softball @ Holland Tourney
- > 8 p.m. - GPS girls tennis @ FHN
- > 9:30 a.m. - GPS boys + girls track & field @ Warren Mott - 9:30am
- > 11 a.m. - GPS baseball vs. LC (DH)
- > 9 a.m. - GPN girls tennis @ Grosse Ile
- > 10 a.m. - GPN softball vs. Algonac
- > 11 a.m. - GPN baseball vs. Eisenhower (DH)
- > 11 a.m. - ULS baseball vs. DLS
- > 11 a.m. - ULS softball @ OLL



Photos by Leon Hallip

# MAY 2023



**1**

- > 2 p.m. - Boys Golf Blue Devil Invitational (GPS, GPN, ULS) @ CCD,
- > 4 p.m. - ULS Boys + Girls Track CHSL Meet
- > 4 p.m. - GPS Girls Tennis vs. Romeo
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Lax @ Regina
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Girls Soccer @ Romeo
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Baseball vs. Anchor Bay
- > 6 p.m. - ULS Boys Lax vs. Shrine
- > 7 p.m. - GPN Girls Lax vs. CV
- > 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Lax vs. Eisenhower

**2**

- > 4 p.m. - GPN Boys + Girls Track vs. Romeo
- > 4 p.m. - GPS Boys + Girls Track @ CV
- > 4 p.m. - GPN Girls Tennis vs. N Farmington
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Softball @ Ford II
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS Baseball vs. Romeo
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS Softball @ LC
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Soccer @ Cranbrook
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Tennis vs. Shrine
- > 5:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Lax @ ND Prep
- > 7 p.m. - GPS Girls Lax @ Bloomfield Hills

**3**

- > 3 p.m. - GPN Boys Golf vs. Romeo
- > 4 p.m. - GPS @ ULS Girls Tennis
- > 4 p.m. - ULS Baseball vs. OLSM
- > 4 p.m. - GPN Girls Soccer vs. Anchor Bay
- > 4 p.m. - GPN Baseball vs. Anchor Bay
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Lax @ Sacred Heart
- > 6 p.m. - GPN Boys Lax vs. Dakota
- > 7 p.m. - GPS Boys Lax @. Romeo
- > 7:30 p.m. - GPS Girls Soccer vs. CV

**4**

- > TBD - GPS Boys Golf @ Farmington
- > 4 p.m. - ULS Girls Soccer @ Shrine
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Baseball vs. Anchor Bay
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Softball @ Eisenhower
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS Softball vs. Fraser
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS Baseball vs. Romeo
- > 7:30 p.m. - GPS Girls Lax vs. Country Day

**5**

- > 3 p.m. - GPN Boys + Girls Track @ Anchor Bay
- > 4 p.m. - GPN Girls Tennis vs. Regina
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Softball @ Cabrini
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Girls Lax @ Regina
- > 4:30p.m. GPS Baseball vs. Romeo
- > 5 p.m. - GPN @ ULS Boys Lax
- > 7 p.m. - GPS Girls Soccer @ Stevenson
- > 7:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Lax @ Divine Child

**6**

- > TBD - GPN Softball (Michigan Stars Tournament)
- > 8 a.m. - GPS Girls Tennis Quad
- > 8:30 a.m. - GPS Boys + Girls Track @ Algonac
- > 10 a.m. - GPS Softball (Round Robin)
- > 11 a.m. - GPN Baseball vs. Dakota (DH)
- > 1 p.m. - GPS Boys Lax vs. Lake Orion
- > 1 p.m. - ULS Baseball vs. UD Jesuit
- > 5 p.m. - GPS Baseball vs. Lakeshore (DH @ Jimmy John's Field)

**7**

- > TBD - GPN Softball (Michigan Stars Tournament)

Photo by Mike Adzima

**8**

- > 12 p.m. - GPS Boys Golf @ Flint Powers
- > 2 p.m. - GPN Boys Golf @ Ford II
- > 4 p.m. - ULS Baseball @ DLS
- > 4 p.m. - GPS @ GPN Girls Tennis
- > 4 p.m. - GPN Baseball @ St. Clair
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPN Girls Soccer @ Eisenhower
- > 4:30 p.m. - GPS Softball vs. Lakeview
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Lax vs. Regina
- > 4:30 p.m. - ULS Girls Tennis @ FGR
- > 6 p.m. - GPN Boys Lax vs. TBD (MAC Tournament)
- > 6 p.m. - ULS Boys Lax vs. FGR
- > 7 p.m. - GPS Girls Soccer @ LC
- > 7 p.m. - GPS Girls Lax @ Cass Tech
- > 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Lax vs. TBD (MAC Tournament)



## TRACK:

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South stands in first place in the MAC Red with a 2-0 record (3-0 overall). It hits the track next at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the 16-team Steve Johnson Invitational at Warren Mott.

Though the Norsemen girls lost to the Blue Devils, several North athletes had strong showings by winning their events, including the 200 meter (Mimi Trupiano), the 400 meter (Zofia Lutoborska), the 800 and 1600 meter (Lilian Deskins), high jump (Kendahl Watts), discus (Bailey Hopko) and pole vault (Sarah Westrick).

Other notable performances included Lucie Leonhard taking second in the 3200 meter run, Dene McCall's second place in the 100 meter dash, Hopko's second place in discus and Lilliana Ivanaj finishing second in high jump.

Westrick took third in the 100 hurdles, while Dakota White finished third in long jump. "Hats off to the South girls," said Diane Montgomery, North's girls track and field head coach in an email. "They always have impressive depth in individual events. We are still developing many newer athletes. We will certainly look to be more competitive in May for the champi-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

South boys track celebrates its big rivalry win over North last Tuesday, April 18 to remain undefeated.

onship part of the season."

After facing South on Tuesday, North traveled to Woodhaven Saturday, April 22, for the Warrior Invitational. Montgomery said the team shifted its focus off of a team title and instead many of her athletes focused on fewer events.

The Norsemen ended the day in fourth place, just one point shy of a top-three finish from among 15 teams. Some individual highlights for North girls included: Deskins and Lutoborska, who took first and second respectively in the 800-

Leonhard, Sophia Dragich and Katie Madigan, who took first, third and sixth in the two-mile run.

Westrick, who took fourth in pole vault.

Mimi Trupiano, who took sixth in the 200.

The relay team of Trupiano, Dakota White, Serenity Fulce and Dene McCall took fourth in the 400 relay.

The 800 relay team of Quinn Notebaert, Gusmano, Fulce and Trupiano, which took fifth.

North took on Dakota Tuesday, April 25, after press time. The team heads to Franklin High School for a 3:30 p.m.

meet Friday, April 28.

## Boys

South's boys varsity track and field remained undefeated this season by beating North by a score of 99-38 Tuesday, April 18. The convincing win moved the Blue Devils to 3-0 and in sole possession of first place in the MAC Red.

"Our usual 'stars' won big on Tuesday, but it was definitely a day where so many stepped up to compete against our crosstown rivals," said South's head coach Mark Sonnenberg via email.

On the track, senior Baxter Russell ran the

best 100 meter of his career, winning his event with a hand-time of 11 seconds flat. Tommy Caulfield ran a solid 3200 meter, breaking 11 minutes in a personal record time that earned him a third-place finish.

In field events, Donovan Moody earned third place and a personal record with his throw of 39 feet, 4 inches in the shot put. Another personal best came from Adam Johnson, who earned a spot to compete with the varsity team next week with his shot put of 32.1. Ethan Beard took second in pole vault to accompany what

Sonnenberg termed "a solid JV 800, where (Beard) beat multiple green jerseys."

The team next competes in the Steve Johnson relays beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Warren Mott.

Despite the North boys team's loss to South, the Norsemen had many standout performances from several athletes. Alex Lawrence beat the field of competition, taking first in the 400 meter in 55.25. Reinaldo Williams won shot put with a throw of 44 feet, 6 inches, with Marcus Robinson finishing second with his throw of 41.4.

North boys joined the girls team Saturday, April 22, to compete at the Warrior Invitational in Woodhaven. The Norsemen placed sixth from a field of 15 other schools. Some highlights included:

◆ Caleb Kosel took third and David Rochon fifth in the 1600 meter.

◆ David Rochon earned fifth and Caleb Kosel sixth in the 3200 meter.

◆ Jaden Laster took fourth in the 300 meter hurdles.

◆ Williams took second in the shot put.

◆ Jacarre Gray finished sixth in the long jump.

◆ The 4x200 meter relay team of Lawrence, Paul Sorce, Aaron Brunson and Jaden Laster took home a third-place finish.

North faced Dakota Tuesday, April 25, after press time. The team heads to Franklin High School for a 3:30 p.m. meet Friday, April 28.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club is hosting its 51st annual "Reflections On Ice" ice show April 28

## Local skaters present 'Bedtime Stories'

The St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club is hosting its 51st annual "Reflections On Ice" ice show April 28 to 30, at Civic Ice Arena. Show Director Claire LaDue brings audiences "Bedtime Stories," another unique theme to the ice in what will be her 14th show for the city, where favorite characters and villains come to life.

"We are excited to perform our adaptation of your favorite stories onto the ice," LaDue said. "We have performers ages 3 to 60 in our

show and over 100 skaters from the metro Detroit area. We will have two special appearances from U.S. National Dance pewter medalists Emilea Zingas, who has been a member of our club since 2008, and her partner Vadym Kolesnik."

LaDue also said there will be group numbers, duets and special solos from the club's most accomplished regional and sectional level skaters. Expect to see exciting freestyle jumps and spins, pairs, dance and synchronized skating

with thrilling music at the show, she said.

"Reflections on Ice" tickets are on sale at the front office of Civic Ice Arena or at the door the day of the show. Skaters also are selling tickets and LaDue encourages guests to purchase tickets from them if they know someone performing in the show. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$10 for children. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

— Meg Leonard



PHOTO BY STEPHEN GMEINER

Boats from 12 schools, including Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett, braved the weather on Lake St. Clair last Saturday, April 22 for South's Earth Day Regatta.

## South sailing hosts Earth Day regatta

Lake St. Clair offered a wide swath of weather elements befitting of Earth Day as Grosse Pointe South varsity sailing hosted 11 teams, including University Liggett School, in a Tier III regatta Saturday, April 22.

Hosted at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the day began with a postponement due to lack of wind, only to see the wind fill in and help teams set sail. The Blue Devils "Plaid" and "White Mixed" crews were two of the three teams to win an overall title for the day's races. South Plaid also took first place in the A Fleet competition.

Race organizers managed to finish all scheduled races before hail moved into the Pointes.

A Tier III regatta is sailing's version of a scrimmage where every sailor gets to participate, said Christina Noland, head

coach of South's varsity and Knights, took part in sailing team. 12 teams, including the Blue Devils the Earth Day Regatta.

— Meg Leonard

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2023-2024 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budget including the general and enterprise funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, 15115 E Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. All interested citizens will have an opportunity to give oral or written comments.

Further notice is hereby given that a true copy of the proposed budget will be on file in the office of the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

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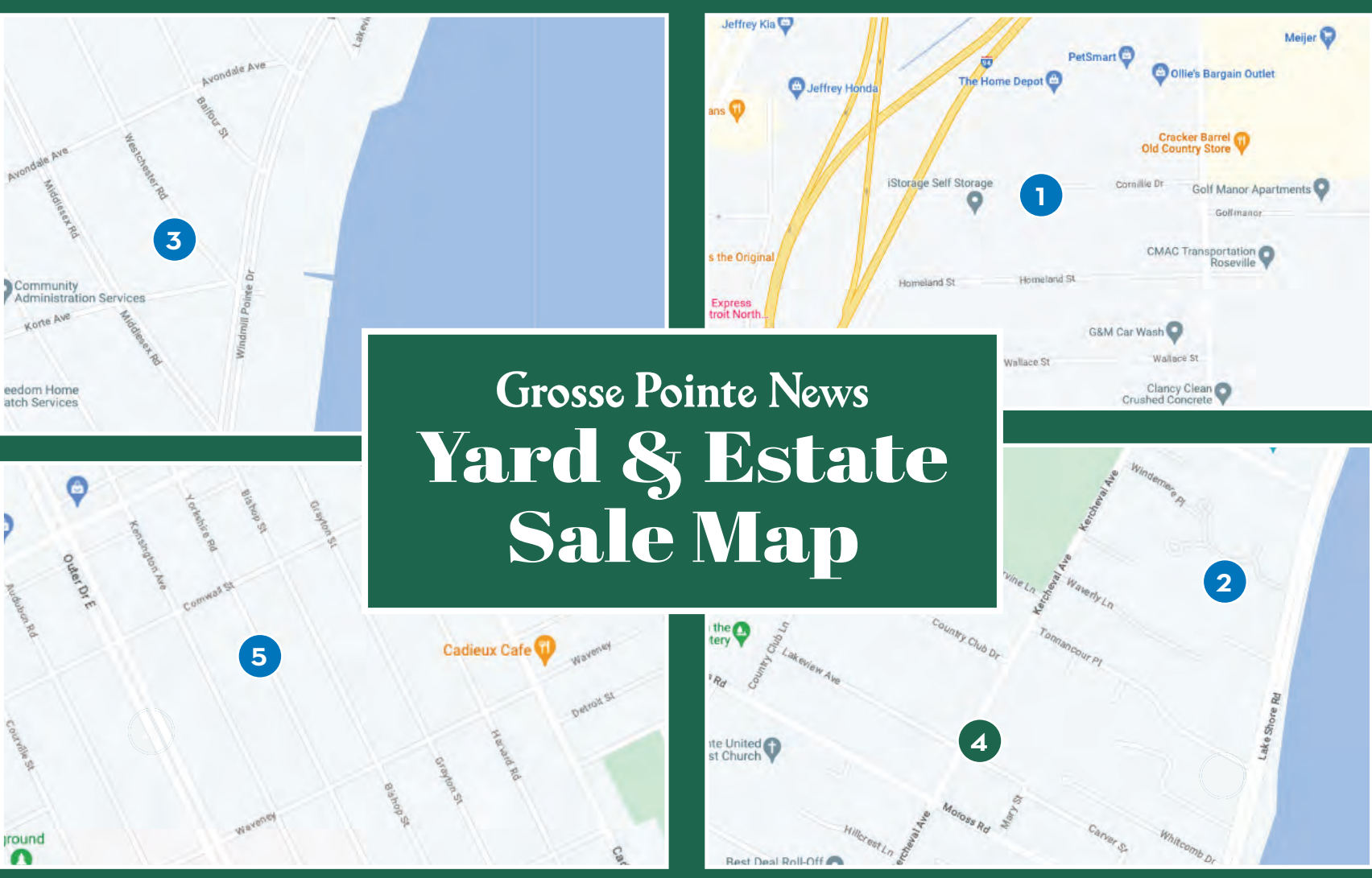
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## BASEBALL:

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The Crusaders took a 2-1 lead in the second inning, when a Tommy Ches single to center field drove in a run.

North evened things up in the bottom of the fourth when Drew Hill's sacrifice fly scored a run to make it a 2-2 game. Things stayed locked at two apiece until Shanley's heroics in the seventh.

Arseneau surrendered two runs on five hits over six innings. He struck out six batters and gave up no walks before Drew Hill closed the seventh. Hill gave up one hit and struck out three batters.

North head coach Kevin Shubnell said he is seeing his team settling into the season.

"I think our mood kind of changed (in regular season play). We played Liggett a week ago Saturday and we got beat pretty good in both games, and that's a pretty senior heavy team, so that was not unexpected to a degree, but I think our attitude changed now that we are in the regular league season," he said.

"Now that we are in the MAC White season, we

juggled some kids and juggled some positions. We got into the series with L'Anse Creuse North and started to put the kids where we thought they fit us best, and that seemed to make a difference. These are the games that are preparing us for the postseason."

Sandwiching the walk-off victory was a 6-0 North win Wednesday, April 19 and an 8-0 win in Game 2 of the double header Friday.

In last Wednesday's 6-0 shutout, Brennan Hill worked the mound, as the lefty went seven innings, giving up zero runs on three hits, one walk and striking out 12. After walks for Drew Hill and Cam Schafer, Brennan Hill got things started in the first inning, hitting a double on a 1-1 count that knocked his brother to put North up 1-0.

Sitting on a 2-0 lead until the top of the fifth, North got the bats going with a Jordan Arseneau single, a Ryan Henderson single and Shanley double that gave North a commanding 5-0 lead. Schafer scored in the sixth after starting the inning off with another single to give the



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

### North's Connor McMahon slides into second on a successful steal in the bottom of the fourth inning versus Lake Shore.

Norsemen the 6-0 win.

North followed up Game 1's dramatics by cruising to an 8-0 win in Game 2 Friday. Nick Jarackas threw a complete game shutout. The left-hander allowed only three hits and no runs over five innings, striking out three and walking one.

Shanley was 2-for-2 at the plate, with hits also coming from Schafer, Arseneau and Shane Armbruster.

Shubnell said his senior leaders are helping guide the younger players this season.

"It's tough because I think there's expectation for our program, both North and South really, when you've won and had success recently it becomes, fair or not, the expectation," he said. "It's tough because all of the preseason publications put us in their top whatever and you've got this kid coming back, but the reality is we lost a lot of leadership a lot of skill and lot of talent (from last year) and we are replacing them with a lot of really, really good kids who are just kind of inexperienced. It's been a process for us...You're putting that hay in the barn, and you're working and working and you're going to have set backs.

"But I've been pleased with how receptive these kids have been to coaching and also the senior leadership. It's the way they have embraced, 'OK hey, this is a different team, we can still be competitive, but we've got a lot of learning to do.' And

they've embraced that. That said, we're getting better each day and that's what's allowing us to see some success like we did last week."

North beat Chippewa Valley 2-1 Monday, April 24 to move them to 6-5 on the season.

They face the Big Reds two more times this week, away at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 and at 4:30 p.m. at home Thursday, April 27. They host a double header Saturday, April 29 against Utica Eisenhower beginning at 11 a.m.

#### Comerica Park

In what's become an annual tradition, North and South each played games at Comerica Park Sunday, April 23.

South lost 5-2 to Pewamo-Westphalia, and North lost 9-4 to Lake Shore. While neither team came up with a win, both program's head coaches share the same philosophy when it comes to giving every player the chance to play on a major league field.

"The 16- and 17-year olds playing in this game become five and six years old again," North's Shubnell said. "...It's just an awesome experience. All of us become five and six again when we are on that field."

Griesbaum agreed. "It's a day where everyone wants to win but it's important to us to play everyone equally and give them a special experience. For us, players one through 24 play, and everyone gets two innings. We focus on the seniors getting their time, too.

"It's always a thrill."

#### University Liggett

After losing its first two games of the season to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the University Liggett varsity baseball team has won eight straight, bolstered by strong pitching, superb defense and the hot bats of Oliver Service, Reggie Sharp, Preston Barr and Jarren Purify.

"Those guys have been the four guys to really carry us this season so far," said Liggett head coach Dan Cimini. "All four of them are hitting over .400. They are just having great seasons so far and we need them to keep it going."

The Knights shined in every aspect of the game against Shrine Catholic Tuesday, April 18. Tommy Schoeck threw a complete game shutout, allowing only two hits and no runs while striking out five.

Service started off the day with a solo shot in the first to put Liggett up 1-0. Sharpe singled on an infield hit and later scored after Barr's sacrifice fly to center, giving his team a 2-0 lead.

The game stayed all Liggett from there. Gary Stacy added a solo homer in the top of the second. Service, Barr and Ryan Jones each had two hits and Jake Martin added a hit in the win.

The Knights headed to University Detroit Jesuit for a double header Wednesday, April 19, sweeping the Cubs with a 7-3 win Game 1 and a 3-1 win in Game 2.

In Game 1, Liggett took a late lead after sitting on a 2-2 tie at the top of the sixth when pinch hitter Martin doubled on a 3-2 count to score two runs.

Sharpe earned the win, allowing four hits and three runs over seven innings and striking out nine. Purify had two hits.

The Knights took over the lead in the late innings once again in Game 2. With the game tied at one apiece in the top of the fifth, Service reached on an error and Sharp singled on a bunt to the pitcher. Ryan Jones singled on the first pitch of his at bat, knocking in Sharp to make it a 2-1 ballgame.

Cimini said his team's .373 batting average and staunch defense is helping the team gut out some tight games.

"We're not going to outpitch everyone like we used to," he said. "We've got good pitching don't get me wrong...but we've just got to piece it together and we have great offense and great defense too, so if we can play great defense and throw strikes, we're gonna be in every game."

Pitching came in clutch in Game 2 at the hands of Joey Randazzo, who struck out seven through six innings, giving up four hits and one run in the 3-1 victory.

The weekend brought Catholic Central to Liggett's home field in a double header that stopped early in Game 2 due to lightning and rain moving in.

Liggett took care of business in Game 1, with Barr throwing some of his best stuff at the Shamrocks, mowing down nine batters, allowing only four hits, and giving up no runs in the win. Purify, Service, Sharp and Martin each had a hit.

Game 2 put the Knights in a different spot, finding themselves down 2-0 in the middle of the first. The Shamrocks tacked on four more in the second and the score stayed there until the skies opened and delayed the game in the third.

The remainder of the game will be made up during an off day on the schedule, Cimini said. Liggett stands at 8-2 on the season.

Liggett's schedule doesn't get any easier this week, when it heads to Brother Rice for a double header Wednesday, April 26 beginning at 4 p.m. and then DeLaSalle in another double header at home Saturday, April 29.

"I like it like that," Cimini said of the schedule. "It gets us ready for the playoffs and the rest of our season in the Catholic League."

"Obviously, we want to finish in the Top 4 in the Catholic League so we can make the playoffs and try to do some damage there, and get another shot at St. Mary's (May 3)... we just want to be healthy going into the playoffs and win a Catholic League championship."

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE  
AUCTION OF  
IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on **MAY 03, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

**1980 CHEVY CORVETTE .....1Z878AS426605**  
**1997 CHEVY SILVERADO .....2GCEK19R2V1251895**  
**2010 VW SPORT .....WVWMN7AN5AE562342**  
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Lt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY**

Regular Meeting	Monday April 10, 2023	7:00 p.m.
A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros.		
Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donovan, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absent: None.		
Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2023.		
Council approved a Site plan for a seasonal dining platform in the public right of way at 123 Kercheval Avenue, The Bronze Door.		
The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a request for dimensional variances to permit the construction of a new home at 300 Moross Road.		
Council approved a Resolution for Inland District Sewer Improvements and Designation of Authorized Representative.		
Council approved a Request for Qualifications for Consulting, Design and Construction Engineering Services.		
Council approved the Proposal for Design Engineering Services for Inland District Sewer Improvement Program.		
Council approved a request from Administration to award the contract for the 2023 Road Program.		
Council approved a request from Administration to purchase new equipment for the Municipally Owned Parking Lot (M.O. Lot).		
Council tabled a Resolution approving the designation of the Pier Park Community Building as the polling location for Combined Precinct 1, 2, 4 and Combined Precinct 3, 5 for the August 8, 2023 City Primary Election (if held) and November 7, 2023 City Election until the May City Council Meeting.		
Council approved the Consent Agenda		
a) Request to set Public Hearing date for the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget to May 8, 2023.		
b) Consideration of a request from Administration to award a contract for the 2023 End of Summer Bash Fireworks Display to be held on September 2, 2023.		
c) Consideration of a request from Administration to award a contract for custodial services for the Municipal Complex at 90 Kerby Road with the current vendor, Triple F Facility Services.		
d) Consideration of a request from Administration to award a contract extension for auditing services with the current vendor, Plante Moran, PLLC.		
e) Consideration of a request from Parks and Recreation to award a contract for weekly landscaping services at Pier Park for Summer 2023.		
f) Consideration of a request to approve March 2023 invoices.		
g) Consideration of a request to approve an application for the 44th Annual Grosse Pointe Run to be held September 16, 2023 from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.		
Council received the March 2023 Public Safety Report.		
Council held public comment.		
City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk.</b>		
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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed 2023-2024 City Budget**

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: [www.grossepointefarms.org](http://www.grossepointefarms.org).

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.** The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
<b>ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Municipal Court	\$ 413,100
General Government	2,771,770
Public Safety	7,600,920
Public Works	3,335,210
Parks & Recreation	1,777,720
Contingency	50,000
Transfer - Other Funds	2,946,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,895,140</b>
<b>MEANS OF FINANCING</b>	
Taxes	\$ 14,295,230
Licenses & Permits	501,030
Federal and State Grants	11,000
State-Shared Revenue	1,253,370
Charges for Service	1,908,300
Fines/Forfeitures	335,500
Interest Income	276,410
Other Revenue	114,300
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,895,140</b>

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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