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## GPPSS posts draft budget

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System posted its draft budget to its website Thursday, June 1, for the 2023-24 academic year. It can be found at [gpschools.org/Page/19315](http://gpschools.org/Page/19315).

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the budget Monday, June 12, with a final vote scheduled Tuesday, June 20. Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business services, said additional changes to the budget could be made until the June 20 vote.

The current draft budget shows total revenue of \$104,368,171, with expenditures at \$103,139,050. That would result in a surplus of \$1,229,221, bringing the district's projected fund

balance as of June 30, 2024, to \$9,922,165, or 9.6 percent of expenditures.

The fund balance was as high as 15 percent two years ago, but has dipped below 7 percent this year as that money has been used to avoid budget deficits. Matheson said the budget was created based on a projected enrollment down 138 full-time equivalent students.

This version of the budget came about after two options were presented during a contentious, nine-hour board meeting May 22.

Trustee David Brumbaugh recommended keeping in place the \$3 million in cuts administration found based on budget parameters the board approved earlier this year, with an additional cut of \$1.3 million by reducing the num-

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## New grading system for GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Middle and high schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System this fall will implement a new way of measuring student achievement.

Known as "grading for equity," the sometimes controversial practice

will ensure grades reflect only what students know. Dan Hartley, the district's director of secondary instruction, told the Curriculum Committee during a meeting Wednesday, May 31. The plan also aims to ensure multiple pathways for students to demonstrate mastery of content; identify multiple opportunities for students to move

forward on the learning continuum; and allow students to demonstrate mastery through meaningful and relevant practice.

Those phrases come directly from the strategic plan language agreed upon by the secondary grading committee, a group of 26 teachers and administrators who volunteered to be part of the

process. Full details of the committee's work can be found at [shorturl.at/EFOT2](http://shorturl.at/EFOT2).

"We had some lively discussions and healthy disagreements because grading for a teacher can be a very personal thing," Hartley said. "We want to work together to come up with consistent prac-

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## Case heads to county

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — In the second week of no surprises, the alleged attempted killer of a senior citizen waived rights for a pretrial hearing in municipal court.

The latest waiver means prosecution heads this week to Wayne County Circuit Court for Essence Lafaye Cross, a 33-year-old reported nursing student from Detroit, for the beating and pistol-whipping of an 81-year-old Park woman during a home invasion last month in the 1000 block of Berkshire.

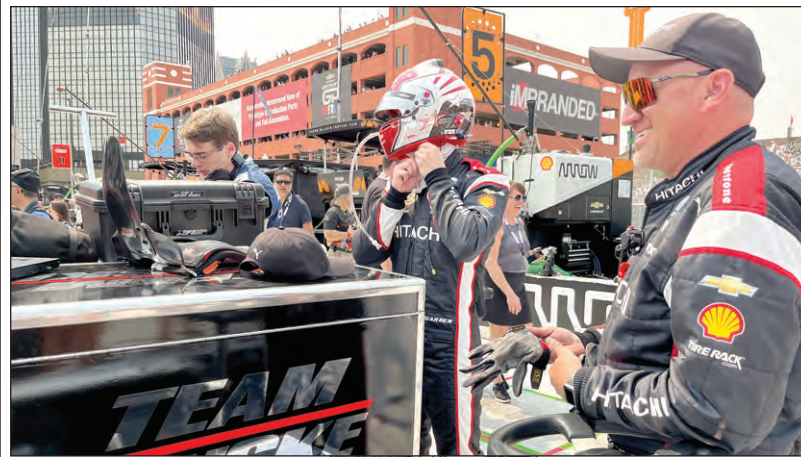
Cross, in Wayne County Jail on \$2 million cash-only bond, appeared in Park Municipal Court by video Wednesday, May 31.

She was scheduled for

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Our sports reporter, Mike Adzima, snapped these shots during his visit to the Detroit Grand Prix, June 2 to 4. Read about his experience on page 5D.

Above, Team Penske driver Josef Newgarden, fresh off a victory at the 2023 Indianapolis 500, straps on his helmet while making final preparations for the race.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Fans, crews and drivers gather on the pit lane as cars are put into their respective places on the grid moments before the start of the 2023 Detroit Grand Prix.

## Police: Pier Park pipe bomb likely isolated incident

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

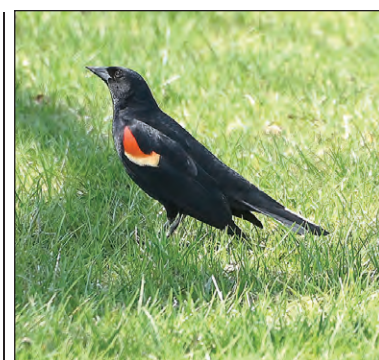
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Many questions remain, as there is little the Farms Department of Public Safety can share in the early days of an ongoing investigation into who — and with what intent — placed a pipe bomb in a flower bed east of the Pier Park gatehouse and near the pedestrian drop-off area.

The approximately 5-inch long, 1-inch in diameter object was noticed by a parks and recreation employee at

11:15 a.m. Friday, June 2, at which time a second employee noted he didn't see a fuse and threw it into Lake St. Clair off the east breakwall, south of the tennis courts — in the interest of public safety — before officers were called.

While the public safety report stated the bomb casing appeared rusted, Detective Lt. Antonino Trupiano could not comment on whether it was presumed to have been in its location for any period of time, as the investigation is ongoing.

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It is typically the male red-winged blackbirds who exhibit aggressive behavior during nesting season in the interest of protecting their young.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Red-winged blackbirds force Pier Park baby pool to close

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — It's a bird, it's a plane — no, actually it is a bird and it's not so happy to see anyone anywhere near its nest this time of year.

"The only way you're probably going to get a picture is if you sacrifice yourself to get hit, because

if you're in that area, they'll just dive-bomb you," Farms Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said of the closure signs at the Pier Park baby pool.

The city closed the baby pool Wednesday, May 31, after red-winged blackbirds led a swooping assault on anyone in the

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### Nate Steinwascher

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# Lincoln fire rekindled next morning; cats rescued

## Fundraiser for homeowner organized

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — In an uncommon occurrence, an attic fire in the 400 block of Lincoln Saturday, June 3, rekindled the next morning — more than five hours after fire crews had packed up and gone home.

“Someone saw some embers (at 8:38 a.m.),” Detective Mike Narduzzi reported, after three Pointe departments battled flames coming

through the roof from 7:30 p.m. through 3 a.m. Sunday. “I don’t think it’s very common. It does happen, but I don’t think it’s very common.”

The fire — possibly electrical in nature, as some of the firefighters at the scene heard electrical popping — took so long to initially put out because the attic was difficult to access through the plaster ceiling with metal mesh wire running through it.

No injuries were reported, including among multiple cats at the

residence.

Detective Dean Turk, Sgt. Chris Cotzias and Officer Jared Jones each are credited with rescuing a feline friend, which then were aided by responding ambulances, which carry oxygen masks for pets.

“I was there at one point when Officer Turk climbed a ladder and reached in and pulled one of the cats out of the second story,” Lt. Thomas Martindale was happy to share.

While the house was not deemed a total loss, a



Sgt. Chris Cotzias reunites a rescued cat with its family.

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With a goal of raising \$100,000 for Heidi Brandt — a 34-year neonatal nurse at Ascension St. John Hospital — the funds will go toward storage for salvageable items, emergency vet bills for the pets being treated for smoke inhalation and the replacement of clothes and medications.

“Heidi took care of my little preemie at St. John Hospital,” one donor commented on the GoFundMe. “Such an awesome nurse. She and her girls are wonderful people.”

As of press time, nearly \$10,000 had been raised through 945 donations.

GoFundMe — [gofundme.com/f/the-brandt-family-fire-relief](https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-brandt-family-fire-relief) — created over the weekend reports the

widowed homeowner and her three daughters may have to start over from scratch.

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The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad arrived on scene at 12:50 p.m., according to the report, and unsuccessfully worked the first 40 minutes combing the lake with a rope and magnet.

As the magnet contin-

ued to get stuck on the breakwall, the Grosse Pointe Farms Dive Team was activated at 1:41 p.m., arriving at 2:50 p.m. and entering the water at 3:18 p.m.

At this point, community interest was piqued when the Farms department sent out a vague Nixle alert a little after 3 p.m. referencing “a very small, suspicious object,”

in the lake and assuring the park still was safe to visit.

Farms Sgt. Tim Harris located the object at 3:35 p.m. approximately 30 feet from the breakwall and 7 feet deep, proving he doesn’t necessarily need his former K-9 partner Duke to get the job done.

Upon X-rays of the object and confirmation it

was indeed a pipe bomb — at which point MSP technicians safely neutralized it — Pier Park was closed and evacuated so officers could conduct a two-hour search of all buildings at the location.

“We believe it was an isolated incident,” Trupiano said, “but we closed the park out of an abundance of caution.”

A second Nixle alert, announcing the temporary closure as a precautionary measure, went out at 5 p.m. and parents

were called to immediately pick up their children from swim practice.

The skills of Farms K-9 Officer Rocco — trained in explosive detection rather than narcotic detection like his predecessor — came in handy throughout the afternoon and early hours of the evening as he was called upon to conduct two separate bomb sweeps of the park.

Joined in the second sweep at 7:30 p.m. with K-9 units from West

Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township and the MSP, no other devices were found.

Pier Park reopened the next morning Saturday, June 3, resuming its normal operations.

With curious and concerned residents in what is known as one of the safest communities in the state ready for answers, the department requested the community’s patience and cooperation as its investigation moves forward.

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a probable cause conference regarding eight felony charges: attempted murder, armed robbery, home invasion 1st degree, unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and four counts of felony firearm. The maximum penalty for attempted murder is life in prison.

“Where do we stand on the case today?” Judge Carl Jarboe asked Cross’s

retained attorney, David Burgess.

“Your honor, I spoke with my client as well as the prosecutor this morning,” Burgess answered. “My client, understanding her right to a preliminary exam in this matter, chooses to voluntarily waive her exam and have her case bound over to Wayne County Circuit for further proceedings.”

“How do the people feel on that?” Jarboe asked Elena Rozek, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor specializing in elder abuse crimes.

“The people have no objection to a waiver, your honor,” Rozek said.

“Ms. Cross, you understand you have the right to a preliminary exam?” Jarboe counseled the defendant. “It’s not a trial. It’s just a hearing to see if there’s some evidence that the crimes you’re charged with were committed and you’re the one that committed them. Mr. Burgess suggested you want to waive that hearing. He can’t waive that for you. Only you have the power to waive that. Do you want to waive that preliminary exam hearing, ma’am?”

“Yes,” Cross answered. “I’ll bind you over to

Wayne County for arraignment on the information one week from today, June 7, at 9 a.m.,” Jarboe said.

Arraignment is scheduled after this week’s Grosse Pointe News deadline.

The waiver lasted just over two minutes.

Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman, lead investigator on the case, had the same reaction as when Cross waived her right to a probable cause conference May 5 in Park court.

“Again, not unexpected,” Pittman said. “It just means the case gets transferred down to Wayne County Circuit Court.”

Having waived her right to a prelim, the next normal step after county arraignment is a trial, although there could be hearings about evidence and to determine if the defendant’s statements to police were made voluntarily.

Pittman said the prosecution is ready to go.

“We’re waiting on some things from the crime lab, but nothing new,” he said.

The victim, Jane Yamazaki, 81, remains hospitalized, he said.

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# Sutherland bound over for trial in Valade embezzlement

## Second case by Cardinal Trust brought against Farms attorney

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — After a full day of preliminary examination, including testimony from six witnesses ranging from special agents with the Michigan Attorney General's Office to the late Gretchen Valade's caregiver, David Sutherland was bound over Monday, June 5, by Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback on all four counts brought against him.

With an arraignment on the information in Wayne County Third Circuit Court now scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, June 26, he continues to face two counts of embezzlement of \$100,000 or more; one count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult of \$100,000 or more; and one count of criminal enterprise conducting.

The hits kept coming for Sutherland, a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney accused of embezzling at least \$15 million from the Gretchen C. Valade Irrevocable Living Trust for his own benefit while acting as trustee from 2009 to August 2020.

Upon the close of Monday's preliminary exam, Sutherland immediately was arraigned before Berschback on a new charge regarding embezzlement from another Grosse Pointe Farms trust.

Sutherland spoke for the first time in four court hearings when Berschback asked if he had a chance to talk with his attorney about the new charge.

"I have had a chance to discuss it with him," he said, before waiving his rights to a formal reading.

The second case alleges Sutherland embezzled, from Aug. 1, 2018, through the present, more than \$1.4 million from the William Cardinal Living Trust — funds which were intended to go into the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School educational trust. The claim, similar to that of the Valade case, is that he committed the act through a single wire transfer to one of the companies with which he is associated.

Pleading not guilty, he is charged with one count of embezzling \$100,000 more, which carries a maximum pen-

alty of 20 years in prison; or a \$50,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater.

The case — for which Berschback is requiring no additional bond, but will now require Sutherland's cases in which his client is considered a vulnerable adult to be supervised by another attorney already working in his office — is separately scheduled for a probable cause conference in the Farms at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26.

### Evidence in Valade case

When Plante Moran Trust took over management of the Valade trust in 2020, after Sutherland was removed, it found the assets did not exceed the liabilities. Currently, the trust is approximately \$40 million under water.

"My understanding, based on my review of the books and records of the trust that I've had access to," said Julie Cotant, senior trust officer and manager of the Valade trust at Plante Moran Trust, "is there were millions and millions of dollars that were taken out in loans,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

David Sutherland, right, and attorney James Sullivan confer during a prior court date before Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback.

either via a bank or loans from Ms. Valade herself or her 1982 trust. And there were millions of dollars that were spent and/or written out of the trust."

Plante Moran reported the trust took out at least seven bank loans — \$6 million, \$5.9 million, \$8.5 million, \$2.5 million, \$4 million, \$1.25 million and \$3.4 million — while under Sutherland's control.

Cotant also testified that possibly hundreds of checks taken from the trust were made out to Tuscola Energy, Byzantine Holdings, BP Pizzas, DTS Pizza Napoli and the Law Offices of David Sutherland — all

of which Sutherland has a financial interest in.

"There were millions of dollars in funds that left the bank account held in the '09 trust name and went to entities or people that the trust did not have any interest in," Cotant said.

After a lunch break, the fourth witness called by the people, who previously worked in Sutherland's office 14 years, testified she twice prepared backdated promissory notes of \$5 million each at Sutherland's direction — one prepared in mid-2017 with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2016, and the other prepared in mid-2018 with an effective

date of Jan. 1, 2017. She then confirmed it was done to cover checks that had been written out during the previous calendar year, with the funds going to Sutherland and companies of which he is part owner.

The woman offered her testimony pursuant to an immunity agreement, detailing as long as she told the truth, nothing she said could be used to criminally prosecute her.

Cotant then provided evidence that the two backdated promissory notes don't cover the actual amounts removed

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# It's easy being green

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Records are made to be broken, which is why a municipal team intends to celebrate the city achieving a new level of environmental stewardship by doing even better.

Park officials learned recently the city reached silver status in environmentalism from Michigan Green Communities Challenge, a benchmarking program supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, numerous state agencies and the Michigan Municipal League.

"This year we went for silver. Next year, we're going for gold," said Brian Colter, Park city forester and member of the beautification commission, which took over the city's sustainability efforts.

Only 48 Michigan juris-

dictions own one of three levels of recognition from the Challenge, which top out at gold.

"These communities logged the actions they took through 2022 related to energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice and more," according to a May 10 Challenge news release. "Fourteen communities received bronze certification and 25 received gold."

It was easy for the Park to earn bronze status for actions during 2021.

"We got bronze by reporting ongoing environmental initiatives we were already doing for years, such as leaf composting," Colter said. "A lot of people don't realize that leaves we pick up and store at the park (parking lot) go to a contractor for composting. Leaves come back to us in the form of nice soil."

Reaching silver status was tougher. Efforts capitalized on the environmental components of municipal infrastructure improvements.

"Infrastructure upgrades threw us over the top," Colter said. "At city hall, the windows are new, low-E (emissivity) glass. They filter sun so the inside of the building doesn't heat up like a greenhouse during this time of year. They're insulated with a gas."

Other improvements

were:

◆ **Lighting:** Converting the city's high-intensity discharge lights on Jefferson Avenue and in the pocket park across from city hall to light-emitting diodes. "LEDs last longer and don't use as much energy," Colter said. "Lighting was converted in the Lavins Center. This was all during the past year. They were big point earners."

◆ **DPW building:** "The new public works garage on Mack is a new structure adhering to current energy standards," Colter

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# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m. at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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area, overly eager to protect the eggs in their nearby nests.

The dive-bombing behavior is no surprise to Farms residents, especially those who try to enjoy walks along Lakeshore this time of year, but it is the first time the birds have affected Pier Park's pool area, at least since Galatis has been with the city.

"There's nothing we can do," Galatis explained. "We put signs up to alert people that the aggressive birds are in the area, but other than that, they're a protected species, so we're not allowed to move their nests. We're not allowed to mess with them or anything like that."

In an attempt to find a creative solution, park employees placed flags over the baby pool, hoping the sound would deter the birds from entering the area, "but that didn't work either, so now they just use that as another perch to be able to come after somebody," Galatis said.

The baby pool will remain closed until the red-winged blackbirds are no longer protecting their nests.

"We're just riding it out until they're done hatching and then we go about the summer as planned, so hopefully another week or two before that happens," Galatis said. "But unfortunately we're at the mercy of the birds."

No other areas of Pier Park have been closed at this time.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Pointer lives pro soccer dreams with hometown team

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

If anyone has made the trip to Hamtramck to watch a Detroit City FC match at Keyworth Stadium, odds are they have seen Nate Steinwascher in between the pipes for the home team. Steinwascher first began playing for Detroit City in 2016, and has been the club's go-to starting option in net since 2019, becoming a fixture in the lineup for his hometown club and getting the chance to be a pro in a sport that is simply in his blood.

"Growing up, every family function pretty much revolved around some kind of soccer playing," Steinwascher said.

While he and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe a few years ago before the birth of their first son, Steinwascher was born and raised in Sterling Heights. He played varsity soccer at Stevenson High School and college soccer at University of Detroit Mercy. He began training with Detroit City during college when the club was brand new, making Steinwascher a true part of the DCFC legacy.

"Seeing the growth of the club itself has been



**Grosse Pointe resident and Michigan native Nate Steinwascher has been a starting goalkeeper for Detroit City FC since 2019.**

goalies and I love rooting on good goaltenders in hockey. You train in a separate environment. ... You have to have a short memory and forget about it quickly, whether you make a mistake or play really well."

Balancing training and playing pro soccer, his day job as an accountant and raising a family, there is a lot on Steinwascher's plate. It has never stopped him though, because it all comes down to representing his hometown.

Whether Grosse Pointe, Sterling Heights or Detroit in general, the area is Steinwascher's home. Being able to be part of the Detroit City legacy is something he loves and wants to continue to do, because the club has given his generation of soccer players the chance to inspire future generations across metro Detroit.

"To be in the area where I grew up and know there's kids out there who have the same dream as me and that I can be a role model to them is an amazing achievement," Steinwascher said. "If there was a team here 20 years ago, I know I definitely would've been looking up to those players."

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amazing," he said. "I was there again and saw how involved the owners were back in 2012, and how much they cared and what they wanted this club to be. To see it become what it was then in 2016, when I made my official debut, they had four or five thousand fans at an amateur game and now today we're in the USL Championship. A lot has to be said about the ownership and what they believed this club could be and I'm so lucky to be part of it."

In between stints with Detroit City, Steinwascher played professionally in Sweden in 2018. When he returned

home, Le Rouge was there again to welcome him back. Since 2020, Steinwascher has made the second-most starts for Detroit City of any player. In 2022, he ranked third in the USL Championship among goalies in save percentage and fourth in total saves.

Goalkeeper is a position in soccer that comes with many challenges. Entire games for Detroit City can end up resting on Steinwascher's shoulders, but it is an opportunity he relishes being able to have for his hometown team.

"Everyone kind of looks at it like goalkeep-



**Steinwascher ranked 3rd among all goalkeepers in the USL Championship in save percentage in 2022.**

ers are a different breed," he said. "Some people say it's a completely dif-

ferent sport and you have to be in a different mindset. I relate it to hockey



COURTESY PHOTO

**Farms Sgt. Matt Hurner tests out the ice rescue suit during an ice rescue class in Beaverton last year.**

## PS gets ice rescue suits

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — While the Pointes have not seen a single incident of a person in need of rescue after falling through ice on Lake St. Clair in recent winters, the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department is prepared should the

need arise.

"We've been very fortunate we have not yet had a call out for such an event, which honestly surprises me," Farms Sgt. Matt Hurner said. "I can't believe that we haven't with the amount of shoreline and the way people like to use it."

Earlier this year, when the temperature was hanging around 30 degrees, the department purchased four imperial model 1500 ice rescue suits, designed to keep an officer insulated and completely dry, as well as float both a rescuer and victim with the ambient air of putting the suit on.

"They trap all the air and they have built-in floatation," Hurner explained. "... They are designed to actually float the weight of two men, so that would be the rescuer and the rescuee. Should your tether line break and you're floating out in the ocean — or out in Lake St. Clair in our case — it is made with enough flotation to float two grown men."

Able to fit every officer in the department — the suits can accommodate any height from 4 feet, 9 inches to 6 feet, 6 inches, as well as any weight from 110 to 330 pounds — the suits also boast a purge valve so they can compress around the rescuer for a better fit and greater mobility; built in harnesses so the rescuer can be tethered to a landline for quick retrieval; ice awls tethered to pockets on the sleeves in case the rescuer falls through the ice; pockets on the hood for a colored glow stick so each rescuer can be individually identified during a night rescue in case their lines need to be quickly pulled in; and

incorporated boots, so rescuers can simply slide their feet in.

Hurner personally can vouch for the insulated liner.

"I went up to Beaverton last year for an ice rescue class ... and all I had on underneath was blue jeans and a long-sleeve shirt," he said. "That was it and I was totally fine. In fact, I sweated quite a bit."

"It was mostly on the ice or in the water," he added, "so I was exposed to the elements for two 12-hour days and I ended up sweating at some point. They are very good."

The Farms now is the only Pointe department to own ice rescue suits, which complement the department's yellow, inflatable, 2019-acquired rapid deployment craft — colloquially known, by officers, as the banana boat.

Prior to the suit purchase, the department did have military surplus survival suits, but they were lacking, among other upgrades, a watertight seal and harness for the tether.

"It was just, if your ship is going down in the Arctic, you put these suits on and it should keep you alive until a rescue gets there and scoops you out of the water," Hurner explained. "If we're going to run out there and get somebody, that'll work for us in the short-term, but that wasn't their original design."

Now equipped with the four imperial models and one remaining survival suit, the new ice rescue suits should last the department 15 to 20 years.

Each patrol car also carries life vests for warm-weather rescue scenarios.

## GREEN:

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said. "The new DPW has insulation and occupancy lighting. Motion detectors automatically turn off lights a few minutes after someone leaves a room."

The forthcoming rain garden next to the main entrance of city hall is a two-fer. It qualified for the silver award, but also will be cited when going for the gold.

"Starting it gave us

points and finishing it will give us points," Colter said.

"We were awarded a \$53,000 grant from SEMCOG to install a rain garden in what is now a cement-covered area between the main entrance to city hall and the public safety garage," said Lisa Kyle, a member of the beautification commission.

Upon installation, the garden will soak up downspout runoff that currently floods the area or freezes into ice.

Downspout disconnection is required by ordinance as a way to reduce runoff into storm sewers, thereby lowering the risk of backups during big storms.

"The commission will have a part in the planting and maintenance phases of the rain garden," Kyle said.

Among other southeast Michigan cities earning silver are Birmingham, West Bloomfield Charter Township and Westland.

Nearby gold winners include Detroit, Berkeley,

Ferndale, Royal Oak and Novi.

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"It's a nice recognition," Colter said. "Being a Tree City USA isn't mandatory, but it's also a recognition of the community's accomplishments."

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Line cut

An AT&T fiber optic cable line providing internet to an Alger Place home was cut at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

The homeowner suspects two employees of a Comcast subcontractor.

## Altercation

A 43-year-old Harrison Township woman and a 60-year-old Grosse Pointe woman got into a two-sided physical altercation at Kroger at 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, after the latter corrected the former's young daughter for crashing a cart into the glass entrance doors.

Officers responded but neither woman was arrested.

## Stolen plate

The license plate was noticed missing from a 2013 Lexus while parked in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 7:50 p.m. Thursday, June 1.

## Left behind

An investigation is ongoing after a woman was cited for leaving her 3-year-old child in the car while shopping in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7 p.m. Friday, June 2.

## Engulfed trees

Several trees in the 600 block of Neff became fully engulfed with fire due to downed power lines at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, June 3. The flames were extinguished without incident.

## Extra tired

When officers responded to a report of a man sleeping in a red Mustang at a red light at Jefferson and Cadieux at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, June 4, they found the 61-year-old Detroit man sober but with a suspended license.

The man was cited for the suspended license and given a courtesy ride home.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other

## PUBLIC SAFETY

crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Drunken parking

Laboratory tests are expected to indicate why a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores man conked out behind the steering wheel of a vehicle found parked with its motor running at the junction of Kercheval and Kensington Tuesday evening, May 30.

A Park lieutenant responded at 8:47 p.m. to a report of the incident.

“Investigation revealed the suspect to be under the influence of known substances,” reported the officer. “Possible narcotics were found inside the vehicle. Charges will be sought pending the outcome of toxicology reports.”

## Bike stolen

Surveillance video shows three unknown black male youths stealing a bicycle at 4:34 p.m. Saturday, May 27, from the grounds of Pierce Middle School.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Meth bust

A 32-year-old Romulus man was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and possession of methamphetamine around 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, after pulling into the entrance of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and damaging his 2015 Chevy Equinox with a hammer.

When officers arrived, the man told them he was from Belleville and on his way to work when another vehicle hit him. He also told police he did not

know where he was.

A guard at the club told officers the man damaged his own car and was yelling that he wanted to commit “suicide by cop.” The man later told police he is bipolar and not taking medication. He was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

## Water rescue

A 19-year-old Southfield woman had to be pulled from Lake St. Clair around 11 a.m. Friday, May 26, after being suspected of driving a stolen vehicle.

Officers responded to Lakeshore near Deeplands for a report of a disabled vehicle and found the woman standing next to the 2017 Jeep. Several unmarked vehicles soon arrived from the Oakland County Auto Task Force along with the woman's caretaker, who owns the Jeep.

The caretaker told police the woman has a history of mental illness, at which point the suspect agreed to voluntarily commit herself to a hospital, but instead ran toward the lake and jumped in. She eventually was committed to a hospital by the Oakland County officers.

## OUIL

A 26-year-old West Bloomfield woman was arrested for drunken driving around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, after banging on the front door of a house on Lakeshore.

When officers arrived, they found the woman sitting in the front seat of a 2022 Ford Bronco covered in vomit. Her 2-year-old son was in the backseat and eventually was turned over to his grandmother.

The driver told police she had been drinking and stopped at the house because “that was safest”

for her son. She registered a 0.188 percent on a preliminary breath test.

## Dog attack

A couple and their dog were attacked by a pit bull on Lochmoor while out for a walk around 11 a.m. Sunday, June 4.

The victims suffered dog bites and their dog had two leg fractures. The owner of the pit bull told officers it was unusual behavior from her dog and its shots were up to date. She was ticketed for harboring a vicious dog.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Nutmeg state

Two recent instances of fraud targeting residents — one successful, one not — originated in Connecticut.

The first was reported around noon Wednesday, May 31, by a woman in the 500 block of Heather. She told police she was contacted in February and told she won \$5.5 million from Publishers Clearing House. She was told to send \$102,000 to pay taxes on the winnings, which she did in seven wire transfers over six weeks.

She was then told to send a Rolex watch worth \$15,900 to New York. She told police she was able to find out the money went to a person in Connecticut. She has since closed her accounts and now subscribes to an identity theft protection service.

Around 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, a couple in the 19000 block of Fairway told police they received a phone call say-

ing their grandson was involved in a traffic crash in Connecticut that injured a pregnant woman and he needed \$12,000 bail.

The couple got suspicious and ended the call and were able to confirm their grandson was not in Connecticut.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Altercation

Officers were called to Moran for a domestic dispute at 10:52 p.m. Saturday, May 27, after a 35-year-old Farms man allegedly punched his girlfriend in the face several times.

The woman was intoxicated and uncooperative with officers, while the man already had left in an unknown direction.

## Contamination

After a patrol vehicle was flagged down by a 26-year-old Detroit man in the 18000 block of Mack at 9:15 a.m. Monday, May 29, employees from across the street told the officer the man had walked behind the counter at a fast food establishment and begun pouring an unknown liquid into drinks that were moments away from being served to customers.

Within a store across from the fast food business, the man then opened a Fiji water bottle and began pouring a substance into it, turning the water pink.

He told officers he needed to give people “the cure” and that's why he was pouring the substance into the drinks. He also requested to be called Doctor Wok.

The man was issued retail fraud and trespassing violations and transported to an area hospital for a psychological evalua-

tion.

## Dashing attempt

A 33-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for third-degree retail fraud at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, after concealing \$53.94 worth of miscellaneous items in a DoorDash bag and attempting to leave a business in the 18000 block of Mack without paying.

## Stalking

Since being granted a personal protection order against her ex-boyfriend in February, a 36-year-old Grosse Pointe woman saw him slowly drive through a Lakeshore business parking lot and make eye contact with her as she was walking into the building at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, May 31.

## Underwhere?

A 48-year-old Detroit man smelling of intoxicants was arrested as he tried to conceal a bag of potato chips in his underwear at 3:52 p.m. Thursday, June 1, and leave a business in the 19000 block of Mack without paying.

Found to have an arrest warrant for retail fraud out of the Farms and blood alcohol content of 0.264 percent, the man was arrested for trespassing and retail fraud.

## Stolen bike

A black Trek mountain bike was stolen from a local high school between 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, and Thursday, June 1.

The 14-year-old Grosse Pointe boy had left the bike unlocked while attending a sporting event and didn't remember he left the bike there until the next day.

— Laurel Kraus

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### OUR VIEW

## Let's tip our caps to our latest high school graduates

A farewell letter to our 2023 high school graduates from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School:

Hundreds of you high school seniors are crossing graduation stages in Grosse Pointe this week, capping off four full years of juggling challenging coursework with extracurricular activities, the arts, athletics and a busy social schedule (and dealing with a pandemic, but we won't bog this letter down with that!). Whether your future plans include college, trade school, a gap year or adventures beyond the classroom, you earned something special in the form of your high school diploma.

Throughout your academic journeys in Grosse Pointe, we hope you discovered the many great and unexpected things you are capable of accomplishing. Looking back at your whirlwind of a senior year shows us just how amazing you all are.

In September, you jumped right back in the grind, unsure if you could crank out a 10-page paper about a Middle English novel or Shakespearean poetry. But you learned you can make it happen once you focus, even if you burned your copy of "Beowulf" immediately after.

This is the same month you decided to go to homecoming after much denial and protest, because ultimately, you knew this was your last chance to go to the dance you all claim is "so boring" or "the worst." You also faced the fact this is when your parents take 1,003 photos beforehand and post all of them on Facebook. Every. Single. One. To think you had nearly recovered from the "Last First Day" porch photo humiliation — again at the hands of your parents — on the first day of senior year.

By about mid-October, you were running on college application fumes. You didn't think you had enough gas in the tank to finish the slide deck for your art portfolio, or write yet another personal essay about "naming an obstacle you overcame that was fundamental to your success." But you did it. And you got your parents off your back about applying to their alma mater in the process.

By November, your fall sports were ending and winter sports tryouts were in full effect. You kept practicing violin or for your upcoming solo. You found yourself counting the days until Thanksgiving break.

But as soon as you finished the Turkey Day leftovers, it felt like you were right back at school, volunteering for a holiday food drive or winter coat donation drive, Christmas caroling with the choir or getting a last-minute gift for your favorite teacher or Secret Santa. You and some of your classmates also started to receive college decisions this month. And so the drama begins.

Now it's January and you're back at it, realizing you are approaching your final semester of high school. But first you have to get through mid-term exams. You momentarily wish you could somehow get out of taking them, but you keep studying, knowing the importance of keeping up your grades. This has become increasingly true, thanks to colleges dragging out the release dates for their admissions decisions. You wonder when the torture will end.

By the end of the month, many classmates have heard from both University of Michigan and Michigan State — two of the most popular colleges among your classmates. Some are happy, while others are devastated. Some wait in college decision purgatory, aka postponement or deferral.

By February, you are plugging away until mid-winter break arrives. A ski trip or lying somewhere in the sun sounds a million times better than sitting in an AP chem lab or history lecture on World War I, but you persevere.



105!

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jean Gilbert, accompanied by her daughters, Kathryn and Charlene, celebrated her 105th birthday Thursday, June 1, with a cake courtesy of The Helm. Gilbert plays bingo at The Helm every Thursday. Last week, she was serenaded by around 35 guests, plus staff, with a rendition of "Happy Birthday," before the cake was cut and served.

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### OUR VIEW

## Great time to be a sports fan in GP

Even though it's not the holidays, we can't help but believe this is the most wonderful time of the year, especially for Grosse Pointe sports fans. The wins, championships, state and national finishes keep piling up all around town.

This past weekend, both baseball and softball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South faced each other in their respective district finals with championships on the line. Each side of town took home a piece of hardware, with South baseball taking the district crown 3-2 over North, and North softball winning the district championship over South, 10-0.

At Liggett, the varsity baseball team beat South Lake 35-0 for the district title (and no, that isn't a typo, or a football score.) Just one field over, the Knights varsity softball team bulldozed through its district championship, winning it all by beating Detroit Edison 12-0 and Detroit Cristo Rey 26-1 in the title game.

Between its softball and baseball teams, Liggett outscored its opponents 61-1 in the championship games. That's pure dominance.

Last Friday, Liggett girls varsity soccer also got into the mix, winning its district championship via shootout against Royal Oak Shrine after two periods of overtime. North also won its district championship and faced Marian in regionals after press time.

In last weekend's Division 2 state tennis championship, both North and South finished in the Top 10 in the state. North finished seventh overall, and No. 1 singles Helaina Pietrowsky made it all the way to the final match, falling short in three sets to Forest Hills Central junior Lily Ohlmanto. South finished 10th in the state.

On the links, boys varsity golf teams from South and Liggett advanced to the state final after qualifying in the top three of their respective regionals. South is in Division 1, while Liggett is in Division 3.

In track and field, South's Logan Detweiler finished 10th in the 1600-meter race at state

finals, and the Blue Devils boys 4x800 relay shaved almost seven seconds off their seed time, finishing third overall to record the second-fastest time in team history.

Liggett's Jake Juip won the state championship in the Division 3 adaptive 100 meter race. The Knights' Taurian Dorthy took third at states in the 100 meter hurdles.

In Toms River, N.J., June 3 and 4, Grosse Pointe South varsity sailing finished 19th in the Mallory Nationals, from 20 teams from around the country. Although the finish was not what the team hoped for, the fact the team qualified for such an elite race speaks volumes about the quality of the Blue Devils' program.

In boys lacrosse, South won its district championship and reached the regional final, where they fell to powerhouse Detroit Country Day. But not before exacting revenge in a 16-6 win against De La Salle Collegiate in the regional semifinal, a team that had eliminated the Blue Devils the previous two seasons.

These impressive athletic achievements reflect the adage that it takes a village to raise a child, or in this case, a student-athlete. Credit goes to the parents who spend hours on lessons, driving in the wee hours to get to games and tournaments; siblings who are dragged to said games and tournaments; coaches who give endless hours of time and expertise for very little pay; athletic directors who set their programs up for success; booster clubs and parent volunteers who tirelessly fundraise; schools that support athletes on the field and in the classroom; South's Devils Den, North's Norsemen Tide and Liggett's U-Club, school spirit groups that coordinate themes and hype up the student sections at games; and of course, our community and strong alumni network, who show up to cheer on these teams, helping enhance school pride and spirit.

We're rooting for you Norsemen, Knights and Blue Devils. You make us proud to sport your team colors and cheer you on, win or lose. But lately, we are especially enjoying the winning side of things.

By March you get a kick out of the frenzy Massachusetts Institute of Technology creates among the country's high schools by letting prospective students know March 14 if they were lucky enough to get in. At this point in your academic career, you are savvy enough to know MIT's decisions are released March 14, because 3/14 (or 3.14) is Pi Day. You're also savvy enough to know that Pi aren't round; Pi are square(d), but that's a different dad joke altogether.

Soon, spring break comes and goes with great success, except for the sunburn. Decision Day has everyone excited about their futures in college or trade school or whatever the next chap-

ter may be for your 2023 classmates. Congratulatory graduation signs from North, South or Liggett start appearing on lawns from the Park through the Shores. Stuff's getting real now.

AP exams start, awards nights pop up, scholarships are awarded and promposals are in full effect. Somehow you can't believe you only have a few days left of classes.

Finals hit. You think to yourself, "Wasn't I just in kindergarten?" as you finish your last exam. It feels like yesterday you wore full Lilly Pulitzer or the GP uniform (khakis and a blue blazer) for eighth-grade graduation. You catch your mom tearing up when you walk inside the house after picking up your cap and gown. You practice for graduation. You officially cross the stage a few hours later, take even more pictures with your family and head to your all-night party with your classmates.

High school is officially over. We do need to make you aware of the fact that if your time here felt fast to you, it felt even faster to your parents. Trust us.

Your wish for you as you set off for college is that you hit the ground running when you arrive at your next destination. Be courageous and take that senior year swagger along with you as a college freshman or rookie in your next chapter. But do so knowing the place that gave you your wings also provided your strong roots.

Take these wings and learn to fly, Class of 2023. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



## Christians, don't hide your light under a bushel

“My bucket list is to have someone tap me on the shoulder in heaven and (to turn around and (hear them) say, ‘Thank you for helping me get here.’”

This was the response given when I asked a recent Pointer of Interest, at the end of the interview, what goals he had for the future. I can't imagine anyone will ever be able to provide a better, more Godly answer to that question.

What might we have answered? Likely it would have been to get that job or go on that vacation or hit that fitness goal.

I'd venture to claim it's impossible, to a certain extent, for Christians in America not to get swept along in the current of today's society — and we certainly are living in this

world even if we're not of it — but perhaps it is time to reassess our priorities.

This casual Christian culture has us awkwardly chuckling along when an atheist friend jokes, “I'm going to hell,” after making an off-color remark about someone we both don't like.

We then hurry the conversation along, subconsciously careful not to leave any space to dwell on the statement, for fear our God might nudge us to say something controversial like, “My dear friend, if you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are.”

The harsh reality is we'd rather risk that friend dying tomorrow and spending eternity in hell than risk an uncomfortable social situation today.

“If you knew about 9/11 before it happened, would you urgently try to warn everyone? Of course you would. So why aren't we doing the same thing about Christ's return?”

I came across this quote nearly a decade ago, but it only grows more true and urgent with each passing year.

The Bible clearly states no one will know the day or time of Christ's return (Matthew 24:36), but it also clearly states that He WILL return (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:2-3; Hebrews 9:28).

It is simply a fact that, just as much as it could be in another 2,000 years, it could be tomorrow.

To my fellow Christians, don't we want that college roommate or sister-in-law or sibling to be by our sides in unthinkable elation if the trumpets sound in our lifetime and Jesus comes to take us home where we'll forever be at peace with Him?

I am talking especially to myself when I say it seems we've all become a little — or a lot — too comfortable moving to the sidelines to make way for a definition of tolerance that is tolerant only if you agree with it.

We're willing to quietly

practice our faith, happy to be reaping the rewards in our own lives, but God forbid we rock the boat by telling anyone else there's a better way than what they've settled for.

I've very recently begun a new practice of prayerfully asking God, before meeting up with non-Christian friends, to provide both opportunities to share His gospel and wisdom in the words I use to do so. It is with earnest honesty, I can report I've already seen the Lord blatantly at work in some of the interactions that follow.

If there is one foundation any of us stand on, it should be this: There is a Lord over my life and His name is Christ Jesus. Following His will is my top priority no matter how many worldly sacrifices I may be called upon to make.

I understand writing this declaration to oftentimes faceless readers is very different than the face-to-face proposal I've been convicted to share and take part in — we've

certainly all had our Peter-and-the-rooster-crowning moments — but God also used Moses, who immediately said he was too shy and ineloquent to speak for God before the pharaoh, to ultimately lead an entire nation of people to the promised land.

Again, to my fellow Christians, I urge us all to make growing spiritual courage a point of prayer; to devote selfless love and specific moments of our prayer lives to those yet to know the life-changing power of salvation; and to truly live what we truly believe.

“If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?” evangelist Billy Graham once asked.

In a society that only celebrates being different by encouraging those to be a god over their own lives, it's time to accept we are different — and not in the popular way.

After all, the dictionary definition of “holy” only means to be set apart for

God. We should be living in such a way that makes it clear we are “set apart,” which in itself can provide an opening for questions from the curious mind.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you,” (1 Peter 3:15).

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded His disciples to, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.”

Jesus also said the two greatest commandments, under which all other laws fall, are to “Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,” as well as, “To love thy neighbor as thyself,” (Matthew 22:37 and 39).

What could be more loving than laying down our reputations, pride and fear for a chance to share the truth of John 3:16 with even one more person?

### YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

## 1948

75 years ago this week

**RECORD SET AS DEVILS WIN PRIZE THIRD TIME IN ROW:** History was made last week when the Grosse Pointe Blue Devils won the coveted Border Cities League All-Sports Sweepstakes Trophy to become the only school in the history of the league

to win it three years in a row. It also marked the sixth time the Pointers have won the trophy since its inauguration in 1933. It has been awarded 12 times in all. The missing years were during the recent war when league competition was held to a bare minimum.

## 1973

50 years ago this week

### COUNTRY DAY'S DEMISE NEARS:

University Liggett alumni will host a two-hour period of nostalgia for Grosse Pointe Country Day School, 43 Grosse Pointe Blvd., on June 10. Founded in 1915, the 58-year-old Country Day School was for many years the only independent school in Grosse Pointe. It was purchased in the 1950s by the Public School System and has undergone many changes. It will be demolished at the end of this year to provide parking

space for present school facilities.

## 1998

25 years ago this week

**\$1,000 REWARD POSTED FOR RITE-AID VANDALS:** Only two months after Rite-Aid crowned its store renovations on the Hill with a pair of bronze statues worth \$25,000, the artwork has been vandalized and a bounty put on the heads of those who

did it. The statues of a boy drinking from a cup while listening to a man playing a saxophone had become a popular conversation piece among members of the Hill community.

## 2013

10 years ago this week

**STATE CHAMPS, AGAIN!:** Members of Grosse Pointe South's girls track and field team hoisted the Division 1

state championship trophy for a third straight year. The Blue Devils won the state championship by more than 20 points ahead of the runner-up in the finals at East Kentwood High School. The team was led by the quadruple first-place finishes of senior Hannah Meier, who capped her high school career by setting two more state records. The 1,600 mark was lowered to 4:39 and the 800 mark was lowered to 2:06. In addition, she anchored South's victorious 3,200 and 1,600 relays.

## LETTERS

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### Time to stop kicking the can

To the Editor:

Apparently, Trustee (David) Brumbaugh is kicking the can down the road yet again. This time, sponsoring a petition demanding a strategic review of the strategic review. So he wants a paid “study of the study” instead of showing that he has the courage to make hard decisions during this time of difficulty and uncertainty. It is Trustee Brumbaugh and the former board who are responsible for this mess and they hope you don't notice. The former majority turned a blind eye to the administration's apparent mismanagement with its rosy forecasts that were designed to delay hard cuts. In March, Moody's Investor Service downgraded the district's issues and general obligation unlimited tax ratings from Aa3 to A1. The district is in a downward fiscal spiral thanks in part to the former board. The perfect storm of economic uncertainty fueled by inflation, mask requirements for children

during the COVID-cult panic, declining enrollments, high building maintenance costs and expiring federal aid requires hard decisions. The current board majority has what it takes to get our district back on track. All have the best intentions for our district, but delaying the inevitable will cause more stress for everyone involved.

CHERYL DENMAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Support for fiscal responsibility

To the Editor:

At the March 21, 2022, board meeting, Jon Dean in his opening statement pronounced the district's finances “healthy,” in an attempt to counter information that was shared at a Know Your Classroom town hall meeting.

Dean further backed up his claims of GPPSS's healthy finances in a letter to the editor in the Grosse Pointe News on March 31, 2022, in a counter statement to a LTTE I submitted in the GPN a week prior.

The previous board

chose to look the other way and dismissed what many knowledgeable community members were saying regarding the impending school finances crisis and especially the fund equity. Much of this was highlighted and shared at the Know Your Classroom town hall meeting just 14 months ago.

The work now by this board is much more difficult. The decisions of what to include in expense reduction made more difficult by the ignorance of previous board members. Expense cuts just to get the district to solvency.

The true unfortunate matter is without a reversal in enrollment decline the district continues to experience, these diffi-

cult expense cuts won't be the last. The district needs to desperately fix its revenue problem and by what I saw Monday night, that will be the ultimate difficulty. If a new family considering GPPSS was in the audience on Monday, do you think they are sending their children to that dis-

trict? Answer: No.

This administration has shown zero capacity to tackle enrollment loss and the lack of confidence in the administration has driven so many families away from the district, including my own.

I fully support the work of the board majority and

the processes it has implemented in order to correct the damage of previous boards and bring immediate financial stability. I respect the urgency of their work and the difficulty and necessity of their budget decisions.

SANDY HUDSON  
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With sails set and spinnakers at the ready, sloops, from left, Shockwave (skipper John Hutt), Freedom (James Cooper) and My Girl (John Raguse) lead heat one across the starting line during the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's Tuesday Night Sundown Series race off Windmill Pointe Park May 30.

# Steady winds fuel quick race

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Early evening Tuesday, May 30, a clockwise pinwheel of wind originating over northeast Lake Erie near Port Colborne, Ontario, sent 11 mph breezes in all directions, the eastern and southern arms of which changed course almost immediately and headed west up the lake toward Michigan.

At Pointe Pelee, near Leamington, however, this steady march deviated northwest across lower Ontario's tomato fields, windfarms and marijuana greenhouses; the Detroit River and lower Lake St. Clair to fill the sails of competitors in the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's second race of the year.

"It's casually called a beer can race," said Dennis Cotter, a former club commodore assigned to the onshore race committee. "That means it's mostly a fun race."

The 10 Commandments of Beer Can Racing begin, "Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously," according to various sailing websites, including forespar.com.

Commandments main-



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Helmsmen and crews eye their sails and each other at the start of the seventh and highly competitive final heat, composed exclusively of Crescents. Leading across the line is red-hulled and eventual heat-winner Moxie (skipper Katie Potter), French Connection (Philippe Roncier) and Evil Monkey (Kevin Cohan).**

tain a casual tone throughout, concluding with No. 10, "Thou shalt not worry, thou shalt be happy."

Members of the race committee were well-provisioned to manage the latest of 16 races the club sponsors spring through fall.

Some 51 boats are registered to compete this year. Races are Tuesday nights.

Boats are separated into seven heats. The first heat starts at 7 p.m., the rest at five-minute intervals. Races begin and end

within feet of the main pier at Windmill Pointe Park.

"We come down to watch three or four times per year," said Park resident Dick Schroeder, with his wife, Martha.

"It's a beautiful night with a nice breeze," she said.

A handicap rating system is intended to equalize competition between the various makes, models and sizes of boats in and among each heat.

"Performance handicap racing is an estimate of

how the boat performs," Cotter said. "It's kind of subjective."

Generally, people who eke out wins in handicap races are happy with the system while those placing a close second aren't, despite the Tenth Commandment.

Handicap racing allows for discussion about who really wins. In last week's race:

- ◆ the first boat to finish by the clock (at 7:57:38 p.m.) was Freedom, a J111 competing in the first heat of the evening, PHFR A;
- ◆ finishing first in

elapsed time was Centurion, a J29 which started in the fourth heat, PHRF B, and finished in 52 minutes, 51 seconds; and

◆ finishing first in the corrected time of 51 minutes, 54 seconds was Avatar, a Santana 35, also in PHRF B.

"We like to think of ourselves as being a way for people who want to get involved in the sport to come in and see if they like it," Cotter said. "They can come down to the dock and see it close up. A lot of people start their racing careers in this type of race."

Wind stayed steady throughout the race under cloudless skies and visibility of 240,000 miles, based on the clarity of craters in the waxing gibbous moon above.

On boats coming and going, shifting headings and coming about, skippers adjusted sails that filled with the snapping sound of a rolled-up towel on the bare butt of the place kicker in a high school football team locker room.

"You can't control the wind, but you can control the sails," said Tom Caulfield, crewing Freedom.

Skippers jockeyed for position before the start of each heat while race official Lynne Haggart, wearing a T-shirt

commemorating the club's 75th anniversary, managed overall action by raising and lowering a series of colorful flags signaling the countdown and start of each heat.

"There was action out there before the start, boats having to divert to avoid crashing," she said.

"It's possible there's an inverse correlation between the length of a boat and the amount of fun you have," Cotter said. "Because you can just hop in a little boat and go out with a couple people. With a big boat, you've got to have 10 or so people on board. It gets to be a pain to get everybody together."

Races are 2.5 to 7 miles long, depending on strength of wind. There's a two-hour time limit. Almost every competitor last week finished by 8:30 p.m.

"I thought we were going to have to shorten the course because there was no air," said Barb Samra, a member of the race committee. "But, we have a nice breeze tonight. Mother Nature is generally pretty kind to us. She deserves a shout out."

Remaining races this year are:

- ◆ Spring Series — June 6, 13, 20 and 27;
- ◆ Summer Series — July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and
- ◆ Fall Series — Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

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## Farms water rates rise, recycling rates stagnant

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Residents in the Farms will see no increases in recycling rates for fiscal year 2023-24, despite the city being under contract with Green For Life Environmental through September 2026, including 3 percent annual increases in what it's

being charged.

"We increased our fee last year from \$8.50 to \$12 bi-monthly and that \$12 fee is good enough to cover us this year," Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller Tim Rowland said.

Homeowners will, however, find a 4.5 percent water and sewer rate increase effective on all bills rendered after

July 1.

"What that means for the residents, the minimum bill, which is seven units, would see an increase of \$5.80 on the bi-monthly bill or total annual increase of \$34.80," Rowland reported. "But for the average user who uses 24 units every two months,

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# Various Village construction projects underway

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The adage “beauty is pain” also is true of a number of construction projects that have converged on The Village at once and are intended to bring a variety of improvements to the downtown district.

Turn a corner in a vehicle at the moment and the chances are high it will be rerouted around orange cones and construction tape.

Upon completion, however, visitors will be able to enjoy a CVS parking lot void of potholes, less risk of flooding in the area and aesthetic parking lot entrance arches.

## CVS lot

A \$1,713,560 reconstruction project on the parking lot behind CVS — numbered by the City as Lot 4 and also bordering a vacant greenspace, upon which construction of an apartment complex will begin once the lot’s construction completes — has been ongoing since early April and is planned to wrap up by the end of July.

Beginning this Monday, the



While work on Lot 4, better known as the CVS lot, is expected to last through the end of July, the City is offering free 90-minute parking in The Village parking structure.

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RENEE LANDUYT

track to be substantially completed, with Kercheval Place reopened to traffic, by Sept. 15.

## Lot 2

As new decorative entrance arches are being installed, the Notre Dame and St. Clair entrances to Lot 2 are closed, with access rerouted to the drive north of the lot off St. Clair.

Anticipating the work to be complete by the end of June, last week saw the installation of foundations for the new arches, along with the structural steel. This week, crews plan to complete the masonry work for the arches.

## Lot 3

Similarly to Lot 2, exit lanes from the parking lot at the Neighborhood Club — numbered by the City as Lot 3 — will remain closed until construction on new decorative arches wrap up by the end of June.

Parkers should exit through the alley along the east side of the lot that runs behind the Neighborhood Club, but can continue to use the St. Clair entrance for the duration of the project.

CVS drive-thru lane was closed to allow crews to remove the alley and any remaining pavement from the lot. Once the new pavement has been placed and cured, it is anticipated the drive-thru will reopen by July 3.

With the lot’s reconstruction having been on the city’s to-do list since 2005, the upgrades also will include four electric vehicle charging stations; the transition from meters to pay stations; a decorative entrance arch; new, decorative LED parking lot lights; and a bioswale for natural filtration and drainage.

Last week saw the crew finishing the electrical work and installation of the new lighting

bases, as well as beginning masonry work on the columns for the entrance arch and excavation for the new stone base for the parking lot.

## Intersections

Replacement of the catch basins and upsizing the connecting pipes at Kercheval and Cadieux — to improve drainage in the intersection which has a bad history of flooding — will begin Monday, June 12.

Temporary Kercheval lane closures to accommodate the work are planned. It is estimated to be a 10-day project, conditional upon weather conditions.

Come early September, the

intersection at Kercheval and Notre Dame is set to undergo a similar project.

## Kercheval Place

An extensive project on Kercheval Place — the back alley behind Kercheval businesses from Notre Dame to Cadieux — began last week and will incorporate extending the 30-inch storm sewer beneath the street to Cadieux, installing storm sewer leads to several of the buildings on Kercheval Place for future connection and replacing the water main.

The work is intended to minimize the risk of flooding in the downtown district and is on



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## Check presentation

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club recently recognized several nonprofits with a check donation during a recent meeting. Pictured, from left, are Paul Lechner, club president; Dr. Mary Welsh, Susie Q’s Kids; Gina Kell-Spehn, New Day Foundation; Alicia Carlisle, Michael B’s Cafe; and Dr. Paul Stockmann, Rotary Club member.

## TRIAL:

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from the trust in the two years. Rather than \$5 million each, the accurate number is \$7.7 and \$7.6 million.

“Even if the loans to Mr. Sutherland were somehow legal,” Assistant Attorney General Dan Gunderson said, “even if the promissory notes hadn’t been backdated, even if he had paid the \$5 million under each note back himself in accordance with the terms he created, the 2009 trust would still be missing over \$5 million from these two notes combined.”

While the 2009 trust — intended to be distributed to Thomas Robinson, as well as Valade’s endowment for the arts — initially was funded with life insurance policies, Sutherland added real estate assets starting in 2016, most of which carry less value than outstanding debt.

Throughout the pre-exam, defense attorney James Sullivan attempted to disprove the credibility of witnesses via a number of insinuations that investigators were influenced by the power of the Carhartt name. Valade is the granddaughter to the Carhartt fortune, of which her son, Mark Valade, currently is

CEO.

“As with all investigations, people come in with allegations,” said Douglas Sharp, special agent with the attorney general’s office and lead investigator on the case. “Until you can substantiate those allegations — through witnesses, evidence, stuff like that — that’s all they are, is allegations until you can prove or disprove.”

Much of Sullivan’s argument also rested on the claim that the trust’s legal language granted Sutherland freedom to borrow from and loan to whoever he may wish, which would include himself.

When questioned on the stand as to whether she had ever seen a trustee loan himself money from his trust, Cotant replied, “Only as a committee member on the State Bar of Michigan Client Protection Fund.”

At one point in the day, Sullivan revealed Sutherland had offered to repay the loans in fall 2020, through a payment plan of \$2 million to \$4 million a year, over a four-year period.

To date, according to

Sharp, Sutherland has repaid \$750,000.

In his closing argument, the defense attorney tried to fight the count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult of \$100,000 or more by stating, “An irrevocable trust cannot be, as a matter of law, a vulnerable adult. It just can’t. It is an inanimate entity represented by a trustee and Ms. Valade, as soon as she signed it, divested herself of all rights and interest in the trust.”

While it is true irrevocable trusts cannot be changed or ended by the grantor once they are created, the prosecution explained Valade still was a guarantor of the trust at the time the alleged crimes were committed, meaning she would be held responsible for defaulted loans, of which currently there are two.

“He turned Ms. Valade’s trust and unfortunately Ms. Valade into a human ATM,” said Scott Teter, division chief of the Attorney General Financial Crimes Division, during closing arguments. “Every time he needed some cash infusion in one of those other entities that were listed, (he) pulled it out of there, again and again and again and again, to the tune of millions of dollars.”

The defense did not call any witnesses.

## RATES:

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it would be an increase of \$13.77 every two months or \$82.62 per year.”

The funds garnered will go toward a 2.8 percent increase in sewer rates passed on from the Great Lakes Water Authority, as well as toward significant capital improvements planned for the year. These include a \$650,000 water plant generator purchase; \$1 million in water

main replacements on Colonial Court and Hamilton Court; and \$250,000 for a sewer lining program.

“It’s also very important to watch our cash flow this year,” Rowland cautioned, “because we’re going to be pre-funding the engineering cost on the sewer improvement project.”

Last budget cycle the rate was increased by about 5 percent.

“I think it’s important to note that not all that rate is reflective of what

we’re charging,” councilman and chair of the budget and audit committee Lev Wood said of the increases.

“The increase from the Great Lakes Water Authority, that proportion of the rate is \$55 out of \$103,” Rowland clarified, “so over half of the rate is that pass through for the sewage rate.”

Council approved the recycling and water and sewer rates 6-0, with Councilman John Gillooly absent, during the May council meeting.

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# New foundation aims to help GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — First came STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), then STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), and now there's STEAAM, which adds athletics to the mix.

That's the main focus of the newly created GP Foundation for STEAAM Support.

"We wanted to do something where we could have a broad impact across all parts of the curriculum and help new initiatives," President Jennifer Kendall said. "We spent about a year putting this together, finding people with a strong interest in our schools. I'm not an alumni but I've got two kids at Grosse Pointe South High School. My background is in education so it's something I'm very passionate about."

The foundation's first undertaking is providing more than \$600,000 to GPPSS for three projects. They include:

- ◆ \$403,000 for a new scoreboard at South's multi-sport athletic field
- ◆ \$100,000 for the new accessible playground at Mason Elementary School
- ◆ \$100,000 for district-wide musical instrument replacement

The project at South is actually far more than a scoreboard. It's called a Daktronics Live Video Display.

"Not only does it show the score, it has instant replay and connects right to Hudl," Kendall said. "And it has a curriculum component built in so the broadcast students can learn how to use it."

The donation for Mason comes on the heels of more good news for the school's PTO. The group recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and another \$20,000 from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds through the GPFPE.

This will put the group at \$187,000 raised toward a goal of \$250,000.

"That is just an amazing project and this will really benefit the kids," Kendall said. "People can see what they're doing and they are a powerhouse."

Money for the instrument refresh plugs a hole in the district's 2023-24 budget as that \$100,000 was going to be cut.

"That will benefit so many kids because having access to instruments and playing music has been shown to help in other parts of learning," Kendall said.

Board members of the foundation are Matt Agnone, Shery Cotton, Melissa Fradenburg,

Cam Shortz, Michael Stines and Ellisse Thompson.

This new foundation follows on the heels of the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation, announced last month. Although its mission is to serve underfunded needs of public safety departments in Harper Woods and the five Pointes, its first donation will be \$235,000 to GPPSS to install two repeaters at South to improve cell phone and police radio reception.

Since 2006, the GPFPE has given the district some \$4.1 million in grants.

"I'm excited that we have so many generous entities and individuals willing to support our kids," Superintendent Jon Dean said.

*(Editor's note: Board of Education Treasurer Sean Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News, sits on the board of directors for the GPPSF. His mother, Shery Cotton, and sister-in-law, Jennifer Kendall, are involved with the STEAAM foundation. In a series of email exchanges Tuesday, May 30, with an unidentified community member — the district redacts personal information when it posts constituent emails on its website — Cotton said he would recuse himself from voting when the board takes action on donations from either entity.)*

# Foundation announces close to \$60,000 in spring grants

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced \$58,342 in funding for programs and initiatives for its spring 2023 grant cycle. These grants, which benefit students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, include those within the GPFPE's traditional biannual grants program as well as SEED — Social Emotional Encouragement and Development — grants, supporting programs specifically targeting mental and emotional well-being for students and faculty.

The GPFPE Grants Committee presented the grants to the GPPSS Board of Education at its May 8 meeting.

The GPFPE has built a legacy of supporting GPPSS students at every grade level and school and meeting a wide variety of needs. This diversity is highlighted in the spring grants, funding robotics teams and coding, orchestra and marching band instruments, sensory rooms, mental health training and more.

This season's most substantial grant will help the Mason Elementary PTO achieve its goal of building an inclusive, wheelchair-accessible playscape.

The biannual spring grant recipients are as follows:

- ◆ Merging Physical Education and Academics, Young 5's to grade 4, Defer Elementary School, \$820
- ◆ First Lego League, Explore and Challenge Programs, K-4, Defer, \$600
- ◆ Coding For Kids, K-4, Ferry Elementary School, \$580
- ◆ Mason School Accessible Playground, Young 5's to grade 4, Mason Elementary School, \$25,000
- ◆ Materials for the 3D Printer, 7-8, Brownell Middle School, \$450
- ◆ Botmasterz Robotics Team, 5-8, Pierce Middle School, \$600
- ◆ Setting the Table for the Parcels Jazz Band to Protect and Grow Jazz Education, 5-8, Parcels Middle School, \$5,600

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## BUDGET:

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ber of FTE teachers by 10. The administration also suggested cutting elementary school Spanish, not filling vacant paraprofessional positions, eliminating one communications role, eliminating one middle school vice principal position and closing all three middle school pools.

Brumbaugh also suggested the district conduct a strategic review regarding deeper cuts over the next several months.

A second plan, presented by Vice President Lisa Papas and Treasurer Sean Cotton, aimed to cut nearly \$5 million and suggested eliminating the positions of deputy superintendent for educational services and director of secondary instruction.

Beyond the administra-

tion's cuts, Papas and Cotton suggested cutting one counselor at each high school and reducing teacher FTEs by 16.9.

At the close of the meeting May 22, Superintendent Jon Dean offered to work with Brumbaugh and Cotton to find a middle ground between their proposals.

"Dr. Dean met with myself and Dave Brumbaugh and Sean Cotton to go over the numbers and we tweaked

a few things," board President Ahmed Ismail said at a Finance and Facilities Committee meeting Tuesday, May 30. "We're at about 90 percent of our original breakdown."

The current draft budget includes some \$4.6 million in cuts, keeping several of the administration's original proposals with a few changes. Teacher FTEs will be reduced by 14.2, including 5.1 at both high schools, and one assistant middle school principal position will not be cut. Instead of closing all three middle school pools, Brownell and Pierce will remain open at least another year.

Rather than eliminating one counselor position at each high school, one position at North will go unfilled due to retirement.

With the teacher reductions at the high school level, it is expected core class sizes would increase, there would be fewer sections of core classes offered and classes that exceed graduation requirements would be cut.

Dean previously said that could mean classes beyond Advanced Placement level, such as in foreign languages, might be cut, although students could still take those classes through dual enrollment or the Michigan Virtual

Academy.

Dean also noted that no final decisions would be made until the master schedule is finalized.

Matheson said the new budget contains \$875,000 for teacher salary increases and \$543,000 for increased health insurance costs. Those numbers could change after negotiations with the district's various bargaining units are complete.

The board at its June 12 meeting is expected to vote on a resolution authorizing necessary layoffs and that those notices be effective at the close of business June 16.

The board also is expected to approve a resolution allowing the district to apply for a \$16 million line of credit. This is an annual occurrence because schools run on a fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, while the state's fiscal year is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Per-pupil and other state funding does not flow to the district until fall, meaning the line of credit is necessary to fund operations in the interim.

Matheson said the district had a \$13 million line of credit the current fiscal year and used \$11 million, with the money being repaid by April.

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## Gold medalist

Russell Warner, left, an eighth-grade student at Brownell Middle School, poses with the gold medal he earned for first place in the Optimist Oratorical Contest, held at The War Memorial in March, as presented by Optimist President-Elect Julie Baumer. Warner's speech, "Discovering the Optimism within Me," was repeated last month during the followup Optimist Area Oratorical Contest, featuring contestants from the southeastern Michigan Optimist clubs.

## GRANTS:

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◆ Sewing Machine /Lab Replacement Program, 9-12, Grosse Pointe North High School, \$3,200

◆ Boosting the Marching Band Bass, 9-12, North, \$4,500

◆ Unified High School, All-Girls Botmasterz Robotics Team, 9-12, North and Grosse Pointe South High School, \$2,000

◆ The Dali Museum Mural Project for District Office, 10-12, South, \$600

This spring's SEED grants include providing sensory kits districtwide and addendums to mental health crisis and prevention training for staff. The GPFPE's SEED program continues to grow and make a positive impact on students and staff.

The SEED grant recipients are as follows:

◆ PREPaRE Training Workshop, GPPSS mental health professionals and other school crisis team members, districtwide, \$8,200

◆ Calming Room, Young 5's to grade 4, Ferry, \$800

◆ Sensory Room, 5-8, Brownell, \$2,554

◆ Assistive Technology and Sensory General Education Kits, K-12, districtwide, \$2,500

◆ TRAILS to Wellness Group, 9-12, South, \$338

"Every grant cycle, it is so rewarding to see our teachers and administrators

express their passion for their students and their work, through their creative and unique grant applications," said Kathy Fisk, GPFPE Grants Committee co-chair. "Each of these grants, from the smallest to the largest, will contribute to the success of our students and our school district. We are especially pleased to be able to make such a significant gift to Mason Elementary's campaign to build the district's first wholly accessible playscape."

The GPFPE offers grants back to the district on a biannual schedule; applications are accepted and grants are announced in fall and spring. The SEED program has funding available year round and grants through this initiative can be funded immediately, without waiting on the grant schedule, allowing flexibility to respond to immediate needs.

"Another successful grant cycle underscores the impact our community can make when we work together to support our students and school system," said Cynthia Sohn, GPFPE board president. "Since our inception, the GPFPE has provided more than \$4.1 million in grants to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, funding opportunities and services in every grade and every school across the district. This would not happen without tremendous support from parents, alumni, neighbors and friends throughout our community and beyond. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for their support."

## GRADES:

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tices and then reassess at the end of next year."

The concept, however, is not without its detractors.

An April story in The Wall Street Journal quoted Laura Jeanne Penrod, a high school English teacher in Las Vegas, who initially supported her district's move to equitable grading.

She said soon after, however, her students realized the new rules

minimized the importance of homework and many ignored the need for rough drafts necessary for writing a persuasive essay.

"They're relying on children having intrinsic motivation and that's the furthest thing from the truth for this age group," she told The Journal.

WJLA-TV in Arlington, Va., reported in 2021 that several high school teachers there signed a letter to the board of education protesting the change.

"How do we reconcile

these policy changes with our efforts to prepare students for the challenges of their post-secondary lives — challenges which involve deadlines as well as successful completion of assigned tasks?"

According to Hartley, each department in each of the five buildings will implement common grading expectations and procedures for each course.

"It could really be called grading for consistency," he said. "Right now, you could have two

students in the same building, taking the same class from two different teachers who do the same level of work and end up getting different grades."

Under the plan, summative evaluations, such as tests, assignments, labs and essays, will count for 80 percent of a student's grade. Students also will be allowed to continue their learning and be reassessed on their understanding via test retakes, paper/project revisions and new learning opportunities.

Hartley said grading typically has involved teachers saying, "We already had that test, it's time to move on."

"We want learning to continue," he added. "If a student gets a 70 percent on a test but missed a couple of key concepts, we want them to be able to come back and prove they now know the other 30 percent."

Extra credit will no longer be awarded and things like behavior, meeting deadlines and completing homework will count for no more

than 10 percent of a student's grade. Participation also will not be graded except for certain elective classes.

Finally, each department will pilot one of four grading scales, those being a four-point scale, a 12-point scale, a 100-point scale with a 50-point floor or a 50-point scale.

Hartley said the changes will be fully explained to students and parents on back-to-school nights in September and via each class's syllabi.

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# Barnes eyed for possible fieldhouse

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The large field behind Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, would be the location of an athletic fieldhouse if the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approves a new memorandum of understanding for the project.

Ed Lazar of East Metro Athletics, which would build and operate the facility at no cost to the district, updated the board's Finance and Facilities Committee Tuesday, May 30.

"The original MOU has been completed and we did what we set out to do, which was to get renderings of a floor plan," Lazar said. "An MOU is not legally binding, it's more of a handshake on paper."

Lazar originally approached the board last summer outlining his plans. The fieldhouse would be used for off-season training and recovery, as well as a place to mentor student-athletes in life skills such as financial literacy, communications and culinary adequacy.

"We want to create a home for the complete student-athlete based on our coaching philosophy," said Lazar, who has coached boys track and field at Grosse Pointe North High School for several decades. "Based on the results I've seen, it works."

The new MOU indicates the project would only move forward "if and when" 70 percent of funds for construction and maintenance has been pledged and 50 percent has been collected and put in escrow.

Lazar originally envisioned an 80,000-square-foot facility at a cost of \$20 million. Now that he has architectural plans in hand, the fieldhouse would be 163,400 gross square feet and cost \$55 million to build.

Other costs include \$450,000 for annual maintenance and \$750,000 for yearly payroll. Lazar wants to create a \$35 million endowment to cover those expenses. He thinks there's a potential for \$350,000 in rental income per year, which would be split 50-50 between East Metro and the district.

"I think we could raise \$90 million in the next 12 to 18 months," Lazar said, noting he has received interest from local and national foundations, local hospitals and private donors who could be offered naming rights.

The scope of the project would revamp the entire area behind Barnes, including the parking lot.

"We'd have 400 parking spaces, so more than there is now," Lazar said.

The fieldhouse would include an indoor track, space for field events, basketball and volleyball courts, performance and training rooms, meeting areas, a professional

kitchen and a dining room. It would be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday with general memberships available for purchase, although GPPSS athletes in grades 5 through 12 would get first priority — at no cost — 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays.

Superintendent Jon Dean said the district considered two other locations, Brownell and Parcels middle schools, but felt Barnes was the best option due to traffic flow.

Committee member Chris Fenton said he thinks the project will encounter opposition from the surrounding neighborhood due to traffic. Fenton is on the Woods planning commission and the former deputy superintendent for business services at GPPSS.

"Although schools aren't subject to local zoning ordinances, I can guarantee the neighbors won't want it," Dean noted.

Lazar said he would hold town hall meetings with neighbors, including Star of the Sea Catholic Church across the street.

Treasurer Sean Cotton said he was concerned what would happen to donations if the full amount was not raised. Lazar said he is working through that issue with a financial advisor, particularly because donors would already have taken a tax write-off, but he's confident the money will be raised.



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## To states

The University Liggett School Girls Solve-IT team has made it to the state finals. The team's final challenge recently was submitted and winners will be announced in June. The ULS Girls Solve-IT team members are sixth graders Vanessa Haladjian of Grosse Pointe Shores, Charlotte Dickey of Grosse Pointe Woods and Bebe Noecker of Grosse Pointe Park, and seventh graders Alison Logan of Grosse Pointe Woods, Antonia Randazzo of Clinton Township, Sophia Carson of Grosse Pointe Farms and Amelie Duhaime of Grosse Pointe Farms. Girls Solve-IT Powered by Ford is a statewide technology competition for Michigan girls in fourth through eighth grades. The students work together in teams that are given tech quests to complete, which qualify them for the final round and potential cash prizes.

## Liggett student earns Best in Show at 55th Michigan Student Film Festival

University Liggett School senior Angelina Randazzo's film "Don't Ask" has been selected as Best in Show at the Digital Arts, Film and Television 55th Michigan Student Film Festival.

"Don't Ask," a short film written and directed by Randazzo, was inspired by her own struggles during the college admissions process.

"I wanted this film to capture my wild anxiety while writing essays and stressing about whether I'd be good enough for a college to notice me," she said.

In the film, she used a puppet, S.M.U.B., to represent her fears and anxiety.

"Satirizing the pain allowed me to create a film that is funny and relatably nerve-racking," she said. "I wanted the audience to understand that we are always stronger than our fears."

Besides writing and directing the film, Randazzo said bringing S.M.U.B. to life was a challenge. She created him using

felt, fishing string and PVC pipes.

"I used a crane system to hold him up and the process was an experience I'm glad that I challenged myself to," she said.

"Don't Ask" tells the story of Alex, a high school senior anxiously awaiting his college acceptance letters. After being rejected by every school, his fears overtake him. He refuses to open the decision from his dream school, S.M.U.B. While he hides from the letter, it comes to life and graduates from figuratively haunting him to following him everywhere. Will Alex let the brought-to-life college letter S.M.U.B.'s intimidating brows get in the way of his future or will he finally face his fears?

As a Best in Show honoree, Randazzo's film was screened during the senior high school awards ceremony June 3, at the D.I.A.

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## Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop celebrates 95 years

### Specials slated June 13-17

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop has a longstanding give-and-take relationship with the community. For 95 years, people have donated a variety of items — from clothing to home decor to books — for resale; in return, the shop helps fund youth activities and other programming provided through the Neighborhood Club.

#### A brief history

The Neighborhood Club was formed more than 100 years ago to meet the recreational, educational and social service needs of area families. Its thrift shop began as a rummage sale to raise funds to furnish a new community center.

The first Neighborhood Club president, Marion Jarves Alger, the wife of Russel A. Alger Sr., hosted the sale in the club's gymnasium in 1928. Following its success, the sale led to the establishment of the Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop, which continues to help offset program expenses.

"It was started by Mrs. Alger," said Neighborhood Club CFO Sean Bruce, also its unofficial historian. He noted recent additions to The War Memorial, funded by Alger family descendants. "The Alger family has done a lot for this community, with The War Memorial and the Neighborhood Club. It's amazing that one family had that much of an impact on two longstanding organizations."

The original thrift shop was located at a cottage at St. Clair and Waterloo. Eventually, that building was condemned and the shop relocated to the back of the Neighborhood Club in 1967, where it stayed until the building was torn down to make way for the current structure.

"When we closed the

building down, we found a temporary building on Mack, not where it is now, but a couple blocks north," said Stu Alderman, Neighborhood Club executive director. "It worked at that time because there were not too many options. Then we moved it to where it currently is around eight years ago."

"For 95 years, it has supported programs, mostly youth programs," Bruce added. "It offsets costs for programs outside of this building. The ladies who founded it would be very proud it's still going and that their mission was accomplished."

#### The shop

At 95 years old, the thrift shop doesn't look its age. Not only is it regularly revived with new donations, it also has embraced the digital age with frequent social media updates and posts to the Neighborhood Club website. Customers also can get on a mailing list to receive a monthly eBlast that details what will be on sale each week.

Alderman credits the shop's success — especially during and after the pandemic — to manager Patti Champane and her team.

"At one point, we didn't know what the viability would be," he said. "From March to June that year we shut down, but we made adjustments like everybody else. It's been straight uphill since then."

Even after the shop was forced to close for a week in April when a pipe broke and flooded the building, Alderman said more revenue was brought in that month than all of April 2022.

"They have an excellent part-time staff," he added. "They're dedicated ... and they understand the importance of working at the thrift shop and what it means to the community."

Champane said in addi-



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The shop's current location at 17670 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.



Above, the thrift shop in the 1940s. Left, two unidentified women find what they're looking for at the Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop in 1957.

tion to outstanding customer service offered by her 10-member staff, weekly sales and other incentives have helped build a loyal base of customers and donors; however, "We're super welcoming to new customers, too. ... We get new customers every day."

"We're more of a gift shop or a boutique, not a thrift store," she added. "We get donations from every taste and every budget. There's variety on the floor."

The shop offers more than clothing, Champane is quick to point out. Shoppers will find home

decor, pictures, glassware, jewelry, CDs, small furniture, books, rugs, linens, decorative pillows and more.

A selection of fine items is located behind the counter.

"They're all nice things," she said. "A lot of things are donated with the tags still on."

Twice a year, when seasonal clothing changes over, the shop has a 90 percent off sale for clothes exiting the shop.

"During the change-over every spring and fall, we work like little elves," Champane said. "Then we have a preview event with new items displayed."

"We also have a Christmas open house each year with great holiday decorations," she added. "Grosse Pointers love their holiday stuff."

The shop offers regular specials and sales, including Senior Day every Wednesday, when ages 60 and older receive 20 percent off their purchases.

Customer appreciation days and donor appreciation days also regularly occur.

For donors and shoppers alike, free parking is available behind the building.

"Most people don't

know that," Champane said. "We make it easy to make a donation. Just come to the back door, ring the bell and get a coupon for shopping."

Added Bruce, "We couldn't do it without the donors."

"Last year was one of better years at the thrift shop than we've had in our history," Alderman said. "That was great to see. Patti is one who always wants to do better than she's done previously."

"My goal is that we are a bedrock of the commu-

nity," Champane added, noting weekly clothing donations are given to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. "Also a great perk is we have a volunteer who writes thank-you notes to our donors. She's 91 and she's been doing it for a long time."

#### The party

To celebrate its 95th anniversary, the Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop is offering five days of special events, including a fish-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Today, the shop carries a variety of items, from clothing to home goods and pillows to pictures.



Patti Champane, thrift shop manager, holds two pairs of designer shoes, a Manolo Blahnik, left, and a never-worn Christian Dior, both size 5.

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# Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Festival is June 9-10

Grosse Pointe Theatre continues its 75th anniversary season with its annual Take Ten: Ten-Minute Play Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Performances will be held in the Undercroft at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at [gpt.org/playfest](http://gpt.org/playfest) or by calling (313) 881-4004.

What started as an opportunity to put her writing skills to the test by developing a story into a play form continues to be a passion for Mary Lou Britton, creator and leadership behind Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Festival. Britton, a St. Clair Shores resident, has grown the festival in the last 10 years and works with a committee, attracting many new playwrights, as well as seasoned and first-time directors and actors to this exciting event.

According to Britton,



PHOTO BY PATRICIA ELLIS

Venessa Ferriole of the City of Grosse Pointe reads a script section with Sal Rubino of St. Clair Shores during auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2023 Ten-Minute Play Festival, as Mary Lou Britton looks on. Both Ferriole and Rubino will perform at this year's Festival, June 9-10.

the 10-minute play format only started to be widely known in the last 10 to 15 years. She and her committee were amazed to see the response for this year's competition, which attracted 65 submissions from playwrights across North America — the highest amount in the

group's history of the competition.

"These are all new 10-minute plays, written by playwrights from across the land," Britton said. "This is our first year accepting plays from outside the state of Michigan, including Canada. We were pleased at the incredible

response. A panel of anonymous community-theater judges from elsewhere in Michigan selected this year's top 10 plays."

The judges' top 10 picks for this year's festival are:

- ◆ "Number 57," written by Marsha Roberts of San Rafael, Calif., and direct-

ed by Dominic Aldini

- ◆ "(W)ringing Your Hands," written by Shawn Samuelson Henry of Davidson, N.C., and directed by Janie Burkey

- ◆ "A Pocketful of Change," written by Rachel Hutchison of Grosse Pointe Park and directed by Julie Baumer

- ◆ "How Nice of You to Ask," written by Rich Rubin of Oregon and directed by Elizabeth Rager
- ◆ "Laid to Rest," written by Margie Reins Smith of Grosse Pointe and directed by Nick Marinello

- ◆ "Lucky Number 75," written by Margaret Berger of Huntington Woods and directed by Emma Jean Evans

- ◆ "Mother's Day," written by Pamela E. Kingsley of New York, N.Y., and directed by Michele Karl

- ◆ "Of Birds and Bombs," written by Adam Huntley of Boston and directed by Arlene Schoenherr

- ◆ "Sometimes There's a Girl," written by Richard Davis of

## The details

**WHAT:** Grosse Pointe Theatre's Take Ten: Ten-Minute Play Festival

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10

**WHERE:** Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is free and available at Grosse Pointe South High School.

**HOW:** Tickets are \$15 and available at [gpt.org/playfest](http://gpt.org/playfest), by calling (313) 881-4004 or at the door. Open seating.

Augusta, Ga., and directed by Pete DiSante

- ◆ "The Aftermath," written by Dan Waitulewicz of Detroit and directed by Erin Getzin

All 10 10-minute plays will be presented at each performance, followed by a talkback session with playwrights and directors.

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers a series of workshops to anyone who would like to learn about

See PLAY, page 3B

# Republican Club to host June 11 picnic

A canopy of shade and lakeside breezes are on tap for Eastside Republican Club members and guests as they gather at Patterson Park for the 21st annual ERC summer picnic Sunday afternoon, June 11.

"It's a great opportunity for people from Detroit and the entire eastside to meet and talk with like-minded conservatives as well as local,

non-partisan office holders and candidates," said Eastside Republican Club chair Mike Vethacke, announcing the return of the annual event. "Come hungry. The club will provide delicious food off the grill prepared by our guest chef from last year who returns."

The event will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Speaking from experi-

ence, Vethacke said, "Sometimes, the best parts are the surprise delicacies our friends bring to share. There is no charge. Just bring a beverage, a dish to pass or dessert. Also at no charge, we'll have chips and lemonade for all."

He encourages all Republicans to bring their families and friends.

"All are welcome, but

help us plan for the food by RSVPing," he added.

The ERC may be contacted via email at [jhacklem@eastside-republican-club.org](mailto:jhacklem@eastside-republican-club.org) or text or message at (313) 466-1345.

Matthew Patterson Park, 16006 Essex in Grosse Pointe Park, also known as "Three Mile Park," is a popular place to picnic on Lake St. Clair.

Kids are attracted to the splash pad and playscape, while teens and parents may notice the park's putting greens, shoreline boardwalk, pickle ball, bocce ball



COURTESY PHOTO

Shade and smiles galore at Patterson Park for Eastside Republican Club picnic.

and landscaped fountain. The Eastside Republican Club meets the third Tuesday each month from September through May at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Visit [eastsiderepublican.club](http://eastsiderepublican.club) or "follow" the ERC on Facebook or Twitter @ EastsideGOP.

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

### 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](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

- ◆ "Imitating the Landscapes of the Masters," with Donald Cronkhite. 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.
- ◆ "Painting Fresh Flowers on Yupo Watercolor Paper," with Nancy Philo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Cost before June 23 is \$75 for members, \$95 for nonmembers. Cost after June 23 is \$95 for members, \$115 for nonmembers.

- ◆ "Making it Work tour, a look at the employees who helped operate the Ford estate, 3 p.m. through June 29. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for ages 6 to 12; members pay \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12.
- ◆ Making it Work: The Staff of Ford House, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, with Ford House Director of Material Culture Lisa E. Worley. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

### Ford House

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

- ◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, from May to September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members.

- ◆ Making it Work tour, a look at the employees who helped operate the Ford estate, 3 p.m. through June 29. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for ages 6 to 12; members pay \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12.

- ◆ Making it Work: The Staff of Ford House, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, with Ford House Director of Material Culture Lisa E. Worley. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Explorers: Gardens, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 10. Cost is \$5 per child.
- ◆ Maker Studio: Nature Photography, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Storytime: "Nothing

Special," by Desiree Cooper, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.

- ◆ Game Night: Lawn Games, 6 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and Aug. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

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

### Visionary seminar

Dr. George Goodis hosts an educational scientific program for all dental generalists and specialists Friday, June 9, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Brunch is available 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and lectures take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lecturers include Dr. Richard Klein, Dr. Charles Goodis and Dr. Suheil Boutros. Singer Marella Piazza will kick off the program by singing "God Bless America." For information, call (313) 477-5909.

### 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 "Elvis" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Field trip to Comerica Park for a Tigers baseball

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# Free lecture examines work of architect Hugh T. Keyes

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Paula and Andrew Draper bought their house at 5 Woodland Place in 2015, they had no idea what they had on their hands. Or, more fittingly, under their feet.

"We didn't realize it was a Keyes home," Paula Draper said, of prominent architect Hugh T. Keyes. "You can't tell a Keyes home until you're in it. ... We found the original blueprints in the house and started researching everything he did."

Draper was so fascinated with Keyes and his work, she studied the architect and will present her findings during a free lecture hosted by Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors and the Grosse Pointe Public Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. Her research has been essential during her family's massive restoration efforts.

"We are restoring it to how it was," Draper said. "When we update (each room), we want to bring it back to what it was or the style it had."

The home, built in 1928, includes several key elements found in Keyes' work, including a round central staircase and a step-down living room.

"Keyes was known for



Above, Paula Draper will speak about architect Hugh T. Keyes during a June 14 lecture at the Ewald library. Right, the home's round staircase is typical of a Keyes design.



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

doing step-down living rooms," Draper said. "Keyes and Albert Kahn worked together in the '20s. This living room is similar to the Edsel Ford house living room. It was built the same year, the windows are in the same places, the layout is the same."

Other notable features of Draper's home include a third-floor former servants' wing — the original homeowner had two live-in maids and a live-in cook — which has been transformed into an

apartment for Draper's in-laws; an original indirect radiation heating system, which is still fully functional; and a powder room that includes original hand-painted fresco on plaster walls.

"Everything Keyes did had an understated elegance, but he was really into bringing the style," Draper said.

The Drapers are the third owners, following the Hugh McMillan family, who owned it until the 1970s, then Donald and Dale Austin.

"The entire house is steel and concrete; it will never be moved," Draper noted.

"Living in it, you begin studying it and realize it's built for today's time," she added. "Keyes did it so it's just as functional today as it was back then. The boiler system is in a sink well, four feet below the house with a sump pump six feet below that. Keyes was so ahead of his time, he planned for flooding."

The house is just shy of 7,000 square feet, which includes the third-floor apartment's 1,000 square feet. The home's openness is Draper's favorite aspect.

"It was meant for entertaining," she said. "I can feed over 30 people in the dining room. It's such a perfect house — it's big, but it's livable. It doesn't seem overwhelming."

The house, she noted,

was designed around the yard, as every room on the first floor opens to it.

"Doors in the living room, hall, dining room and sunroom all go to the yard," she said.

The latest room to undergo renovations is the kitchen, which originally was built as three rooms: a butler's pantry — "with cork on the counters so they couldn't hear the plates being set down," Draper said — the main kitchen and a servants' dining room.

"So we have two sinks, one that was part of the butler's pantry and the main kitchen sink," Draper said, noting renovations include paying homage to the servants' dining area by turning it into a separate seating area. "The kitchen closet is a pot closet, with lead lining, original hooks and a doorbell. There used to be a call box here."

The kitchen also features original lights, though they've been moved from their original locations. Andy Draper made antiquated poles for two of the lights so they fit the house's Tudor style.

"We have renovated it tastefully to preserve it and do as much of it in his style," Draper noted.

"We're still finding stuff after eight years,"

she added. "Each time we do a room, we find something else. We found a secret safe, but no secret passageways. ... It was built during Prohibition, so there's no wine cellar, but there is a fruit room with a locked door."

The basement also includes draining window wells patented by Keyes. Such wells can be found throughout Grosse Pointe.

"A lot of engineering design went into his work," she said. "A lot of architects didn't do the detailed work like he did."

While most of the main floor has been renovated, work still is underway upstairs.

"We're adding to what

was already here, not trying to change it," Draper said. "Why would we? ... All these homes on this block were built like this. We are just caretakers for a time. This will be here long after we are."

Draper said buying the house kicked off her passion for Keyes, though she's always loved architecture.

"I'm fascinated by the Biltmore and (its architect) Richard Morris Hunt, by Frederick Olmsted," she said. "I'm fascinated by the Gilded Age. We moved to Grosse Pointe and see elements of that. ... There are so many wonderful ties to that era when he built

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The walls of the powder room were hand-painted and still bear the original work. Pewabic tile was used inside the washroom.



The floor plan of Draper's Keyes-designed step-down living room is laid out similar to the Ford House living room, which also was built in 1928. Keyes and Albert Kahn, who designed Ford House, worked together in the 1920s.

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playwriting and character development. The workshops, typically held in early fall, are free for Grosse Pointe Theatre members and modestly priced for nonmembers. Workshop participants and others are encouraged to submit their 10-minute play for consideration in the upcoming festival. The submission deadline for finished 10-minute scripts is traditionally at midnight Dec. 31.

All play submissions that meet the designated criteria and theme are sent to the judges — who are not members of Grosse Pointe Theatre — and the judges' top-ranked plays will be performed at the festival. Once the plays are selected, directors for each of the 10-minute plays are chosen and open auditions are held to cast each play. Actors may be selected for more than one play. Each play is simply set so one 10-minute play can smoothly transition to the next.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Workshops and Play Festival welcome everyone. The 10-minute format is an educational and fun opportunity for writers, directors and actors, as well as entertaining for audience members.

"Participating as a playwright, director and actor in the Ten-Minute Play Festival will give someone a good look

inside the theater production experience without having to make a huge investment of time," Britton said, "compared to main-stage productions, which take a commitment of several months."

Britton is a 57-year member of Grosse Pointe Theatre and has volunteered in numerous areas of the theater, both on the production and administrative sides. When she came to the realization that 10-minute plays were widely accepted and something new to try, she became more focused on playwriting.

"I've been a writer for all my private and professional life," Britton said. "It struck me one day that playwriting was something I could do. So, I did. I wrote several full-length plays but found it challenging working on such a big project, trying to balance all the details and facts. Then a friend invited me to a short workshop at Oakland University on writing 10-minute plays. It was magic."

"That's been about 20 years ago and I'm still going strong," she added. "The rest is history."

In addition to the 10 playwrights, 10 directors and 23 cast members, the Ten-Minute Play Festival Committee includes Britton; Erin and Pete DiSante of St. Clair Shores; Patricia Ellis of the City of Grosse Pointe; Kathleen Lusk of Grosse Pointe Woods; Amy Ricker of Washington Township; and Stella Woiulewicz of Detroit. Nick Marinello of Mount Clemens will serve as emcee.

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## 4B | OBITUARIES

# 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.

## Susan Jane Mitchell Pierce

Susan Jane Mitchell Pierce, 77, passed peacefully Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in The Villages, Fla.

Born March 9, 1946, in Lansing, Susan spent her childhood years in Grosse Pointe Woods and moved to Westfield, Mass., as a teen. She graduated from Mary A. Burnham boarding school in Greenfield, Mass., in 1964, and attended Michigan State University. She returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree from Northwood University at age 50, a very proud accomplishment in her life.

Susan met her husband, John, in Grosse Pointe and they blended their families in marriage on Oct. 18, 1980. In addition to raising five children, they were partners in business, enjoyed travel, were active members of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Lochmoor Club and made family experiences a priority. They loved being grandparents of six grandchildren and took great pride in making memories and celebrating their accomplishments.

Susan's greatest professional joy was serving as the administrator of St. John Senior Community assisted living and nursing home for many years. She was able to dedicate her time nearly 24/7 to the care of patients, families and staff. She was highly regarded and loved by all who worked with her.

After retirement, Susan wanted nothing more than to be among the palm trees of Florida. She and John moved to The Villages permanently in 2009. They made many wonderful friends and memories together.

Susan is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Julie (nee Witzke) Brennan (Tom); son, Jeff Witzke (Jordan Macadangang); daughter, Jennifer (nee Witzke) Wickersham (Kevin); stepson, J.D. Pierce (Patty); stepson, Brit Pierce (Ashleigh); grandchildren, Hannah, Connor, Sydney, Alex, Braden and Ansley; and sister, Cynthia Mitchell. She was predeceased by her parents, Edward Mitchell and Marion (nee Mitchell) Rysberg.

The family is planning a private celebration of life. Donations in memory of Susan may be made to the COPD Foundation with a

donation notification sent to [smp46memorial@gmail.com](mailto:smp46memorial@gmail.com), or to Forever Saving Angels Rescue, 953 E. Kingsfield Road, Cantonment, FL 32533.

## Stuart Gordon Dow

Stuart "Stu" Gordon Dow, 82, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died at home Thursday, June 1, 2023, after a three-year battle with cancer.

A lifelong Detroit resident, Stu was born Nov. 23, 1940, in Indian Village, to Douglas and Mary Louise Dow. He attended Detroit schools and then followed in the tradition of his father and two brothers by attending The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N.J., from 1954 to 1958.

Following Lawrenceville, Stu entered the University of Michigan where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was tapped for Sphinx, the Junior Men's Honorary Society.

After his time in Ann Arbor, Stu joined the Ford Motor Company finance staff. While there, he received the Bell Ringer Award for his public service activities, including the founding of The Five O'Clock Forum, a popular civic awareness gathering featuring prominent guest speakers.

It was through The Forum that Stu connected with U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin, who invited him to work for his re-election campaign. Sen. Griffin recognized the value of Stu's skills, as well as his wide network of relationships in Detroit, and even went to Ford to ask them to release Stu for a leave of absence to work for him.

After his work with Griffin, Stu moved on from Ford and, in 1967, joined Merrill Lynch, where he enjoyed a 35-year career as a financial advisor.

Stu was a competitive squash player and a member of The Jesters, an international squash and racquet association, and a part of the squash community at the Detroit Athletic Club (DAC). At the DAC, he also served as a director and enjoyed a lifetime of friendship and involvement. He was an avid bowler and swimmer and his most recent passion was the community outreach committee,

whose mission is to create pathways for the DAC community to contribute to the city of Detroit.

Stu took great pride in participating in all of these endeavors; however, his greatest pride and joy was his family.

Stu married Therese O'Sullivan in 1969, and they began their family with two daughters, Sarah and Laura. His devotion to Therese and the girls was immeasurable and overflowed to the lives of those around them. The door was always open for their friends and neighbors, and his "girl dad" care extended to the wider community as well.

As a devoted father, he found himself one day raising his hand to help with a girls Neighborhood Club soccer team that needed a coach. No one could have imagined this would lead to a 45-year journey coaching girls youth soccer in Grosse Pointe. In addition to his long tenure with the Neighborhood Club, Stu launched travel soccer for girls at a time when only boys had this competitive opportunity. He then founded Pointe Girls Soccer Association to provide a breadth of experiences to girls of all ages and for several generations. Stu was still on the sidelines at the Neighborhood Club in April 2023, bringing the total number of seasons to almost 100 for Coach Dow.

Beyond his contribution to the community through soccer, Stu was a beloved member of The Witenagemote, a men's literary society, as well as a dedicated director of several local organizations, including the Library Foundation, The Family Center and Beyond Basics, a Detroit nonprofit committed to increasing literacy for all children.

Stu was deeply motivated by his quiet faith in God—he always knew he was "blessed to be a blessing." This was demonstrated by his fierce love for family along with his deep care and respect for all people. There was always a twinkle in his eye and he never met a stranger. He was quick to always learn not only people's names, but also all about their lives, their families and maybe even the sport or instrument their children played. His example of other-centered living has left a great legacy.



Susan J. Mitchell Pierce



Stuart Gordon Dow



Dorothy Ann Ignasiak

Stu was predeceased by his wife, Therese; his brother, Bryden; and two sisters, Patricia Ashurkoff and Caroline Dykhouse.

He is survived by two daughters, Sarah Reimers (John) of Los Angeles and Laura Coon (Zac) of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and brother, Peter.

Visitation takes place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Chas. Verheyden funeral home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Stu will be interred in the Dow family plot at Elmwood Cemetery.

In honor of Stu's commitment to the children of Grosse Pointe and Detroit, memorial gifts may be sent to the Neighborhood Club, neighborhoodclub.net/donate; Beyond Basics, [donatenow.net](http://donatenow.net) or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Dorothy Ann Ignasiak

Dorothy Ann Ignasiak, 96, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away in her home Friday, May 26, 2023.

Dorothy was the first child born to Louis and Theresa Reckio. She attended Alexander Hamilton Grade School, catechism at St. John Berchmans, ninth grade at Denby High School and graduated from East Commerce Business School in 1944, with excellent shorthand and typing skills.

Upon graduation, Dorothy worked for U.S. Immigration in the U.S. Border Patrol building on Mt. Elliott and Jefferson. Then she worked in the Buhl Building with imports/exports. Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle then hired her to work as his secretary after learning of her high scores in school. She loved her job, but changed course to become a full-time mother. It took two people to replace her.

Her love of family knew no limits. She and her husband, Eugene, were married 71 years and raised four children in a loving and nurturing household. Her special-needs child, Gregory, necessitated learning a whole new childrearing skill set. She excelled in that also, helping Gregory develop his music skills with violin lessons and continuing his voice and piano playing skills. Her children say they were very fortunate to have such a loving mother and one who truly made them feel loved. She was always involved and supportive in their activities.

Dorothy lived life with a song in her heart. She had a lifelong passion for music. When she was 2 years old, she could sing any song she heard. Dorothy sang in the Denby Glee Club and after high school, was in the first chorus for the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Dorothy had wonderful voice teachers: Roma Riddell, Professor John-Paul White and Angela Theis-Kelly. Her last Zoom voice lesson with Angela was May 9, and from it she continued to practice her Mozart aria.

Dorothy became an accomplished soprano and enjoyed performing onstage, as well as for family and friends. She volunteered many years to sing at the VA hospital through Tuesday Musicale of Detroit and at local assisted care facilities as she understood the joy music brings to others.

Dorothy performed frequently for Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Chamber Music, Four Octaves at Marygrove College, Theatre Arts Club, Italian Cultural Center and Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association. She took third place in a Mrs. Michigan pageant with finals at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts and sang for 40 years in the choir at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church until 2020.

On Dec. 4, 1997, she sang "Panis Angelicus" for Pope John Paul II in his private chapel in the Vatican on one of her many trips to Italy with Gene.

Dorothy and Eugene enjoyed domestic and international travel. Her favorite country to visit was Italy.

Dorothy's passion for music didn't stop with singing. She was very involved in promoting the education and careers of promising student musicians. She was past president of Tuesday Musicale of Detroit (1979-81) and was active in the organization since joining in 1965. She was committed to promoting music, arts and culture.

She was a team member for the George Shirley Vocal Competition and a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Historical Museum, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, Detroit Symphony, Colonial Williamsburg, National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Red Cross.

Dorothy brought great energy and endless love to her life and was rewarded with wonderful family and friends to share in it. She brought joy to countless people who heard her sing, or may have received her counsel, hugs, smiles, consoling or warm motherly advice. She earned her wings in this life and is undoubtedly in the care of the Lord to whom she was so devoted.

She was a loving wife to Eugene, who predeceased her; a devoted mother to Susan Ignasiak, Michael Ignasiak (Lisa), the late Gregory Ignasiak and Robert Ignasiak (Francine); grandmother to James Ignasiak; and sister to Lillian Monteleone.

Visitation occurred at A.H. Peters Funeral Home. She lay in state at Our Lady Star of the Sea and was laid to rest at



George J. Pamerleau

Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 772091, Detroit, MI 48277, [cskdetroit.org/ways-to-give/donations/](http://cskdetroit.org/ways-to-give/donations/); or Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, with "Student League" in the memo section, P.O. Box 36535, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, [tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org/donate](http://tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org/donate).

## George Joseph Pamerleau

George Joseph Pamerleau, 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023. He was the husband of Liz Pamerleau. George was born Jan. 27, 1939, in Flint, to George and Betty Pamerleau, both now deceased.

George was a graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He moved his family to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1966, where he enjoyed a career teaching social studies and environmental studies at Parcels Middle School until he retired.


His children have many fond childhood memories of camping trips through 20 states, as well as family outings to Belle Isle, the Detroit Zoo, Greenfield Village, Call of the Wild Museum, Fort Mackinac and the Indy 500. They enjoyed canoeing, cross-country skiing and hiking together, as well as summers spent in Grayling at Lake Margrethe and visiting family in Muncie, Ind. Their favorite memory with their dad, though, was the many hours of fun they had racing the customized slot cars he made for each of them around the huge race-track he built in their basement.

George was predeceased by his and Liz's son, Christopher; and his son, George R.

In addition to Liz, his wife of 37 years, George is survived and will be deeply missed by his children, Mary (Jim), John (Kathy), Beth Ann (Dan), Paula (Bill) and daughter-in-law Heidi (the late George R.); grandchildren, Ashleigh, Andrea, Bethany, Elizabeth, Joe, Vielka, Sonia, Nate and Noah; siblings, Jeanne, Anne (Bob), John, Diane and Joan (Tony); and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held May 17, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. He was laid to rest the following day at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

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## Gail Jarvis

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society has lost someone very special. Gail Jarvis passed away unexpectedly on May 25, 2023. If you've adopted or fostered a GPAAS cat or dog, you probably talked to Gail. Her mission was finding the perfect home for our adoptables. Her joy was talking to fosters and adopters and discovering that GPAAS cats/dogs had become loving family members.

After she retired from a long career with the state, Gail started working/volunteering – without exaggeration – seven days a week at the shelter. For her, it was a labor of love. For 25 years, our lives and the lives of adoptable animals were enriched by Gail. We at GPAAS and those in the community she helped will profoundly miss her.

Contributions can be made in Gail's memory to: GPAAS, 296 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236





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## William DeCrick

William DeCrick, 91, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023, in Sarasota, Fla.

Bill was born Sept. 30, 1931, in Detroit, to Ferne and Harold DeCrick. After graduating from De La Salle High School in Detroit, he graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army, then worked in and subsequently took over his father's food brokerage business. Selling was always in his blood, even selling golf carts after retirement to fellow retirees.

He had a love for his "Fighting Irish," golfing at Lochmoor Club and other venues, woodworking, gardening, motorhome traveling — including with the Pointe Campers — and photography. He was active in community, homeownership and professional groups. His courage in facing his many health challenges will always be respected and admired by those who knew him.

He is survived by his three children, Robert (Iiona), Michael (Katherine) and Elizabeth Lundwall (Bob); and nine grandchildren, Sara Luberto-Hanyzewski (Stephen), Michelle Granger (Barrett), Dan Luberto, Katie Lundwall (Nick), Bobby Lundwall (Chelsea), Anna Warren (Mark), Eric Lundwall, John Lundwall and Michael Lundwall. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Fox.

An interment ceremony at the Great Lakes Veterans Cemetery in Mount Holly will be held at a later date.

## Patricia Ruth Metzger

Patricia Ruth (nee Duncan) Metzger, 90, passed away Friday, May 19, 2023.

Patricia was born Nov. 17, 1932, to Elijah and Abigail (nee Risinger) Duncan, both now deceased.

Patricia's education after high school began at Western Kentucky University. She continued at Norton Hospital in Louisville, Ky., and received a degree as a registered medical technologist. Later in life, she graduated with a bache-



William DeCrick



Patricia Ruth Metzger



Irene Dolores Valice, RN

lor's degree from Indiana University. She enjoyed spending time with her family, baking, sewing/crafting, traveling and golfing. She also was an avid reader and very active in her church.

Patricia is survived by her beloved husband, Robert; loving children, Bruce (Carla) and Judy Rogers (Randy); loving grandchildren, Rachel Dickel (Tyler), Derek Metzger, Robert Rogers (Julie) and Ryan Rogers (Marie); and cherished great-grandchildren, Josiah Szostek, Judah Szostek, Ellis Rogers and Caroline Rogers.

A memorial visitation will be held for Patricia from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10, with a memorial service at noon, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Irene Dolores Valice, RN

Irene Dolores Valice, RN, 82, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Irene was born June 15, 1940. She graduated from St. Florian High School in Hamtramck and then graduated as a registered nurse from Mercy School of Nursing, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit. She practiced nursing several years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and St. John Hospital until taking a break to raise her children. She later returned to nursing and practiced several years before retiring.

Irene enjoyed playing golf with her husband, family and many dear friends, especially at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods and Fiddlesticks Country Club in Ft. Myers, Fla., as well as playing cards, mah jongg and games with the girls. She volunteered for numerous church and nonprofit organizations, including the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital, and was a docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Irene was religious and enjoyed attending services at St. Joan of Arc, Star of the Sea, St. Paul and St. Lucy churches, especially accompanied by her special friend, Joanne Spring, in later years.

Irene was a natural caregiver. Besides her nursing, she showed her love and generosity by making delicious meals and desserts for large family gatherings that included the Valice, Kuznia, De Palma and Rossi families, and dear family friends, the Dr. William and Cecile Neff family and the Donald and Barb Mattes family at huge Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations that grew as grandchildren and friends were added over the years. Nobody went hungry.

Irene knew how to celebrate, comfort and console others during good times and bad with her caring and support. She was there for family and friends at weddings, births, graduations and funerals, with a kind word and a warm embrace. Her fun and loving spirit will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Irene was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Robert John Valice, DDS, for 58 years; loving mother of Steven (Tammy), Brian (Julie), Dr. James (Kim), Linda Heslop (John) and Dr. Robert (Amanda); adoring "Nana" of Nick, John, Matt, Jack, Cassie, Bella, Evans, Alex, Kyle, Frank, Chris, Jimmy, Nicholas, Steven, Lucas and Charlotte; dear sister of the late Edward Kuznia (Suzie), John Kuznia and Raymond Kuznia (Maria); and sister-in-law of the

## Hodges signs Mayors' Monarch Pledge to help save monarch butterflies

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges recently signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to take six actions to help save the declining monarch butterfly and other pollinators. Grosse Pointe Park now is part of an expanding North American network of cities working to create habitat in public parks, public landscaping, vacant lots, roadsides, medians, green roofs, backyard gardens and open spaces throughout the entire community.

"Cities, towns and counties play a pivotal role in advancing monarch butterfly conservation in urban and suburban areas," said Patrick Fitzgerald, senior director of community wildlife at the National Wildlife Federation. "By working together, we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic monarchs in their communities."

Found across the United States, monarch butterflies numbered around 1 billion in 1996. Today, their numbers have declined significantly as a result of numerous threats, particularly the loss of habitat due to cropland conversion, urban development and agricultural practices. Degradation of wintering habitat in Mexico and California also has had a negative impact on the species.

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, cities and municipalities commit each year to cre-



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**Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges signs the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to take action to help save the declining monarch butterfly.**

ate habitat and educate residents on how to make a difference at home or in the community. Mayors who take the pledge commit to at least three of 29 action items to help save the monarch butterfly. These actions include creating a monarch-friendly garden at city hall, converting abandoned lots to monarch habitat and changing mowing schedules to allow milkweed to grow unimpeded.

"We are pleased to work in partnership with our community to lead the way on this important effort," Hodges said. "We must protect our natural resources and it is up to us to make it happen."

Grosse Pointe Park has committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly under the umbrella of its newly formed sustainability committee, including adding and maintaining

native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in community gardens, supporting citizen science efforts and providing resources for residents and community groups. Hodges also signed a proclamation declaring March 8, 2023, Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day, to shine a spotlight on the pledge and raise awareness about the importance of native plants and monarch butterfly conservation.

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Programs, cities, counties and towns across the U.S. are helping local wildlife by restoring and reconnecting habitat in urban and suburban areas while reconnecting people with nature. For more information about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, visit [nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge](http://nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge).

## Club visit

**Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe, recently visited the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club to update members on progress in The Village, as well as plans to increase the viability of the businesses on Kercheval. New businesses are lined up to open this summer and promotions, concerts and outreach activities will resume after three years of the pandemic shutdown. Willcock, left, receives an Optimist Certificate of Appreciation from club President Dave Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe.**



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# Authors visit 1,600 Detroit students, inspire creativity through Literacy for Kids' Authors:IN-Detroit Program

Three nationally acclaimed children's and young adult-focused authors visited three Detroit public schools May 10 and 11, to connect with more than 1,600 K-8 students, read their books and share the value of reading, writing and creative thinking, through Literacy for Kids' Authors:IN-Detroit program.

The program included:

- ◆ Matt De La Pena, a New York Times bestselling children's author, the first Hispanic author to win the John Newbery Medal and the author of seven young adult novels, including "Milo Imagines the World."

- ◆ Lesa Cline-Ransome, winner of NAACP awards, the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction and the Coretta Scott King Award Author Honor, and author of 14 books, including "Finding Langston."

- ◆ Kenneth Kraegel, winner of the Parent's Choice Gold Award, New York Times Notable Children's Book Award and The Wall Street Journal's Best Book of the Year, and author of



six books, including "Green Pants." Students from The Boggs School, Golightly Education Center and University Prep Science & Math Elementary School were gifted books as well as the chance to meet and interact with the authors.

"Our goal is to encourage these students to become lifelong readers," said Heather Mertz, executive director of Literacy for Kids, which was founded in 2019, to teach children to recognize the art in reading. "Reading is a way of escaping into

exploring other worlds. Through the Authors:IN-Detroit program, we are not only gifting books to kids, but giving them the opportunity to meet the author and illustrator so they can be inspired by the art of creative expression and stretch their own talents and pas-



Clockwise from top left, Lesa Cline-Ransome presents to Detroit students; Kenneth Kraegel interacts with students; and Matt De La Pena presents to students.

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event-based program with curriculum-aligned presentations and interactive discussions that can be extended beyond the day of the event through lesson plans provided to teachers.

"With each step of our process, we strive to create a personal, lasting connection," Mertz said. "Establishing this relationship between students and authors helps foster their creativity and overall receptiveness to learning."

The authors chosen to participate are visionaries in their own right with demonstrated, nationally

acclaimed success in the industry. The themes of their books are aligned with Literacy for Kids' mission and promote connection, curiosity, courage and humanity.

"It's always an honor to connect with young readers and encourage them to read their way through the world," said De La Pena, whose book, "Milo Imagines the World," was shared with younger audiences at the schools. Through the recounting of a boy observing those around him as he rides the subway, creating a world of their stories inside his head, the book reminds kids to choose imagination over impressions. "To me, reading is the ultimate form of empathy. Good stories ask us to step inside someone else's experience, to try to see what they see."

"The kids can't believe they're meeting an author," Mertz said of the school visits. "They look them in the eye, they shake their hand — they feel so important and it's a connection on a bigger scale. It's incredible to witness."



The thrift shop is hosting a fishbowl raffle through Saturday, June 17, for the items displayed on this table. Shoppers receive a raffle ticket when a purchase is made.

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## THRIFT:

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bowl raffle in which five items will be up for grabs. The raffle began Tuesday, June 6, and runs through Saturday, June 17. Winners will be drawn at 3:30 p.m. June 17.

Other specials include: ◆ Tuesday, June 13 — A drawing for a basket filled with surprise items; shop to receive an entry form. Also, 25 percent off all purchases, with no exclusions.

◆ Wednesday, June 14 — Free cookies and lemonade on Senior Day. Also, all books are 50 cents each.

◆ Thursday, June 15 — Scratch to win a discount of 25 to 60 percent off purchases.

◆ Friday, June 16 — Buy one, get one free; the lowest priced item is free, get up to five free items. Also, children receive a special treat.

◆ Saturday, June 17 — Spin the wheel for special discounts. Also, free coffee and doughnuts are offered.

Additionally, shoppers



Thrift shop employee Eleanor Alcala Mercier prepares a clothing donation for sale.

are invited to fill out an entry form to win 95 percent off the purchase of up to five items. That drawing takes place at 3:30 p.m. June 17.

"We're celebrating not only 95 years of being open, but also celebrating customers and celebrating donors," Alderman said. "The

Neighborhood Club is the oldest nonprofit in the Grosse Pointe area and the thrift shop has been a part of it. It started as a rummage sale and became a staple in the community."

To take advantage of the shop's 95th anniversary specials, visit 17670 Mack, City of

Grosse Pointe, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

To make a donation, stop by 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays or Saturdays. Due to space, donations are limited to three bags or boxes.

For more information, call (313) 757-2234.

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game, noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. Cost is \$42 for members, \$44 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie, "Top Gun: Maverick," will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 23. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

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

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ Craft-to-Go: DIY Bee Puppet, all day Monday, June 12, all branches.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nature's Best Hope with Entomologist Doug Tallamy, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, via Zoom.

◆ 1st Tuesday Book Group, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Perler Bread Fruit Coasters, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Detroit architect Hugh T. Keyes, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Jim Gill concert, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Jim Gill concert, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. The Rev. Susan Mozena will speak about the work of hospital chaplains. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit [fullotusyoga.net](http://fullotusyoga.net).

### Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health. Those interested in attending meetings should email [SashaMurphy@smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:SashaMurphy@smurphy@careofsem.com).

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# City rekindles artist's passion for painting

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A way to pass time and stave off boredom during the pandemic not only relaunched Megan Foley's interest in painting, but ultimately led to her first exhibition as a painter.

"City Series: a personal impression of Detroit," currently is on display at the Boll Family YMCA, 1401 Broadway, Detroit.

"The foundation started during quarantine," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "My boyfriend at the time — now my husband — we would drive around the neighborhoods of Detroit just to get out of the house. He was a big explorer of Detroit anyway and I'd seen some areas of it because I grew up in Grosse Pointe.

"We went deep into some lost and forgotten neighborhoods," she continued. "I started taking pictures."

Those photos inspired her to pick up a paint brush, an art form she hadn't practiced since the mid-'90s. She received positive feedback on the paintings — even sold a few through social media — "so I kept rolling with it," Foley said, adding she was encouraged by a friend to do the exhibition. "When I was developing the series, it was clear (the YMCA) was the perfect location for a show."

Her work, inspired by the landscape of the city, magnifies the surfaces primarily found in those neglected neighborhoods.

"I was feeling intrigued with the past, with the passage of time, with lost stories and traditions,"



Above, Megan Foley poses in front of some of the artwork displayed in her "City Series" exhibition at the Boll Family YMCA. Right, examples of Foley's work set among the buildings that inspired them.

she said. "Any time I go to a more neglected area, I always see a story. I see some of the distress of the area, but I'm always intrigued with how it was in the past or when it first originated. Some of these neighborhoods had to have been outstanding."

Foley uses bandages, gauze and cloth in her work to symbolize the wounds the city has endured, as well as the healing, restoration and repair it has undergone.

"The layers simultaneously mimic the textural elements we see on the city's structural surfaces affected by time and neglect," she explained in a press release. "... While textures and rough surfaces allude to the turmoil, negligence and deterioration of much of the city, many color choices invoke feelings of caring, peace, tranquility, fresh starts, creative renewal and more positive impressions of

the urban landscape of Detroit."

"I think we are in a state of evolution with the city," Foley said. "I'm inspired by the stories of the city, textures of the city and diversity of the city. Aesthetically I see a lot of the beauty in the deterioration of buildings. I take pictures and I observe very closely to get those qualities into the surface of these paintings. I think it's unusual that I'm hyper-aware of my surroundings, when most people are the opposite; they're unaware."

Foley said she finds inspiration by tuning into "immediate reality, rather than the reality of social media and media and entertainment. ... There's such a huge emphasis on alternate reality, meaning life experiences through the filter of social media.

"People can make the most difference if they

start where they are and try to make connections with their self and their true reality," she added.

"City Series" features 27 of Foley's paintings in varying sizes. All of them are for sale at reasonable price points.

"It's abstract, so every individual will have a unique response to it," she noted. "Each painting speaks to people in different ways. That's what makes it special."

Though "City Series" is her first painting exhibition, Foley is no stranger to displaying her work. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University, where she received formal training in several mediums, Foley previously exhibited photography.

"I was always somewhat discouraged as an artist," she admitted, noting she stepped away from art to work in advertising and spent the last



20 years as a hair dresser. "I've been so encouraged with this, not only from the immediate feedback, but I feel like the uni-

verse has aligned with me to do this."

Learn more about the artist and her work at [meganfoleyart.com](http://meganfoleyart.com)



## New intern

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Communication Chair Theodore G. Coutilish, left, recently introduced and welcomed new communication intern Isabella Haindl, second from left, and thanked current communication intern Anna Gulyas, second from right, for an outstanding year of "effortless" work and quiet, steady accomplishments. Haindl is a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School. She will be class president this fall, associate editor of *The Tower* newspaper and a member of the National Honor Society with a nearly 4.3 GPA. Also pictured is club President Mark Cory.

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A board of original keys — for things like the fruit room, linen room and kitchen — were presented to the homeowners when they purchased the house.

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## KEYES:

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this home. To build a home like this took some real money; you can see that in the design."

"With Paula's enthusiasm for Keyes, we thought she'd be perfect to do this lecture," said Katie Doelle, a marketing consultant with HMA who helped arrange Draper as the speaker. "... We developed this

lecture series to explain to people what these architects did. Keyes' work is so diverse from the '20s to '60s."

Draper will speak about a variety of Keyes' work, in addition to her home. The lecture takes place in person at the Ewald library, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, and via Zoom. Guests may register for both options on the GPPL website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

# Corewell presents Nursing Excellence Awards

Corewell Health in southeast Michigan celebrated the impact nursing teams and support staff have on patients, families and communities with its fourth annual Nursing Excellence Awards.

Following a blind review of nominations by nursing team members from other sites and a regional committee, finalists from each site were selected for 14 award categories. From these site finalists, 13 individuals and one team were chosen as the overall award winners.

Locally, two Grosse Pointe employees received awards:

◆ Nursing Support Staff Helping Hands

Leader Award — Fr. Richard Bartoszek, director of spiritual care; and

◆ Nurse Rookie of the Year Award — Justyna Skowron, RN, emergency center.

"Our award winners were nominated for having made a difference for their patients, families and colleagues, as well as for making a significant contribution to the nursing profession," said Kelli Sadler, MHA, RN, chief nursing officer, Corewell Health in southeast Michigan. "We received more than 600 nominations this year, which demonstrates the skill, compassion and collaboration of our

exemplary team. Congratulations to all."

All award winners and site finalists were announced April 27, and honored with a combination virtual and on-site celebration, live-streamed for family members and friends.

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## Capuchin Super Summer Celebration is June 17

Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers is gearing up to awe guests during the 42nd annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Comerica Park.

Free and open to the community, this year's event features a jewelry raffle offering more than \$30,000 in fine jewelry donated by Ahee Jewelers, as well as live music from Your Generation in Concert, cuisine and a fireworks display at dusk. This year's theme is "Celebrating Miracles."

Tickets for the raffle — which features brands including Cartier, Mikimoto, David Yurman, Tag Heuer, Meira T and Shinola — are available to purchase by phone or in-person at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, 20139 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 886-4600; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, (313) 579-2100, Ext. 1159.

Tickets are \$5 each. All jewelry and expenses are donated by the Ahee family and 100 percent of proceeds go directly to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

"We are delighted to continue the amazing tradition of bringing the community together for a night of celebration in



the city we love to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, an incredible organization that serves thousands in need in our city annually," said Stefan Ahee, vice president of Ahee Jewelers.

Through the generosity and support from the community for more than 40 years, the Capuchin Souper

Summer Celebration has grown exponentially, outgrowing numerous venues and attended by thousands. In 2004, the event moved permanently to Comerica Park. The annual event, along with the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger, has raised millions to help provide food, clothing, substance

abuse treatment, job training and tutoring services for thousands in the city of Detroit through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Edmund T. Ahee Sr.,

Top row, from left, David Yurman Angelika Collection diamond pendant in 18k yellow gold, retail \$4,200; Meira T diamond necklace in 18k white gold, retail \$1,980; and Ahee diamond halo pendant in 18k white gold, retail \$4,980.

Middle row, from left, Ahee ruby and diamond hoop earrings in 18k white gold, retail \$4,300; Mikimoto Akoya cultured pearl and diamond earrings in 18k white gold, retail \$3,000; and men's Shinola Traveler leather strap watch in steel, retail \$850.

Bottom row, from left, ladies Cartier Tank Francaise bracelet watch in steel, retail \$4,100; Ahee diamond cocktail ring in 18k yellow gold, retail \$3,950; and men's Tag Heuer Aquaracer bracelet watch in steel, retail \$3,800.

### The details

**When:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17

**Where:** Comerica Park. Guests should enter the gates located at East Adams Avenue and Witherell Street.

**What:** Live music from Your Generation in Concert; food and libations available; fireworks show at dusk.

**More:** Dressy summer attire suggested.

Ages 21 and older.

Valet parking is available.

Raffle winners will be contacted by phone and are responsible for all tax liability.

Soup Kitchen in 1981. Having grown up during the Great Depression and witnessing many friends standing in line at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen as a child, the establishment always held a special place in Edmund Ahee's heart.

To learn more about the Capuchin Souper Summer XLII raffle or to make a tax-deductible donation to the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger, visit ahee.com.

## 5th annual Run, Walk n Roll is June 17

Providing funding for pediatric palliative care is the goal of the fifth annual Run, Walk n Roll 5K at Grosse Pointe South High School Saturday, June 17. Established in 2019, the event helps drive greater awareness and support for palliative care, which focuses on quality of life and comfort for children with chronic and serious medical conditions, as well as support for their families.

Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$500,000 for the palliative care program at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor; this year's event has more than 85 sponsors, \$170,000 raised and participants on six continents.

Grosse Pointe resident Claire Sheeren founded the event and has direct ties to the program. Her sister, Elizabeth, has an incurable immune disease and has greatly benefitted from the work of the palliative care team at Mott. The success of the event enabled the family to establish Elizabeth's Courage Fund at Mott, a fund 100 percent dedicated to supporting children and families facing complex or terminal conditions receiving palliative care.

"As we begin our fifth event, I am continually amazed by the support of our sponsors and our community," Sheeren said. "It has been incredi-

ble to see people come alongside others battling complex and chronic diseases. It is deeply moving to witness the impact the funds are having on the families at Mott."

Examples of programs funded by Elizabeth's Courage Fund include:

- music therapy designed for complex chronic illness, NICU and end-of-life situations;
- emotional Support Groups for parents;
- medical massage therapy to help alleviate nausea, pain and anxiety and improve quality of life; and
- child life specialists, helping patients cope with the stress of hospitalizations and serious illness and to provide bereavement support.

"I am so grateful to the Run, Walk n Roll 5K committee and community for supporting Elizabeth's Courage Fund to benefit the Pediatric Palliative Care Program," said Patricia Keefer, M.D., and director, Pediatric Palliative Care Programs. "ECF has enabled my team to provide much-needed support to Mott children dealing with medically complex and life-limiting health challenges. Many pediatric palliative care patients encounter extended stays in Mott and have been treated at Mott a decade or more. ECF provides funds to help ease the pain for these children and bring joy to them

while in the hospital and when they return as outpatients. These services are only made possible because of incredible philanthropic partners like the Run, Walk n Roll 5K." This year, Sheeren's goal is to bring an art therapist onto the palliative care team, to help patients and families cope with the tremendous burden of chronic or terminal illness.

Registering for and/or donating to the 2023 Run, Walk n Roll 5K allows children in palliative care to feel some of the simple pleasures of life through these programs. Additionally, the parents receive much needed mental health support to help them manage the challenge of daily living with a very sick child.

The event begins at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Grosse Pointe South High School track, with check-in beginning at 7:30 a.m.

This is a USATF-certified, chip-timed 5K, but walkers and "rollers" also are encouraged. Participants may also join virtually. To register or donate, visit run-walk-roll.org.



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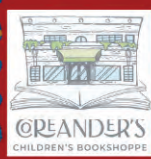
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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Concerns about son having alone time with girlfriend?

**Dear Gabby:** My 8th grader and his girlfriend are spending a lot of time together lately and want to be alone.

I am not comfortable with this, but he is adamant and says that I am killing his mojo and he'll go somewhere else to hang out if I don't let him.

— What's a Mom to do?

**Dear Mom,**

This is a sensitive subject and it becomes such a gray area as our children grow up. But should it be? It is your house and you are the parent.

If you are uncomfortable, you need to say so and set expectations immediately. I would also highly recommend contacting

his girlfriend's parents to get a temperature check on their feelings and (hopefully) present a united front on what is acceptable and what is not.

If her parents allow more freedom than you do, it is fair game to explain to them your feelings about it and what the rules are in your home.

I would not make it easier for adolescent couples to have "alone time." You have rules in place for their protection, not because you are trying to be a tyrant.

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



## Tackling my catfish trauma

**DEAR ANNIE:** When I was 12 or 13 years old, I had a pen pal in a different state. I'll call him "Casey." This was long before anyone had ever heard of the term "catfished." We wrote several long letters every week and sent many photographs and small gifts. At times, we would speak on the phone. This was pre-cellphone, and I would have to save my allowance and telephone from a phone booth.

broke the news that Casey had died.

Several years went by, and I happened to travel to Casey's state. I thought I'd give his brother a phone call that wouldn't incur long-distance charges. I was dumbfounded to learn that Casey was very much alive and living across the country. Everything I thought I knew about Casey and his family was a lie, including the fact that Casey was a girl and

**DEAR CATFISHED:** Before you decide, think long, hard and honestly about the expectations you have for a confrontation. What are you hoping to get out of it? There's a scenario where you express to "Casey" the trauma and pain her deception caused, and you get some answers and a heartfelt, long overdue apology in return.

But I want you to be prepared for the other potential outcomes. It's possible that she'll deflect her wrongdoing, dig her heels in and you walk away more frustrated and upset as a result — or with nothing at all. Oftentimes, the people who commit to these sorts of charades are lonely and seeking companionship, though obviously in an inappropriate way. Casey may not even fully understand why she did what she did all these decades ago, which leaves you with more questions than answers.

Ultimately, the only person who knows what's the right choice is you. It may be your chance to finally release the hold this event has had over you and fully heal, but do proceed with caution. A good therapist can also help you to sort out this trauma and process the effects you still feel today.

**DEAR ANNIE:** My daughter is 31 and suffers from multiple sclerosis. She was diagnosed when she was 23. She uses a walker and wheelchair. I have been her caregiver. I'm 63 and fear who will look after her when I'm gone.

She has a good job and can afford to live on her own. I can also contribute some money to make it easier. Should I encourage her to be independent? She does not do any housework or help with cooking. However, when she is on her own, sometimes she becomes responsible.

Do you suggest that she should live alone and not with parents? I do want her to be independent but fear her living alone. She does not have many friends. — MOM WANTING BEST FOR DAUGHTER

**DEAR MOM:** The most important thing here is your daughter's health and well-being. In general, encouraging her to be more independent — making friends, picking up hobbies, keeping mentally and physically active — is objectively a good thing, but it will take time and require baby steps.

Start with some of the day-to-day things, if she is able, like having her help prepare meals or throw in a few loads of the weekly laundry.

On a grander scale, sit down together and have an honest discussion. What does she envision for herself one, three, five years down the road? As you think about



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

retirement and eventually entering that chapter of your life, how do your ideas for the future align? How do they differ? Do her finances make it possible for her to hire help if she lives alone? What local resources could she take advantage of to make living alone easier and safer?

I also imagine her doctors would be incredibly helpful in determining the best, most seamless way to go about this transition.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I recently found a pair of earrings missing from my jewelry box. These earrings had belonged to my mother.

My sister-in-law spoke of wanting them and felt (for some unknown reason that she herself could not express) that she deserved them.

I have no proof that she took them. I don't

even know how long they've been missing.

What should I do? — SUSPICIOUS.

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS:** If your sister-in-law took the earrings, then she has to live with herself knowing that she stole something. As they say, you can buy many things, but you can't buy a good conscience.

Next time you see your sister-in-law, tell her that they are missing and ask if her husband has seen them around.

You could also ask your brother if he has seen Mom's earrings around the house — without accusing anyone; you are simply on a mission to find them.

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).*

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I knew all about Casey's parents and siblings, as he did mine. The correspondence went on for about four years. For me, it was a strong case of puppy love. Then Casey wrote that he was very sick with some type of cancer. The information about this illness was all very vague. Within the year, I received a letter from Casey's alleged brother, who

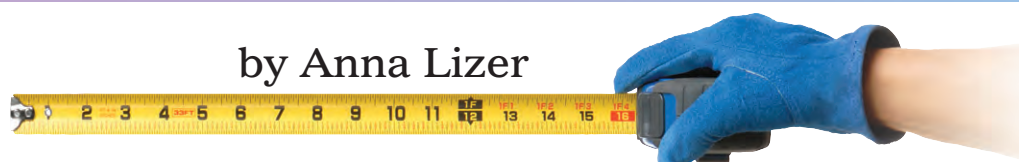
not a boy. I felt betrayed and deflated.

I am now 70 years old, been happily married for 48 years, and learned that "Casey" lives within an hour's drive of my home. I was able to Google Casey's contact information. My question is, should I call Casey? I'd like to dissect the pen pal years and ask questions about why she did this. — CATFISHED



## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



There are so many reasons to ditch your face towel. Oftentimes, towels become contaminated with bacteria after being left to dry in the bathroom. If you use fabric softener, it can leave a waxy buildup on the towel that can irritate the skin.

Towels can be harsh on sensitive skin, smell funky and are typically used by more than one person, which allows for cross-contamination of bacteria.

Now, I'm not one to worry about germs, but after reading about how dirty towels can get, it made me rethink using

one on my face.

After looking into a few different options, I purchased Clean Skin Club



Club Clean Towels from Amazon to try them out.

These "towels" are thin, paper-like facial towels that are disposable and dermatologist approved. They are chemical free, 100 percent natural, unscented and ideal for sensitive skin and for use while traveling.

To be honest, I have mixed feelings about this product. On the positive side,

the towels are sizable and definitely work well to get makeup and other prod-

ucts off of the skin. They can be used with your favorite cleanser or just water. They are very absorbent and soft and it's a nice way to remove makeup at the end of the day.

This product includes 50 single-use towels. It felt pretty wasteful to throw the towel away after using it a few seconds. While this is a nice product, I kept thinking about other options that wouldn't involve throwing so many paper products away each day.

Currently, a pack of 50 towels is priced at \$17.95 on Amazon. This breaks

down to about 35 cents per towel.

After finishing the package of towels, I determined I won't buy this product again. While there's nothing wrong with them, you can easily buy a roll of soft paper towel and rip off a sheet each day to gain the same effect. It might not have the same luxurious feel, but it would be much cheaper.

Another option would be to purchase five or 10 small reusable towels and wash them once per week. This seems like the most economical way to achieve the same outcome.

I'm giving this product 3 out of 5 alligators due to the the price and waste that comes with using them. The quality is great, but it just wasn't enough for me to repurchase this item.

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





# New ideas

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The viral Tik Tok puff pastry challenge was met by Mombeau's Table and it didn't disappoint. The method is putting the ingredients down on parchment paper and covering it with sheets of puff pastry in individual portions.

It could be sweet, savory or a combination of both. I chose both. Pears and blue cheese are a lovely pairing. Add some honey and you are in complete heaven with the flaky and buttery crust of the pastry.

It's such minimal work that results in an outstanding, mouthwatering and innovative piece of

food perfection. Dessert? Hors d'oeuvres? Side dish? It could be anything you want it to be.

Don't be dismayed if the edges are dark, that's the honey that has caramelized which just intensifies the flavor. Try this one, everyone on the internet is.

Cheers, Mombeau

## Pears and Basil Puff Pastry

3 ripe pears

4 tbsp honey, 1 tsp for each pastry

4 oz mild blue cheese

1 sheet puff pastry, defrosted

Parchment paper

1 egg plus 1 tbsp water

Slice the pears thinly (six to seven slices) and fan each one into four different sections of a parchment paper lined baking tray that has been sprayed with cooking oil.

Next crumble the blue cheese over each section. Roll the puff pastry out just until it's a bit thinner, one quarter inch.

Cut the pastry into four sections and place over each pile of pears. Whisk the egg and water together brush over the top of each piece. Cook at 400 for 15-20 minutes. Let rest for five minutes.

When plating, flip the finished product to reveal its beautiful glory.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

# Rosé for summer

When we want to avoid cooking to keep the kitchen cool, dry rosé wines are among the most perfect hot-weather refreshments to accompany salads and other uncooked summer meals.

then (almost all of it!) wasn't dry at all but was cloying and didn't work with food.

It wasn't until about 1980 that we began to see California wine-makers make lighter, more elegant, drier

ously dry one.

That was never the case in the south of France, where dry rosés have long been part of the culture. The darker pink wines from a district called Tavel were some of the first to make a real impact in the United States.

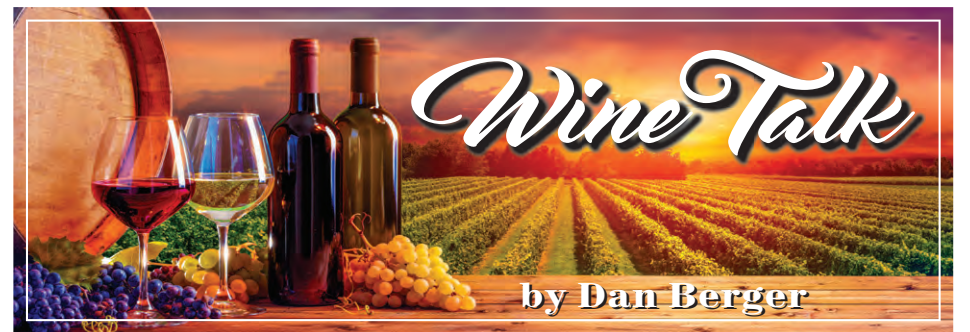
However, most of those wines were available largely on the east coast of the United States. Elsewhere, the French dry rosé wines were barely a rumor.

There are several ways to make dry rosés. I believe the best is when grapes are harvested early enough to capture the bright, aromatic perfumes that are hard to capture from later-ripened fruit.

Industry people refer to this technique as "direct-to-press" pink wines. Such products often are lighter in color than several other techniques used to make rose. Direct-to-press roses typically are made from grape varieties like grenache, pinot noir, syrah, cinsault, cabernet franc and sangiovese.

The best of these normally have 12 percent alcohol and they can be flavorful with the emphasis on crisp acidity.

Another technique often used to make pink wine is called "saignee" (san-yay), a French term that refers to bleeding. It's normally applied to dark-colored grapes



that are intended to make red wines darker by bleeding off juice from a fermentation vat.

The less juice that's in a fermentation tank in relation to the percentage of grape skins, the darker the wine becomes. So, when winemakers want to make a dark red wine, they can resort to "bleeding off" some of the liquid in the red wine vat.

The red wine becomes darker, and the removed liquid is turned into pink.

In saignee, grapes are harvested to make red wine, so alcohols tend to be higher. When you see a rose with 14% alcohol or more, chances are the wine was made by saignee, which often results in a much richer-bodied wine. Provence in the south of France makes a huge amount of dry rose wines, almost all of it produced by the direct-to-press method. Today it's possible to find dozens of them on store shelves nationally.

Because dry rosé often doesn't age well, it's best to look for wines from the 2022 vintage, which should be fresh and fruity. Well-stored bottles from 2021 probably are still

fine to consume, but I'd steer clear of anything from prior years.

Dry rosé sitting around for years in a warehouse probably isn't your best bet. Some stores also carry non-vintage rosés, another risky purchase. Also, remember to watch out for alcohol levels above 14 percent. Such wines can be risky.

## Wine of the Week:

2022 Masseria Li Veli Salento Rosato "Torrerosé," IGT (\$17) — The feudal system that dominated Italy decades ago began to collapse in the 16th century.

Included in reforms was construction of what amounts to communes

for impoverished vineyard and winery workers. These Masseria eventually fell into disrepair, but Li Veli in Puglia was restored and remains a top-rate modern winery.

This completely dry, medium-bodied pink wine is made from Negroamaro, a local tart red grape. It works nicely with barbecued sausages. Only 12 percent alcohol. Imported by Dalla Valle, Napa, Calif.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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We are not just consuming the pink wine — the United States is now the third biggest exporter of rosé, right behind France and Italy.

So today we look at pink wines, which have been, for roughly the last decade, all the rage among U.S. wine lovers. The most popular versions today are not the sickly-sweet pink wines that once left many Americans believing that anything pink was awful.

That was the case 50 years ago. So much of the pink wine we made

styles of pink. Among those efforts was a delicate wine made by Sutter Home in Napa called white zinfandel, which originally was dry.

That wine really didn't catch on with Americans until one version actually was released with a slight amount of sugar. It took another few years before anyone locally made a seri-



Rosé represents a booming market, with sales growing 10 times faster than overall table wine, according to Nielsen research.

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# Remembering DAD

## PAPA'S PRIORITIES ON POINT



My dad's a cool guy, and he's always been there for me. When I was 7 years old, our family traveled to Indiana to experience Pokagon's refrigerated toboggan.

Before going to the toboggan, I went sledding. The hill was slick with white powdery snow. I had no way of knowing that a metal firepit was buried beneath the snow, but when my sled and I reached the bottom, I found it...with my head. I immediately went to my dad, and we decided to go to the hospital.

As we left the house, my dad glanced one last time at our tobogganing tickets, but with a look of fatherly patience and love, he drove me to the hospital. My dad is a huge toboggan fan, but he is a fan of helping me even more.

When we got to the hospital, I was terrified, but my dad sat with me, talked to me, and even showed me Guardians of the Galaxy to calm my nerves. His kindness guided me through the whole hospital experience, and his compassion, resilience, and determination to do things "the right way" have helped me grow immensely as both a son and a human. Thank you, Dad.

By Jake Juip, Grosse Pointe Dad: Randy Juip, Grosse Pointe

## "DAD-ISMS" TO LIVE BY

"After every soccer loss: But did you have fun?"

"Don't sweat the small stuff."

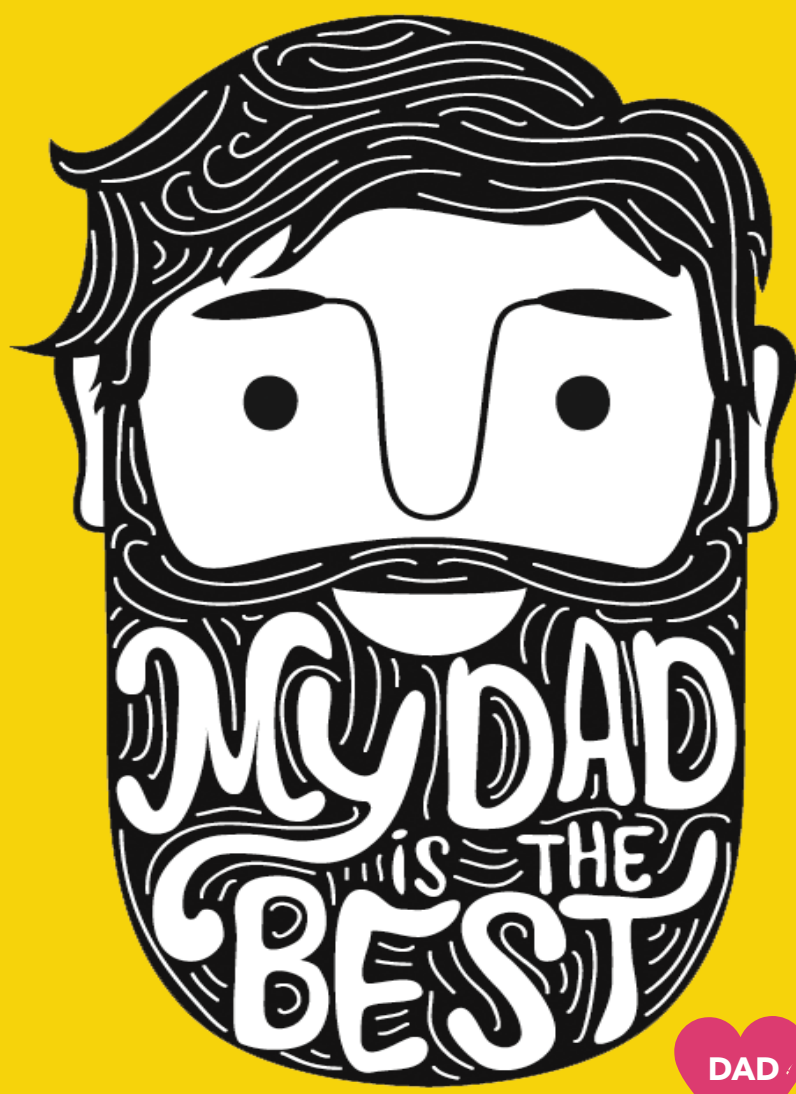
"Dog is God backwards. It's a sign of how much our dogs unconditionally love us."



"Don't cry, look in the mirror and look at how beautiful you are."

"Here's some walking-around money."

Gathered anonymously on Grosse Pointe News social media to the question: "What is the one thing your dad always said?"



## GROWING UP LIKE DAD

Movies teach us that the the biggest lessons in life come from giant moments. But I've just not found that to be true.

My work ethic was instilled in me as a child by my parents, but in my first adult work interactions, it was a tiny moment that secured my identity as an employee forever.

At my most insignificant job, in a 3-month stint as a cocktail waitress that didn't last because I was very, very bad at handling a full tray of longneck beer bottles, my work ethic was set in stone. As the kindly owner walked me through the very brief orientation, he introduced me to his bartender. He told me her name and that he trusted her with everything he owned. I was in awe. At that moment, I decided I wanted every boss I would ever have feel that way about me someday. I decided then and there that integrity and responsibility would be my trademarks.

Luckily I had a dad who was the perfect role model. He would do the right thing, no matter the personal cost. People trusted him. While mom made life a laughfest, dad made honor an aspiration.

You pretty much know where you stand with your dad as his child. The things he's said to coach you, encourage you, correct you, give you continual insight into how you shape up in his eyes as his kid.

If you're fortunate, you sometimes get to see what he thinks of you as a grown up human being as well. If you're really lucky, it's positive and makes him proud.

In my earliest days as an adult, 18-year old me still lived with my parents as I began commuting to the first of several colleges I would attend as I figured out what I wanted to be. As was expected, there were household chores required, and when a big home project was in play, it was all hands on deck.

Such was the case when our basement flooded that summer, by a sump pump that malfunctioned. As we scrambled to salvage the

many items stored downstairs it became clear that a lot of our family treasures had already gotten very wet, and many were ruined.

One of them was my art portfolio, stuffed with drawings from various school shows and other exhibitions. I was aghast to see it soaked and hurriedly opened it to assess the damage, though we had to keep moving fast on salvaging everything else. This item was critical to me though. The portfolio would have easily been the one thing I would pick to be saved, since it would be part of my ticket into art college someday. Unzipping the three sides of the black leather case to lay it flat revealed equally wet drawings. My dad looked at me, expecting the worst, like a total meltdown. He had a portfolio of his own, saved from childhood, so he knew how precious those drawings were to me. I quickly looked at him, shared my dismay, then set it aside and went back to bailing out the rest of the family heirlooms.

Later that afternoon I overheard my dad and mom talking about the flood — and the portfolio in particular.

"I can't believe it, Josephine," he said to Mom. "All her drawings ruined. It must have broken her heart. But our daughter is so strong!" he said. I could hear the pride (and a pinch of surprise) in his voice.

It made me feel so grown up to be recognized by my dad for transitioning in his eyes from a kid to a woman of maturity and character. He witnessed that as hard as it was, his daughter was able to put aside her own problem to focus on the greater work at hand. Mission accomplished.

If I have an ounce of selflessness, a handful of integrity or a big-picture dedication to work, it came from my dad. He was the most honorable man I've ever known.

That day was a gift for both of us, I think.

By Donna Zetterlund, Grosse Pointe News Dad: Walter Zetterlund

## ON THE LISTENING LEVEL



The late Ted Zylinski, above and below center, shares memorable togetherness with his grands.

My Dad, Ted Zylinski, stood tall and was an honorable WWII Marine and Hamtramck Police Lieutenant. He marched in every Memorial, Veteran's Day, and Polish Day parades. He was most proud, however, of his family and when it came to the grandkids, he always met them at their level, literally. Bending down, leaning in, on one knee — always an attentive listener.

Eternal Rest Dad.

By Cindy Manardo, Grosse Pointe Woods Dad: Ted Zylinski



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## ON THE FUNNY SIDE

"Don't leave your wingman."

(While driving past Beaumont Hospital.) "That's where I got stabbed."



"Venmo me out to all your tweeters."

Gathered anonymously on Grosse Pointe News social media to the question: "What is the one thing your dad always said?"



## GRILL PACKAGE GIVEAWAY!



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## Celebrate your father with some family fun

Everyone knows that Father's Day presents an opportunity for people to honor the special men in their lives. These include not only dads, but father figures and other influential men who offer care and guidance to the people they love.

Beyond the ties and the dinner toasts, here are some fun and creative ways to give dad the gift that matters most — happy memories.

**Backyard bash**

For some reason, dads seem to love being outside. Grilling, tossing the frisbee, and water balloon fights might just be the key to his heart. Weather permitting, families can host barbecues and enlist someone other than Dad to man the grill (unless he insists because it's his greatest joy in life — then let him show off a little.) Make a big charcuterie picnic table for snacking and plan some games like cornhole or croquet. Dad will love having a whole day of fun centered around him.

**Plan a sports outing**

Purchase tickets to an upcoming game and surprise Dad or Grandpa with them on Father's Day. For extra fun, get tickets for the whole gang — so he has another near-future family bash in his honor to look forward to. Make the Father's Day festivities sports-centric, with coordinated decorations and themed foods to set the scene. Buy him a jersey and hat from his favorite team to wear on Father's Day and at the game.

**Plan a game day**

Whether your father likes board games, video games or crossword puzzles, gear Father's Day around fun and games. Let Dad lead the way and choose the activity, and then everyone can step away from their screens and come together at the table over jigsaw puzzles or trivia questions — whatever Dad wants, for a change! Decorate a cake in the theme of Dad's favorite game and get balloons, plates and napkins in the theme colors.

**Host a beer tasting**

If Dad is a beer lover, organize a trip to a local craft brewery to sample their offerings or pick up beers from a few different breweries and create a flight at home for him to taste. There may be a few local or international brews he has been wanting to try, so plan ahead and order (and chill) everything before the big day.

**Set up an outdoor movie night**

Perfect for a father who is a movie buff, borrow or purchase a projector and show a movie on an outdoor screen or against a blank outdoor wall. Or if you have an indoor theater, plan the party for that room. Select one or two of Dad's favorite movies to watch and invite friends and family to join in on the fun. Make sure to have his favorite movie refreshments at the ready and plenty of hot popcorn. Buy boxes of candy seen in theaters and popcorn boxes or tubs for extra authenticity.

Some Father's Day movie picks with dads in the plotline for inspiration: Star Wars, Father of the Bride, The Lion King, Meet the Parents, The Godfather, National Lampoon's Vacation, Mr. Mom, Mrs. Doubtfire, Finding Nemo.

Whatever you do to celebrate Father's Day this year make sure Dad knows how much you love and respect him. That will be the greatest part of his day.

## Put a bow on it

**A bundle of style for your #1 Dad**

Looking for a golf gift that will make Dad ecstatic? Experience the perfect swing this Father's Day with 2putt Apparel's exclusive gift bundle offer. Treat your golf-loving dad to the ultimate gift set, including a premium polo, stylish quarter zip, and a trendy hat. Available for Father's Day at the unbeatable price of just \$99.99 (saving a remarkable \$80 off the total value of \$180. Color selection may vary.)

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Shores Fireplace & BBQ announces an exciting Father's Day giveaway package, exclusive to the Grosse Pointe News!

The package is valued at \$300 and features a quality Weber® propane gas tabletop grill plus a must-have accessories bundle that would delight any dad on his special day.

The highly-rated Weber® Q 1000 Gas Grill is fueled by liquid propane and retails for \$229.00. This great little grill is small enough to go wherever you want to go, like the beach or park — and has enough grilling space to concoct a quick, delicious meal when back on land. It's rated 4.6 out of 5 stars and has great reviews.

NOTE: Can accommodate a full-size, 20 lb. fuel tank when using an adapter hose.

The prize package also features a handy premium spatula. The premium spatula is long enough to keep

your hand far away from the flame and has a soft, non-slip handle to help you flip juicy burgers and transfer them from the cooking grates to your plate. Flip a delicate fish fillet with ease, knowing that you have the perfect tool to make every grilling experience effortless. Retails for \$26.99.

There's not much an amazing set of tongs can't do. And this set of premium tongs is included in this amazing giveaway.

Turn ribs, move large roasts or even rearrange charcoal with the greatest of ease. The premium tongs have a non-slip grip and provide adequate length to keep your hand safe from heat and flame. Retails for \$29.99.

At cleanup time, the grill brush for porcelain-enameled and cast-iron grates is ideal. A clean cooking grate prevents yesterday's steak dinner from tainting today's carefully

seasoned and delicately flavored fish and veggies. Use the grill brush to clean your cooking grates before each use so that every meal is as delicious as the last — and the next. Retails for \$10.99.

This great Weber® package is from Shores Fireplace & BBQ. They are located at 21915 Greater Mack Ave. in St. Clair Shores. Phone them at (586)285-5634 or visit online at shoresfireplaceandbbq.com for more great products.

To enter the Grosse Pointe News Shores Fireplace & BBQ Father's Day giveaway: Go to the Grosse Pointe News Instagram page or send an email with the subject line, "DAD" to media@grossepointenews.com. The contest ends on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

One lucky dad will be grilling in style this summer! Maybe it will be yours — and you'll get in on some delicious barbecue meals at dad's house this year.

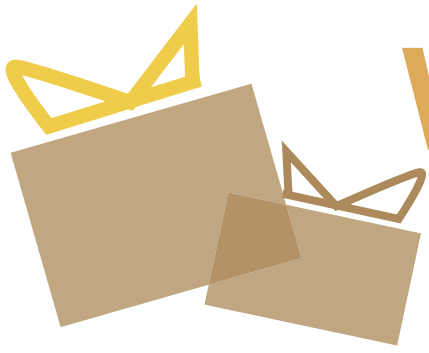


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# GIFT DAD WITH THE WHOLE PACKAGE!



*Father's Day is almost here. Don't let the day go by without a shout out to the man who made it all possible. Dads are the foundation of who we become, so it's important to let them know just how much they mean to us.*

*We've put together some great package gift ideas from Grosse Pointe area businesses to inspire your gift-giving efforts this year. Get creative as you bundle some wonderful surprises for the world's greatest dad in your family.*

## A GOLDEN DAY FOR DAD

Some dads are worth their weight in gold. Tell him so with a classic men's 18K yellow gold signet ring, right, from edmund t. AHEE Jewelers. Below, the men's cord bracelet with an 18k yellow gold cross is a stylish sign of faith that will keep you close to his heart. For the dad who always makes time for you, gift him with the Santos de Cartier large automatic watch, below, with interchangeable leather and rubber watchbands. Classic gifts from AHEE.



Show dad off in his new bling with a superb dinner at Fishbones — a meal experience he'll never forget. The engaging setting is perfect for swapping family stories and enjoying exquisite food, from sushi to jambalaya, to steaks, seafood and more — and the most creative cocktails. For the gold standard in music, celebrate early and hear the Tom Dennis Trio on June 17 or the Melody Balos Duo post-Father's Day on June 22. It's always a memorable evening at Fishbones.

Award-winning edmund t. AHEE Jewelers has been serving the Grosse Pointe community for over 75 years, with quality diamond and gold jewelry that has become a part of family history for many Grosse Pointers. The customized service they provide.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe specializes in cajun and creole recipes, seafood, sushi and American fare. Saturdays, the music's playing, so the bar and restaurant have an even more special ambiance. A metro Detroit favorite, you simply must try it!

## BEACH BOY



Nothing says summer like beach wear, something cold to drink and all your favorite tunes. Channel Beach Boys vibes for Dad with super-stylish clothes from Ridge Crest Outfitters and Newport. The sharp OAS White Machu Cuba terry shirt, left, from Ridge Crest Outfitters, is like wearing a luxurious 5-star hotel bathrobe.

The OAS Capablanca Squares on Squares quick-drying swim shorts, below left, are from Ridge Crest Outfitters. The Capablanca print is inspired by its namesake Cuban chess player. Below: Castaway Nantucket Island, Cisco men's shorts in Hingham Patch Madras. From Newport.



Once Dad's dressed in his new swimwear, pack a gourmet picnic lunch and head on out to your local park for a day of nature, nibbling and splashing in the lake. Take fruit, cheese, sandwiches and lemonade so dad can just relax and enjoy the day. The parks have lots to do and it's the perfect way to honor dads who love the outdoors.

Ridge Crest Outfitters has everything your main men need for summertime fun and frolic. Lightweight sportswear, swimwear, beach gear and more are ready for your next shopping spree.

Newport is stocked with all the coolest styles and patterns in unique warm weather menswear. And of course, as always, Village Palm is the summer-look headquarters for women too!

For something different, Lake St. Clair Metropark is a hub of all things water fun! Swim, bike, jog, inline skate on paved trails or take a hike, in a good way. So much to do for the whole family. Day passes are \$10 for vehicle or boat, annual passes are available.

## ALL EYES ON POP



Plan a day of total style for Dad, starting with a great-looking shirt and shorts from Ridge Crest Outfitters. The short-sleeved Faherty Breeze shirt is made of lightweight linen that breathes — while looking crisp and cool all summer. The Faherty All Day shorts are durable and handsome as Dad winds his way through dozens of the most incredible cars ever made at EyesOn Design's DESIGN REVOLUTION at Ford House. This classy combo will make Dad glad he designed you.



EyesOn Design at Ford House, the annual celebration and showcase of automotive design, returns to Ford House for its thirty-seventh year on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2023. Featured will be innovative and avant-garde designs that were influenced by design-enablers like powertrains, proportion, aerodynamics, market segments, and especially styling. Full production, limited production and one-off vehicles will all be included on the show field. Get tickets at [fordhouse.org/eyesondesign/](http://fordhouse.org/eyesondesign/).

Ridge Crest Outfitters is the go-to place in Grosse Pointe for men's and women's sporty dressing, gear and more. It's worth a visit to see what's new in store, have a weekend cup of tea and catch up on football while you shop. Knowledgeable staff make shopping fun and easy at RCO!

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## RUN IN THE SUN



Corner Active & Leisure keeps active dads comfy on the boat, at the beach or in the gym. The GOAT USA OG bucket hat, far left, is soft and breathable with a brim to protect from an overzealous sun. The luxe Alo Yoga Idol hooded runner, left, is made with high-performance ultra-lightweight fabric that makes a run easy. Navy-toned Beyond Yoga men's shorts, below left, are the epitome of comfort. GOAT USA socks, bottom, finish the ultra-soft ensemble. Dad will love the look!

To show off Dad's fancy footwork, Corner Active & Leisure has attractive SeaVees sneakers. Men's lace-up CVO sneaker in cotton poplin, below, has a cushy memory foam footbed with airflow channels for cooling comfort. The bouncy "power grip" outsole is made from natural rubber.



Outfit Dad from top to bottom at Corner Active & Leisure. They've got the comfort activewear that fits his healthy and busy lifestyle. From exercising to just running around the Pointes doing weekend errands, from couch surfing to captaining his boat, Corner Active & Leisure has a great selection of stylish quality activewear for real life. Stop in to see the variety of options that will make Dad the happiest this Father's Day. You won't go wrong - whatever you choose!

## DAD-MOBILE

Cool dads deserve an ultra-trendy gift. Joe Ricci Automotive has a great gift suggestion that's guaranteed to be a unique surprise. This gorgeous celebrity Vespa will have Dad spinning around town in total pop culture style. You can count on Joe Ricci Automotive to have gifts that could ONLY thrill Dad! This exclusive limited edition Vespa is complemented by a signature accessories collection including a bag, a pair of gloves and a total white helmet

**This dad-worthy celebrity Vespa comes with a signature accessories package!**



**The back story:** What happens when two pop icons get together? A unique project born to celebrate the spirit of freedom and the passion for style and design through an explosive mix of creativity that brings together coolness, pop culture and contemporary flair

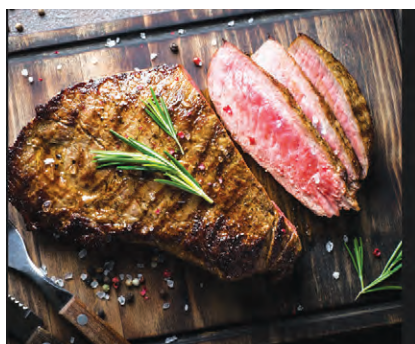
Vespa has always spurred the imagination of artists, stylists and designers around the globe. Over the recent years, big names including Giorgio Armani, Christian Dior and Sean Wotherspoon have coupled their authentic creativity with the unmistakable style of Vespa, developing exclusive brand collections.

Now it is time for an unexpected and exciting collaboration at top levels of the global pop culture: Justin Bieber, an internationally acclaimed music star with millions of fans all over the world, joins up efforts with Vespa to unveil JUSTIN BIEBER X VESPA, a new exclusive Vespa model personally ideated and designed by the singer.

Glamorous and timeless, the new Vespa designed by Justin Bieber. Monochrome is the underlying style feature that distinguishes this new Vespa. Available in classic 50, 125 and 150cc engines, capacities that have made Vespa history, now revamped in full respect of the most recent environmental regulations. The fresh, youthful geometry of the vehicle makes it light yet protective.

Joe Ricci Automotive, a family-owned and operated company, has been selling and servicing the automotive needs of Southeastern Michigan since 1972. Their seven metro Detroit locations are the authorized dealerships for Jeep, Ram, Dodge and Chrysler, Chevrolet, and Ford products, as well as the only Vespa scooter dealership in Southeast Michigan. Joe Ricci Automotive also has the largest inventory of pre-owned electric vehicles in stock, like Tesla. Joe Ricci is dedicated to make financing easy and to provide a superior car buying and servicing experience for everyone.

## HERE'S THE BEEF



Oh Daddy! Fire up the grill and work up an appetite this Father's Day with a gift from Fairway Packing Co. Dad won't be able to resist a juicy steak or burger from their gift bundle, which includes two filets, two delmonico steaks, two NY strips and four prime burgers — plus a bottle of Fairway's own special steak salt. Or choose a special cut of your own. Show Dad you inherited his good taste by treating him to a gift from Fairway!

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## GOLF DAY ADVENTURE

Schedule a tee time for you and dad — but before you do, deck him out in a great Bad Birdie golf shirt and golf cap from Glitter & Scotch. Go the extra mile and be a chip off the old block by getting a matching shirt for yourself. The shirts are soft and wrinkle-resistant, with 4-way stretch and feature UPF 50 sun protection, moisture-wicking and odor control. Hole in one!



Add a little whimsy to your Father's Day golf gift package with a Smathers & Branson embroidered golf belt, above, from Newport. The colorful belts show cute and familiar golf scenes. Or try a novelty ball marker, below, with a reminder that after all, it's just a game. From amazon.com

Be sure get on the schedule at your local country club or book some time at a public golf course like Chandler Park or St. Clair Shores Golf Club. The St. Clair Shores course has a first-rate restaurant called Cranks Bar and Grill to grab a bite or a cocktail for your 19th hole. A full day of golf with his favorite kid is going to be a fond memory for the books, guaranteed.



Glitter & Scotch has a full line of summer must-haves for women as well as a select choice of clothing and accessories for men. Be sure to stop in before summer gets in full swing to choose some of the hottest looks for your warm-weather wardrobe. Lightweight dresses, tops and the latest trends in sandals will make summer dressing a breeze.

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**FISHING CONTEST**

# Classic fishing fun continues



David Whittingham Sr. helps grandson Teddy, above, display the beautiful fish they caught at Pier Park during the first week of the contest. Teddy was also the winner of this week's raffle prize of a \$25 gift certificate to Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy. What a great catch all the way around!

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

As the Classic rambles on and Grosse Pointe fishers enjoy their magnificent piers and parks in outstanding weather, we've got something to celebrate — our first batch of weekly winners!

In Division A, the youngsters showed us what they're made of — and it's impressive. There were winners in the bass, pike and walleye categories this week. Sam Wakefield, of Grosse Pointe Shores, brought in the longest fish

in the pike category, a whopping 24-incher.

For the B Division (13-18 year-olds), Liam Gilmour made an outstanding catch in the bass category with a nice 22' smallmouth.

The adult category, Division C, had some big fish stories to share too. Tom Kolojeski, of Grosse Pointe Farms, brought in a giant 33' pike, while Andy Hauswirth, of Grosse Pointe and Dan Whittingham each caught a winning 20.5" fish, a walleye and a bass, respectively. Whittingham even was able to exhibit his fly fishing skills on

his winning bounty.

The Classic will keep running for several more weeks — ending June 29, so there's still plenty of time to drop your hooks in the water and pull up a big prize.

For some insight on where they are biting, be sure to check out Capt. Dan's fishing report each week at the Lakeside Fishing Shop Hotline at (586) 777-7008.

And don't miss Brian Owen's "Pier-to-Pier" review in this section. He's taken on the task of fishing the local piers to report fishability and more.

## 2023 Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

**Who:** You! Age categories:  
**DIVISION A** - Age 12 and under,  
**DIVISION B** - Ages 13-18  
**DIVISION C** - Adults, age 19+

**What:** 3rd Annual Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic

**Where:** Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land only (no boats)

**When:** May 25 - June 29, 2023

**Why:** Great prizes, fresh air and good times in the Pointes.

**Prizes:** \$50 per fish category for the 12and under and ages 13-18 divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.

\$25 per fish category for the adult, age 19+ division, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week for adult, age 19+ division.

**Details:** Visit [grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic) for full contest rules and details.

Already a skilled fisherman, Andrew Phillips, age 13, caught this beautiful 14" largemouth bass, right, at his local park in Grosse Pointe Woods.



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# WINNER'S CIRCLE - WEEK 1

## DIVISION A WINNERS (age 12 and under)

**BASS** Reid McGucken, Grosse Pointe Farms, a winning 21" bass  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** Sam Wakefield, Grosse Pointe Shores, a winning 24" pike  
**WALLEYE** Asher Chin, Grosse Pointe Farms, a winning 17" walleye

## DIVISION B WINNERS (age 13-19)

**BASS** Liam Gilmour, Grosse Pointe Farms, a winning 22" bass  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** N/A  
**WALLEYE** N/A

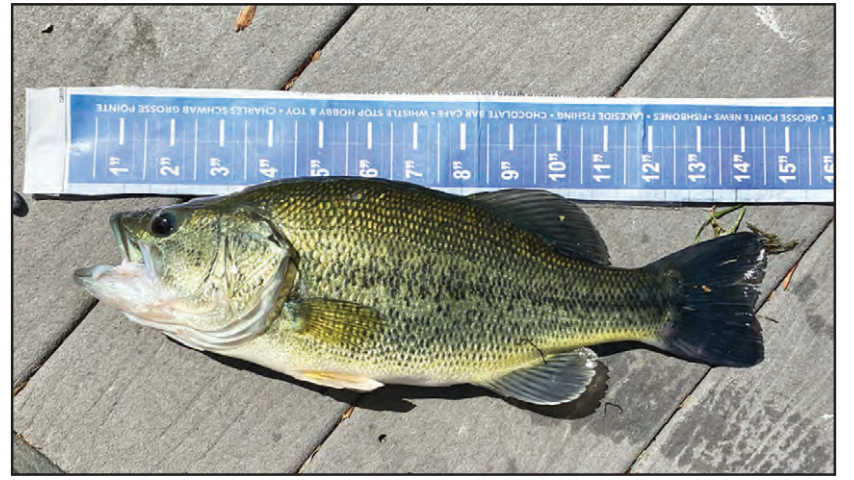
## DIVISION C WINNERS (ADULT, age 19+)

**BASS** Dan Whittingham, a winning 20.5" bass, caught fly fishing  
**MUSKIE** N/A  
**PIKE** Tom Kolojeski, Grosse Pointe Farms, a winning 33" pike  
**WALLEYE** Andy Hauswirth, Grosse Pointe, a winning 20.5" walleye

## RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Fishbones gift card - Joseph Miller  
 \$25 Whistle Stop gift card - Teddy Whittingham  
 Lakeside Fishing gift card - Daniel Shanle  
 Electronics prize - gaming mouse - Andrew Phillips

# TAKE A PEEK AT THE GREAT CATCH THIS FIRST WEEK OF THE CONTEST...



The bass have been biting, giving anglers some big thrills! Daniel Shanle, age 13, caught this 14" largemouth bass, above, at Grosse Pointe Shores Park. Daniel was also a raffle prize winner this week.



Sam Wakefield, age 12, fished the pier in Grosse Pointe Shores to reel in this nice 14" largemouth bass, above. Sam was also the winner in the pike category for his division, with a 24" pike.



Liam Gilmore, age 13, of Grosse Pointe Farms, brought in a winning 22" bass, above, while fishing at Windmill Pointe Park. Way to go, Liam!



COURTESY PHOTOS



Asher Chin, age 6, above, shows his 17" walleye caught with the help of grandpa Allan Morton at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.

Andy Hauswirth, age 21, caught an impressive winning 20.5" walleye, above, at the City of Grosse Pointe's Park.

# Congratulations

TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS THIS WEEK!



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# 'Pier-to-pier' series wrap-up

By Brian Owen  
Special Writer

This assignment, while more challenging than expected (and self imposed) has proven to be rather enjoyable and provided me with an opportunity to interact with a lot of Grosse Pointe residents and of course, park staff. We can't talk about the piers without acknowledging the literal gatekeepers to the parks.

As I made my way to Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Side Park in St. Clair Shores, I was greeted by a friendly smile by the guard on duty. I explained my assignment and he radioed in to headquarters for approval. Nobody was behind me so I asked him a few questions and we chatted a bit. His name was Sam, if I recall.

He let me through and directed me to the pier and told me where to park. Sam, like many of the other men and women working the parks was retired from a three decades long career. He was very proud that all his kids were grown and successful. He takes his job very seriously and cares about the safety and cleanliness at the park. He, of course, politely reminded me not to fish in the marina.

Lake Side Park is the most unique of our cities' parks as it runs along side the Milk River and the fishing area feels more like an inland lake than Lake St. Clair. The freighters are far

away as the shipping channel jogs north east toward the St. Clair River.

The conditions were pretty tough. It was just about 9:10 a.m. when I made my first cast. The sun was hot already and there were very few clouds and little wind to speak of. The water was glassy and clear. The late spring heat wave was in full effect.

Groups of carp were cruising the shallows and the Milk River looked more like chocolate milk to me. The geese and the ducks were active and the bird houses along the pathways were bustling with activity. I felt like I could have been at Belle Isle or Stony Creek Metropark.

My hour was up without a bite to speak of but I was so distracted by all the other wildlife that I didn't really care. Time to head to Osius Municipal Park in Grosse Pointe Shores. The conditions had not changed much but there were more breezes back out on the lake.

When I made it to the end of the pier I was quickly greeted by a smallmouth bass darting after a minnow up against the sea wall. They always say to try and match what the fish are eating so I grabbed my rod with the quad blade spinner bait and cast it right over the fish's head. He darted after it but stopped just short. I could see its dark body in the green water make its way back to the

deep having lost interest and probably wised up to the shiny lure.

A few minutes later an absolutely giant pike emerged from nowhere and slowly cruised by me at the surface. My heart pounding, I scrambled to make a decent cast and placed the spinner bait just over its nose. No such luck but what a rush it is to have the opportunity to catch such an enormous predator while fishing a local pier.

My time was up and the challenge and goal I made for myself was complete. I fished all of the Grosse Pointes' public piers.... next time my goal will be to catch fish at each of them.

Earlier in the execution of this challenge I began to think about what to compare from pier to pier and if there was a way to rank them from best to worst or score them somehow but after only spending an hour on each, that just wouldn't be possible. I did come up with a review system that I think might just be as accurate as movie review, however. Each category has a 1-3 scoring system. I did consider adding a bird watching category for which Lake Front Park would receive a 3-bird rating.

I hope you enjoy my reviews, at right. I also hope you have enjoyed reading this 3-part article half as much as I have enjoyed writing it and more importantly researching it. Fish On!

### SCORECARD

**Windmill Pointe Park**

Freighter views ✓ ✓ ✓

Fishing pressure ✓ ✓ ✓

Fishability ✓ ✓

**Pier Park**

Freighter views ✓

Fishing pressure ✓ ✓

Fishability ✓ ✓

**Neff Park**

Freighter views ✓ ✓

Fishing pressure ✓ ✓

Fishability ✓ ✓ ✓

**Osius Municipal Park**

Freighter views ✓

Fishing pressure ✓ ✓

Fishability ✓ ✓

**Lake Front Park**

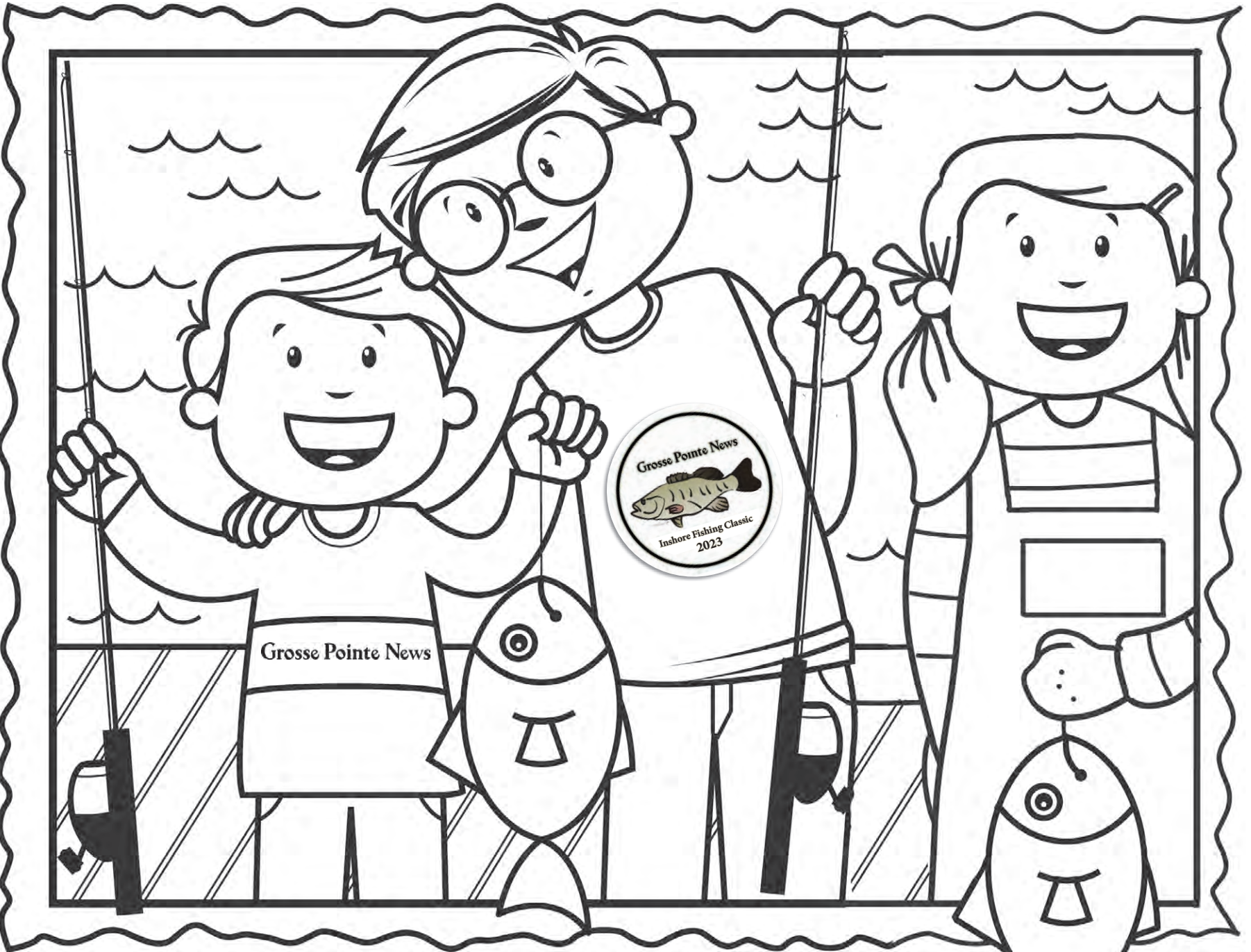
Freighter views ✓

Fishing pressure ✓

Fishability ✓ ✓

**EXTENDED DEADLINE! THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER!**

## LET'S GO FISHING! COLORING CONTEST



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City _____	
email address _____	
Phone number _____	

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# FISH ON!



## Anglers...Let's do it again!

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 1. Bass (smallmouth and largemouth combined)  
 2. Muskie 3. Walleye 4. Pike

(Contest is for length of fish)

But be sure to enter no matter the size of your fish...  
 All contestants will be eligible to win great raffle prizes!  
 (One raffle prize per person.)

**Divisions:**

- Division A: Ages 12 and under
- Division B: Ages 13-18
- Division C: ADULT, ages 19 and up

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Longest fish in each division wins.
- Onshore catch and release fishing only - no boats!
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\$50 per fish category for the 12-up and 13-18 divisions,  
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\$25 per fish category for the ADULT 19+ division,  
 \$50 for the biggest fish of the week.

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Left, Helen Mirren as Betty McLeish gives Ian McKellen as Roy Courtney, a haircut in the 2019 movie "The Good Liar," directed by Bill Condon.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "The Good Liar"  
 2019 - Rated R  
 1 hr 49 min  
 ★★★★★☆

This could have been one of your typical tales of deception and deceit, with clever plot twists. A veritable "rom-con" if you will.

And swig their booze while claiming "Non-drinker" status. This gives you a hint to the lies that lay ahead — a deliciously wicked couple of hours.

The couple meets in a posh restaurant and their dinner is full of idle banter as they size each other up. Roy pours on

not on speaking terms with. She recently lost her husband and has a grandson Stephan (Russell Tovey) who's in college and keeps an eye on her. They get along famously and at the end of their evening, they agree to keep in touch.

Once they depart we witness a remarkable transformation in Roy. He goes from a feeble and frail old man to a dapper and spry middle-aged gent who practically skips down the street. He enters a noisy strip club where he ogles the performers and meets up with his partners in crime. Here they plot their next major con-job, where they're going to bilk a sketchy Russian out of some of his capital.

The next scene is great fun. Roy and his accomplices transform an empty office space into an upscale meeting room. They hang classical artwork on the walls, set up a formal boardroom table, and decorate

the charm while Betty acts a bit wary. With each claim one of them makes you ask yourself if it's true, a lie, or somewhere in between.

He's a widower with a son in Australia who he's



Roy & Betty on their first date.

However, director Bill Condon gives this film the royal treatment by casting Dame Helen Mirren and Sir Ian McKellen as leads, which elevates the film to the next level. The end result is a little masterpiece that will charm the pants off the most jaded mystery fan.

"The Good Liar" is based on the novel by Nicholas Searle and right from the opening minutes, you know you're in for a treat. We watch our two protagonists Roy Courtney (McKellen) and Betty McLeish (Mirren) fill out their bios on an on-line dating site. They take a puff of their cigarette and cigar while checking the "Non-smoker" box.



# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



a reception area complete with a secretary. When they sit down with the Russian it's a joy to watch them as they attempt to relieve him of his money.

This is the one part that I had a bit of trouble with. They explain the ruse they're letting the Russians in on, which involves transferring hundreds of thousands of Pounds on their iPad-like tablets. They demonstrate that it's as easy as pressing a button. I thought this was a little far fetched. I'm not a banker but I think there'd be quite a few more security hurdles to overcome to accomplish this. Perhaps I'm being a bit nit picky — this is a movie after all.

After Roy takes a spill one evening, Betty offers to let him stay with her while he recovers. Of course, he woos her and as you've probably guessed, it turns into a more permanent arrangement. What follows is very entertaining.

The film goes from a slow, gentle pace to a wild, tumultuous ride. Just when you think you've got it all figured out, a new wrench is thrown into the works. The plot twists take you down a dizzying, hair-raising path. By the time the film wraps, you'll have to take a breather to

digest what you've just witnessed.

Once again, I'm flummoxed at how this film didn't get more attention. I'd never heard of it until a friend mentioned it. As luck would have it, it was showing as an in-flight movie where I watched it recently. Not the best viewing circumstances, but I enjoyed it immensely — even over the din of crying babies and captain's announcements! Both Dame Helen Mirren and Sir Ian McKellen turned in Oscar-worthy performances. Would you expect anything less from these two veteran actors?

Currently available to rent on Prime Video.

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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



Roy and Betty meet with Roy's partner Vincent, played by Jim Carter.

My rating system:

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

About this column:

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

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [domin-mark@yahoo.com](mailto:domin-mark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).

## Daddy-daughter dance

A daddy-daughter dance took place at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park over two nights, May 24 and 25. Approximately 150 tickets were sold per night. Both evenings included a photo booth, DJ and emcee, as well as sweet treats and a tote bag from the Campus Shop.



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Back row, from left, Jason Dritsan, organizer Michele Rastelli, Mick Mulligan and Justin Robinson, pose with, from row from left, Harlow Dritsan, Delaney Mulligan, Maddie Mulligan and Lucy Robinson.



From left, Frieda Linford, Maj. Pat Linford, Evelyn Eisenlohr and Maj. Michael Eisenlohr.



Hula-hoops brightened the room during the daddy-daughter dance at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.



Eleanor Simaika and Shareef Simaika are all smiles at the dance.



# Summertime

The butterflies seeming to float on the breeze,  
 My garden a-buzz with the humming of bees;  
 My flowers responding to planting time spent  
 Exuding a perfectly wonderful scent  
 And riots of color in multiple hues —  
 Perennials, annuals, some “impromptus”;  
 Aroma of barbecue hangs on the air  
 With shouts of “well-done, please!” and “medium rare!”  
 The barking of neighbor dogs straining to guard  
 And somebody’s baseball that lands in your yard;  
 It’s up-in-the-morning-at-sunrise to take  
 A sandwich and fishing gear down to the lake  
 Or out for a boat ride when daytime is done  
 To watch the retreat of a lingering sun,  
 Then back to the beach where the fire pit stands by  
 To watch for the marshmallow flare-ups to fly;  
 It’s ballgames and bicycles, rollerblades, too,  
 With all sorts of warm weather fun things to do  
 Like lawn games and beach ball, sandcastles galore,  
 Like golf games, ice cream trucks, kite flying and more,  
 Like summer vacation from work or at home —  
 Excuses to stay sedentary or roam;  
 A feeling of freedom, of carefree and ease,  
 Dear Summertime, stay just as long as you please!

— Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.



## Find 8 Differences



# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 9:05 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 8, 2023:

You have a winning personality. You know how to regale others with tales of your exploits and other stories. You are forever curious and dramatic. This is a fun-loving, social, creative year for you! Have fun, but remember your goals. Old friends might rekindle relationships.

**ARIES**  
 (March 21-April 19)

Expect a curveball or something unusual to happen when dealing with a friend today (probably a female). Or you might be just as surprised by the antics or decisions of a group. Possibly, you will meet a real character today. Tonight: Be cooperative.

**TAURUS**  
 (April 20-May 20)

Today you don't want to be bossed around or dictated to by anyone. You want the freedom to be able to call your own shots. This is why you might feel rebellious when dealing with parents, bosses, teachers or the police if they start telling you what to do. You have strong feelings of independence today! Tonight: Show respect.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 21-June 20)

This is a restless day for you. You might be unsettled or concerned because of glitches to your travel plans. Likewise, issues related to publishing, the media, medicine and the law also might be confounding or full of delays and contradictions. Slow down and work out these details. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

**CANCER**  
 (June 21-July 22)

Be smart and double-check financial matters, especially those related to banking, inheritances and shared property. Something unexpected will impact these areas for you today. Stay on top of things, because possibly, you snooze, you lose. Tonight: Check your finances.

**LEO**  
 (July 23-Aug. 22)

A close friend, partner or spouse will probably surprise you today. They might say or do something you didn't expect. They might have demands. Perhaps more freedom in the relationship. Possibly, they will introduce you to someone new and unusual. Tonight: Patience.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your work routine will be interrupted today by computer glitches, power outages, staff shortages, late deliveries and other unexpected events. Give yourself extra time so that you have wiggle room to deal with surprises. Remember the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared. Tonight: Improvise.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Parents, please know that this is an accident-prone day for your kids, which means you should be vigilant. Know where they are at all times. Remove toddlers from hazardous situations. Meanwhile, social plans will also suddenly change today. Tonight: Be cautious.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Broken appliances or other interruptions, including someone knocking at your door, are just some reasons your home routine will be interrupted today. Get dressed so that you can deal with what you least expect. Possibly, stock the fridge in case you want to

have food and drink on hand. (Perhaps a spontaneous get-together.) Tonight: Promote harmony.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. However, because you can think outside the box, you might have brilliant ideas! (Or they might be far-fetched and unrealistic.) Expect detours to your day. Tonight: Be mindful.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Keep an eye on your money today, because unexpected influences could impact your wealth. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. This includes cash. Make friends with your bank account so you know what's happening. Tonight: Guard possessions.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with your ruler Uranus, which can make you jump to conclusions or make a hasty decision. You have a strong craving for excitement today and might act without thinking. Easy does it, and make sure whatever you do doesn't lead to regret later. Tonight: Don't be hasty.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 19-March 20)

There's a lot of electric energy in the air today, which is why you feel restless, even nervous. You can sense that things are unfolding in an unpredictable way and that anything can happen. You're right! Therefore, be smart, go slowly and double-check everything. Tonight: Stay calm.

### BORN TODAY

Actress Julianna Margulies (1966), actress Torrey DeVitto (1984), actor Frank Grillo (1965).

## Contract Bridge

### A VALUABLE CONVENTION

East dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 9  
 ♥ A K Q 10 9 4  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ J 8 7 5

**WEST**  
 ♠ 6 4 3  
 ♥ 7 5 3  
 ♦ J 10 9 4  
 ♣ Q 10 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ 8 6 2  
 ♦ K Q 8 5 2  
 ♣ A K 9 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q J 10 8 5 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 7 6 3  
 ♣ 6 4

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♦ 3♠ Pass 6♠  
 Dble  
 Opening lead — ?

The Lightner slam double is a valuable convention that can defeat a slam that might otherwise be made by directing partner to make an “unusual” opening lead. However, it is not always clear what the unusual lead might be. Sometimes the opening leader is still in the dark about which suit to lead

after the double, and a failure to divine partner's wishes can cost a huge number of points.

Consider this deal from a team contest where East doubled six spades to stop West from leading a diamond, the suit East had bid. The double forbade a diamond lead, but it did not tell West whether to lead a heart or a club.

Observe that any lead but a club would hand South the slam with an overtrick for a score of 1,860 points! But West, after considering the matter fully, came forth with a club lead, and declarer quickly went down one when East cashed the A-K.

West's club lead was well thought out. He reasoned that North, for his jump to six spades, expected his partner to make the slam against a diamond lead, which in turn meant that North was very likely to have a long, solid side suit for his leap to six spades.

Pursuing this line of reasoning, West concluded that dummy's solid side suit had to be hearts, since West was looking at the Q-10-x of clubs in his own hand.

West was duly rewarded for his sound logic by a score of +200 instead of a loss of 1,860.

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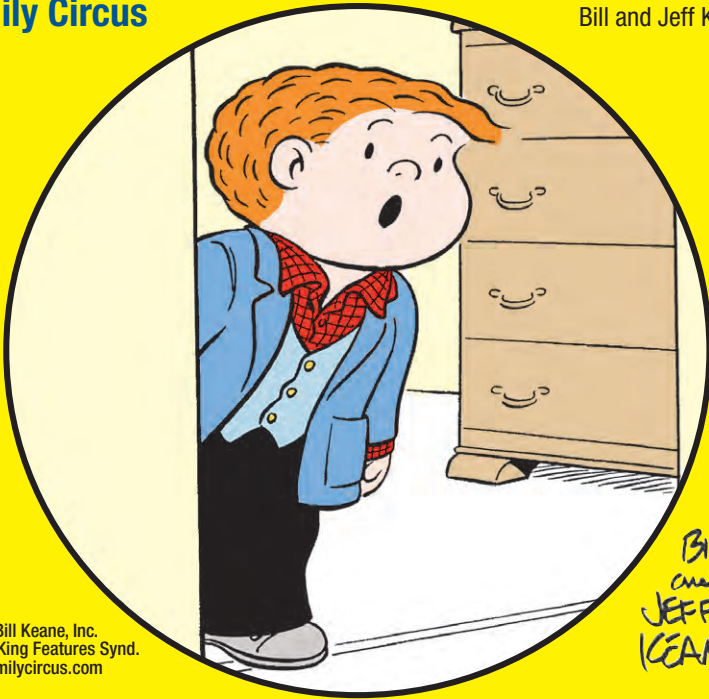
by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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"Will we be leaving in a LITTLE while or a BIG while?"

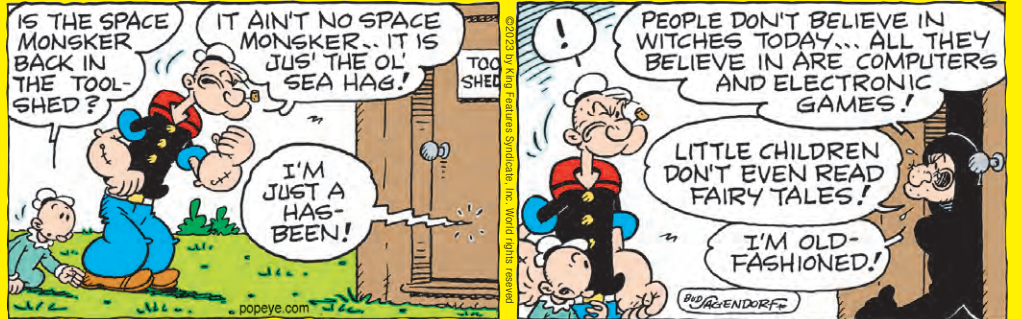
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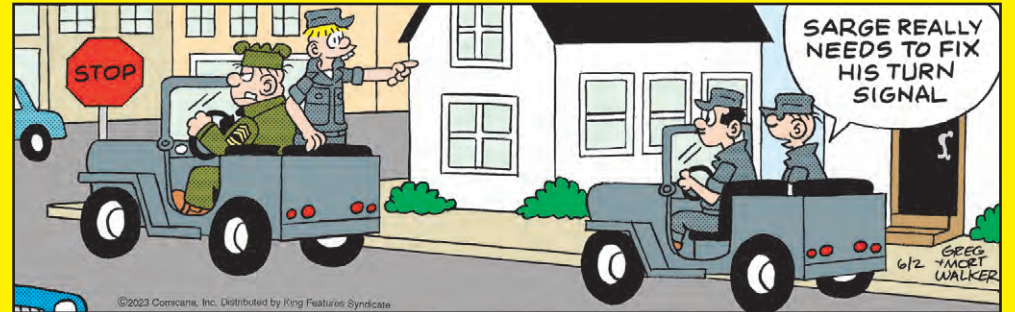
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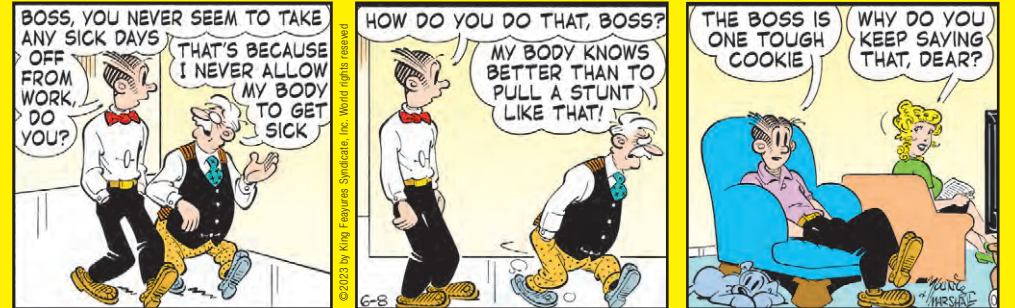
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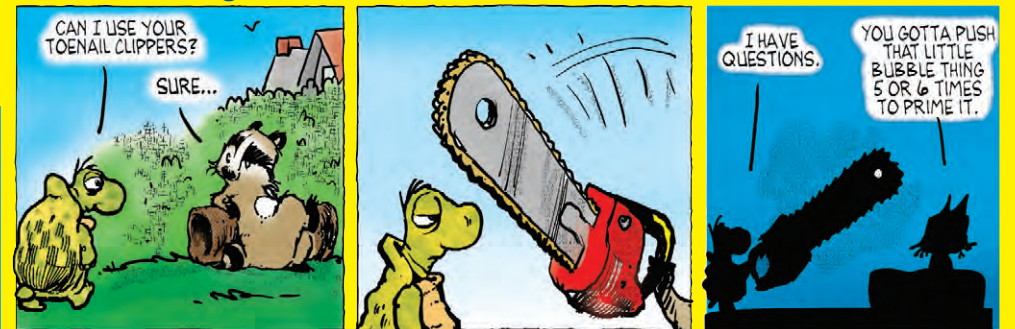
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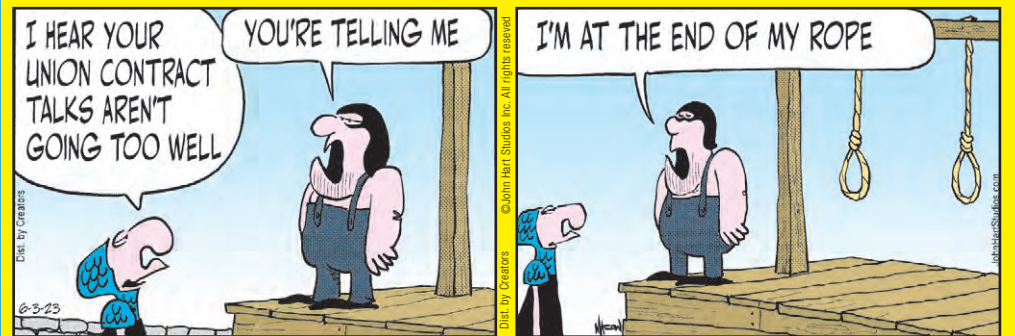
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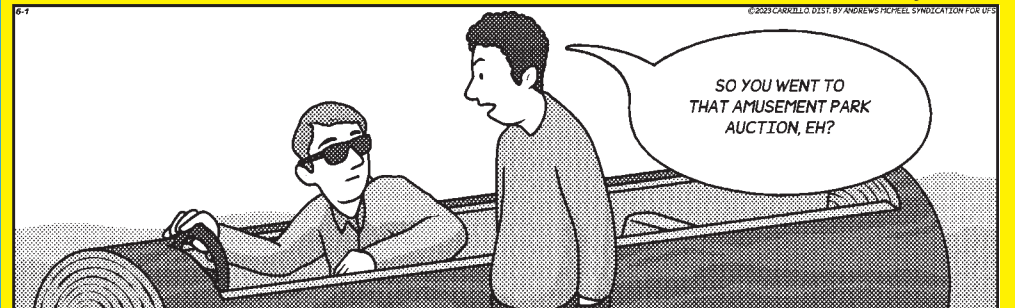
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Tony Carrilo

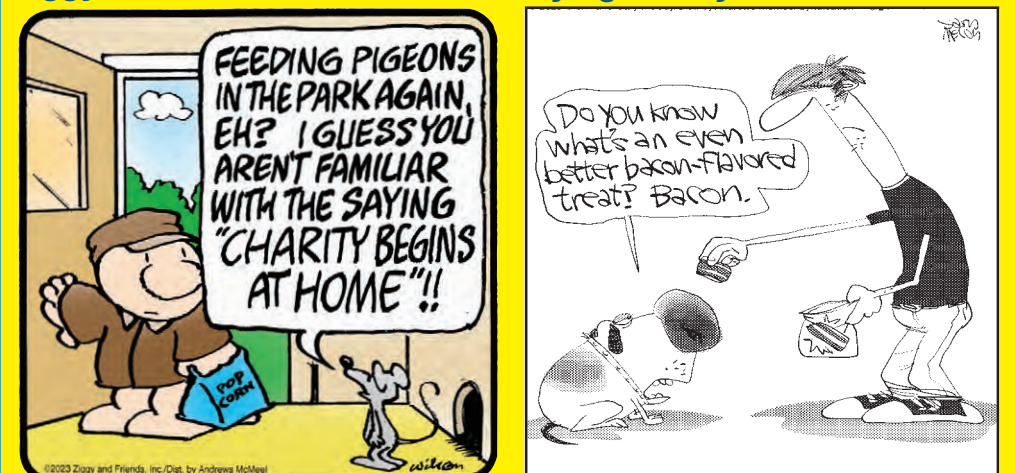


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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6/1 Solution

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 8, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Doorframe part
- 5 Pop, in some places
- 9 Regulations
- 14 Name found in "page views"
- 15 (Heavy sigh) Show anger or amusement, say
- 17 Storytelling orchestral pieces (In this answer, see the first 2 letters + the last 2)
- 19 Kindergartner's glue
- 20 Give 10%
- 21 "Variety is the \_\_\_ of life"
- 23 Beige's cousin
- 24 Where a pop-up might direct a user
- 26 Tumbler, e.g.
- 28 Nebulous ideas (... the first 2 letters + the last 2)
- 33 "I win," in chess
- 36 On vacation
- 37 Citibank, for some credit cards
- 38 "Sing" porcupine
- 39 Works hard
- 41 Like a burning candle
- 42 Older, as baked goods
- 45 Target of a pull-down, for short

- 46 Majorca, por ejemplo
- 47 Big retirement spots? (... the first letter + the last 3)
- 50 Alpha (first African American sorority)
- 51 Comedy Central salutes
- 55 Friend
- 57 Pet protection org.
- 60 Jeweled headgear
- 61 Home of orcas
- 63 Furnished fuel (... the first 3 letters + the last 2)
- 65 Sauce made with pine nuts
- 66 Cookie with a Pokemon edition
- 67 Meeting, familiarly
- 68 1950s Ford flop
- 69 Mail out
- 70 Org. regulating workplaces

- ### DOWN
- 1 Volkswagen sedan
  - 2 Stay away from
  - 3 Mentos, e.g.
  - 4 Queen's realm
  - 5 University of \_\_\_ Paulo
  - 6 Futbol cheers
  - 7 Like towel-dried hair

- 8 Give, as homework
- 9 Says again
- 10 Actress Thurman
- 11 Directionless people
- 12 James of jazz
- 13 Noticed
- 18 Antifur org.
- 22 Seclude
- 25 "All about me" excursions
- 27 Tia Mowry, to Tamera, familiarly
- 29 A weather balloon might be mistaken for one
- 30 Submit taxes digitally
- 31 Author Gaiman
- 32 Mlle., in Mexico
- 33 Face covering
- 34 Italian wine region
- 35 Unappreciated

- 40 Certain guide dog, informally
- 43 JFK alternative
- 44 Spanish, in Spanish
- 46 Parent's words after "Because"
- 48 Online footwear retailer
- 49 Lavish attention (on)
- 52 Wise ones
- 53 Garbage
- 54 "Rizzoli & Isles" star
- 55 Catholic leader
- 56 Provided perfect service?
- 58 Medical breakthrough
- 59 "You said it!"
- 62 Had pad thai, say
- 64 Family of orcas

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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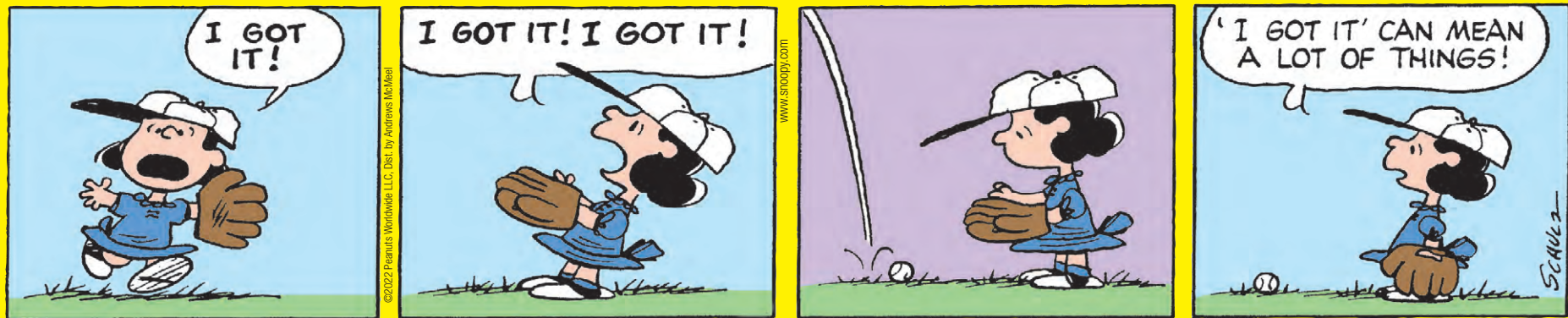
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# Comics

## Peanuts

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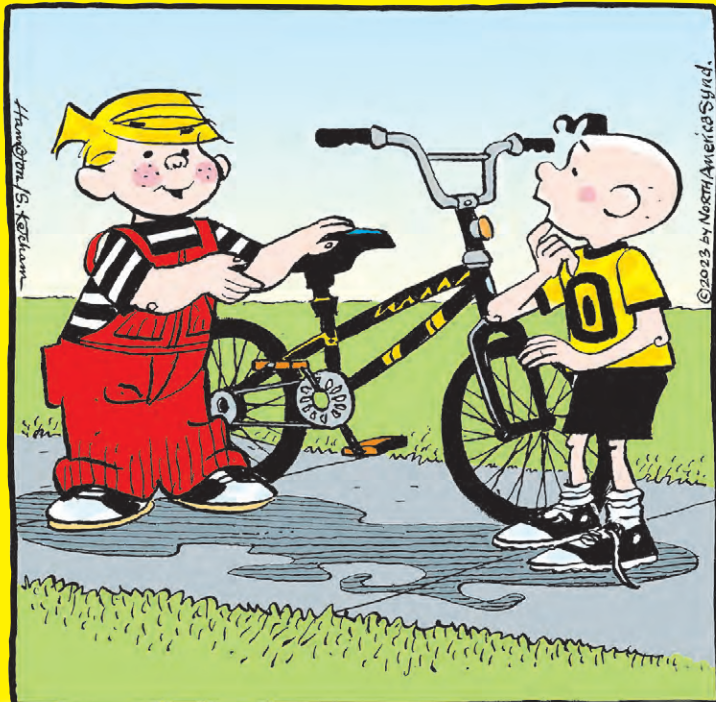
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

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## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

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## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



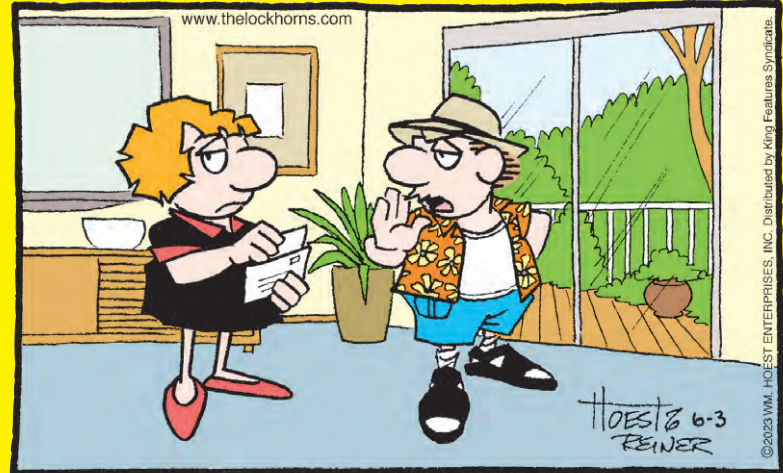
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Close To Home

John McPherson



Where bad husbands go.

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"I have to make it a game for him."







# SPORTS



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## McEvoy's game-saving catches in the seventh seal South's district title win over Norsemen

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Three acrobatic catches by Grosse Pointe South left fielder Joey McEvoy held Grosse Pointe North off the scoreboard in the top of the seventh inning and sealed his team's high-stakes 3-2 win over the Norsemen Saturday, June 3, to give the Blue Devils their first district championship since 2019.

It is also the 26th district title win in the 40-year head coaching tenure of South's Dan Griesbaum Sr., who called this championship "as satisfying as any other we've won."

"Having to beat two good teams — and I think North was favored as to who people thought was going to win — was as satisfying as any I have been a part of, next to the district we won in '18," he said, referring to the last year the program won both a district and state championship.

"I don't think either team deserved to lose that game," he added. "It's unfortunate that somebody had to, but it

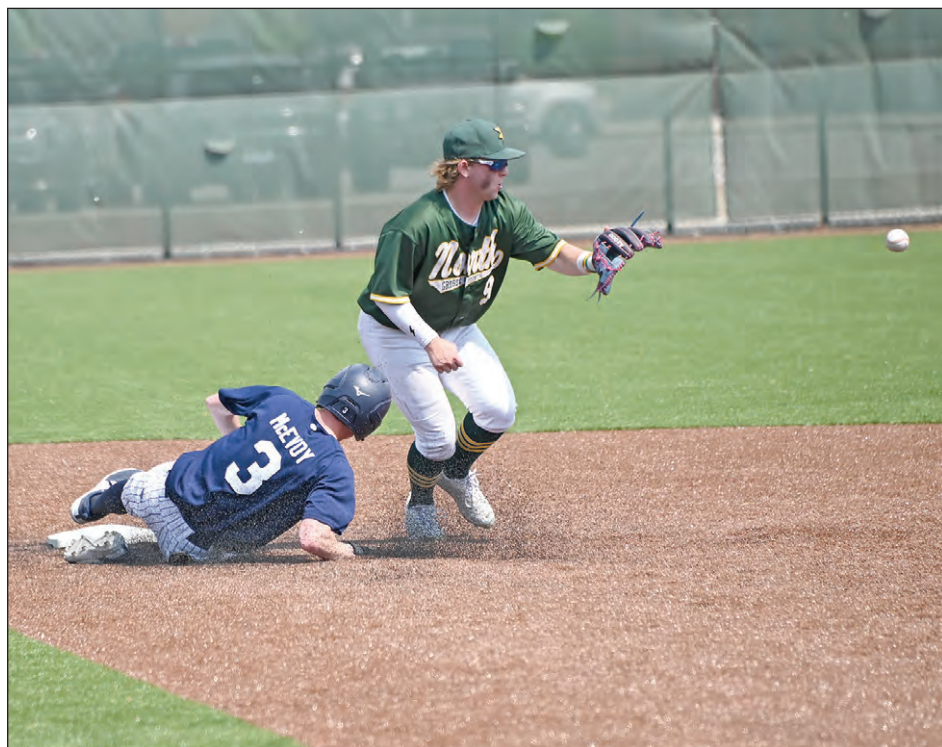


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Joey McEvoy slides safely into second base, beating the throw to North shortstop Cam Schafer in the district championship game.

was just a great, great game against two very good teams that want to beat each other so badly on the field, but are so mutually respectful of each other."

In a matchup that fans and players of both programs anticipated all season, South pitcher Cliff Grabowski and

North's Brennan Hill started the game, each blanking batters in order to keep the game scoreless after one.

With Hill throwing heat, firing pitches in the upper 80s/low 90s, Griesbaum said he knew South hitters had their work cut out for them.

"How are we going to get through to this guy?" Griesbaum said of what ran through his mind in the opening inning. "When I first saw him pitching, I thought, 'We've got our hands full here, there's no doubt.'"

In the top of the second, Grabowski gave up

a walk that led to no damage. But in the bottom of the inning, South struck first on the scoreboard.

Hill walked Wells Graham, then surrendered a single to late-game hero McEvoy. A sacrifice fly to center by Ben Frakes sent Graham to tag up and give South the 1-0 lead.

In the top of the third, Luke Shanley singled and later scored, thanks to a deep shot to center off of the bat of Drew Hill, tying things up at 1-1.

South swung right back in the bottom of the third. With a runner on third, Hunter Belanger hit a deep ball to the top of the fence in right field for a double to knock in a run and regain the South lead 2-1.

It remained that way until the top of the sixth when North tied it up 2-2 on a sacrifice fly from Connor McMahon to score Brennan Hill, who was walked to start off the inning.

But in what had been the theme all afternoon, the Blue Devils answered right back.

Connor Stafford doubled on a line drive to right field to score Frakes, who had been hit by a pitch earlier in the inning, to take a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

In the top of seventh, with a district title hanging in the balance in front of hundreds of fans and an audible buzz, McEvoy put on a clinic in left field. North's Shane Armbruster, Shanley and Drew Hill each hit hard, deep shots to McEvoy, who made athletic, diving catches to get all three outs to end the game 3-2 and give South the district championship.

"The catches that Joey McEvoy and (center fielder) Joey Michelotti made were game-savers," Griesbaum said of his two outfielders, who each made highlight-reel type catches in the district final. Griesbaum also credited the work on the mound from Grabowski, who pitched a complete game, giving up two runs on five hits and three walks, but

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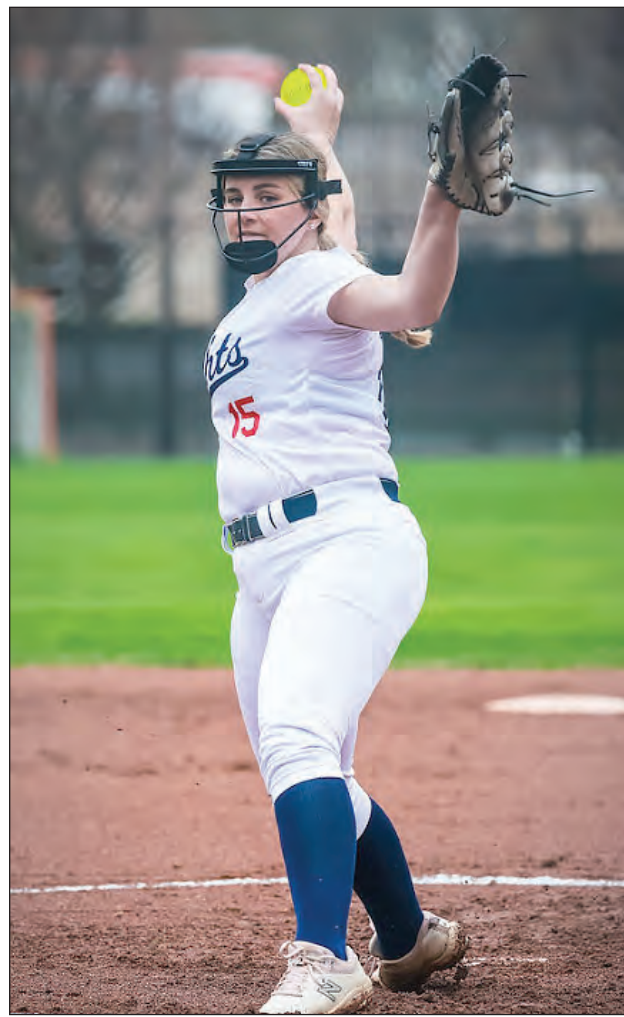


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Nugent has been Liggett's go-to pitcher this season, tossing a total of 139.1 innings this spring.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Coming from a family where any sport that involves a bat, a ball and is played on a diamond is almost like a religion, it is only fitting that junior pitcher Tori Nugent is one of the driving forces behind University Liggett varsity softball's dominant season.

"I always grew up around baseball because my dad and his two brothers played at South and my brothers played," Nugent said. "We would travel around going to tournaments and stuff. One day, my brothers were hitting in the backyard and I wanted to join in, so I started hitting off a tee into a net and that's when my dad asked me 'Do you want to start playing softball?'"

It was then, at around 7 or 8 years old, that Nugent began playing Little League softball. While rotating through positions like every young player, pitching was just something that stuck for Nugent, and has been her specialty ever since.

Being a softball pitcher, especially at the high school level, is not an easy task. Nugent has started nearly every game for the Knights this spring in her junior

innings, Nugent has racked up 272 strikeouts and has an ERA of 2.61. She is also credited with 22 wins on the mound, which accounts for every game the Knights

mentioned stress, but Nugent is clearly able to overcome that. The key to staying calm and being successful in long days on the rubber is simple — preparation.

"We play the same teams in the league four times so I usually know the teams and what they can and can't hit," Nugent said. "I start thinking about it that day or the day before, thinking about what pitches I'm going to throw and when."

Pitching is not the only area where Nugent thrives. With a .530 batting average and 51 RBIs this season at the plate, Nugent has become like the Pointes' version of popular two-way MLB player Shohei Ohtani.

There have been times this season, and throughout her career, when entire games for Liggett are heavily influenced by Nugent's efforts at the plate and on the mound. It is then only natural that she has grown into a leadership role as well, which has in turn helped strengthen possibly the

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## 2D | SPORTS

# Knights, Norsemen girls soccer teams win nail-biting district finals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Those who were in the stands for some of the girls soccer district playoff action in the Pointes last week might have noticed a spike in their blood pressure on match day. Both the University Liggett and Grosse Pointe North girls soccer teams ended up celebrating with the district championship trophies in their respective divisions, victorious in games that proved just how thrilling playoff soccer can be.

## Liggett

The Knights hosted Shrine on Friday, June 2, in the Division 4 district final after a 7-0 drubbing of Bloomfield Hills Roeper in the semifinal a couple of days before. Liggett

knew that it would not be such smooth sailing in the final going up against a familiar Catholic League foe, and the game did indeed come down to the wire, with the Knights needing a penalty shootout to defeat Shrine 2-1 and claim the district crown. “We knew it was going to be a really challenging match and Shrine is a really strong opponent,” Liggett girls soccer coach David Dwaihy said about the win. “In fairness, I think for the better part of the game they maybe had a little bit of the edge.”

That edge was apparent when Shrine took the lead first, scoring in the 32nd minute to go up 1-0. Both teams had opportunities to that point, but it seemed as if Shrine’s goal was them finally breaking through after having some

advantage on the attack.

Liggett answered not long into the second half. It took only two minutes after the break for senior captain Brooke Summers to even the game at 1-1. After that, a few more chances here and there on either side did not amount to much, and the playoff contest was sent into extra time.

In the first of two ten-minute extra time periods, Liggett junior goalie Gabrielle Szajenko made a huge save on a Shrine breakaway attempt that could have been a massive goal in deciding the game. Instead, the teams remained scoreless through the two extra time periods forcing the game to penalty kicks, where Szajenko would play a crucial role yet again.

The Knights would



Isabella Deskins, pictured chasing down a loose ball in the first half of last Thursday’s district final game, scored the game’s only goal in the second half to give North a 1-0 win over Lamphere.

end up needing to score on only two of their penalty kick attempts, with Summers and Kerith Shore both finding the back of the net. It was Shrine who struggled in the shootout, missing all four of its attempts. Szajenko came up big with a couple of shootout saves while two of Shrine’s kicks simply flew over the net, including the miss that sealed the win for Liggett.

“(Szajenko) was a hero for us,” Dwaihy said about his keeper’s efforts in crunch time. “...Her being a calm presence for us really helped our shooters by getting up first and making some saves really helped set the tone.”

Liggett moved on to face another Catholic League team, Cabrini, in the regional semifinal

on Tuesday, June 6, after press time. The Division 4 regional final is scheduled for Thursday, June 8 at Bishop Foley in Madison Heights.

## North

The Norsemen found themselves in a tight battle in the Division 2 district final against Lamphere on Thursday, June 1, although their game did not need any extra time or a shootout to be decided. Instead, it was one key bounce in the second half that favored North and ended up giving it a 1-0 win and a trip to the regional playoff round.

For much of the game, it seemed like North was setting the tone for the most part and keeping play mostly in the Rams’ end of the field. All that effort to try and

break through was futile in the first 40 minutes as the game went to halftime still locked in a scoreless draw.

About 14 minutes into the second half, the Norsemen finally got the goal they had been looking for. A bouncing ball in the Lamphere box was redirected by North senior Isabella Deskins and got across the line to score the first — and ultimately deciding — goal of the game.

North’s defense was able to fight off the efforts by Lamphere to mount a comeback for the remainder of the game. The Norsemen faced Marian in the Division 2 regional semifinal on Tuesday, June 6, after press time. The regional final will be hosted at Divine Child in Dearborn on Thursday, June 8.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett senior Brooke Summers scored the tying goal in the second half of the Knights’ district final game last Friday. The goal helped send the game to extra time and a shootout, where Summers scored again to help her team win the district title.

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striking out four.

South’s skipper also had high praise for the Norsemen, particularly North’s head coach Kevin Shubnell, who took his team to the state final game last year in his rookie season. Griesbaum credits Shubnell for “bringing

back the respect the rivalry should have,” and for coming over to congratulate the team when the game ended.

He also praised senior Drew Hill.

“Drew Hill is obviously one of the best hitters in the state,” he said. “... I just have had nightmares about how to get him out all the years he’s been on that team. I hate to see him

go, because I love to watch him play, but I’m glad I don’t have to figure out how to get him out anymore.”

South advanced to the district final by shutting out Lakeview 6-0 earlier Saturday morning, led by two solo home runs from Grabowski. North advanced to the final by beating Harper Woods 12-1. North finished the 2023 campaign with a 24-12 record.

South played Detroit Western in a regional semifinal game Wednesday after press time. Should the Blue Devils advance, they play the winner of University of Detroit-Jesuit and Birmingham Seaholm Saturday, June 10, at Wayne State University.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr., left, gets ready to bear hug his starting pitcher Cliff Grabowski after the third out to seal the Blue Devils district championship over North Saturday, June 3.

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**George Lapastora**  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
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most important relationship on any softball team.

“I’m a captain and so is my catcher (Isabel Standish), which is great because we can lead by example,” Nugent said. “We have a great relationship with each other, and we have to because I’m constantly with her during the game. Leading by example and always having a good attitude has created really good team chemistry which I think has definitely contributed to our wins even more than in the past.”

Liggett’s season is

still going as the Knights captured the district championship last weekend. Nugent was the starting pitcher for both the district semifinal and final, getting wins in both. She pitched eight total innings, allowing only two hits and one run over the course of both games.

When the Knights take on St. Catherine in the regional semifinal on Saturday, June 10, it seems safe to say that Nugent will be back on the bump. When the high school season comes to an end, Nugent does not want to stay off the diamond for long and will get right into summer ball with her travel team, the St.

Clair-based Foster Oilers. Nugent still has one more season left with the Knights before graduating in 2024, and the plan is to use this summer and offseason to improve even more upon what has been a successful spring.

“I’m really going to try and focus on getting a new pitch,” she said. “I want to lock in my rise ball and getting to work on that all summer long with tournaments every weekend will make it so hopefully next year I have that fully down.”

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).



# North, Liggett dominate in softball districts

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

## North-South

While the Norsemen got an automatic bid to the district finals after Harper Woods had to forfeit their semifinal game, Saturday, June 3, began with just one semifinal between South and Cass Tech. The Blue Devils did not have much trouble punching their ticket to the district championship, needing just four innings to take down Cass Tech 16-0.

Murphy Russell pitched all four innings for South in the semifinal win while not allowing a single hit. On the offensive side, the big bats of junior Addison Waller and sophomore Lucy Gabel led the way

for South. Waller tallied five RBIs, including a three-run inside the park homerun that ended the game via mercy rule. Gabel finished the game just behind Waller with four RBIs.

That set up the district final matchup that many were likely expecting, a crosstown showdown between North and South. The Norsemen were able to be the home team on their home turf, and while the start was a bit slow, the bats caught fire after a few innings and eventually led to a 10-0 win and district title for North.

The Norsemen took an early lead in the bottom of the first inning when Kaitlyn Barr knocked in the opening

run on an RBI triple. Then the game entered somewhat of a stalemate, with neither team scratching anything across for the next nearly three innings.

In the bottom of the fourth, the floodgates began to open for the Norsemen. Leah Salisbury began a four-run rally with an RBI single early in the innings. The rally continued into the bottom of the fifth, when a sacrifice bunt by Barr brought in the tenth and winning run to end the game.

Barr had two RBI while also getting the win as the pitcher, striking out eight South batters and allowing only two hits. Lizzy Rheume also had a pair of RBI at the plate, but the Norsemen were led by

the three runs brought in by the bat of Katie Listman.

"Playing our rival team and being able to win that was very big," North softball coach Ron Smith said. "Moving on to the next round is always big for us. We're excited but very focused on what we have to do."

For the Blue Devils, the season ends in the district final. However, with a relatively young roster already accomplishing so much this spring, the South program is looking forward to what it believes could be a bright future.

"This team won 23 games, the third highest total in South history, were named an All State Academic team and battled in each and every game they played," South softball coach Bill Fleming said. "With eleven players returning and the dedication, work ethic, and togetherness this group has already shown, the coaching staff is extremely excited about next season."

North takes on Detroit Renaissance in the Division 1 regional semifinal on Saturday, June 10, hosted at Royal Oak.

**Liggett**  
The Knights dominated their way through the Division 3 district tournament over the weekend. In two games, Liggett outscored oppo-

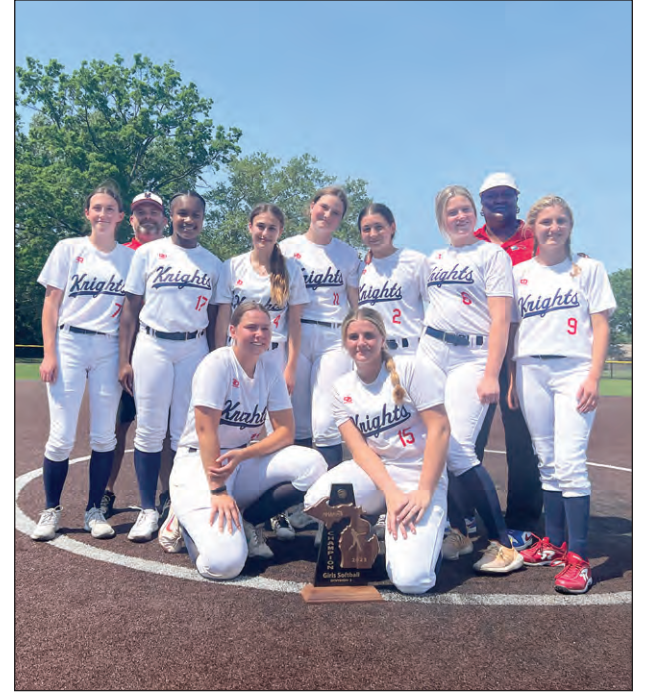


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**Liggett softball defeated its two district playoff opponents by a combined score of 38-1 last Saturday to win the district championship.**

nents 38-1 on the way to winning the district title.

The semifinal was a 12-0 win over Detroit Edison. Tori Nugent had 14 strikeouts and allowed only one hit in the shutout win that lasted just five innings. Briann Williams led the team on offense with a pair of RBI, as many of the Knights' runs came as the result of errors by Edison.

In the final, Liggett squared off against Detroit Cristo Rey. The game was hardly a contest and the Knights needed only two and a half innings to take

down Cristo Rey 26-1.

Once again, the Knights took advantage of seven Cristo Rey errors, but several Liggett hitters still had big performances at the plate. Brooklyn Peshl tallied five RBIs, Margaret Weiss had four and Isabel Standish had three. Nugent once again had the win on the mound, allowing one run on a single hit and striking out eight.

The Knights move on to the regional semifinal, where they are set to face St. Catherine Saturday, June 10 at St. Catherine in Wixom.

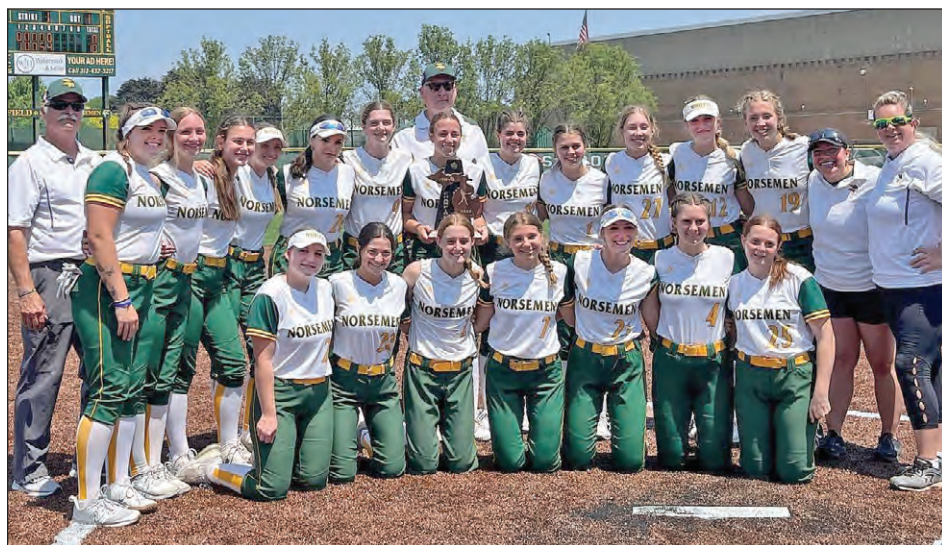


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**The Grosse Pointe North girls softball team captured the district title over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South with a 10-0 win last Saturday.**

# Norsemen and Blue Devils tennis teams net top 10 finishes at states

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

Over the past weekend, the girls varsity tennis teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School showcased their skills in the tennis state tournaments June 1 to 3. In Division 2, South and North traveled to Midland, where North secured seventh place with 11 points, while South finished with 10 points, securing 10th place. In Division 4, Liggett traveled to Kalamazoo College and finished with two points in a three-way tie for 21st place.

A standout performance came from North's No. 1 singles player, Helaina Pietrowsky, who played in the finals, finishing as runner-up in the state final match. Additionally, the No. 4 doubles team of Gianna Roux and Paige Lefevre

from North delivered a notable performance, defeating the fifth seed.

"Everybody else did what they were supposed to do. We got a lot of first-round wins, which makes it very important for a high-place finish," North head coach John Van Alst said. "... I am extremely excited and pleased with the way the season went. At the beginning of the season, I challenged the team and I said, 'Look, the only thing that we wanted to do was to get a win against Grosse Pointe South,' and we did that one time in a dual.

"And then I challenged them to put their fears aside and just go and play and see what was possible and not worry about, like, 'Well, what if I lose,'" he continued. "I said, 'Well, what if you win?,' so I wanted them to think about what their possibilities were and put their fears aside. And I think everybody did that at the

finals and just went out and played and played extremely well, the best they've played all season.

"It was a great ending to a fantastic season," Van Alst said.

**South**  
South entered the season with a young team and the goal of finishing within the Top 10, a goal they successfully achieved. Despite the challenge of prom taking place Friday, June 2, the team showed remarkable dedication.

"It was prom Friday night, the day of the state tournament," South coach Mark Sobieralski said. "I had girls, I had promised them they could go to the prom and so I got my one girl at two doubles (in) Ana Maria Garberding. They're the No. 2 seed, her and Maeve Hix, and she left for prom and came back in the morning to play in the state semifinals. She was amazing. I couldn't

believe how well she played, (to) drive over two hours away, go to the prom and come back in the morning for an 8:30 start. I was so proud of that kid. I mean, I'll never forget that.

"I've been coaching for 41 years and that's definitely a highlight in my career, just how she had pride in the program," he added. "And, you know, (she) didn't want to let her team down. And all the girls that went to prom came back, even if they weren't playing. So I was really, really happy."

Sobieralski also praised the efforts of Megan Kornmeier and Katelyn Strong, the No. 1 doubles pair, as well as Taylor Lewis, the No. 4 singles player, who reached the quarterfinals. With a focus on developing its young team, Grosse Pointe South is optimistic about the future, Sobieralski said.

## Liggett

In Division 4, Liggett traveled to Kalamazoo College, where they achieved first-round victories from Alexandra Larrea at No. 2 singles and Nina Shanidze at No. 4 singles. Another really outstanding performance was put in by Liggett's No. 3 singles player, Claudia Haouilou.

"She played a match that lasted over three hours," head coach John Collins said, "in temperatures well over 90 degrees on the court. It was incredible. It was an incredible test of endurance and mental and physical focus."

With some challenges facing the team due to academic commitments, the Lady Knights persevered and Collins said he was pleased with his first season coaching the team.

"I really enjoy this year of coaching," he said. "It was very rewarding to be able to work with the players. It was all that I had hoped for. It was a cool challenge and I look forward to building on the momentum that we gained this year, so I'm excited about the future."



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**The varsity tennis teams from Grosse Pointe North, front, and Grosse Pointe South, back, pose for a group shot at the state final tournament in Midland last weekend.**

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## 4D | SPORTS



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University Liggett's entire baseball roster played in the team's district championship game Saturday, a 35-0 win over South Lake.

## Liggett baseball bests South Lake for district crown

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

With what looks to be the score of a football game, not baseball, University Liggett School beat St. Clair Shores South Lake 35-0 Saturday, June 3, to win the district championship.

"Five touchdowns and perfect on extra points," quipped Liggett head coach Dan Cimini, who also used to be the Knights' head football coach.

Pitcher Joey Randazzo tossed a perfect game over three innings for Liggett. The right-hander walked zero batters and struck out six.

Shortstop Jarren Purify

had a prolific day at the plate, going 2-for-2 with two walks, two home runs and four RBIs. Catcher Oliver Service had four hits, including one triple and one double, five RBIs and scored five runs. Reggie Sharpe went 2-for-2, driving in five runs.

The win moves Liggett to 22-11 on the season.

Cimini said in games like this district final against the Cavaliers, he did not send runners home on passed balls and played all 22 players on his roster in the three-inning mercy.

"We gave everybody reps. ... I told them, if you get a pitch you like, hit it and go play hard. That's how we play base-

ball.

"On Saturday, that's what we did. We didn't look at them or laugh or, you know, try to make it disrespectful. We played the game, we shook their hands and talked with the other team. Their coaches were phenomenal. So the bottom line was, we played baseball."

The Knights hosted the regional semifinal game Wednesday afternoon after press time against University Prep. A win would send Liggett to the regional final, which takes place at 12:30 p.m. at the University of Michigan against the winner of the New Boston Huron versus the Riverview regional semi-final.

## Sandlot Baseball Camp starts June 19

If you know a baseball player between the ages of 6 and 14, who is looking to up their game, the Dan Cimini Sandlot Baseball Camp will fit them like a glove.

The camp takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 19 to 22, at Liggett Ballpark at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Attendees will spend nearly 18 hours of training time on skills, drills and games throughout the week with the camp's professional staff, while receiving verbal and video assessment of their skills.

Sandlot Baseball Camp is run by

Liggett's head varsity baseball coach, Dan Cimini, a member of the MHSBCA Hall of Fame and five-time state championship coach at Liggett. His team's most recent title came in the 2021 D3 championship. Several members of the 2017 and 2018 teams from Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, who competed in the Little League World Series, will work with campers to help them elevate their skills to the next level.

The camp costs \$350, which includes a "Sandlot" T-shirt. For more information, head to [uls.org/summerprograms/](http://uls.org/summerprograms/).



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From left, South varsity golfers Tommy Ciconte, Brennan Sullivan, Evan Brown, Will Jordan and Corbin Ifkovits will make a run for the state championship this weekend after qualifying as a team in the regional round May 31.

## South golf makes states for 11th straight year, ULS qualifies in D3

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Varsity golf teams from Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School secured top three regional finishes last week, earning the Blue Devils a spot in the Division 1 state final tournament and the Knights a trip to the Division 3 final, both of which take place June 9 and 10.

Among 15 teams competing in the Division 1, Region 5 tournament, South shot 310, finishing in third place behind winner Warren De La Salle (304) and runner-up University Detroit - Jesuit (306) at Twin Lakes Golf Club in Oakland Township May 31.

Junior Brennan Sullivan shot 74 to finish fifth overall to lead all Blue Devils. Evan Brown shot 76, finishing in seventh place, followed by Tommy Ciconte (77), who finished ninth. Corbin Ifkovits shot 83, while Will Jordan was just one shot back at 84.

The top three teams and top three individual players from non-qualifying teams move on to the state final, which will take place at the Meadows at Grand Valley State University in Allendale June 9 and 10.

"(The Meadows) par is excellent," South's head coach Rob McIntyre said. "Part of what I'm going to show the team and will prepare them with are the scores there for the last 10 years. Like, here's what won, here's what won ... and they're not low scores."

"It's not a go-low course. It's an NCAA, Division 1, tournament course."

McIntyre said that form of preparation should help manage his golfers' expectations so they stay mentally strong throughout an intense

tournament.

"It sets up fairly well for us," he said. "But we still have to go execute."

The past 14 seasons, South's boys program has been making state final appearances a habit. The team has missed qualifying only twice in that time frame - in 2008, when the boys golf season flipped from fall to spring, and the other in 2011, the last time the team didn't make the trip to a state final.

That tradition of excellence is significant, McIntyre said, because South cannot recruit and represents only half of the Grosse Pointes, not including players in town who attend University Liggett.

"The golf team is good," McIntyre said. "We are so used to it being good, I don't know if the community really realizes it or forgets about it, but these players really dedicated themselves to go (to states). ... This is something the community can be proud of and it isn't easy."

McIntyre credited good team culture for this season's success, adding all has largely gone to plan, which was to reach the state final.

"My expectation has always been that this group is talented enough and dedicated enough to make the state finals," he said.

The team will practice at The Meadows next Thursday afternoon for a "comfort factor," McIntyre said. After a team dinner Thursday, they will hit the links early Friday morning and again Saturday morning to determine the Division 1 state championship.

"If you look at the regional final, we shot a 310, but we did not all play well all at the same time," he said. "So it's something I preach as a

coach - I know what 'well' is and I know where their talent is and how well they are prepared, so I am very comfortable taking them to The Meadows. ... The only thing we can control is doing our absolute best and maximizing our efforts."

**ULS**

With a final score of 329, University Liggett took second place among a field of 20 teams competing in the Division 3, Region 17 tournament at Hawk Hollow Golf Club in Bath. Lansing Catholic won the regional championship with the day's lowest score of 316.

Sean Sullivan and Will Cooksey led the Knights, each shooting 78 on the day. Leo Pampalona shot 85 and Tommy Ugval shot 88.

The Knights are set to vie for the D3 state crown, which will take place at Forest Akers West at Michigan State University in East Lansing June 9 and 10.

**North**

Playing in a highly-competitive field of 19 teams, including St. Mary's Prep, Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Country Day, Grosse Pointe North finished 11th in the Division 2, Regional 11 tournament at Huron Meadows Golf Club in Brighton.

The Norsemen shot 348, eight strokes behind Notre Dame Prep and Ortonville Brandon, who shared a tie in ninth place. North junior Nicholas Truza shot 77, earning North's lowest individual score on the day.

But St. Mary ruled, shooting 293 and cruising to a regional title. Runner-up Brother Rice shot 300, while third place Country Day shot 305.

No player from a public school made the D2 final, which begins at the Fortress in Frankenmuth June 9 and 10.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

## South boys lax ousted in regional final

The Grosse Pointe South boys varsity lacrosse team saw its season come to an end last Wednesday, May 31, in a 20-5 loss to Detroit Country Day in the Division 2 regional final. Griffin Adams, pictured above, scored the Blue Devils' first goal of the game. South's other goals came from a pair each by Jack Hanigan and Jack Smith.



# Grand Prix brings racing heartbeat back to downtown Detroit

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

There's just something that feels right about being in downtown Detroit, the heart of the Motor City, and hearing the deafening roar of engines as some of the best drivers in the world race their way through the streets. That's what we had on Sunday, June 4, as the 2023 Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix brought IndyCar racing back to the streets of Detroit.

I was up close and personal with the race on Sunday, walking through downtown Detroit, the pit lane, the paddock area and more both before and during Sunday's race, and the energy was unmatched. For many years, Belle

Isle was a suitable Grand Prix host, but you could tell that being back on the streets of downtown meant to many that the race was finally home.

At one point, I even found myself in the presence of legendary IndyCar team owner Roger Penske. Penske played a critical role in the movement to get the race off Belle Isle and back into the streets of downtown, and I overheard several people come up to greet him and thank him for his part in doing that.

You got a sense of what racing truly means to the people of Detroit and the state of Michigan. On a personal level, I got to remember what racing means to my own family. As I walked around pit lane

watching the crews and drivers make their last minute preparations for the race, I couldn't help but imagine what my late grandpa, a die-hard racing fan and annual Indy 500 attendee in his time, would say if he knew I was able to experience that.

Who ended up winning the actual race almost seemed irrelevant. That went to driver Alex Palou. But at the risk of sounding cliché, it was the city of Detroit that won this weekend. This Detroit Grand Prix was a truly fitting follow up to the Indy 500, with the streets of Detroit giving the IndyCar series what feels like back-to-back premiere events. Racing has come home to downtown Detroit.



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Romain Grosjean of Andretti Autosport, and formerly Haas F1 in Formula 1, has a pre-race chat with one of his pit crew members ahead of the 2023 Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix on Sunday, June 4.



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## North honors student-athletes

Grosse Pointe North's Gabrielle Brumme, left, and Nicolas Dixon sport hardware they won Sunday, June 4, at the school's annual Senior Brunch Scholarship athletic awards banquet. Brumme is this year's leadership award recipient and Dixon won the Brian Aulph award for attitude and effort. North's athletic boosters provided 32 athletes with scholarships from 16 different award categories, ranging from scholar athletes, character and sportsmanship to most dedicated Norsemen honors.



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## Setting sail

For the first time since 2018, Grosse Pointe South varsity sailing competed in the ISSA Mallory National High School Championship, setting sail against the best teams in the country June 3 and 4, in Toms River, N.J.

The Blue Devils finished 19th among 20 teams, but the accomplishment rested in qualifying for such an elite race, according to South varsity head coach Christina Noland.

"It went fairly well," Noland said. "Definitely stiff competition."

South qualified for the Mallory Fleet Race Nationals by earning 143 points and a fourth-place finish out of 20 teams in the District Championship Regatta April 29 to 30, in Lake Forest, Ill.

Pictured are South skipper Gavin Webster, back, and Eric Brieden, front, during last weekend's race.

—Meg Leonard

## Juip's title highlights track & field state finals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Pointes were strongly represented at the various track and field state finals last weekend. Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South's athletes took part in the events at the Division 1 state finals, while the Knights from University Liggett competed in Division 3. While no team came away with an overall state championship, there were still several strong performances from the different teams, including one individual who found himself atop the

podium.

That one would be Liggett's Jake Juip. The junior competed in the state final for the 100-meter adaptive wheelchair race and won first place, taking the Division 3 championship a mere six weeks after undergoing surgery. Juip's time of 1:04.21 was also a new personal record.

The Knights' other top performance of the day was a Top 3 finish in the boys 110-meter hurdles. Liggett senior Taurian Dorthy ran a 15.15 in the event to earn a spot on the podium in third place overall.

At the Division 1 finals, South and North experienced just one Top 10 finish between the two teams. That came from Blue Devils senior Logan Detweiler in the 1600-meter state final. The next best finish for South was in the girls 300-meter hurdles, with senior Selga Jansons earning 14th place.

For the Norsemen, Lilian Deskins' 19th place finish in the girls 1600-meter final was the top finish of the day. Sophomore Reinaldo Williams made it into the Top 20 of the boys shot put with a 20th place finish.

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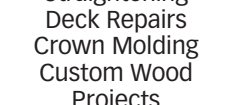


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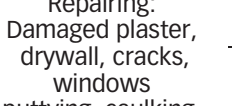
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**THIS WEEK**

1. 259 McMillan Rd, GPF
2. 15213 Essex Ave., GPP
3. 631 S Rosedale Ct, GPW
4. 821 Hampton, GPW
5. 22 Newberry Pl, GPF
6. 25900 Little Mack, SCS
7. Colonial Road, GPS
8. 17027 Waterloo, GPC
9. 320 Suffield Rd, Birmingham
10. 11189 Mapleridge, Shelby Twp
11. 1063 Anita Ave, GPW



# 8D | LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

# HITS & HIGHLIGHTS *Junior Sports Edition*

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

Little Leagues in the Pointes are in full swing! Sunny days, green grass and lots of cheering abound this season — as well as some fantastic baseball. This week features the winner of the 2023 Little League T-Mobile Home Run Derby. Be sure to send in your best team or player highlights to [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com) and you might see your favorite ball player in print!



### LITTLE LEAGUE

From left, Blue Jays and Dodger players, Drew Gwinnell, Ronan Zvirbulis, Camden Kensora, Liam Zvirbulis and Michael McLeod hold up Padres player Enzo Baratta after a great day of ball at Ghesquiere Park

Photo courtesy of Caitlin Herman

### SMILES

Trash Pandas player Bennett Rubio, smiles with friends on the Red Wings team, left to right, Boomer Inger, Cameron Mannino and Nikki Amori.

Photo courtesy of Caitlin Herman

### HOME RUN DERBY

Dodgers player Corbin Ruttan was named winner of the Little League T-Mobile 2023 Home Run Derby with an impressive 21 home runs.

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### PEACE

From left, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little league players Ryan Donnellon, Tyler Vandenberghe and Jackson Donnellon hold up peace signs, excited for a fun day on the baseball diamond.

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### CELEBRATION

The Grosse Pointe Park A Ball Reds celebrate Dash McCarthy receiving the game ball.

Photo courtesy of Aubrey Crawford