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Notre Dame detours

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Storm sewer work — aiming to circumvent a repeat of past summers’ flooded Village intersections — on Notre Dame between Kercheval and Kercheval Place has been completed, with crews this week pouring and curing the concrete.

While the work is weather-dependent, the contractor plans to place new asphalt early next week, soon after which the section of street can reopen to traffic.

However, at this point, Notre Dame then will be closed between Kercheval and the Kroger alley for repairs to the catch basins and storm sewer. This work is expected to take three weeks.

Updates on the construction timeline can be found on the City’s website, grossepointecity.org.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

In remembrance

On Monday, May 20, along Grosse Pointe Boulevard on the edge of Grosse Pointe South High School’s lawn, to commemorate the six-month anniversary of his death, a tree was planted for Flynn MacKrell. The 18-year-old South grad was killed in single-car accident on Ridge Road last November. Family and friends gathered to commemorate Flynn’s life and his mother, Anne Vanker, spoke about her son. The Rev. Jim Bilot of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church blesses the tree as Sacred Heart seminarian Karl Finkbeiner and St. Paul Associate Pastor Andrew Smith and the crowd make the sign of the cross at the end of the blessing. For more photos from the dedication, see page 3A.

News wins big at SPJ awards

Grosse Pointe News staff members earned 15 awards — including seven first-place honors — from the Detroit chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists during a ceremony Wednesday, May 15.

Publisher Anne Gryzenia said she was pleased with the results.

“I know that our editors, reporters and writers are the best of the best, but it’s nice to know the esteemed judges know, too,” she said.

First-place honors were presented to Staff Writer Laurel Kraus in the category of Breaking/Spot News for her piece, “Funnel cloud spotted amid Wednesday storm,” as well as to Staff Writer Ted O’Neil for Editorial Writing for the column, “Be a lifesaver, carry Narcan.”

Staff Writer Brad Lindberg placed first in Open-Government Reporting for “Legal opinion sought for improper proposal,” of which a judge wrote, “An interest-

Water, sewer to increase far less than expected

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Because the Great Lakes Water Authority now is tracking metered data coming out of the City, rather than estimating its amount of sanitary flow, it earlier this year presented a 56 percent proposed increase to the City of Grosse Pointe.

City administration negotiated the increase down to 28 percent, before its finance department managed to cut costs enough that the average homeowner only will see an increase of 8.24 percent from last year, despite the sewer charge rising 13.17 percent.

“Because we were able to keep the cost of some of the other items down, it offset the large increase from the Great Lakes Water Authority,” Finance Director Kim Kleinow said. “... We worked really hard.”

“We’re not making the retiree healthcare contribution next year,” she added, citing administration’s decision to pull the cost from accumulated savings to balance the budget. “That’s also included in the water and sewer fund, so that helped offset some of the increases we were seeing.”

The new water and sewer rate, which is an average additional cost of \$19.91 per billing, will go into effect with the new fiscal year July 1.

“This is significantly better than what we were expecting,” Mayor Sheila

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egories in this year’s voting, including new categories for best golf course, best handyman services, best church,

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Councilwoman warned

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A member of the city council put personal preference before procedure, saying she won’t obey portions of the elected body’s code of conduct because they can’t be enforced on grounds of free speech.

Councilwoman Christine Gallagher based her exemption partly on disagreeing with the code.

“I did not vote for those rules,” she said last month. “They’re not enforceable. It’s important that we respect the rules, but it’s also important to understand they are only guidelines.”

That didn’t sound so respectful to Mayor Michele Hodges. Nor to the rest of the city council and City Attorney Dan Kelly who, as president of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and its widely reported dysfunction, is familiar with shenanigans.

Kelly said during the May 13 council meeting that Gallagher may have violated the council’s ethics code and put the city at legal risk by trying to unduly influence members of the city’s boards, commissions and staff into seeing things her way.

Hodges agreed.

She stressed “the importance of pointing out where there were violations of council rules and procedures and other items that could expose the city.”

Kelly said Gallagher’s actions should be noted.

“Maybe a warning would be appropriate to council members that engage in that activity,” he said.

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ing well-written story with documentation to back up the allegations.”

Sports Reporter Mike Adzima, Senior Editor Meg Leonard and Gryzenia earned first place in Sports Column Writing for the Athlete of the Week feature, while Leonard earned the top spot in Sports Page Design for “The teacher, the coach, the legend.”

The newspaper’s annual Fall Style Guide earned top honors for Magazine Spread Design for being, “Colorful, attention-getting and well-balanced,” a judge commented.

Staff Photographer Renee Landuyt placed first and second in the Sports Photography category for “Safe!” and “District Champs!”

Second-place awards were presented to Leonard in the Editorial Writing category for her I Say, “Getting the bro/bruh/bruh treatment,” to Kraus in Open-Government Reporting

for “Police push back on push outs” and to O’Neil in Education Reporting for a trio of articles: “GPPSS facing serious budget questions,” “Enrollment falls again” and “Budget committee examines COVID costs.”

Lindberg also earned third place for Environmental Reporting for “Lynghya by any other name.” Landuyt placed third in Feature Photography for “Blue afternoon” and Gryzenia and graphic designer Donna Zetterland earned third for Inside Page Design for the pages, “Art of wedding gifting, original art as the perfect gift.”

Rounding out the honors, Leonard placed fourth in Sports Reporting for “Blue Devils win 25th straight MAC Red title, Norsemen take second place in MAC White.”

“Our dedicated staff truly deserves the accolades and recognition,” Gryzenia said. “There’s no question that the Grosse Pointe News is the best newspaper in its class. We are constantly looking to improve and innovate in a challenging business.”

Old-style estate in works

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A sketch accompanying site plans for construction of a house to be built on Windmill Pointe Drive near the foot of Westchester shows a dignified, dormered, three-story Georgian structure and balanced landscaping, all of which are reminiscent of state-ly Wayne Manor.

It is likely the forthcoming lakeside estate will feature a library or study. It is less so for the room to have sliding bookshelves giving access to a Batcave via Batpoles.

Yet, a demolition permit for two houses on adjoining lots which the new one will occupy lists the new owner’s address among those hallowed by fans of superheroes: 2000 Brush Street, Detroit; Ford Field, home of the one-catch-shy-of-the-

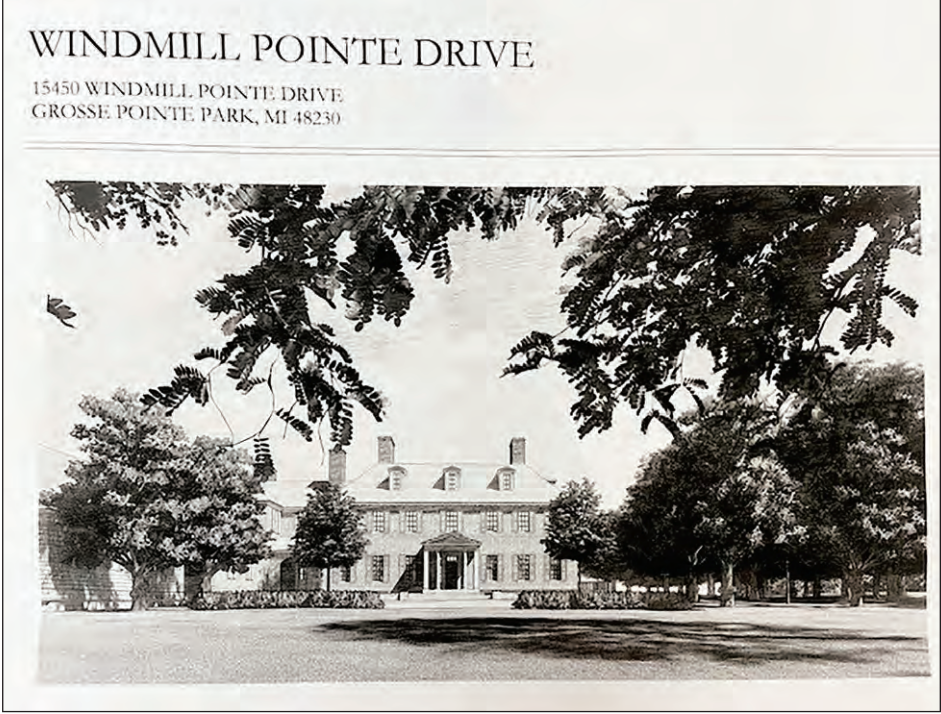


IMAGE FROM GROSSE POINTE PARK ADMINISTRATION

A house to be built on Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, will occupy side-by-side lots near the foot of Westchester.

Super Bowl Detroit Lions.

Grosse Pointe Park administrators are next to mum about the project. They cite the new owner’s privacy rights and security concerns.

Also, while the project generates buzz because anything happening on the lakeshore is of general note, the matter hasn’t required public treatment by city planners, a board of appeals or the city council. There’s no need for zoning variances. Proposed

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It all started, publicly, during the April 22 planning commission meeting about short-term rental businesses. Planners were fact-finding means of regulating short-term rentals and the possible impacts of proposed state legislation prohibiting jurisdictions from banning STRs.

Gallagher attended the meeting as a member of the audience, which is her right. She also took to the speaker’s podium and lobbied the commission, which is forbidden according to the code of conduct.

“I don’t want a short-term rental next to me or on my block,” she included in her comments to commissioners. “I would ask you to consider and understand our

current position about what we are responsible to do and not what we’re required to do.”

Hodges alleged the violation one week later during the April 29 council meeting.

“At the last planning commission meeting ... a member of council did step up and provide comment regarding the short-term rental matter,” Hodges said. “She also urged the body to act in a certain way and called out from the audience a couple of times, both of which is out of order.”

Hodges cited portions of the code, mostly itemized on pages 8 through 10 of the 14-page document:

◆ “Members of the City Council shall not influence commission or committee recommendations ... or influence or lobby individual commission or committee members on any item under their consideration, with the exception of a council member who is part of such board, committee, or commission with vot-

ing rights. It is important for commissions and committees to be able to make objective and independent recommendations to the city council. Members of council who influence commission positions on any item may prejudice or hinder their role in reviewing the commission’s recommendation as a member of the city council.”

◆ “Council members shall have the right to attend meetings or other city commissions and committees, but are cautioned about becoming involved in the meeting’s discussions including speaking during public comment.”

“I remind us to go back and review these council rules and procedures so we all can commit ourselves to good governance, especially with an issue like (short-term rentals) because it will come to this body,” Hodges told her colleagues. “We will have an opportunity to have impact (and) influence on the outcome of short-term rentals. I also want our planning commission to know that ... they

won’t be unduly influenced by a member of council. I felt it important to make it clear that that body could act unimpeded.”

That’s when Gallagher said the rules were unenforceable. She based her argument partly on the code’s “impact on Second Amendment - First Amendment rights of public speech.”

Gallagher was absent from the May 13 council meeting during which members agreed she rated a warning for committing another round of similar breaches, this time against an employee of the finance department.

“Now, this month, there’s violations of additional council rules and procedures that are impeding the budget-setting process,” Hodges said of Gallagher. “Those, specifically, would be found on Page 8 of the city council rules and procedures. We are required as council members to direct all questions for information directly to the city manager to determine whether the request

relates to city business.

“Also, there’s a provision where city council members shall not coerce or attempt to influence staff in decision.”

As before, Hodges cited a provision in the code:

“The City Council should avoid situations that can result in City staff being directed ... by one or more members of the City Council. ... Council Members and Mayor shall not coerce or attempt to influence staff in the processing of applications, the granting of license or permits, the hiring of personnel, or any other decision made by staff.”

Hodges added, still addressing Gallagher’s behavior, “Any concerns over the work of an employee shall not be debated over social media, but privately with the city manager.”

The mayor concluded, “Those are the items that we are calling out and we feel, or are suggesting, form the basis for this warning that, we as a body, should contemplate extending to Ms. Gallagher so we can preserve good quality governance and decision-making. It should be made clear, too, that what’s being suggested is not in any way intended to deny any council member information that helps inform their decisions. Rather, it’s more about dictating a process that enables us to preserve good governance and use our staff capacity wisely and well.”



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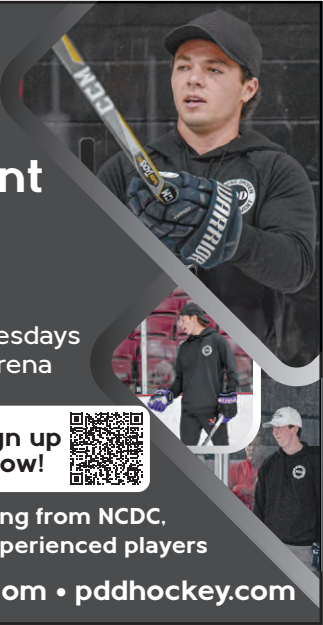
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Forever Flynn

Family and friends gathered May 20, to commemorate Flynn MacKrell's life. His mother, Anne Vanker, spoke about her son during the ceremony. The tree that was planted is an armstrong gold maple and the fam-

ily said they chose it because it is tall like Flynn and in the fall, its leaves will turn red like Flynn's hair. The plaque under the tree reads, "Fly high, Flynn. In loving memory of Flynn Michael MacKrell, class of 2023. July 11, 2005 — November 17, 2023. Forever in our hearts."

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Trees along Lakeland, between Maumee and Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe, are dressed with orange ribbons in honor of Flynn MacKrell.



Flynn's mom, Ann Vanker, thanks everyone for coming. She tearfully talked about her son, what her family is missing out on and the gift of having him for 18 years.



St. Paul on the Lake Associate Pastor Andrew Smith and Sacred Heart seminarian Karl Finkbeiner stand by while St. Paul on the Lake's the Rev. Jim Bilot blesses Flynn's tree.



Flynn's family, from left, his brother Thad MacKrell; mother, Ann Vanker; aunt, Mary Barba and father, Thad MacKrell, stand next to the armstrong gold maple tree planted in Flynn's memory.

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construction fits within city rules and regulations. "They filed with the building department and followed all the procedures," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "This isn't something that needs to go to the planning commission." The same with demolition of the two houses

and combining the remaining two lots into one. "Correct," Sizeland said. One of the demolished homes, a Tudor addressed 15500, served in 2016 as the Junior League of Detroit's 21st Century Designers' Show House. "The house was designed (in 1927) for American aircraft designer and head of engineering for Packard

Motor Car company, Col. Jesse G. Vincent," according to Katie Doelle's 2015 history of Grosse Pointe structures for the Higbie Maxon Agney real estate blog about historical architecture of Grosse Pointe, higbiemaxon.com/blog. "It is possibly the only home on the lake that has a canal running from Lake St. Clair into a dry dock located under the living room." The second house,

address 15450, that was torn down dated to 1903, on East Jefferson in Detroit's Indian Village, according to another posting on the blog. In 1928, the original owner's son and daughter-in-law, Frederick S. and Esther Ford, arranged for the house to be moved to Windmill Pointe. "Contrary to rumors, the house wasn't floated via barge up the Detroit River," according to the posting. "It was moved by truck. The Fords lived in their relocated home from 1929 to 1951."

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Tomkowiak said. Residents also will notice water and sewer charges broken out on their bills, with the intention to more transparently represent what the charges are for. On the property tax front, residents can expect a 0.1752-mill decrease thanks to the state-mandated Headlee rollback. The millage rate for fiscal year 2024-25 will settle in at 16.6638. One change of note, Kleinow said, is the property tax administration fee, which previously only was charged on non-city tax items, now will be applied

to the whole tax bill — specifically, costs incurred to the city in assessing property values, collecting property tax levies and in the review and appeal process. "The 1 percent administration fee that used to be just charged on school, county taxes and libraries, we're proposing that be set on the entire tax bill, including city items," Kleinow explained before council approved the proposal. The change is expected to garner an additional \$70,000 for the City's general fund. City council Monday, May 20, approved the fiscal year 2024-25 budget and water and sewer rates 6-0, with Councilman Seth Krupp absent.

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best nonprofit to volunteer and best ER. Of course, we couldn't resist including tried-and-true categories like best bakery, best jeweler and best outdoor dining. You've only got two weeks, so don't hesitate to cast your vote. Online voting begins Thursday,

May 23, and ends at midnight Thursday, June 6. Votes also may be cast using the ballot on page 8A or via a form on the Grosse Pointe News website, grossepointenews.com/best. Voters are limited to one vote per email address. Paper ballots may be delivered in person or mailed to GPN Best of the Best, 16980 Kercheval Place, Grosse Pointe, MI

48230. Winners will be highlighted in our Best of the Best special section July 18. They'll also receive an official Best of the Best 2024 plaque and window sticker, so they can proudly proclaim their Best of the Best status. For more information about the contest, email media@grossepointe or call (313) 882-6900.



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Hockey 'addiction' fuels career goals

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Grosse Pointe Farms native Dean Therriault has been watching and playing hockey as long as he can remember. His father grew up in Canada, so it's no surprise he and his brother, Paul, were on skates as soon as they could walk.

After years of playing travel hockey and four years of varsity hockey for Grosse Pointe South High School — including two as captain — he hung up the skates and started studying economics at Michigan State University.

"I still watched every game I could, but being removed from the competitive aspect of playing hurt and I wanted to find what the next step in my life might be without hockey," Therriault said.

'Hockey has taught me so many things that I'm forever thankful for, but one of the bigger ones for me is gratitude. You never know how much something means to you until it's gone.'

DEAN THERRIAULT
Grosse Pointe Farms

As it turns out, trying to walk away from the sport made him realize just how much it meant to him.

“That year kind of stunk,” he admitted. “My passion for the game just never went away.”

After some self-reflec-

A composite image featuring a hockey player in a black jersey and cap, holding a CCM hockey stick, with a small inset showing a tactical diagram of a hockey rink.

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Dean Therriault in action on the ice during a training session.

tion and more time away from the rink, Therriault considered coaching and decided to begin running hockey camps and skates around town to

group, private and office workouts and more for aspiring athletes of all ages. The reason for the name?

“What separates my camps and training sessions is the purpose behind every drill we do, whether it’s stick-handling, edge-work, shooting, anything — there’s always an in-game translatable situation,” he said. “I think it’s crucial for players to understand why we do the drills we do because it helps them transfer the skills into those game situations.

“As captain of a team for two years, I learned a lot about coaching as part of my role,” Therriault added. “Coaching has taught me a lot of things, but the biggest is keeping perspective and the

importance of values. Being trusted with player development is a privilege and I take a lot of pride in it."

Therriault makes life

one big classroom, as he absorbs as much information as possible from watching NHL games, for one. He figures he watches and analyzes about 750 hockey games a year — always looking for trends and growing his knowledge of the game.

He also draws inspiration from former coaches who have shaped his life and gains knowledge from each group he trains. He makes it a point not to get lost in the intensity of youth sports today.

"At the end of the day, we are coaching to help create better players, but the ultimate goal is to help create better people," he said.

Therriault's best advice for young athletes is to give your best effort in everything possible and, he added, "You will never regret

the hard work you put in. That work ethic will stay with you and become an intangible asset."

When he's not focusing on hockey, Therriault likes to stay active, including playing pickleball, working out and running.

"The athlete in me can't stand sitting around," he reasoned.

As he looks forward to college graduation and beyond, Therriault has set himself some impressive professional goals.

"In five years, I see myself working in the OHL, USHL or NAHL as a skill development coach or video coach to help continue my progress towards an NHL head coaching job," he said.

Until then, he will continue to grow PDD and inspire young athletes in the metro Detroit area.



City takes part in auto theft ring arrests

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE — Officers in
the City aided in six ar-

rests last week of alleged members of an auto theft ring believed to be responsible for stealing more than 400 vehicles worth approximately \$8 million in southeast Michigan.

Headed by the Troy Police Department and the Michigan Attorney General's Office FORCE Team, an investigation beginning August 2023 — in which City Detective Sgt. Joe Adams provided digital forensics — culminated in more than 200 offi-

cers from state, federal and local law enforcement agencies executing eight arrest warrants Wednesday, May 15.

“Detective Sgt. Adams was involved in that investigation and then we brought in our support with the patrol side to help facilitate some of those arrests, providing security and transport,” City of Grose Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn said. “So last week when they did that raid, they had eight different SWAT teams, they hit eight different locations simultaneously and they made six of the eight arrests they were looking for.

"We're very proud to be part of that operation. It was completely successful."

Recovered during the raids were seven stolen vehicles, hundreds of associated car parts linked to stolen vehicles, a large quantity of electronic key fobs, stolen dealership license plates, burglary tools including some devices specifically for stealing automobiles, thousands of dollars in cash and a significant volume of additional evidence, including nine firearms.

While the Michigan State Police Fugitive Team continues to work to locate and arrest the two additional suspects,

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Stolen card

A Chase Bank credit card was stolen while the cardholder was at a local hospital in February and since has been fraudulently used 22 times.

Suspicious transactions

A Grosse Pointe man noticed multiple suspicious transactions on his Comerica and Flagstar bank accounts, including wire transfers and counterfeit checks, between Friday, May 10, and Monday, May 13. An investigation is ongoing.

Consequences

A 28-year-old Taylor woman was arrested for multiple instances of identity theft and credit card fraud stemming from her work as a cleaning lady, after she was pulled over at Charlevoix and Rivard at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 15. She was featured in last week's reports when the homeowner discovered \$17,000 in fraudulent charges on three credit cards.

Drunken driving

A 27-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped at Mack and Washington for speeding and driving without headlights at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

Stolen bike

A teal and purple Trek bike was stolen from the 17000 block of Kercheval while its owner was inside a restaurant between 6:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18. —Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Three-car accident

A 40-year-old Farms woman appeared to be the cause of a three-car accident on Chalfonte west of Moross at 2:04 p.m. Monday, May 13. The woman was disoriented, slow to respond and smelled of intoxicants. After changing her story multiple times —telling officers she was headed to different destinations, as well as that she was on medication for different ailments — she was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs.

Failed precaution

For speeding 50 mph on Mack and swerving into different lanes three times at 12:45 a.m. Thursday, May 16, a 33-year-old Ann Arbor man was pulled over and found to be intoxicated.

A LEIN/Secretary of State search revealed the man is restricted to only operate a vehicle equipped with a breath alcohol ignition interlock device, which his vehicle did not have.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.25 percent, for which he was arrested.

Account fraud

A 53-year-old Farms woman received notice a T-Mobile account with an outstanding balance of \$1,513.60 fraudulently was opened in her name.

Catch-22

A 68-year-old Park man, pulled over at Kerby and Mack, was believed to be in possession of a stolen vehicle at 1:29 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Further investigation revealed the man previously had reported the vehicle stolen, but upon getting it back from a brief repossession, had neglected to inform law enforcement it had been returned.

Public indecency

A 38-year-old St. Clair Shores man was found lying on a sidewalk after being reported for stealing a sandwich and bottle of wine, as well as urinating in front of gas station pumps in the 19000 block of Mack at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, May 19. The man had difficulty completing sentences due to his level of intoxication and was arrested for retail fraud and disorderly conduct before being transferred to a local hospital. —Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Converter cut off

A resident of the 1200 block of Wayburn investigating the sound of a power saw shortly after 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, witnessed two unknown suspects flee the area with a stolen catalytic converter. The converter was sawed off a vehicle parked in the alley behind the resident's home.

The resident told police the suspects left the area in a minivan.

Car thief caught

An underage male of undisclosed residence was arrested shortly before 8 a.m. Friday, May 17, for auto theft and taken to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility. A Park officer said the youth matched the description of someone breaking the driver-side window of a 2017 Kia Soul in the 1400 block of Nottingham. “(The) subject admitted attempting to steal the vehicle,” the arresting officer said. —Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per

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—Ted O'Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen cars

For the second consecutive week a Camaro, this one a 2023, was stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital, the latest occurring sometime between 6 p.m. Sunday, May 12, and Monday, May 13. In addition, a 2018

Dodge Durango was stolen from the parking lot between 7:10 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17.

iBox

A resident in the 1800 block of Oxford told officers she ordered a new iPad from Xfinity Wednesday, May 15. When it was delivered by FedEx Friday, May 17, the box appeared tampered with and was empty. —Ted O'Neil Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.



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the six arrested in last week's raids each are charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and use of a computer to commit a crime. Both are 20-year felonies.

Charged are:
◆ Kevin Lamont Stevenson Jr., 21, of Detroit, who is additionally charged with nine counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.
◆ Joseph David Doyle, 25, of Onsted, who is additionally charged with six counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.
◆ Braylen Jeese Green, 20, of Wixom, who is additionally charged with nine counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.
◆ Dejhon Trevon Bush, 20, of Detroit, who is additionally charged with seven counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.
◆ Zamarr Terrell Johnson, 18, of Troy, who is additionally charged with 12 counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and two counts of fourth-degree fleeing or eluding.

◆ Desmond Maurice Wilson, 21, of Detroit, who is additionally charged with nine counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and one count of breaking and entering with intent. The City experienced 10 motor vehicle thefts in 2023, including one resident's vehicle which was stolen twice. “We were down a little bit in the stolen car category, but we're not where we want to be,” Alcorn said. “We want to be really low on that category and that means getting out and working with other agencies, because I don't know of one car thief that's stolen a car in Grosse Pointe City and taken it to another home in Grosse Pointe City. They are stealing cars from Grosse Pointe City and going elsewhere.” Thus far, the investigation has been unable to link the suspects back to vehicle thefts in any of the Pointes. “I was really hoping we might be able to do something like that, (but) it was kind of a long shot,” Alcorn said. “That resident who lost two vehicles, there's a chance because of that specific vehicle this could have been that group, but we won't be able to prove it.”



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OUR VIEW

GPPSS counting on voter support for millages

If one thing has become more than evident the last few years, it’s that it takes money — and a lot of it — to run a school district. That was apparent during the budget battle the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education faced a year ago. The district stared down some \$5 million in budget cuts for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Things will probably be even tougher heading into the next budget cycle as the district will have to find a way to replace \$4 million in federal COVID relief dollars that are coming to an end this year before addressing normal operating costs.

That’s where millages, and you the voters, come in. As reported in last week’s Grosse Pointe News, the board earlier this month approved two resolutions to put millage questions on the ballot later this year. Those are the operating millage in August and sinking fund millage in November. And as Ben Franklin said, we all know what two things are certain in life.

Both millages are crucial to the district’s fiscal health for their own reasons. The very existence of the district lies in the fate of the operating millage, but the sinking fund millage is important to the district as much for what it means as for what it doesn’t.

Voters will be asked on the Aug. 6 primary ballot to approve an operating millage of 20 mills for five years. The current operating millage, at 19 mills, was approved for five years in 2019 and expires with this December’s tax collections. As a reminder, a mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of a property’s taxable valuation.

While state law allows districts to seek an operating millage of 20 years, board members felt that was too long. We agree, given the ever-changing landscape of public education and funding mechanisms.

There are two important aspects at play here, the most important being that districts must levy 18 mills of operating millage in order to collect their full amount of per-pupil state aid. The per-pupil funding tied to the operating millage accounts for about 25 percent of the district’s annual budget.

As Superintendent Andrea Tuttle told the board, the district can only collect 18 mills, but the additional 2 mills will provide a cushion against Headlee rollbacks. The Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution was approved in 1978 and reduces millage rates each year to ensure municipal tax revenue only grows at the rate of inflation.

The current operating millage has a 1-mill cushion.

Trustee Valarie St. John was the only board member to vote against the resolution to place the question on the ballot, saying she preferred to keep the 1-mill cushion. She later posted on social media she thought the ballot language was too complicated. While others have incorrectly



claimed on social media she voted against the millage itself, rather than the resolution, her vote still leaves us scratching our heads.

As Vice President Ahmed Ismail said last week, he is not aware of any GPPSS board member ever voting against a resolution placing an operating millage on the ballot in his 20 years with the district, nor is he aware of any board member statewide doing so. He said such a vote is “tanta-mount to saying one doesn’t want their school district to exist.”

It would seem a united approach from all trustees would be the first step in ensuring voters feel the board is confident about the millage and the district’s future.

As voters head to the polls in August, it’s important to know the operating millage will have little impact on most of them. The 18 mills are levied against commercial, industrial and rental properties. Owner-occupied principal residences, also known as homestead properties, will see a rate of 7.5 mills if approved.

The board did vote unanimously to ask voters to approve a new sinking fund millage at 3 mills per year for 10 years. The current millage, approved in 2019, is 1 mill. State law caps what districts can ask for at 3 mills per year.

If approved, it would bring in \$11 million the first year.

We agree with Trustee Terry Collins, board treasurer, who said while GPPSS has beautiful buildings, they are aging and in desperate need of repair. Trustee Colleen Worden also made a good point in that investing in the upkeep of buildings is a way to show support for teachers and students, noting that a leaky roof, for example, could lead to dangerous mold growth.

Changes to state law also make the sinking fund millage important to the future of the district’s general fund. Schools can now use sinking funds to pay for things like transportation and technology upgrades in addition to physical maintenance needs.

The transportation aspect is especially important because parents or guardians of students living within the boundaries of the former Poupard Elementary School can sign their students up to be bused to Mason or Monteith elementary schools.

Every dollar not taken from the general fund for those purposes means another dollar available to spend on things like teacher salaries. That becomes more important as board members have said they do not foresee asking voters to approve another bond measure, such as the one approved in 2018 that put \$111 million toward security, technology and other projects.

As President Sean Cotton explained at the board meeting in early May, a critical needs assessment conducted by Plante Moran in 2022 said the district had some \$252 million in maintenance costs to address in the next 10 years.

“That included \$173 million that should be addressed in one to three years, including \$33 million at Grosse Pointe North High School and \$37 million at Grosse Pointe South High School,” Cotton said. “We’re already two years into that.”

We applaud the board for putting off the sinking fund millage until the November ballot. This ensures the district has plenty of time to outline specific projects that money would pay for and recruit volunteers to advocate for its passage.

(Editor’s note: Sean Cotton is owner of the Grosse Pointe News.)

FAN favorite

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones stands with Madie Tortomasi, a director with Families Against Narcotics, during the club’s April 30 meeting at Ford House. FAN assists individuals and families affected by substance use disorder through free, compassionate, community- and evidence-based programs and services. Visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org for more information. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members extend an invitation to residents to join its 7 a.m. Tuesday presentations at Ford House. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

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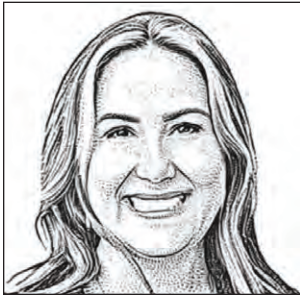
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I SAY By Meg Leonard



To everything, there is a season

Just over three years ago, I started contributing stories to the Grosse Pointe News. Eventually, I became senior editor and the first female sports editor in the paper's history.

Last Friday, I said a bittersweet goodbye to the nicest, most committed group of people I have ever worked with — and I mean that.

I also said goodbye to working at one of the premiere weeklies in the state, one that has been named "Best Newspaper" in its class for three consecutive years. It has never been a better read than it is today.

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I'm also watching my four kids grow up seemingly by the nanosecond. There's no way around it, a newspaper schedule requires you to be there when duty calls, at odd hours, off hours, on any day. It's just the nature of the beast and what we, as journalists, signed up for.

But life is precious, life is short, time is a thief, tomorrow isn't promised, carpe diem, etc. ... All those sayings and cliches are resonating with me in a way I can't ignore anymore. I was meant to be here for a season, but seasons change. That's a very natural fact of life, even in our work lives.

As many writers do, I am reentering the freelance world. I have a few writing projects lined up and am also committing

myself to putting pen to paper (or fingertips to keyboard, as it were) to finally formulate a book idea that's been in my head for years. Overall, I'm taking a deep breath and recalibrating.

Being a journalist is a very noble and rewarding profession. I love telling a person's story. I love connecting with people. I love putting a story within its historical context, adding stats or connecting the dots with what I call the Grosse Pointe Venn diagram between families, businesses, siblings, neighbors and student-athletes in town.

I love strong word choices and verbs and adjectives. I love a good pun, headline or anything clever. I love reading or writing something that prompts me to look up the etymology of a word or its definition.

This experience has allowed me to do all of that and then some. It has fed the part of me that thrives on the English language and how words can foster connection and relationship through storytelling. It's been my hope that those stories help all of us in this community see each other as human beings first and as essential assets to what makes GP a special place to live. I wasn't always successful doing that, but that was my goal. I'm a firm believer that pursuit of connection is a noble endeavor and one I will hold onto, no matter the job at hand.

Since this is my last column, I would like to thank the Cottons and our fearless, awesome publisher Anne Gryzenia for taking the risk of hiring me. A few years ago, I pulled together some of my older newspaper samples, approached them and led with an overture of, "Do you know I am a writer and have my

degree in English and communications?"

They listened and I'm forever grateful.

For what it's worth, Anne is the only person you could ever hope to be with in a foxhole. She is a problem-solver and is as driven and committed to excellence as anyone I have ever met. I also highly recommend drafting her for any competition or sports team you are forming. You will win the championship with her on it, no question.

I want to thank Jody McVeigh, our editor in chief, a beautiful storyteller, who knows AP Style and our newspaper's specific style quirks like it's nobody's business. She makes everyone's stories stronger.

To our crack reporters, Ted O'Neil, Brad Lindberg and Laurel Kraus: Thank you for always fleshing out questions or ideas with me, or offering your input on the week's Our View or for sports. I learned an immense amount from you all, simply because you are pros and are dedicated to whatever the assignment is at hand. (Truth be told, I could do without Ted's unapologetic Spartan fandom and his disdain for a good guitar Mass, but that's also just part of his charm!)

Olivia Monette, you help elevate everything you touch, with a sense of creativity that knows no bounds. Ellie Carter, thank you for being such a team player and being ready to take on everything and anything you are asked to do. Kyla Bazy, you handle a delicate task with obits well and you also win for best cubicle decor, hands down.

Renee Landuyt, you are the epitome of commitment and compassion. You bring a special brand

of magic to your photos and approach to covering the news, nature or in-game action.

My thanks also goes out to Mike Adzima, our sports reporter, whom I have probably worked the most closely with, this side of Anne. You came here as a fresh catch, straight out of Syracuse, and brought with you your passion for sports. More importantly, you gave us the essential and omnipresent connection of we-have-a-Syracuse-alum-on-our-sports-staff-too, which every media outlet in America is unofficially required to have.

Dave Hughes, you rolled with every last-minute photo I ever asked you to process, never changing your tone of voice and always with a cup of coffee in your hands. Melanie Mahoney, you are a ray of sunshine in our office and bring an even-keeled approach to whatever comes your way, including adding more pages at the last second.

Ken Schop, I will miss collaborating with you on cartoon punchlines and storylines, and debating the use of commas. Shelley Owens, Julie Sutton and Ken Ong, you juggle the world of local advertising with unparalleled enthusiasm and professionalism.

Donna Zetterland, we are so lucky to benefit from your command of aesthetics and graphic design. I'm always wowed by what you cre-

ate.

And finally, to my buddy, John Pigott. John is our IT guru, but also is masterful at graphic design. What you see each week in our sports pages and in many other spots in the paper can be directly attributed to John's ability to make my hair-brained ideas or visions for a sports page layout a reality. In the true sense of the word, he's a game-changer for

us.

I will also miss working with so many coaches and athletic directors, parent volunteers (many of you are the lifeblood of our sports teams!), being on the sidelines and getting to know the people, places and programs that make GP tick. I will still be at games/meets and matches, so if you see me, let's be sure to chat. I will always want to know your story.

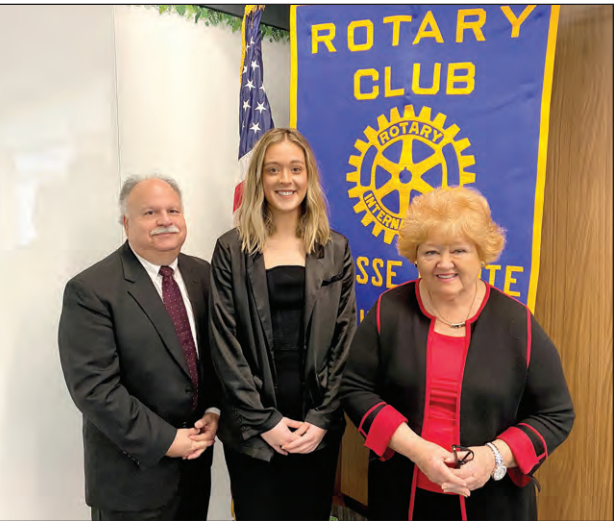


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Financial insight

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones, right, stands with Jeff Kirkman and Lillian Kozak of KM Financial during the club's May 7 meeting at Ford House. Kirkman and Kozak shared with club members an inside look at the Social Security system and what retirees might expect in 10 years and beyond. KM is a financial and insurance services firm based in Harper Woods. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join them for breakfast and a presentation Tuesdays at 7 a.m. at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

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North library named for former superintendent

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — What a difference a day makes. Or, in the case of Suzanne Klein, a few days.

It took just a few days helping in a friend's special education classroom for Klein to change not just her college major but her career trajectory.

"I was a sophomore at the University of Michigan majoring in French," the former Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent recalled. "My plan was to work for the United Nations and live in Paris."

Then came winter break.

"I was back home in Toledo and a friend of the family had a daughter who was teaching in nearby Sylvania," Klein said. "She needed an extra set of hands as the students were finishing up making Christmas gifts for their parents."

"At the end of the day that Monday she asked if I could come back on Tuesday," Klein said. "I loved it. By Wednesday I told myself I needed to think things over."

After talking to her parents, Klein changed her major and became a special education teacher.

"I realized I'd always loved teaching and learning," she said. "In middle school, some friends and I organized a little summer day camp for kids in the neighborhood. In high school, I tutored other students. That experience led me to



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From left, former interim superintendent Christian Fenton, former superintendent Suzanne Klein and retired Grosse Pointe Public School System principal Mike Dib. Fenton and Dib both wore purple jackets in honor of Klein, whose favorite color is purple.

connect the dots."

Klein, the first female and longest-serving superintendent the district has had, was honored Friday, May 17, during the GPPSS Community Luncheon at the refurbished library at

Grosse Pointe North High School was named for her.

"I was stunned, amazed, honored," Klein said when she was first approached about the idea. "You could have knocked me over with a

feather. So many of our buildings are named for early board of education members and major contributors. To have a library named for me, the place where students learn, it's truly an honor."

Board Vice President Ahmed Ismail, who was president last year when the idea first came up, said he met Klein 25 years ago when he and his wife, Mary Ann, moved back to Grosse Pointe.

"I met her at an open house when we were deciding which elementary school we wanted our boys to attend as it would basically dictate where we bought our new home," he said. "I was immediately impressed with her listening skills and ability to help us with a road-



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A plaque in Klein's honor hangs outside the library at Grosse Pointe North that recently was dedicated in her name.

map as to what programs Elementary School were offered at what based on her guidance. schools." "That gave our boys

Ismail said they bought a house near Ferry See KLEIN, page 11A



Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Andrea Tuttle spoke about excellence in education during the Community Luncheon.

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Sunrise Rotary was "Spot-Lighted" at the Rotary District 6400 Conference in Grand Rapids Michigan last weekend. Sherrie Jones, Club President, and Dennis Hyduk, Club Administrator, were presenters, speakers sharing our club's involvement with Rotary International Initiative on the Opioid Epidemic and Medicine and Drug Safe Disposal Program.

Pictured left to right: Dennis Hyduk - Club Administrator, Sherrie Jones - President, Jennifer Jones - Past Rotary International President, Dr. Nick Krayacich - Incoming Rotary District 6400 Governor, Steve Ahles, Michigan State Director, Rotary S.M.A.R.T. Project Southgate Rotary.



Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary along with the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, is pioneering a solution to combat drug abuse by installing a cutting-edge drug disposal kiosk in partnership with Rotary International. This secure kiosk, located in the public safety department, utilizes activated charcoal to neutralize prescription medications and illegal drugs, including opioids and fentanyl. Prompted by a tragic multi-overdose incident, the city took action, with the support of Rotary, to address the opioid epidemic. Rotary aims to expand this initiative nationwide, making these kiosks accessible in every city with a Rotary Club. The kiosk not only prevents drug misuse but also safeguards the environment by preventing water contamination and protecting law enforcement officers. Each container holds 16,000 pills, and in the three months the units have been available, two units per month or approximately 100,000 drugs have been disposed of in a safe and responsible way. The disposal kiosk is available to all, you do not have to be a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. With each step, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary and Grosse Pointe Woods, demonstrates its commitment to tackling drug abuse and clean water. This ensures our community, and communities statewide and nationwide, safe disposal of drugs and clean water

Medicine and Drug disposal kiosk was placed in the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department to help keep harmful pharmaceuticals out of our drinking water.



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GPFPE announces 2024 spring grants

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced more than \$105,000 in funding for its spring grant cycle.

“We were founded on the belief that strong communities are associated with strong schools,” foundation President Cynthia Sohn said at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting May 6. “Since 2006, we have given more than \$4.3 million for exceptional, innovative, supplemental and creative opportunities for all students.”

Recipients are as follows:

- ◆ Defer Destination Imagination Team, \$1,000
- ◆ Fueling Student Success with an Engaging Nonfiction Library, Ferry, \$4,000
- ◆ D y n a m i t e Decodables, Kerby, (\$1,392)
- ◆ Voices Unlocked: AAC Access Grant for Young Communicators, Barnes, \$6,174

- ◆ Really Great Reading Student Kits, Richard, \$1,344
- ◆ Decodable Readers, Monteith, \$567
- ◆ Book Club Books, Richard, \$500
- ◆ iPads in the Gifted Classroom, Ferry, \$2,790
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- ◆ Mason Accessible Playground, \$12,013
- ◆ 7th Grade Book Clubs, Pierce, \$1,910
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- ◆ Pierce Botmasterz All-Girls Robotics Team, Pierce, \$600
- ◆ Botmasterz All-Girl Unified North and South Robotics Team, \$1,000
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- ◆ Dark room Renovation, Enlarger Stations and Developing Sink, South, \$18,382
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- ◆ Brass Renaissance: Harmonious Revival for Upgraded Euphoniums, Parcels and North, \$12,000
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The GPFPE’s SEED program offers funding for programs that support mental and emotional wellness. The SEED grant recipient is:

- ◆ Social Emotional Support Materials, Parcels, \$350

“A grant cycle such as this one, with grants ranging from preschool to high school, and including funding for playgrounds, instruments, literacy materials, after-school clubs and more, was exactly what our founding partners envisioned when they had their first meetings close to 20 years ago,” Sohn said. “Our No. 1 priority has always been GPPSS students and making sure they had access to extraordinary learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. With the generous support of our funding community, we continue to do so year after year.”

The GPFPE’s annual fundraiser in early May brought in \$140,000.



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State champs!

St. Paul Catholic School students won both age groups of the 2024 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Knights of Columbus sponsors an annual spelling bee for students in two divisions: 4th/5th/6th grades and 7th/8th/9th grades. This is the first time in the Knights’ Spelling Bee records that both statewide winners are from the same school. St. Paul Catholic School sixth grader Elise Tranchida and eighth grader Preston Simmons won in their respective age groups at the school level, the regional level and the state level.

KLEIN:

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easy access to the incredible magnet program Grosse Pointe had developed and had the added bonus of our boys ultimately attending my alma mater, Grosse Pointe North High School,” he added. “My respect for her grew immeasurably when I first joined our school board in 2004. Suzanne was available 24/7 when it came to answering questions or providing information that would help me make the most educated possible decisions on school board issues. One thing about Suzanne that quickly became apparent to me — you could take her word to the bank on any issue we discussed.”

After finishing at Michigan, Klein took a job in St. Clair Shores conducting assessments for children to determine if they were ready for kindergarten. She joined GPPSS in 1970.

“Over the course of my career I probably worked in half the elementary schools and all three middle schools, going back and forth between special education and general ed,” she said. “That was very useful as my career moved forward.”

Klein progressed to assistant principal and then principal at Pierce Middle School before becoming director of special education and then deputy superintendent of instructional services. She was named superintendent in 1997 before retiring from the district in 2011.

During her time as superintendent, Klein said she focused on three specific areas.

“I called them three big ideas,” she explained. “They weren’t initially mine, but I made them mine.”

It stems from her popular phrase — which Ismail has been known to use — to “keep the main thing the main thing.”

“In our case, that’s teaching and learning,” she said. “That means focusing on teacher growth.”

Next was collaboration.

“Leaders prepare an organization for change and help them through it,” Klein said. “Children are a living message of that. Every child in every class every day needs the best teacher possible.”

Klein said she began to see the schools through the lens of a parent after she and her husband, Jack, had their son, Andrew.

“I called it the Andrew Klein test,” she laughed. “If something wasn’t good enough for the child I loved most, it wasn’t good for any child.”

Since leaving GPPSS, Klein has worked at Oakland University, where she is an assistant professor in the department of educational leadership. Despite living in Oakland County, she remains active in the Grosse Pointe community as a member of Rotary and serving on the board of Michael B’s Cafe.

As for hobbies, Klein said she enjoys traveling and cooking new recipes and is a member of Knit Michigan, which creates items like port covers, hats and blankets for cancer patients.

Fittingly, signs directing attendees to the community luncheon and an open house for Klein afterward were purple, her favorite color.

“I love jewel tones in general but purple most of all,” she said. “It sort of snuck up on me one day when someone mentioned I wore purple a lot and then I noticed my closet.”

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Community invited to join Eastside Eucharistic Procession

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When passersby see a well-populated cavalcade walking along Lakeshore the afternoon of June 2, they can simply stop and watch, but they’re encouraged to join — and ask questions.

The parishes of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church are partnering to offer the 2024 Eastside Eucharistic Procession, which begins around 1 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

The event is preceded by Mass at noon, but worship is not a prerequisite to attend.

“The Eucharistic procession is a public proclamation of belief in Jesus and the true presence of the Eucharist,” said Andrew Young, faithful navigator of the 4th degree with the Knights of Columbus and event organizer. “The parishes invite the public to ask about the Eucharist. We as Catholics are called to take Jesus to others, to go out with enthusiasm to bring Jesus, the presence of Christ, out to the community.

“... We want to open it to the entire community,” he added. “We’ll have individuals there that can engage the community, our evangelization team, and answer questions.”

Under the leadership of the Rev. Gary Smetanka of Star of the Sea and the Rev. Jim Bilot of St. Paul on the Lake, the procession follows a 2.5-mile

route and includes participants from the Knights of Columbus, Boy and Girl Scout troops, Sierra Club members, parishioners and others.

“It’s a celebration of the blood and body of Jesus Christ,” Young said. “Catholics believe the Eucharist, which we celebrate at Mass every Sunday, is the real transubstantiation — that it turns into the blood and body of Jesus Christ. If we’re just walking up the street with a piece of bread, something is missing.

“... We’re taking the presence to Star of the Sea and finishing the spiritual journey with the benediction,” he noted. “This is the brainchild of both pastors. They said, ‘We should do this.’ And what better place to do it than along Lakeshore?”

Of the churches’ Family of Parishes, and in addition to Bilot and Smetanka, the Rev. Andrew Smith from St. Paul on the Lake and the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk from St. Clare of Montefalco will participate in the procession.

Prior to the pandemic, St. Paul hosted Eucharistic processions for decades. In 2022, it reestablished the practice with a walk around the block. It has steadily grown since then.

This year’s procession route is the longest the church has created, so it also came up with alternatives for those who don’t wish to walk the full distance.



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The Eastside Eucharistic Procession takes place Sunday, June 2, beginning at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The community is invited to attend.

“You can stay at St. Paul and pray,” Young said. “You can wait until 2:30 and just go to Star of the Sea. You can even meet us halfway.”

Organizers provided time estimates for designated meeting spots along the way:

♦ Around 1:30 p.m., the

procession should pass the corner of Moross and Lakeshore.

♦ Around 2:15 p.m., the procession should pass the corner of Woodland Shores and Lakeshore.

♦ Around 2:30 p.m., the procession should pass the corner of Morningside and Cook.

♦ Around 3 p.m., the benediction will begin at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Additionally a team of golf carts will be on the ready if someone decides they’ve had enough.

“We worked closely with the Archdiocese of Detroit, but also with our

local public safety departments, so there won’t be problems with traffic,” Young assured. “All of our second responders are EMS certified, too.”

Organizers also will provide water along the route, though participants may bring their own as well.

Young thanked his team for the support he’s received organizing the event, which he hopes will draw 100 to 300 people.

“I’ve had a group of people working with me who have been a total joy,” he said. “... There are a lot of pieces to put in place for something like this to happen. We’ve had fun. It’s a huge project and we’re all looking forward to it.”

Planning began in January and included getting approval from the Archdiocese of Detroit, organizing transportation and other details. The Lakeshore procession is one of 15 similar events occurring within the Archdiocese. All of them are in preparation and anticipation of a national Eucharistic revival at the end of July, Young said.

Comfortable shoes are a must and guests should dress for the weather; the procession takes place rain or shine. Anyone who wants to come is welcome.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit stpaulonthelake.org/eastside-eucharistic-procession.

Patrons, cast, crew of GPT’s ‘Newsies’ help ‘Seize the Day’ for Detroit Goodfellows

Grosse Pointe Theatre’s recent production of “Disney’s Newsies the Musical” captured the hearts of more than 3,000 patrons who, without hesitation, gave a roaring standing ovation at each of the eight performances. Directed by Tim Higgins, the production included 37 cast members and 23 crew members, each who gave their heart and soul to present a high-quality, high-energy, professional performance that entertained and inspired audiences while conveying the story’s message

of equality and fairness for all.

Grosse Pointe Theatre was honored to partner with the Old Newsboys’ Goodfellows Fund of Detroit — Detroit Goodfellows — for its production of “Newsies,” collecting new children’s toys, books, art supplies, winter hats, gloves, socks and more to help brighten the upcoming holidays for children who might otherwise feel forgotten.

Inspired by a true story from 1899, “Newsies” is the rousing tale of a charismatic newsboy, Jack Kelly, who led a group of

“newsies” to fight for equality and fair conditions for children. Similarly, the founder of the Old Newsboys’ Goodfellows Fund of Detroit brought together business leaders — many of whom delivered newspapers as children — to help kids in metro Detroit.

The cast and crew of “Newsies” extended their heartfelt gratitude to the patrons of all ages who donated hundreds of items to support their “Seize the Day” collection for Detroit Goodfellows.



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Rick Pacynski, board chair of Detroit Goodfellows (kneeling left) joins several cast and crew at the final performance of Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of “Disney’s Newsies” to accept 10 boxes of new children’s items collected during the eight-day performance run.

Grosse Pointe Theatre has been connecting, creating and inspiring the community for 76 years through its productions, educational programming and community

partnerships. The group is honored to continue that tradition.

Visit gpt.org for information on the Purdon Studio Theatre production of “String of Pearls,”

running May 31 to June 9; the Take Ten: Ten-Minute Play Festival, June 13 to 15; Youth on Stage programs; and updates on the 2024-2025 season.

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Literacy for Kids brings nationally acclaimed authors to Detroit schools

Authors inspire reading, creativity, ambition

Six nationally acclaimed authors — including Kwame Alexander, the New York Times bestselling author of 39 books, including one that inspired the Emmy Award-winning Disney+ series, “The Crossover,” and two with strong ties to Detroit — visited five Detroit schools May 1 to 3, to connect with more than 2,000 K-12 students through nonprofit Literacy for Kids’ spring Detroit authors program.

During presentations

inside Detroit schools over the three days, Alexander, metro Detroit native Katie Yamasaki, longtime Detroit resident Desiree Cooper, Matt de la Peña, Kenneth Kraegel and Derrick Barnes each presented to and met with students in different grades tailored to their target readership, to discuss their books, illustrations, careers and the value of reading, writing and creative thinking.

“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 our imagination and exploring other worlds. It is the ultimate form of empathy. Good stories ask us to step inside someone else’s experience, to try to see what they see. Through this program, we are not only gifting books to kids but giving them the opportunity to

meet the author so they can be inspired by the art of creative expression and stretch their own talents and passions.”

Through the support of sponsors, donors and collaborators, Literacy for Kids provided an 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. In addition, each student received an autographed



Kwame Alexander was a hit with older students.

copy of the book written by the authors they met, made possible by Literacy for Kids.

“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 each year 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, family, curiosity, courage and humanity.

“Everything I do is guided by my mission to change the world, one word at a time, and there is nothing quite like

being able to connect in person with students to do so,” Alexander said. “Throughout my career, I’ve visited thousands of schools and libraries, across the country and around the world, yet each one is unique and memorable in their own right. Witnessing students discover a love for words, whether it’s through sharing stories where they can see themselves or teaching them how to find their voice and craft their own ... the impact goes well beyond the initial visit and it’s pure magic.”

“As we grow this program, 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.”



Detroit native Katie Yamasaki sits with students before reading her book, “Everything Naomi Loved.”



Author Matt de la Peña spoke to students.



Derrick Barnes spoke about his picture book, “Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut.”

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

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

- ◆ Share for Dementia, Mondays and Thursdays by appointment only, with care consultant Gray Jessiman.
- ◆ Evening Speaker Series with Sen. Kevin Hertel, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23.
- ◆ The movie “The Secret” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 24. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Let’s Get Artsy, Decorative Painted Birdhouse, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 28, with instructor Linda Boyle. Cost is \$25 for

members, \$30 for nonmembers.

- ◆ The movie “Eat, Pray, Love” will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.
- ◆ Bocce League, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning June 4.
- ◆ Premier World Discovery hosts a presentation about two upcoming trips, Italy’s Amalfi Coast and San Antonio Holiday, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.
- ◆ The movie “The Boys in the Boat” will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 7. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Monday Morning Speaker Series: Travels with Peter Haley, 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, June 17.
- ◆ The movie “The Hundred-Foot Journey” is shown at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18.

- ◆ Juneteenth Bingo, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes one card and refreshments. Additional cards are 25 cents each.
- ◆ The movie “The Hill” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 21. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Diabetes

Somebody Who Cares Destiny Empowerment Center presents The Diabetes, Education, Resource and Management, or DREAM, Workshop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes free diabetes, kidney and cholesterol screenings courtesy of Wayne State Mobile Health. Additionally, The Platinum Chef will showcase a low-glycemic dish,

accompanied by samples for participants, and providing valuable nutrition education. Moreover, a fitness trainer will demonstrate exercises suitable for participants. RSVP by emailing sbwcdec1@gmail.com or visiting shorturl.at/ikyD2

Library

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

- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Reader Dog, 2 to 3

p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Youth Coding, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.
- ◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Teen Game Club, 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 3, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 6, American House Lakeside, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, at the Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.

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The Rev. Boelter bids farewell to Christ the King

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since its inception in 1940, Christ the King Lutheran Church — then named Calvary Lutheran Church — has only had four senior pastors.

While the Rev. Wilbert C. Burmeister helped start the congregation, he accepted another call after five years. Since then, the duties have been shared by the Rev. Walter J. Geffert, who stepped down in 1972; the Rev. Joseph Fabry, who retired in 1995; and for the past 38 years, the Rev. Randy Boelter, who will retire next month.

“There’s never been a vacancy here in its history,” Boelter said. “That tells you how wonderful this congregation is.

“... We never developed a ministry around figureheads,” he added. “All of our pastors are servants; we developed our ministry around Jesus. It’s been a joy to serve the peace of Christ over the years. It’s been a real gift.”

Boelter, 67, will give his farewell address to congregants at the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday, June 9.

Boelter has served as



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rev. Randy Boelter will give his farewell address to congregants at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 9.

senior pastor at Christ the King since 1994, and before that was its associate pastor, but his service at the church actually dates back to his time at seminary. As a student at Concordia Seminary, the Sioux Falls, S.D., native served

Grosse Pointe.

“Pastor Fabry was looking ahead,” Boelter recalled. “At that time, this church had 57 sick and shut-in members to see every month. I was called to assist him with that.”

As an associate pastor, Boelter also focused on the church’s youth, which has been of great importance to him while also being one of his greatest challenges, he said. The challenge lies in encouraging young, busy Grosse Pointe parents to strike a healthy balance between growth in their children’s academic and spiritual lives.

“I have loved the Grosse Pointes,” Boelter said. “I’ve found people here wonderful to work with, though it isn’t a particularly easy community for a pastor. There’s so much offered here, which is a blessing. But Jesus reminds us it’s easy for us in our humanness to focus on the seen and not the unseen. The challenge is working with young parents who want (their children) to

have careers and fly, but they have to be grounded in their spiritual life and in the gospel. We should teach children to fly, but put them in the hands of the Lord.”

Boelter said the preschool at Christ the King has been a tremendous blessing.

organists, six secretaries, three preschool directors, a host of preschool aides have all been gifts.”

Though children have a soft spot in Boelter’s heart, it’s a different generation he said he was privileged to serve.

“I was here early

‘We never developed a ministry around figureheads. All of our pastors are servants; we developed our ministry around Jesus. It’s been a joy to serve the peace of Christ over the years.’

THE REV. RANDY BOELTER
Christ the King Lutheran Church

“It’s one of the most creative ways to make an inroad for the gospel in the community,” he said. “We’ve been able to keep it going when a lot of others in the community have closed. But it’s taken a lot of work to perpetuate a preschool and its ministry. Being able to refashion it to fit the needs of families in the community is our congregation’s greatest gift to the community.

“I’ve only been a part of this,” he added. “I’ve had wonderful people I worked with — six

enough in the congregation to be able to be the pastor for people who were here when Christ the King started in the 1940s,” he said. “It was the Depression era and these were people who sacrificed to put this church in place. It’s a joy to serve now, but the commitment of those people was unparalleled. They would forgo buying their children new shoes for school to be able to tithe.

“... Because of them, See FAREWELL, page 8B

The Detroit Zoo welcomes American premiere of Wildlife Rescue Exhibition

Metro Detroiters can make a difference for wildlife — one climb at a time.

For a limited time, the Detroit Zoo will be home to Wildlife Rescue, a traveling exhibition featuring 12 oversized, climbable sculptures throughout the zoo’s footprint. Each sculpture represents an incredible conservation story, allowing guests to step into the world of wildlife preservation. Access to the installation, which is open now through September, is included with zoo admission and is free for members. The Detroit Zoo is the first zoo worldwide to host this traveling exhibition.

The exhibition is more than just fun and adventure. Each sculpture invites guests to learn about and understand wildlife — from orangutans and mudpuppies to peregrine falcons and eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes. Guests also will discover how the Detroit Zoo is making a difference for wildlife worldwide. They’ll learn

about the Panamanian golden frog, which the zoo cares for by maintaining a population that could one day be returned to the wild, and the red panda, which the zoo protects in the wild through strategic partnerships and conservation programs.

“We’re excited to invite our community, both the young and the young at heart, to join us



at the zoo this season for a unique conservation experience,” said Emily O’Hara, senior manager of guest experience design. “Wildlife Rescue is not just an exhibition; it’s a fun and interactive way to learn about con-

servation. We look forward to seeing you there.”

For more information, visit detroitzoo.org/events. Wildlife Rescue is created and produced by Little Ray’s Exhibitions.



Landscape symposium takes place at Fair Lane

Fair Lane: Home of Clara and Henry Ford hosts “Landscape Matters: A Garden Design Symposium,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8. The event will explore landscape design, sustainability and ecological stewardship in one of America’s most historic estates.

The symposium will feature speaker Matthew Ross, executive director of The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park in Traverse City. With his expertise and passion for botanical preservation, Ross will offer perspectives on

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Disco Night benefits families in need

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan has created a new disco-themed fundraiser to inspire giving for local families in need. The organization currently has more than 150 families waiting for furniture and other home essentials.

Its Disco Night fundraiser takes place 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 8, at the Detroit Public Theatre, 3960 Third Ave., Detroit. The event features a 1970s disco theme with dancing, small bites, a cash bar, silent auction and prizes.

This event is made possible by MAC Valves, Inc. in honor of Ruth D. Neff — who founded the Furniture Bank in 1968, along with a handful of volunteers and local churches — as well as other event sponsors and the generous contributions of donors and volunteers across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased online at furniture-bank.org/disco-night/ or by calling (248) 332-1300 or

[emailing events@Furniture-Bank.org](mailto:events@Furniture-Bank.org).

“We want folks to come out, get their groove on and have a great time,” said Rob Boyle, executive director. “Ruth Neff and the Furniture Bank were getting beds and furniture to local children and families in need as early as 1968. Since then, we’ve helped almost 100,000 families. Today, inflation and fuel costs make it challenging to address the level of need in our community. That’s why we’re creating an entirely new event; so local families don’t have to eat, sleep and live on a cold floor.”

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan provides furniture to families in need, creating a stable living environment and restoring dignity to those facing tough times. Eighty percent of its clients have annual household incomes of \$20,000 or less and struggle to afford basic necessities such as rent or food and cannot afford mattresses or box springs for their families.

For more information, visit furniture-bank.org



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OBITUARIES

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

Carmen Bucek

Carmen Jakubiszyn Borowicz Bucek, 96, passed away in her sleep Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024.

Born in Detroit, in 1927, Carmen was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, living in the same home she built with her husband in 1950. As a young child of immigrants, her family traveled by ship over the Atlantic Ocean to visit relatives in Poland. Her father returned to Detroit for his job with Ford Motor Co., as her mother and sisters stayed in Poland to visit relatives for a few months. Their return was hindered for more than three years by the Great Depression, World War II and sibling age change.

As a young girl, the family tragically lost their mother to a brain tumor. The young ladies coped as they took their mother's place by cooking, cleaning and washing. Their father diligently came home nightly to guide the girls and create projects for himself around the home.

As a teenager, Carmen began at Technical Cosmetology College instead of going to high school. At the end of her courses, she and a friend went to Lansing to get their cosmetology licenses. Carmen then went to work as a hairdresser and manicurist. She ended up working for her future mother-in-law, who owned a salon and had a large family. There, she met and married her first husband.

Carmen's first husband was a hairdresser at Hudson's. He then owned his own salon until going to work for Chrysler. Together, they built a home in Grosse Pointe Woods. After 29 years of marriage, he passed away and Carmen worked at the salon as an employee and the owner. Later, she met her second husband, a former baseball player and U.S. Navy veteran who also worked at Chrysler. They met at a ballroom dancing event in the Detroit area. After 26 years of marriage, her second husband passed, followed in 2012 by Carmen's only son, also a U.S. Army veteran and lineman for the telephone company.

Carmen also was predeceased by her parents and two sisters. She is survived by her only daughter, along with three grown granddaughters, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Carmen also is survived by two nephews from her sister and brother-in-law, and their families and children; and nephews and nieces from her first husband's family.

For 74 years, Carmen lived in the same home she built with her first husband in Grosse Pointe Woods. In earlier years, neighbors could find her working outside around the house or cooking for parties. She loved flowers, gardening and entertaining. When it was necessary to work, she ran the salon until it was sold. In later years, both Carmen and her second

husband enjoyed traveling and ballroom dancing until well into their 80s.

Faith and life guided her. She loved to celebrate with family and friends and entertain with good food. Above all, she loved for everyone to be happy. An inspiration to many, Carmen will be missed by all her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of gifts, the family requests donations to one of Carmen's favorite charities, Vietnam Veterans of America, vva.org/donate/, or Boys Town, bit.ly/3QOupSc.

Rose Marie Yoder

Rose Marie Yoder, known to family and friends as Roe, passed away peacefully Nov. 8, 2023, surrounded by family. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandma and true friend and confidant to many. Her outlook on life was simple: Be kind, think about others and, most importantly, be happy. Her laugh and smile exemplified those qualities.

Roe was born May 7, 1929, in Grosse Pointe, to Gustave and Rose Marie Schroeder. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School with aspirations of attending college, but instead fell in love with Richard "Dick" Yoder Sr. In 1954, they married and began their life together in St. Clair Shores.

Roe lived a full and vibrant life, finding joy in cooking, reading and volunteering in the community. She particularly loved playing tennis and bridge, as well as entertaining family and friends. She was a huge fan of classic movies and never missed any starring Frank Sinatra. Dick and Roe both looked forward to spending their summers in Michigan, boating with friends in the Great Lakes region, and winters at their condo in Florida, cherishing moments with friends in Hillsboro Beach.

She is survived by her children, Patrice Yoder, Richard Yoder Jr. (Ann) and Nancy Obey (Larry); grandchildren, Logan Obey, Lauryn Obey and Mia Yoder; nephew, Tom Chwiero Sr.; grandniece, Christy West (Pat) and grandnephew, Tom Chwiero Jr. (Veronica). She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Yoder Sr.; sister, Patricia Costa; and niece, Cheryl Chwiero.

Friends and acquaintances referred to Roe as a kind and classy lady. She will remain an inspiration to them all as a forward-thinking woman of her generation.

Roe requested no memorial service, but simply wanted to be remembered fondly in the years to come by all who knew her. She will live forever in their hearts.

Gary Roger Grenzke

Gary Roger Grenzke, 80, of Loveland, Colo., passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024, surrounded by his wife, Deb; sons, Cody and Geoff; and friend, Michael.

Gary was born March 24, 1944, in Detroit, to George and Lucille Grenzke, during the midst of World War II. While George served in the war, Lucille, like many at the time, raised Gary and maintained a special bond with him throughout his life.

He grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. Gary attended Michigan State University and completed his master's degree in marketing from Wayne State University. Gary was gifted in many ways. He excelled professionally at marketing, sales and dude ranch insurance underwriting, but he was best known for his enthusiastic storytelling, passion for music and adventure, contagious smiles and endless love for family, friends and his Lord.

Deb and Gary married March 22, 1986, and eventually moved from Michigan to Colorado where their dreams became reality. They were blessed with two sons, Cody and Geoff, who, like Gary's older children, Betsy and Greg, love the outdoors. Gary's favorite place to hunt and fish throughout the years was the family cabin, The Oaks, where he taught his children to fish and hunt as well.

Music ran deep throughout Gary's life. He loved to perform, especially with the Estes Park Jazz Band, of which he was a member nearly 30 years. Playing saxophone with the band gave him much joy. His final performance was just weeks before his passing, when he played the banjo at the rehabilitation center where he was a patient. The other residents were toe-tapping and clapping along with the staff. Connecting with people was Gary's God-given gift and music helped him touch those around him in a special way. He loved people and his heart was so big that there were never enough hours in the day for him. He was bursting with life, passionate about embracing those around him and being the Hands of Christ. He radiated positivity.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Deb; and children, Betsy Landrum (Sam) of Seattle, Wash., Greg Grenzke (Whitney Kirk) of Vancouver, Canada, and Cody Grenzke and Geoff Grenzke of Greeley, Colo. He was the proud grandpa of Estee and Dylan Landrum and Iver Grenzke. Gary also is survived by his brother, Richard Grenzke (Bea) of Grosse Pointe Farms, and sister, Beverly Osetek (James) of Harbor Springs.

Gary was predeceased by his father and mother, George and Lucille Grenzke.

A memorial service will take place at 10:30 a.m.



Carmen Bucek



Matthew George Martin

Thursday, May 30, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins, Colo. The family invites those unable to attend to watch the service at redeemerconnect.com and clicking on the Watch Live button or going directly to live.redeemerconnect.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Comfort Dog Ministry at Redeemer Lutheran Church, lutheranchurchcharities.org/give-lcc-k-9.html.

Matthew George Martin

Matthew George Martin, 63, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024.

Matt was born in Detroit and grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and Michigan State University.

Matt met Heather through work at Ernst and Young. They married in December 2002, and moved to Harper Woods. From there, they moved to Wilmington, N.C., where they shared their life together and hosted many family gatherings. Their relationship always brought family and friends together.

Working hard in healthcare project management with his team, Matt cared most about helping people in need. He dedicated time to supporting patients through his vocation and many charitable causes. He also shared a passion for seeing the world with Heather. They traveled together to places near and far to experience the world. He also loved spending time with his children and granddaughter and was their biggest supporter. He had a genuine interest in the details of their lives and wanted to know and be part of everything.

Matt's infectious positivity and inclusive nature touched the lives of everyone he met. Whether cheering on his Spartans or hosting gatherings on his boat as he captained the North Carolina coastline, he had a gift for bringing people together and fostering a sense of community wherever he went.

Matt is survived by his loving wife, Heather Ann Martin. He also leaves behind his brothers, Donald, David (Donna), Charles (Mary) and Christopher (Linda); children, James (Amanda) and John from a previous marriage to Kathryn; and his most loved granddaughter, Grace. He also is survived by many lov-



Rose Marie Yoder



Mary McGuire O'Keefe

ing nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews who he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his parents, Barbara and Donald; and his father-in-law, Joseph Jackson.

His family will deeply miss their dad, Uncle Fru, Beach Grandpa, Screaming Eagle and Phi Delt Brother.

Funeral services took place at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, bit.ly/4ctQkaq. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Mary Margaret McGuire O'Keefe

Mary Margaret (nee McGuire) O'Keefe, 93, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2024, at her home in St. Clair Shores.

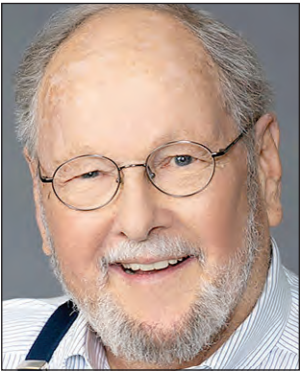
She will be missed by her seven loving children, Kurt, Eric (Leslie Graves), Mark (Joy), Karl (Carolyn), Kathleen McClanaghan (Tom), Paul (Linda) and Eileen Ross (Ken). Mary also was devoted to her 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Mary grew up in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where she graduated from Assumption High School. She began dating her late husband, Donald, shortly after enrolling at the University of Detroit. They were married in 1951, and raised their children in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mary will be remembered as someone who cared deeply about others. She nurtured relationships with family, friends and neighbors, yet never stopped making new friends. Her faith was important to her. She was an active member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and, in later years, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. She had a full life and was ready to be welcomed into Jesus' loving arms.

A memorial Mass took place Tuesday, May 21, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores, and was livestreamed at livestream.stjoan.church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc, osvhub.com/sjascsgiving/funds/ or Pregnancy Aid Detroit, pregnancyaiddetroit.org/support.



Gary Roger Grenzke



George Petrouleas

George Petrouleas, 85, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Friday, May 17, 2024, at his summer home near Lake Charlevoix.

He was born May 5, 1939, to James Petrouleas and Voulas Arnoutis. His parents immigrated from Greece after World War I.

George is survived by his wife, Jan Goike; brother, Christ Petrouleas (Judy); and children, David Petrouleas, Christina Binkley (Thomas), Michael-John Petrouleas (Dina) and Athena Belanger (James). He was Papou/Grandpa to Helena, David and Lauren Petrouleas, Adam and Austin Binkley and Aria and Coco Belanger.

George was a great man, father, leader, coach and role model to many. He had a great impact on the lives he touched. He consistently went out of his way to make the community a better place.

His basketball coaching career began at Macomb Community College, followed by Wayne State University and a more than 25-year career at Grosse Pointe South High School. He also was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame. Twice, he coached the national Greek-American basketball team that competed in Greece. His passion for athletics left a lasting impression on all those fortunate to be part of his life.

His lifelong dedication and faith to the Greek Orthodox community is unmatched. He was a pillar in the Assumption Greek Orthodox community, from the groundbreaking of the new church to a more than 40-year active membership on the church council and the establishment of Assumption's nursery school. He also was a lifelong member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). His engagement earned him a remarkable reputation and he will be greatly missed by many.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 23, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, followed by a luncheon and burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Timothy McMillan

Timothy McMillan, 73, died at home Wednesday, May 15, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Timothy was born May 14, 1951. He will be remembered for his humor, wit, charm and unwavering loyalty, support and service to friends, family and strangers.

He was the beloved husband of Brigid; treasured father of Colleen (Seamus), Erin and Michael; celebrated grandfather of Elowen, Conall and Ciaran; dearest son of George Arsenault and the late Donald E. McMillan and Delores Arsenault; loving brother to 14 living siblings, two late siblings and their spouses; and adored uncle to an abundance of nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Charles Robert “Charlie” Rutherford

Charles Robert “Charlie” Rutherford, 95, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2024, at home in Grosse Pointe Park. He was a man of faith and immeasurable kindness.

Born Feb. 14, 1929, in Toledo, Ohio, Charlie was a beacon of friendship and selflessness throughout his remarkable life. His legacy was forged by his unwavering faith, commitment to family, church and country and a career that bridged the realms of engineering, law and military service.

Growing up on Toledo’s east side, Charlie was the eighth of 10 children and the last to pass. He attended Good Shepherd Catholic School, which was across the street from his family’s three-bedroom house on Clark Street. He attended Morrison R. Waite High School, playing sports and working as a roofer, railroad worker and most proudly as batboy with the Toledo Mud Hens. Some 50 years after graduation, Waite honored him with an alumnus of the year award.

Charlie graduated early to enlist in the U.S. Army toward the end of World War II, during which he visited Japan and later served in the Army of Occupation in Korea as a military policeman. When he finished his enlistment, he took advantage of the GI Bill to enroll at the University of Detroit Mercy. He joined the campus ROTC and earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1953.

While working as an engineer, Charlie also taught engineering at U of D during the day, while in the evening attending U of D Law School, receiving an alumnus of the year award 60 years after his 1957 graduation. He found time to attend Bill McGowan’s Umpire School in Florida and became a certified professional baseball umpire, working minor league baseball games in the Midwest. Charlie also enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and served as a judge advo-



Timothy McMillan

cate general. In 1985, he retired as a full-bird colonel, shortly after receiving the Legion of Merit honor award for outstanding service and seventh in the order of precedence of all U.S. military awards.

Through a venerable six-decade legal career, Charlie practiced intellectual property law, most recently as a partner with Dykema Gossett. His leadership extended to multiple professional associations. He served as president of the Detroit chapter of the Federal Bar Association and as a member, president and chair of multiple sections of the State Bar of Michigan. He was a fellow for the American Bar Association and Michigan State Bar Foundation, where he also served as a trustee and past president.

Beyond his professional life, Charlie’s civic engagement and cultural contributions were profound. A lifelong member of the NAACP, he held pivotal roles in organizations such as the Legal Aid and Defenders Association, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society and Detroit Rotary Club. He was a founding board member of Loyola High School in Detroit and a charter member of the President’s Cabinet at the University of Detroit Mercy.

His commitment to enhancing the lives of others was unwavering, an endeavor he undertook with his beloved wife, Patricia Mary Rutherford, by his side. An avid Detroit Tigers fan, he was even more so a fan of the University of Detroit Mercy Titans men’s basketball team. He was a Titans season ticket holder more than 70 years — likely a U of D record and maybe even for the NCAA.

Charlie’s family was the cornerstone of his life. Besides his devoted wife, he is survived by his loving son, John Anthony Rutherford. He was predeceased by his beloved son, Charles R. Rutherford Jr. His role as a husband, father and friend was characterized by an unfailing friendliness and selflessness that inspired all who knew him.

As someone who found solace and strength in his faith, Charlie relished singing in the church choir at St. Clare of Montefalco and was an active member of the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Cardinal’s Club. His life was a testament to the sentiment expressed by St. Francis of Assisi: “For it is in giving that we receive.” Charlie’s legacy embodies this principle, as his life truly was about giving to others.

Charlie was not merely a man of achievements and titles; he was a symbol of integrity, a mentor to many and a friend to all. His legacy, etched in the countless lives and institutions he touched,



Charles R. Rutherford

will continue to inspire generations to come.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 3, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. He will lie in state from noon until his funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 629 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A committal service with military honors will occur at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Maria de Fatima Farias Cavalcanti

Maria de Fatima Farias Cavalcanti, 71, passed away Friday, May 17, 2024, in Grosse Pointe Park and surrounded by her devoted children and beloved fiancé.

Born March 4, 1953, in Pesqueira, Pernambuco, Brasil, Maria was the fifth of nine sisters, all sharing the name Maria, each one as unique as the next. She was a cherished beacon of joy and love.

Her early education in Pesqueira laid a strong foundation for her future and working in her godparents’ store ignited her passion for commerce. This experience inspired her to earn an accounting degree at Colegio Comercial de Pesqueira. Later, alongside her husband, Fernando Barbosa Cavalcanti, Maria moved to Recife where they started a family and ventured into the world of entrepreneurship with their own restaurant and supermarket.

Tragedy struck with the loss of Fernando, but Maria’s indomitable spirit shone through as she focused on raising their three children, Danilo, Danielly and Diego. After the heartbreaking loss of Diego in 2008, Maria embraced a new beginning in Detroit, attracted by its vibrant springs, glorious summers and beautiful autumns, though she wisely chose to escape the harsh Michigan winters each year and return to her home in Brasil.

Maria’s warmth and radiant smile became a cornerstone of the Grosse Pointe community, whether she was cheering at her grandchildren’s sports events, applauding during music presentations or attending school functions, riding her bike and walking everywhere in the community. Her presence was a source of light and happiness. An avid needlepoint artist, her creations were vibrant expressions of her joyous spirit.

In her later years, Maria found love again with Bradley Burchnell, with whom she formed a deep and enduring bond, enriching the lives of many in the Brazilian Christian Church in Troy. Her unwavering positivity, resilience in adversity and ability to find happiness in every



Maria Cavalcanti

encounter made her a beloved figure in her community.

Maria is lovingly remembered by her son, Danilo; daughter-in-law, Isabella; newborn grandson, Diego; daughter, Danielly; son-in-law, Nicholas; granddaughters, Ava Valentina and Bebe Branca; partner, Bradley Burchnell; and her sisters, Maria de Jesus, Maria Jerusa, Maria Gorete, Maria Pompeia, Maria de Lourdes and Maria Aparecida. She also leaves behind numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

A memorial service celebrating Maria’s beautiful life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, with visitation starting at 1 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Her legacy of love and joy will forever resonate in the hearts of those she touched.

David King FitzSimons

David King FitzSimons, 85, of Harbor Springs and Vero Beach, Fla., died Thursday, May 16, 2024. He was surrounded by his loving family in his treasured Roaring Brook cottage on the shores of Little Traverse Bay.

He was born Sept. 8, 1938, in Detroit, to Sherman J. and Mary Josephine Collins FitzSimons. He attended Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He was proud to have served in the U.S. Army for two years while stationed in Germany.

Mr. FitzSimons lived his life in Grosse Pointe Farms with his devoted wife of 49 years, Barrie Gartrell FitzSimons, who predeceased him in 2011. He is survived by his beloved companion of 11 years, Eleanor Naess; and his children and their spouses, Kerry and Charles Wilson, David and Holly FitzSimons, William and Lisa FitzSimons and Allison and John LaFramboise. He was the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren, Josephine, Charlie and Place Wilson, Katherine and Patrick FitzSimons, Freddy and Henry FitzSimons and Thomas, Grace and Madeline LaFramboise. He also is survived by his sister, Joan FitzSimons Smith; brother, Michael FitzSimons; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Julie FitzSimons, Sherman FitzSimons III, Suzanne Reynolds and Fay Buhl.

His business career began in Detroit at FitzSimons Manufacturing Co., a maker of on-time fuel systems components for auto and truck assemblers in North America. In 1972, he was elected president of FitzSimons Manufacturing. In 1983, Copper & Brass Sales



David King FitzSimons

Inc., a processor and distributor of non-ferrous metals, acquired FitzSimons Manufacturing and Mr. FitzSimons remained as president. In 1985, he was elected executive vice president of Copper & Brass. After Copper & Brass merged with ThyssenKrupp Materials North America, he retired in 1998, and settled into life in Vero Beach, Fla.

Mr. FitzSimons was a former member and past president of the Country Club of Detroit, as well as a member of the Yondotega Club in Detroit. In northern Michigan, he was a member of the Little Harbor Club, Wequetonsing Golf Club in Harbor Springs and The Fontinalis Club in Vanderbilt. In Vero Beach, he was a member of John’s Island Club and Riomar Country Club. Mr. FitzSimons also was a member of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association.

David was a caring husband and companion, loving father and loyal friend. His quick wit, bright smile and generous spirit brought joy to many. He was happiest when sharing a round of golf, day fishing or tour of the bay on his boat with friends or family at his side. He was blessed to be loved by many and returned that love to all he knew.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Schiller Funeral Home, 5505 M-119, Harbor Springs. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 513 Howard, Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, landtrust.org/donate/.

Jacquelyn Tien Mei Wang

Jacquelyn Tien Mei Wang, 20, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2024. She was born May 29, 2003.

Jacquelyn was a remarkable young woman whose radiant smile and inner beauty lit up every room she entered. Her life was filled with immense achievements and unwavering dedication to excellence.

Jacquelyn excelled academically, reaching the top of her class at Grosse Pointe South High School, where she served as class president and delivered an inspiring graduation speech in 2021. She was a National Merit Semifinalist and candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Jacquelyn’s commitment to her education continued at Cornell University, where she pursued studies in labor relations with the same passion and dedication that defined her life.

An accomplished athlete, Jacquelyn was a



Jacquelyn Wang

member of the Mutants and Grosse Pointe Gators swim teams and captain of the Grosse Pointe South High School swim team. She also showcased her talents in the Grosse Pointe South Show Choir, where her love for music and performance shone brightly.

Jacquelyn also was a tireless activist, always standing up for the rights of others with integrity and unwavering resolve. Her activism was a testament to her compassionate heart and desire to advance equity and justice.

In addition to her accomplishments, Jacquelyn was an avid reader, fashion enthusiast and talented writer who received numerous accolades for her writing, including the National Scholastic Writing Award presented at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

She had a deep love for music, was a passionate Swiftie, especially enjoyed listening to vinyl records and adored her dog, Indi.

Jacquelyn’s adventurous spirit took her on many wonderful travels with her family to China, Europe and most recently Hong Kong. She cherished these experiences, along with visits to relatives in Toronto, Canada. With studies in Mandarin, Jacquelyn embraced her heritage and shared her linguistic talents with pride.

She is survived by her beloved mother, Elizabeth Wang, and was predeceased by her father, Herman Wang. Jacquelyn was the cherished granddaughter of Eastman and Chi Wang (Joan); a beloved niece to John Sossi (Donna), Michael Sossi, James Sossi, Thomas Clark, Robert Sossi (Lela), Howard Wang (Sook Tien) and Helena Wang-Flores (Alfonso); and beloved cousin to Michael and Pamela Sossi and Justin, Alyssa and Patrick Wang.

Jacquelyn’s legacy is one of unparalleled excellence, dignity and respect. She inspired those who knew her with her unwavering commitment to every project she undertook. As she once said in her graduation speech, “You are an artist. You are a visionary. You are essential. You can be that comet in the sky, trailblazing a path of extraordinary light and color and potential.” Jacquelyn was indeed a comet, leaving a trail of love and light behind that will be remembered forever.

A memorial service to celebrate Jacquelyn’s life takes place 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 24, at St. Blase Catholic Church, 15 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Visitation begins at 9 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jacquelyn’s memory may be made to Kevin’s Song, kevinsong.org.

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Jon Stilson Cook

Jon Stilson Cook, 83, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

He was the beloved husband of the late Joyce Suzanne Cook; cherished stepfather of Carol Jones and Steven Jones (Jane); adored grandfather of Kaitlin, Steven Jr. (Marlana) and Sarah Beuhler (George); loving great-grandfather of Abigail and Charlotte; dear uncle of Laura Scott and Sarah Cook; and brother of the late Jeffrey Cook.

Jon was born Feb. 5, 1941, in Norwalk, Ohio, to William and Virginia (née Stilson). After high school, Jon attended Ferris State University. He wore many hats, from working as a sales representative for manufacturing fluids and chemicals to real estate. He also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods auxiliary police department.

Jon was a true family man and made many friends during his lifetime. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Frank I. Fontana

Frank I. Fontana, 88, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in Naples, Fla.

Frank was born Sept. 21, 1935, in Detroit, to John and Lena Fontana. His wife of 52 years, Carolyn, and his two sons, Frank and Steven, were by his side when he



Jon Stilson Cook

passed, along with his two daughters-in-law, Linda and Kelly. Frank also leaves behind four grandsons, Topher, Steven, John and Andrew. Frank's three siblings, Mike Fontana, Carmela Brucia and John Fontana, predeceased him.

Frank had many interests. He and his family boated with the Grosse Pointe Woods Boat Club for many years. He also belonged to Gowanie Golf Club.

Frank's passion was music and he became a professional piano player. He often played in many of the country clubs and bars around the Detroit area.

Frank's ashes will be laid to rest in a crypt at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, near his parents and other family members. He will be dearly missed.

Wilfred "Ted" E. Dennis

Wilfred "Ted" E. Dennis, 93, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Ted was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, in 1931, and



Frank I. Fontana

came to the U.S. in 1950, where he joined Detroit Bank & Trust (later Comerica Bank). He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952, during the Korean War, where he trained with the 101st Airborne Division in Germany.

He rejoined the bank when he returned in 1954, and met Margarete Weber, who became his wife of 51 years. Ted worked in information systems and retired from Comerica Bank after more than 40 years of employment.

Ted loved to regale others with tales from his "storybook" life and enjoyed music, visits from his family and spending time with his friends at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Margarete. He is survived by his children, Donna Satterfield (Brian) and Marianne Schermerhorn (Dan); and grandchildren, Emily and Kate Satterfield and Maggie and Jack Schermerhorn. He was a loving brother to Patti-Jo Wright and was predeceased by his siblings, Dorothy Forchuk and Jean Henderson.



Wilfred E. Dennis

A private memorial service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to InHouse Hospice, 30800 Telegraph, Ste. 1975, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Carolyn Yvonne Cutrell

Carolyn Yvonne Cutrell (nee Blackwell), 84, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 19, 2024. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Yvonne was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother. She embodied compassion, tolerance and acceptance.

Yvonne also was an adoring animal lover. She enjoyed being an active volunteer with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society by fostering dogs that were waiting for their forever homes.

A love of music was a major part of Yvonne's life. She enjoyed a wide variety of musical genres and attended concerts and live music venues. Her lifelong passion for



Carolyn Yvonne Cutrell

music led her to teach piano for more than 50 years. She shared her love of music with her students in the Grosse Pointes, many of whom maintained relationships with her into adulthood.

Yvonne is survived and forever honored by her husband, Phil Cutrell; sister, Shirley Sigler (Joe); children, Mark Dickson (Dee), Dawn Pilat (Dean) and Shirley Page (Scott); stepdaughter, Tanya Norkiewicz (Keith); eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Emil Gutow

Kenneth Emil Gutow, 84, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Kenneth was born in Detroit and grew up in Grosse Pointe. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1957, and was named the best class athlete in football, basketball and track. He was a proud graduate of Central Michigan University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962, and Master of Science degree in 1963. Ken was a



Kenneth Emil Gutow

teacher for 30 years in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Ken was a coach for everything, from his daughter's floor hockey team to many successful boys' tennis teams at Grosse Pointe North High School. He was a founding member of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association and also holds the first membership card in the organization. The highlights of his coaching career include being inducted to the Grosse Pointe North and Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Halls of Fame.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 61 years, Carla; children, K.C. (Stacy) and Carrie Martin (Matt); and granddaughters, Madeline, Emily, Hannah and Addison, who affectionately referred to him as Opa.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Special Olympics, support.specialolympics.org/a/change-a-lifemacy?ms=URL.



FAIR LANE:

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incorporating native plants and sustainable practices into garden design.

This three-part program includes an introductory lecture, a facilitated tour of Fair Lane and a guided, hands-on design session exploring residential landscape using skills learned through the



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Matthew Ross

day's activities.

"We are thrilled to host the 'Landscape Matters: A Garden Design Symposium' at Fair Lane, a place where nature, history and innovation converge," said Karen Marzonie, director of gardens and grounds at Fair Lane. "This event reflects our commitment to preserving the legacy of Clara and Henry Ford while advancing contemporary approaches to land-

scape design and environmental stewardship."

Registration is \$75 and includes a guided estate tour, morning pastries and a boxed lunch. Space is limited, so interested individuals are encouraged to reserve a spot early to secure a place.

For more information and to register, visit fair-lanegardensymposium.com or email info@henryfordestate.org.

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital earns 'A' Hospital Safety Grade

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital earned an "A" Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2024 from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog that sets standards for excellence in patient care.

The distinction recognizes the achievements of the hospital in protecting patients from preventable harm and error.

"Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital has a tradition of excellence in quality and safety," said Jeffrey Dittkoff, M.D., senior vice president, chief of quality, safety and experience for Corewell Health in southeast Michigan. "This award is yet another recognition of the wonderful care and patient experience that is provided by the team. We are very proud of this accomplish-

ment and thank all the team members at our Grosse Pointe site for their dedication to caring for their community."

The Leapfrog Group assigns letter grades to general hospitals across the country twice annually, using up to 30 national performance measures that produce a single letter grade representing a hospital's overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors.

"Across the system we continue to make forward progress on optimizing safety outcomes for the patients and families," said James Moses, M.D., chief of quality, safety and patient experience for Corewell Health. "I'm proud of the achievements we are seeing broadly across the organization."

Special guest

The Lakeshore Optimist Club welcomed Eugene Casazza, president of the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, to provide an overview of the history and purpose of the Crisis Club. Established in 1956, by a small group of businesspeople, the club supports individuals and families throughout metro Detroit who are experiencing difficult circumstances. The club is privately funded through donations,

members and fundraising events. Anyone is welcome to join. For more information, visit gpcrisisclub.org

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend, listen to interesting speakers and learn what the club is about. For locations, dates and times each month visit gpoptimists.com or follow the club on Facebook.



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Eugene Casazza, president of the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, and Lakeshore Optimist Club President Julie Bauer.



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Performance

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones stands with Full Circle Foundation choir members at Ford House on April 9. Choir members dressed in purple attire to celebrate Purple in the Pointes and performed for meeting attendees. Purple in the Pointes is a Full Circle initiative celebrated during April, in support of residents with special needs. For more information about Sunrise, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration is June 1

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

The 43rd annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, sponsored by edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at Comerica Park.

“My grandparents and their seven children started this in 1981 as a way to give back to a great cause that meant a lot to them,” said Stefan Ahee, vice president at AHEE Jewelers.

Edmund T. and Bettejean Ahee started the event through the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger. It has raised several million dollars to provide food, clothing, substance use disorder treatment, job training and tutoring through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

“It makes for a beautiful summer evening,” Stefan Ahee said. “We usually get a couple thousand people.”

This marks the 20th year the fundraiser will be at Comerica after outgrowing several other venues.

Attendees must be 21 or older and admission is free, although donations are accepted. Food and beverages will be available throughout the park for purchase. The evening includes live entertainment with music by Your Generation in Concert, fireworks and a raffle. AHEE Jewelers has donated \$30,000 of jewelry and watches from luxury brands like Cartier, Roberto Coin and David Yurman. Entrants need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased over the phone by calling



Raffle prizes include, top row from left, Ahee diamond tennis bracelet in 18k white gold; Roberto Coin 18k yellow gold diamond medallion necklace; Ahee ruby and diamond earrings in 18k white gold; David Yurman Carlyle Collection necklace in silver and 18k yellow gold; and Cartier Tank Must leather strap watch in steel; and bottom row from left, Ahee diamond huggie earrings in 18k yellow gold; Roberto Coin diamond dangle earrings in 18k white gold; Shinola GMT bracelet watch in steel; Ahee pearl slide pendant in 18k white gold; and Meira T opal and diamond necklace in 18k yellow gold.

AHEE Jewelers at (313) 886-4600 or in person at 20139 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets also will be available at the event.

Complimentary self-parking and valet parking are available.

Attendees should enter through the gates at Adams and Witherell streets. Visit ahee.com for more information.



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Members of the Ahee family at a previous Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration.

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◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 13, St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

League of Women Voters

In advance of the Aug. 6 primary and Nov. 5 general elections, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe host a town hall on voting laws at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Voters’ rights include voting early in every statewide and federal election; signing up to become permanent absentee voters; receiving prepaid postage on absentee ballots and applications; an enhanced tracking system for absentee ballots and more. Attendance is free, but registration is encouraged to reserve space. Visit lvvgrossepointe.org to register.

Wear Orange

Otherworld Nursery & Mums Arcade, 17750 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Flowers & Fun: A Wear Orange Kickoff, from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 30. The event includes arcade games, a kids’ potting station, snacks and drinks. A variety of orange flowers will be

available for purchase. Wear Orange Weekend, June 7 to 9, raises awareness and honors gun violence victims and their families.

Ford House

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

◆ Paint Out, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Adults are invited to enjoy plein air painting with a chance to win prizes. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

◆ Native Plant Sale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

◆ Fresh Paint Party, 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Ages 21 and older are invited to celebrate those who participated in Paint Out. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 24, and Oct. 16. Cost is \$35 for members only.

◆ Storytime: “How to Find a Fox,” at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, June 4 to 25, for ages 7 and younger.

◆ Summer Landscape Guided Tour, 11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 5, through July 31. Costs vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

◆ Mix & Remix: Collage, Surfaces and Textures with Marat Paransky, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

◆ Landscapes in the style of Camille Pissarro with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, June 6, 13 and 20.

◆ Pet Portraits in watercolor with Nancy Philo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 11.

◆ Two-day Mixed Media Print-A-Thon with Valerie Allen, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ The last session of the Mental Health Matters series takes place 7 p.m. Monday, June 3. “Understanding Trauma’s Presence in the Body,” is led by Gabrielle Deschaine, who uses modalities such as dance/movement therapy and internal family systems to help all ages repair

damaged connections to their bodies, families and environment. Register at hello@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Yoga for Pride, in partnership with The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library and WeGP, takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at The War Memorial; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Ewald library; and 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Woods library.

Air Show

The Michigan National Guard’s 127th Wing will host the 2024 Air Show and Open House at Selfridge Air National Guard Base June 8 and 9. The event is free and open to the public, and features The Thunderbirds, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Franklin’s Flying Circus, A10 Thunderbolt II, KC135 Stratotanker and several ground displays. The theme is “Innovation Focused: STEAM Driven.”

Concert

Planet D Nonet’s third annual jazz concert takes place Sunday, June 9, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Social hour begins at 3 p.m., followed by the concert at 4 p.m. Special guests include Alex Harding on baritone saxophone and vocalists Camille Price and Ava Valentina Noecker. For more information, visit

stjamesgp.org

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

Reunions

Grosse Pointe South High School’s Class of 1984 is hosting its 40th reunion 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door, and include a cash bar, appetizers and music from the 1980s. Checks may be mailed to Amy Kish, 1023 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or sent via Venmo to Amy-Kish-2 or Zelle to (313) 770-1772, with the note “GPS 84 Reunion.” For those in town early, a casual get together will occur 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park. For information, call Marianne Stavale Benkoski at (703) 901-0080, Johanna Staub Judson at (313) 580-3813 or Carey Fitzgibbon Baldwin at (828) 318-2628.

Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of 1984 seeks classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722

Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The reunion includes a cash bar, light appetizers and live ’80s music by Lunar Sessions. For those in town early, a casual gathering at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. Cost for the reunion is \$40; Venmo @amytredreholland. For information, contact Amy Treder Holland at amyt.holland@live.com or call (313) 790-9667, or Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.

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 fulllotusyoga.net.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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Top finishers in the 41st annual Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission's Arbor Week Poster Contest are, from left, winner Catherine Palmer and runners-up Maria Bourdane and Cicily Filippone. All three received honors during the Monday, May 13, city council meeting. Mayor Michele Hodges said the ceremony was "the best item on the agenda."

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BRAD LINDBERG



Poster winners love trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Catherine Palmer fidgeted a little, thought really hard and told the city council and the audience attending its meeting Monday, May 13, why she included a quote about shade in her poster that won this year's Arbor Week Poster Contest among Park third and fourth graders.

"When it's really hot in the summer, you need a lot of shade," Palmer said.

She and two classmates from Christine Bergeron's combined grades three-four magnet class at Defer Elementary School received mayoral resolutions for sweeping the 41st annual poster contest.

Palmer said it took her "a long time" to come up with a theme and draw the poster. "Three or five days."

Runner-up Maria Bourdane said, "I think of trees as giving life because they give oxygen."

Runner-up Cicily Filippone ornamented her drawing of a tree with butterflies and golden highlights among the leaves.

"I've always loved rainbows," Filippone said. "I put gold in the tree because it makes the tree look hot."

"Keep making a difference in the world," Mayor Michele Hodges told the girls. "We're proud of you."

All three girls received Pewabic tiles of the city seal. Palmer also won \$50.

"The purpose of the awards is to promote community awareness and involvement in Arbor Week by the students as well as an appreciation of the many benefits of trees," according to each resolution.

"Trees are transformational, not only to us individually, but to the planet," said Pat Deck, chair of the Beautification Commission's poster contest. "They're nature's largest and oldest living things. Whether they make the air you breathe, the food you eat, beauty for the eye, shade from the heat of the sun, fuel for our homes or inspiration for our spirit, trees provide us with a multitude of things."

Some 107 of 178 eligible students entered the contest.

"We had participation from each classroom at each school," Deck said.

Posters are displayed at city hall and in business districts.

"These posters not only promote Arbor Week; they also bring many smiles to the faces that see them," Deck said.

Book details family's cancer journey

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

When former Pointer Paul Ingrassia received the Gerald Loeb Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in journalism in 2016, he quipped, "I often think that my biggest lifetime achievement is simply having a lifetime."

Ingrassia, who died in 2019 after his sixth bout with different types of cancer, lived in Grosse Pointe Park from 1985 to 1994, while he was Detroit bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal. His work there earned him a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for his coverage of struggles in the GM boardroom.

"Grosse Pointe Park was a wonderful place to raise the boys," Ingrassia's widow, Susan, said. "They loved Windmill Pointe Park for swimming and sports."

The three boys, Adam, Charlie and Daniel, attended Mair Elementary School, St. Paul Catholic School and University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"They played basketball at St. Paul's and football for the Red Barons," Susan recalled. "I still have friends in the Pointes, but mainly see them during the winter in Florida."

Charlie died of cancer six months before Ingrassia, as did two sisters in the 1980s and his mother in the late 1960s.

"We just thought wow, that's unusual, what bad luck," said Larry Ingrassia, the only remaining sibling. "At

the time, there wasn't much understanding of hereditary cancer."

Ingrassia, 69, recently released "A Fatal Inheritance," delving into decades of research that finally explained why his family was struck by tragedy so many times.

"Our mom was 42 when she died and there was no history of cancer in her family," Ingrassia said during a phone interview as he traveled by train from New York to Boston on his book tour. "We just figured it happens. There were 200,000 cancer deaths nationwide in 1968."

Ingrassia will discuss his book at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at 27th Letter & Books, 3546 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

"It's not a big tour," Ingrassia said. "But there are still a lot of Paul's former friends and colleagues in the Detroit area. He was well-known in the auto industry."

The elder Ingrassia after leaving The Wall Street Journal was managing editor of Reuters and wrote three books about the auto industry. Following in his brother's footsteps, Larry Ingrassia was the WSJ bureau chief in Boston and managing editor of both The New York Times and Los Angeles Times.

"When our sisters got sick, we thought there might be a connection," Ingrassia said. "Our father was a chemist and so we thought maybe he brought home particulars of some kind on his clothes. But that hypoth-

esis didn't explain why Charlie first came down with cancer when he was 2 years old."

As research progressed, it began to shed light on what made the family so susceptible to cancer.

After dealing with lung, prostate and colorectal cancer, doctor's found Paul Ingrassia's PSA levels to be higher than normal.

"That didn't make sense because he'd had his prostate removed," Ingrassia said. "That's when they suggested he get tested for TP53 and he was positive."

That gene provides instructions for the body to produce a protein that acts as a tumor suppressor.

"Doctors determined our mother had a de novo mutation of that gene," Ingrassia said. "It's something that happens spontaneously at conception."

Those with the mutation have a 50 percent chance of passing it on to their children.

"I tested negative, but if you have an unusual history of cancer in your family it's not a bad idea to get tested," he added. "It's something that only affects about 10,000 families a year. If you have the mutation, there's a 50 percent chance of developing cancer by age 40, compared to 5 percent of the general population."

"A Fatal Inheritance" was selected as an Amazon Editor's Pick for best nonfiction and best memoirs categories. See <https://shorturl.at/ovzZf> for more information.

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we are the recipients of this beautiful facility that we've been able to maintain," he added. "Serving that generation was an incredible experience."

Christ the King not only has been maintained, but expanded after an addition in recent years. Construction added new administrative offices, a dedicated preschool wing, conference room, small prayer chapel and an elevator.

"We were also able to build a new pipe organ here, which greatly enhanced our worship over the years," Boelter said.

Boelter said it was an

honor being called to handle the duties of a pastoral minister and the privilege of a lifetime to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.

He also has loved conducting monthly chapel services for preschool children and visiting the sick, hospitalized and shut-in members of the congregation and community. For 19 years, he conducted bi-monthly services for memory care residents at Sunrise Assisted Living. He also has served the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a circuit visitor, is a member of the District Evangelism Committee and Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, chairman of elections and the Detroit Zone

Lutheran Women's Missionary League pastoral counselor.

Boelter said he will most miss the people of the congregation.

"We have people here, even though we're smaller in number, who truly love the Lord and love the church and have worked so hard to keep this church."

That rang true during another challenge Boelter faced — a \$1.5 million embezzlement scandal 20 years ago. The event stymied the congregation's day-to-day outreach, resulting in reductions in staff and prohibiting the launch of other ministries.

"Other than the family involved, we only lost one member," Boelter said. "The whole congregation kept together."

A core group of volunteers, including himself, helped raise extra money by working at hockey games and other events.

"All the money raised went to repairs for the building and to move forward after the embezzlement," he said. "We never asked for extra money. We were able to meet our budget and move forward. With God's blessing, we were able to stay and worship in the community."

"We put our trust in God," he added. "When we were down below, we held our hands up to God. God provided every day everything we needed. Not one of our staff members went without a paycheck or benefits. God provided. He

kept his word of promise to care for and save us."

The decision to retire was bittersweet, but Boelter said he believes it's in the best interest of his health and the health of the church. The congregation received news of a replacement earlier this month.

"We were gifted two weeks ago with a seminarian to take the helm," he said. "He's in his 20s, has a wife and a child. This year, 118 men graduated from Missouri Synod seminaries. There are 368 congregations calling for a pastor. We were gifted a pastor. With him coming, I can retire in peace knowing this ministry will continue."

Pastor Elect Solomon Spangler will be ordained and installed in July.

Boelter, on the other hand, will move to Florida, where he plans "to spend the first 12 months settling in." He is joining a congregation as a layman, but has let the pastor know he's available to step in if needed.

Following Boelter's farewell address June 9, the church will host a reception in its auditorium. The community is invited, but reservations are requested to (313) 884-5090.

"It will be our time to focus and to thank God for our time together with Jesus Christ," he said. "I hope to see former members of the congregation and friends. I'm grateful for our time together. The congregation is looking ahead in faith and so am I."

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EyesOn Design: The origin

By Dick Ruzzin
Guest Writer

This is part one of a three-part series about the origin of EyesOn Design.

Before EyesOn Design, classic car shows called Concours d’Elegance were reflective of a 17th century French competition where vehicles were displayed, judged and sometimes sold.

Before Eyes OnDesign, contemporary concours did not have Jeeps in them. They did not include motorcycles and they did not include concept cars and show cars from the automobile industry. They did not give special recognition to unique and outstanding automotive design. They only vaguely recognized the expression and inclusion of art as present in the automobile. It was a subject that was rarely discussed and, if so, not on a professional level. Who could possibly judge the artistic content of an automobile? Who could make a technical and aesthetic analysis of a subject that is usually considered to be completely subjective?

A car designer can. A car designer is educated

and trained to make a sketch of something that does not exist on earth — something no one has ever seen before — and do it in a way that is convincing and believable, then materialize it in three dimensions. It is this combination of technical and artistic knowledge, with skill and experience added, that allows car designers to look at an existing vehicle and make a judgment about its aesthetic quality and value. Those key elements were the foundation for the creation of EyesOn Design. It all started here in Grosse Pointe on Sunday, July 10, 1988.

In late spring 1988, my wife, Merrie Lynn, told me the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, a local charity just down the street she was volunteering for, was going to have a car show in the back of their building. The DIO was located on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. Suggested by Al Ricca, a car show was being discussed and they hoped for about 20 cars. It led me to get involved and I decided to make an alternate proposal to the DIO Board of Directors, one that would be focused on



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Vice presidents from the Big Three attended the first EyesOn Design, then called Eyes On The Classics, at The Grosse Pointe Academy. From left are Jack Telnack, VP of Design, Ford Motor Co.; Chuck Jordan, VP of Design, General Motors Corp.; and Tom Gale, VP of Design, Chrysler Corp.

car design, which was my profession. My proposal was to have a first-class car show here in Grosse Pointe based on automotive design — its past, present and future. A show that would be every bit as significant and grand as the one on the west side of Detroit: the historic Meadowbrook Concours d’Elegance. It

was an excellent classic car show that had great stature around the country. My idea for a proposed Grosse Pointe Concours soon to be created would change the special interest and classic car show world. EyesOn Design is still doing so today.

The charity did not know the Meadowbrook

Concours existed. No one involved with the DIO had ever been to a classic car show. Like a number of other General Motors designers, I had been following historic classic cars for years based on the enthusiasm of Dave Holls, a GM Design executive I worked for several different times.

I was at that time the

chief designer for Cadillac. We were working 10 hours a day and sometimes longer to create the design for the 1992 Cadillac Seville and Eldorado, designing two cars at the same time. In spite of the heavy workload, I felt that with some help I could create a show around the profession of automotive design — its past, present and future.

I had created car shows before and saw that nothing like that existed anywhere in the world. In Detroit, where the Big Three automakers were located, it seemed a natural thing to do since there were a great number of car designers here. I had brief discussions with the DIO and saw it was an organization with a good heart. They were a little hesitant at first, but open to the idea as, at that point, their fundraising efforts were small events. What we were about to create together would change that beyond their wildest dreams. I had great confidence a successful show could be developed as I had many significant experiences at General Motors Design in developing complex multifaceted product

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Sarah Kost-Cox

Understanding neurodiversity

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of neurodiversity and the need for inclusivity in our communities. Neurodiversity encompasses a range of neurological differences, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia and other neurodevelopmental conditions. It celebrates the idea that these differences are a natural and valuable part of human diversity, rather than something to be fixed or cured. However, despite the increasing awareness of neurodiversity, many neurodiverse individuals still face stigma, discrimination and a lack of understanding in their daily lives.

One aspect of neurodiversity that needs more understanding is stimming, or self-stimulatory behavior. Stimming includes hand-flapping, rocking or repetitive movements, which help neurodiverse individuals regulate their sensory experiences and emotions. While stimming is a natural and necessary behavior for many neurodiverse people, it often is misunderstood or seen as socially inappropriate. By raising awareness and understanding of stimming, we can create more inclusive environments where neurodiverse individuals feel accepted and supported.

Masking is another aspect that needs our understanding. Masking is when neurodiverse individuals hide or suppress their true selves to

fit in with neurotypical expectations. Masking can be exhausting and detrimental to mental health, leading to anxiety, depression and burnout. Masking can happen with people of all ages and in any setting. By recognizing the psychological dangers of masking, we can adapt our environments to help neurodiverse individuals feel comfortable being themselves without fear of judgment or rejection.

By focusing on affirming practices, we can create more inclusive communities where everyone feels valued and accepted. A few examples of neuro-affirming practices and accommodations include:

- ◆ Using inclusive language
- ◆ Promoting self-advocacy and problem-solving skills
- ◆ Recognizing the need for processing time
- ◆ Offering flexible seating and sensory accommodations

Simple actions such as listening with empathy, being patient and understanding and making accommodations when necessary can make a big difference in the lives of neurodiverse individuals.

It also is important to emphasize that while neurodiversity may explain certain behaviors or differences, it should not be used as an excuse for inappropriate or harmful behavior. Instead, it should be seen as a reason for differ-

ences, and support and accommodations should be provided to help neurodiverse individuals thrive. Working with a neuro-affirming therapist can help individuals understand their diagnosis, not to become the diagnosis, and gain valuable skills and tools to use in daily life.

Caregivers of neurodiverse individuals play a crucial role in supporting their loved ones and advocating for their needs. Caregivers should educate themselves about neurodiversity, learn about affirming practices and seek out neuro-affirming therapy practices that can help their loved ones develop skills and coping strategies. Being a caregiver to a neuro-divergent individual can be challenging and lonely, finding a supportive community, practicing self-care and engaging your own mental health professional can help immensely.

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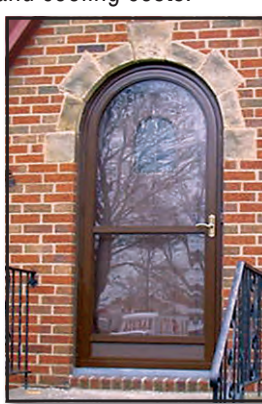


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Group dining with friends who wont pay fair share of the bill

Dear Gabby: My friend is extremely frugal and unfortunately, it spills over into the tipping arena. When we go out for dinner and split the meal, he picks apart the charges, refuses to tip for wine because he says that doesn't "count," and the rest of us end up picking up his slack. Do we just have to keep doing this without

saying anything to him? Or is there something we can do? Wait staff shouldn't have to suffer because my friend has alligator arms when it comes to reaching for his wallet. — Shelling out in the Shores **Dear Shelling,** You should not have to pick up the slack for a

cheap friend. Next time you are out, make sure you do separate checks. In addition, try asking him how much he's leaving the next time you are out — pretend you forgot your reading glasses or can't do the math. If he admits to his sub-20 percent number, ask why he doesn't believe the wait staff earned the standard tip, or tell him clearly

that it's well below the norm. You might open his eyes, or you might get an earful. Either way it will tell you a lot about your friend. —Gabby *We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointenews.com.*



Thoughts for Memorial Day

DEAR READERS: Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. **“Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field One Night”** by Walt Whitman
“Vigil strange I kept on the night; When you my son and my comrade dropt at my side that day, One look I but gave which your dear eyes return'd with a look I shall never forget, One touch of your hand to mine O boy, reach'd up as you lay on the ground, Then onward I sped in the battle, the even-contested battle, Till late in the night reliev'd to the place at

last again I made my way, Found you in death so cold dear comrade, found your body son of responding kisses, (never again on earth responding,) Bared your face in the starlight, curious the scene, cool blew the moderate night-wind, Long there and then in vigil I stood, dimly around me the battle-field spreading, Vigil wondrous and vigil sweet there in the fragrant silent night, But not a tear fell, not even a long-drawn sigh, long, long I gazed, Then on the earth partially reclining sat by your side leaning my chin in my hands, Passing sweet hours, immortal and mystic hours with you dearest comrade — not a tear, not a word, Vigil of silence, love and death, vigil for you my son and my soldier, As onward silently stars aloft, eastward new ones upward stole,

Vigil final for you brave boy, (I could not save you, swift was your death, I faithfully loved you and cared for you living, I think we shall surely meet again,) Till at latest lingering of the night, indeed just as the dawn appear'd, My comrade I wrapt in his blanket, envelop'd well his form, Folded the blanket well, tucking it carefully over head and carefully under feet, And there and then and bathed by the rising sun, my son in his grave, in his rude-dug grave I deposited, Ending my vigil strange with that, vigil of night and battle-field dim, Vigil for boy of responding kisses, (never again on earth responding,) Vigil for comrade swiftly slain, vigil I never forget, how as day brighten'd, I rose from the chill ground and folded my sol-

dier well in his blanket, And buried him where he fell.” **“The Fallen”** by Randall W. West courtesy of Family Friend Poems
“Fragile is a single life the brave so freely give. Bound for immortality, their souls will surely live. Death, don't be proud for what you took, they freely gave away. Their quest for freedom far outweighed the fear that you convey. / They joined the ranks of warriors, staying vigil day and night. They often skipped a meal or two, but they never missed a fight. God bless the men and women whose fighting days are done. Say a special prayer at night for each and every one. Rest assured that you will find throughout the coming years These fallen warriors will return in the hearts of all their peers!



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



If we forget their sacrifice, their deaths will be in vain. Let's stand beside their loved ones as we sing their last refrain: You've come upon our heaven's gate / You surely won't have long to wait. / The saints will take good care of you, But there is still a lot to do. You've joined the ranks of everyone Who fought so freedom could be won. Although your job on earth is done, Your work in heaven's just begun.” *Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.* **COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM**

Wally's Frozen Custard and coffee to go

From coffees and pies to breakfast and lunch — and frozen custard and a drive-thru — welcome to a neighborhood favorite to many: Wally's Frozen Custard! In 2004, Matt and Eliza Ahearn purchased Wally's from Wally himself, who was the third owner of the business and switched the name when he acquired it in the late 1970s. The original custard recipe has remained the exact same since 1947, when the Lacata family started the frozen custard business on the corner of Ridgemont and Harper in Harper Woods. The Ahearns previously had a small coffee shop inside the St. Clair Shores Public Library and saw this as an opportunity that could be a great investment. Matt was an electrician and Eliza was a nurse at the time, so this was something else to add to the mix, along with starting their family.



Strawberry Dole Whip.

Fast forward to 2009, Matt wanted to engage in the community a little bit more and in a completely different way. Enter the addition of the now famous Wally's fire truck. Purchased at auction, Matt was able to revamp and reconfigure it to accommodate a functioning frozen custard machine. During its successful roughly 10-year run, the Wally's fire truck was a part of as many as 200 events per year. It's safe to say if you're reading this, you have enjoyed a Wally's cone, handed to you by Matt or Eliza, off the big yellow rig. Sadly, all good things must come to an end and the Wally's rig has now been retired to its bay — which was built specifically for it in 2012. But have no fear, you can still have Wally's cater your events, just in a different way. The business was outgrowing its original footprint. With the promise of many regulars who said they'd follow if it was still close to the Pointes, Matt and Eliza took the leap and secured a larger empty lot down the street on the corner of Elizabeth and Harper in St. Clair Shores. Along with the new upgrade, they both decided to fully commit to the business; they left their respective jobs and haven't looked back since. With the firetruck's popularity, they decided to

build the new location around a firehouse theme. The beautiful new brick building was all the talk, not because of its size, but because it was going to have a drive-thru. That was the cherry on top of the new location. On any given summer night, this pet-friendly patio is filled with friends, families, neighbors and teams, showing that this is the place to be. With the longest and fastest drive-thru line in St. Clair Shores and two walk-up windows, you'll be getting your fix with no time for melting. **Wally's Coffee Tumbler.** Aside from busy evenings, the Wally's crew has busy mornings too. Personally, I call it a hidden gem for coffee. Seeing as they already were in the brewing business, their coffee menu is extensive, with specialty firehouse-themed espresso drinks like the cherry and choco-

late Five Alarm, Search & Rescue with English toffee and caramel, and my favorite, minty chocolate Mint Meltedown. Cappuccinos, lattes and fan-favorite café mocha are also on the big yellow menu board, with classic coffee and teas. And \$1 fill-ups come with the purchase of a Wally's tumbler. You can't beat that. Their iced coffees are a summer must. Breakfast bagels and burritos are made to order and muffins, loaded oatmeal and energy bites all make for a great breakfast to fuel your day. Lunch? I hear their chicken and tuna salad sandwiches are to die for. And with a short time-frame for lunch, that drive-thru really comes in handy to grab a quick sandwich with some chips. In the cooler months, they serve homemade soups Mondays and a variety of pasta salad bowls Tuesdays. The dill pickle and BLT bowls are the two



Tuna Salad Wrap



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

I can't pass up. Their digital message board out front always has the weekly choices posted. Wally's isn't just frozen custard on a cone either. While they always have a variety of amazing flavors, aside from the classic — and gluten-free — chocolate and vanilla, they also serve weekly flavors of frozen yogurt — fat- and sugar-free — different flavors of dairy-free Dole whips, fruit smoothies and multiple regular flavors and seasonal specialty flavors of shakes, floats/coolers, slushies/freezes and the popular Wally's Whirly, which often features something special, like a Thin Mint Whirly during Girl Scout Cookie season or a Bananna Cream Pie Whirly with Nilla Wafers in it. They come up with custard and yogurt flavors to coincide with whatever holiday, celebration or seasonal fare that may be happening — even if it's just changing the sprinkle colors to cheer on our Detroit teams. Of course, you can't have all of this deliciousness without classic sundaes, banana splits and a list of specialty items, from a hot fudge cream puff to a turtle sundae. If you have a big group with you that's undecided, the 911 Sundae for \$9.11 is worth a few sharing spoons. For years, Eliza has been making some pretty amazing custard pies that are served in some of our local restaurants. They're always available upon special order and guaranteed to make any special occasion or gathering extra sweet. Just the thought of Oreo Overload or Butterfinger Heath Bar should wake up anyone's taste buds. On March 14 every year, pie slices are \$3.14 for "Pi Day." New this summer, she's added Wally's cakes to the mix. With alternating layers of cake and custard, they look amazing. Traditional cones will always be No. 1, but the homemade in-house waffle cones and cups cannot be beat. Typing this makes me want one! Fun fact: Sometimes orders get made in error, but there is no waste to be had. They get put in the freezer to be added to a Wally's Whoopsie Bag. Just \$5 gets you a mystery bag of yummy mistakes. You have to ask if any are available though; they don't always advertise them. Kids love the excitement of, "What's in the bag?" **See FOOD, page 3C**

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



When I heard about a new deodorant that promised to stop odor from happening instead of covering it — and also that it was entirely natural — I had to try it. I worry about the aluminum and other junk in deodorant.

It also felt like this could be the key to the tween and teen dilemma: When they really should shower but don't always have time. There are so many situations — going straight from sports to dinner, going from one sport to another, needing to go somewhere civilized after being at the park all day, sitting in the

car on the long drive home from a game, etc.

Lume (pronounced Lume-eee) comes in many different forms. There are disposable wipes, solid sticks, tubes of cream and more. I went for the wipes, thinking any of the kids could use it in a pinch if needed and I could keep some in my purse, in the car, etc.

There was a bit of a deal, so I got a bundle — three packs for about \$15.

The scent I first purchased was fresh linen, but now it appears cool cucumber is the only scent they offer in the wipes.



The wipes are just as you would imagine, with a fresh and pleasant smell. They come out of the package easily and seem like a good size. The kids were less enthusiastic about this than I had hoped, but had

no problem using them when I recommended they might need them.

The person who ended up using them the most was me. I have found so many occasions for use. They are fantastic for long travel days; they make you feel refreshed and not disgusting after being in the air or car all day. The main selling point is you can use them anywhere on your body — under arms, feet, booty, anywhere.

They are a great refresher after a pickleball match

when you stay to have dinner and drinks. They are perfect if you are hiking, biking, camping, after surgery, in the hospital — or anywhere you might not be able to take a shower.

The company also claims the deodorant is clinically proven to exfoliate, even skin tone and reduce hyperpigmentation. Is there anything they don't do? According to the website, the formulas do not contain any of the following ingredients: baking soda, parabens, phthalates and SLS.

I would definitely recommend these wipes to anyone who needs a refresher

here and there. I really love having them and decided I'd better write about them on my third re-order. I give them 5 alligators. Find them at lumedeorant.com/our-story.

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5 Out Of 5

Fresh chicken parm

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I love chicken parmesan, in the winter especially. But with warmer temperatures, I wanted to do a fresher take.

Normally I would eat it and then nap by the fire but we are in season for summer! So, this is my fresh take on a classic.

It's crispy, flavorful and herbivorous from lots of basil. There is still cheese but it's a little lighter on the stomach. Call it chicken caprese if you will and that's ok. It's just great food.

Cheers, Mombeau

Fried Chicken Cutlets with Tomato Salad

3 chicken breasts

1 cup flour

1 cup panko bread crumbs

½ cup freshly grated parmesan

1lb fresh mozzarella

2 beaten eggs

4 tbsp good olive oil

Tomato Salad with basil

1 pint of halved

cherry tomatoes

½ cup torn fresh basil

2 tbsp sherry vinegar

2 tbsp olive oil

A big pinch of salt and pepper

Start making the tomato salad. Add all ingredients to a mixing bowl and let marinate.

Next step, slice the breasts in half to make six even cuts. You can pound them out if you want.

On three plates, start

dredging with flour then egg and finish with panko crumbs and parmesan. Lay them on a plate and let rest for about 20 minutes in the fridge. It gives the meat time to stick to the breading.

Fry up with olive oil for about five minutes per side.

Slice the mozzarella and lay two slices over top of each chicken breast. The heat of the chicken will gently melt the cheese. If you want it totally melted, put them under a broiler for just a minute.

Serve the salad over top.

I have summer on the brain and this is a good one.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



Wine weakness

The California wine business is undergoing a severe crisis based on consumers' changing drinking habits, and one consequence is that wine sales are drastically down from a year ago and gloom appears rampant within the industry.

None of this is good news for wine lovers, except possibly consumers of expensive wines who are savvy enough to understand some of the bargains that may well be offered in retail stores in the coming months. That is all the more reason to pay attention to what's actually happening.

A longtime wine blogger, Tom Wark of Portland, wrote this week

in his "Fermentation" newsletter that he expects a number of wineries in California to close. Some of this is already happening, with one large production facility in Sebastopol (Sonoma County) closing its production facility and offering all of its equipment for sale.

Wark also predicted that some consumers will benefit, although prices for inexpensive wines are already low, so discounts on them will be small. Major discounts will come, he said, for expensive wines (\$50 a bottle and up).

One high-level producer of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley has

closed out some of its \$70 wines for \$29 on an internet sales site.

Crises like this have hit the industry in the past on a regular basis. Most last for a year or two. Part of this reluctance to consume wine relates to a movement afoot of consumers who are trying to drink less alcohol; some are even eschewing alcohol completely.

Some so-called experts also suggest that no amount of wine is good for anyone, but science long ago showed that regular daily consumption of a few ounces of wine can lead to a long and healthful life.

This was part of a "60 Minutes" episode in November 1991 called "The French Paradox" that said French citizens have less incidence of lower heart disease than do Americans, even though the French smoked more than did Americans and consumed much more fatty foods.

An article last October in Meininger's International reported

on the Lifestyle, Diet, Wine & Health Congress in Toledo, Spain, at which Dr. R. Curtis Ellison spoke. He is director of the Institute on Lifestyle and Health at Boston University School of Medicine.

Responding to a criticized report from the World Health Organization last January that questioned the benefits of small amounts of wine, Ellison said that numerous scientific studies in the past 50 years had shown that "moderate drinkers have significantly lower mortality. Why the persistence of the anti-alcohol sentiment?"

Ellison added that governments must deal with the consequences of alcohol abuse so have been cautious when speaking about possible health benefits of moderate amounts of wine.

I don't usually make conclusions about wine and health, because I compiled the following list, which I think speaks for itself:

World wine personalities' ages at death:

Napa winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff, 92; Sonoma County winemaker Louis Foppiano, 101; British wine author and collector Andre Simon, 92; British wine author and Bordeaux chateau manager Harry Waugh, 97; Mendocino winegrower Charlie Barra, 92; California winery owner Ernest Gallo, 97; Napa winery owner Robert Mondavi, 94; Los Angeles wine columnist and merchant Robert Lawrence Balzer, 99 1/2; wine author Leon Adams, 90; Mendocino winemaker John Parducci, 96; British wine critic/au-

ioneer/author J. Michael Broadbent, 92; wine-maker Brother Timothy Diener (The Christian Brothers), 94; Sonoma County grape grower Louis Pagani, 98; Portugal winemaker Baron Bodo von Bruemmer, 105; Napa winemaker Mike Grgich, 100.

California wine merchant Jerry Draper is 100 and is still working.

Former wine executive Peter Sichel (Blue Nun, Chateau Fourcas-Hosten) will be 102 in September.

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FOOD:

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Matt and Eliza have raised their now 17- and 15-year-old teens in this business. You may catch them behind the windows from time to time, too, with the rest of their amazing employees. They pride themselves on family and supporting the communities that have always supported them.

They've been sponsors of the St. Clair Shores Baseball and Softball Association for years; give

donations to countless organizations and schools; and all the proceeds of the Wally's annual Halloween Trunk or Treat — one of the biggest in the area — go to a different local charity every year. This family goes out of their way with some pretty amazing Halloween decorations covering the entire property, in preparation for their biggest annual event, which includes a DJ. And I'm pretty sure Santa and Mrs. Claus visit as well when passing through town.

All four seasons, they have your sweet and

savory cravings covered. Even for your babies and pups. Yes, pup cups and baby servings are available. Honestly, nobody does it like Wally's does.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF AUSTRALIAN FILM FINANCE CORPORATION (AFFC) AND BBC FILMS
Left, George MacKay as Harry Warr, Clive Owen as Joe Warr and Nicholas McAnulty as Artie Warr in the 2009 movie “The Boys Are Back,” directed by Scott Hicks.

MOVIE REVIEW
“The Boys Are Back”
2009 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 44 min
★★★★☆

A movie about a single dad raising two boys on his own has been done countless times before. In most cases it’s treated as either a Hallmark/Lifetime film or turned into a light sit-com. But that’s not the case here. Instead, “The Boys Are Back” forges its own path. It’s a sensitive and realistic portrayal of a family dealing with love and loss, healing, sibling rivalry and father-son relationships. And there are several things that set it apart from other films in this genre.

The movie is based on the award-winning memoir by Simon Carr. It was adapted for the screen by screenwriter Allan Cubitt who crafted a very credible and believable tale. It also doesn’t hurt that it stars the trio of Clive

Owen, Nicholas McAnulty and George MacKay. The cinematography is in the able hands of Greig Fraser and at the helm is the talented director Scott Hicks. Also of note is the beautiful soundtrack by Hal Lindes, a member of the band Dire Straits. It adds just the right accent at the right time, and includes several songs from one of my favorite groups — the ethereal Icelandic band Sigur Ros. Their music is absolutely haunting.

In the first segment of the film, we spend time with the Warr family. Joe (Owen) is a British sportswriter working in Adelaide, Australia. He’s almost always out of town on assignment, which means his 6-year-old son Artie (McAnulty), is being raised by his devoted wife Katy (Laura Fraser). She’s the love of his life and she’s given up a successful career in the equestrian world to

hold the family together. Things are going along relatively smoothly until tragedy strikes. Katy is diagnosed with cancer and it’s so advanced it’s beyond treatment. When she passes away, Joe is naturally devastated. He gets some help from his mother-in-law, played by Julia Blake, but eventually is resigned to the fact that he’s now a single dad — something he has almost no experience at.

Joe finds some consolation in drinking, but he doesn’t descend into a drunken mess, as is so often the case in films of this nature. One way of dealing with the situation is chatting with the apparition of Katy, who appears to him numerous times throughout the film. He also adapts a “just say yes” attitude with his young son. And what a fun time the two of them have. Within a few days, the house looks like it’s been hit by



a typhoon — the dishes pile up, clothes are strewn everywhere, and the two of them treat the house like a virtual playground where anything goes. It’s a joy to see Artie goofing around. He’s such a manic ball of energy it’s tiring to watch him in action. His hyperactivity is his way of not dealing with the loss of his mother.

Then things take an interesting turn when Joe contacts Harry (MacKay), his older son from his previous marriage. Harry lives with his mother in England and arrangements are made for him to spend time with his father and half-brother for the summer. Harry has a great deal of pent up resentment toward Joe because he hasn’t made any attempt to be part of his life since he was a child. But for a large portion of his stay, that’s pushed aside as he develops a close relationship with Artie.

It’s a delight watching the two young boys bond — they almost feel like they could be brothers in real life. I especially enjoyed watching them hork down a special meal they concoct. It’s the house specialty: Spaghetti ala Ketchup! They shovel it down with reckless abandon!

Eventually, Harry has to deal with his relationship with his dad. And both Joe and Artie have to come to terms with the loss of Katy. It’s all handled sensitively, without the usually heavy-handed dose of sappiness. And it’s this treatment of presenting emotions and resolutions that make it such a rewarding experience for the viewer.

“The Boys Are Back” is a wonderful family-oriented movie. It really makes me wonder why it’s not better known. And with a star of Mr. Owen’s stature, there’s really no excuse. The only reason I can think of is that since it’s an Australian-British co-production, maybe it didn’t get the distribution it deserved here in the States

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My rating system:

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

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

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



★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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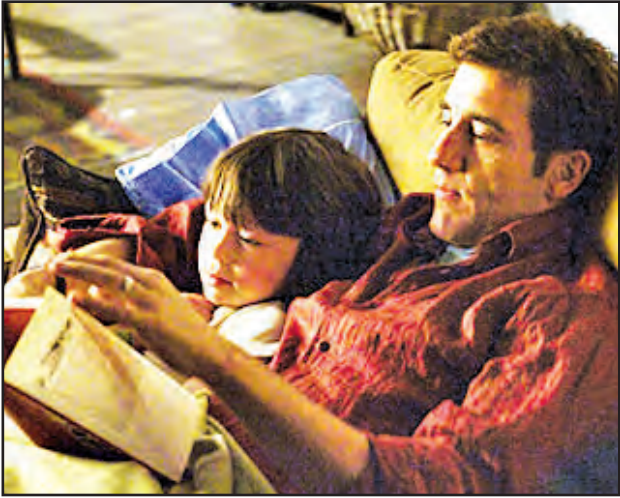
Harry (MacKay) with Joe (Owen)



The boys hit the road.



Katy (Laura Fraser) with Joe (Clive Owen).



Joe (Clive Owen) reads a bedtime story to Artie (Nicholas McAnulty).

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by Michele Lowe

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An out of control Artie (McAnulty) with Joe (Owen).

Super night for superheroes

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church hosted the third annual dance for special friends from Kids on the Go, The Arc of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and the Full Circle Foundation, in collaboration with The Family Center. The dance took place Thursday, May 2, and followed the theme Superhero Friends.



From left, Sean Costello, Aidan Lynch and Daniel Geraldsgot in the spirit of the theme.



Aidan Lynch and Jacob Dall find props handy at the Superhero Friends dance.



Ian Krieger leads the conga line, from right, including Ella Silva, Sarah Pentecost and Abraham Nowicki.



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The author, Dick Ruzzin, spent his career as an automobile designer and was integral in developing the EyesOn Design car show.

ORIGIN:

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design programs. I could see the entire concept and the opportunity; I knew it would work. Donated funds were required to create a new event and also to fund the purchase of the crystal awards for the show winners. First to step up with funding were Betty and John Stevens, Libby Owens Ford and many auto industry suppliers who came forward to sponsor Eyes On the Classics. The Grosse Pointe Academy and many local Grosse Pointe businesses also offered to sponsor the show and took a chance by investing in the idea of a car design show in Grosse Pointe. It was their enthusiasm for the idea and trust in the DIO as an organization that became the launching point and the energy that sustains the show as it exists today. I then discussed the concept with Chuck Jordan, the General Motors vice president of design, in a brief conversation in the Cadillac studio one morning. He was instantly enthusiastic and

very quickly stated that GM Design would supply whatever concept cars I needed for a design show. GM, Ford and Chrysler had a number of special show cars that were used in national and international industry shows. Some had only briefly been seen by the public. These special concept cars cost millions to create and were very carefully kept and preserved. To have them in an outdoor show for a charity was unheard of. Chuck Jordan's enthusiasm led to both Ford Design and Chrysler Design joining GM Design to be part of the event as equal participants. The idea was taking hold and things were starting to move very quickly. I was thinking at that point of having concept cars sitting on the lawn of a grand place somewhere in Grosse Pointe, out in the real world for people to see and appreciate for their artistic beauty. That would be a very unusual presentation, unheard of at that point in time. The concept cars would be accompanied by a spell-binding array of classic and special interest cars of all kinds and, very

importantly, each of them specifically chosen for their design content. There would be a big difference between the Grosse Pointe show and the traditional Meadowbrook-style Concours, of which there were several in the United States. The Grosse Pointe show would feature automotive design as its main subject and history showed a strong car design heritage in Grosse Pointe. The way a car looked would be the main reason for it being present that day. I felt that a collection of specially chosen cars that well represented the car design profession would be unique. Typically, classic car shows are competitions where awards are given for uniqueness, quality of restoration, finish and mechanical perfection. If ever considered, design was only a small part of the overall evaluation of a car. Like a traditional concourse, the judging at our new design show would be done by a team of qualified and experienced judges, a team of car designers who were specifically assembled in Grosse Pointe on that day.



MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. EDT today (12:01 a.m. to 2 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius. The Full Moon in Sagittarius peaks at 9:53 a.m. EDT today (6:53 a.m. PDT).

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 23, 2024: You have a natural energy that is radiant and seductive. People notice you. You're a great communicator and an excellent problem-solver. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of whatever or whomever might be holding you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This is a powerful day, because Venus is lined up with lucky Jupiter in your Money House, which bodes well for your good fortune in terms of increasing your wealth or your assets. Meanwhile, the Full Moon today might create arguments with others. Tread carefully. Tonight: Blessings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are favored today, because fair Venus is lined up with lucky Jupiter in your sign! This means things will go your way, and you will stand to benefit in many situations. However, the Full Moon today lines up with both your Money Houses, creating some tension. Tonight: Good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You're part of the Full Moon equation, which is why this is a powerful day! In other words, the Sun is in your sign and the Moon is in Sagittarius (opposite your sign), creating a Full Moon. However, this will create strain with you and those who are closest to you. Tonight: Peace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your communications with others today matter. This is because you feel you have something important to say and you want to be heard. Be aware that your thinking might be influenced by the past today. Take a moment before you react to someone. Resist giving in to a habitual response. Tonight: Disagreements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Although relations with parents and authority figures are excellent today, you might have a fallout with a friend or a group because of the Full Moon. This tension also might affect a romantic relationship or dealings with your kids. (Patience is vital.) Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Be patient with people at home, because this is the classic day for a tug-of-war between your career and the demands of home and family. Something has to give. However, your career and reputation will come first today. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day. Plus, the energy of today's Full Moon could create arguments about politics or religion which, in turn, might create a distraction for you that causes an accident. Be careful! Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Financial matters, your possessions and anything to do with shared property are up for grabs today, because the Full

Moon will create stress in these areas for you. Don't feel pressured into a decision. Take your time to process things. Tonight: Socialize.y.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Once a year, the Full Moon is in your sign, and that time has arrived. Because of this, you might have difficulties dealing with partners, spouses and close friends today (as well as yesterday). Channel your energy into work or competitive sports. Tonight: Get organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The Full Moon today might create stress with co-workers or anything related to your job and your health. Because this is a temporary frustration, bide your time. Zip thy lip. Some of you also might have difficulties, even arguments, that relate to a pet. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
This is a tough day for romance. You might overreact. You might be jealous. You might be pouty because you feel ignored. Could be anything. Likewise, parents might have challenges with their kids. Fortunately, this passes quickly. Tonight: Cocoon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today you're caught in a tug-of-war between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career or reputation. This is because of the Full Moon. Be wise and heed the demands of home and family. Tonight: Discussions.

BORN TODAY
TV personality Drew Carey (1958), singer-songwriter Jewel (1974), actress Joan Collins (1933).

Contract Bridge

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PRAY

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.			
NORTH			
♠ A 9 5 2			
♥ A 8 7 4			
♦ Q 6 5			
♣ Q 8			
WEST			
♠ Q 7			
♥ Q J 9			
♦ 9 8 7 4			
♠ 10 7 6 3			
SOUTH			
♠ K 8 3			
♥ K 6 5 3 2			
♦ 10 2			
♠ A K J			
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.			

Declarer starts the play of many hands without knowing whether or not he'll make the contract. The outcome might depend strictly on how the defenders' cards are divided, or on how skillfully he or the opponents play their cards. Take this case where West leads a diamond against four hearts. East wins with the jack and continues with the A-K, declarer ruffing the king.

At this point, South does not know how he will fare. If the missing trumps are divided 2-2, he is sure to make the contract, as his only remaining loser will be a spade. But if the trumps break 3-1, the contract must apparently go down one. At trick four, declarer leads a heart to the ace and returns a heart to the king. When East shows out on the second heart, the contract appears doomed. But if South comes from the school that does not concede defeat easily, he tries to picture a distribution of the opposing cards that would allow him to make the contract despite the disappointing trump division. And, if he thinks hard enough, he finds there is still a reasonable chance to get home safely. He begins by cashing the A-K-J of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. He then cashes the K-A of spades and exits with a trump, praying that West started with no more than two spades. On this occasion, declarer's prayers are answered. West wins the trump but is forced to return a diamond or a club, allowing South to ruff in dummy and discard a spade from his hand, and the contract is home.

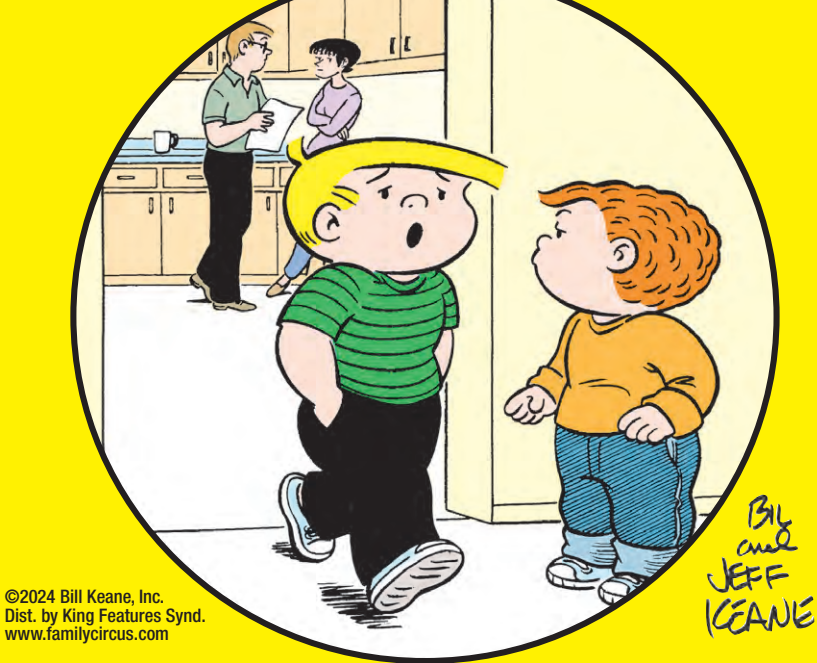
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"When you're a little kid nothin'
is any of your business."

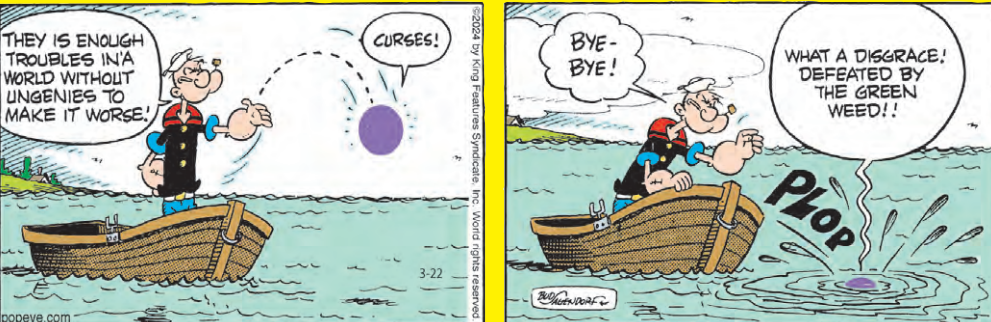
Garfield

Jim Davis



Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



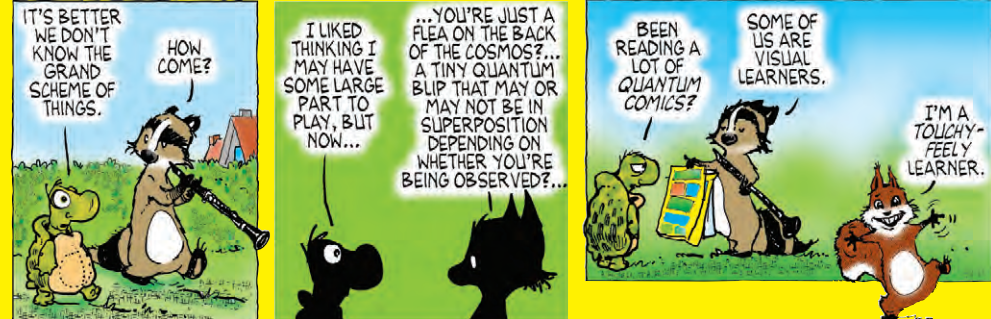
Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



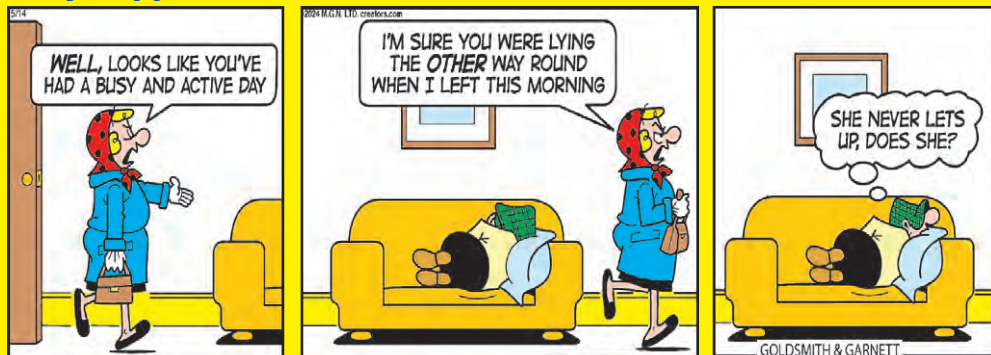
Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



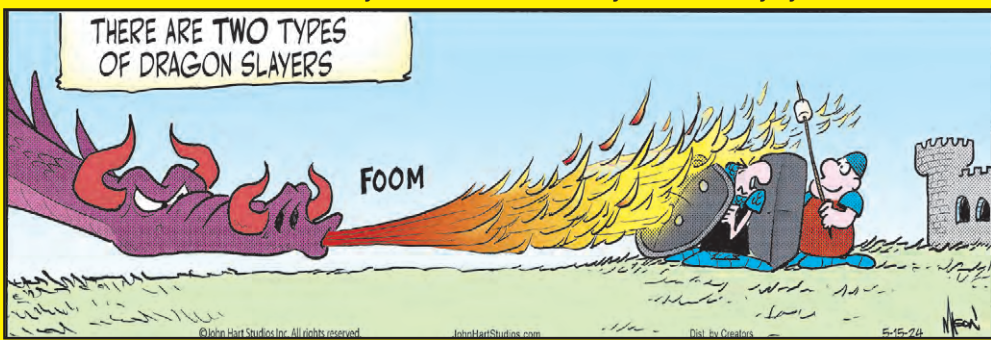
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Reg Smythe



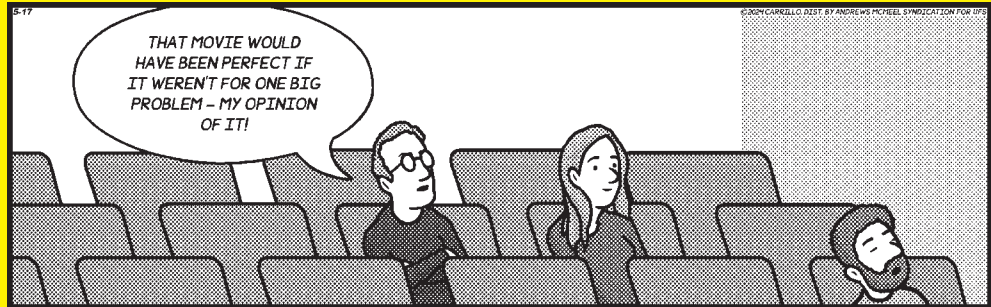
Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



F Minus

Tony Carrilo

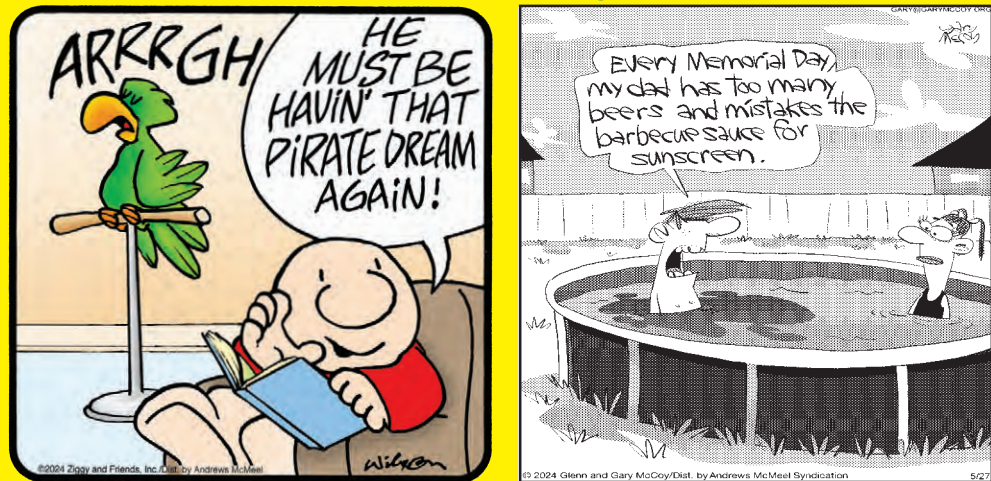


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

5/23

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

5/16 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 23, 2024

ACROSS

- Scotch and
- Soak up the sun
- Cream of the crop
- Sound from a contented cat
- James who sang "At Last"
- Asian country known for cherry blossoms
- Plains people
- Mosque leader
- Digital greeting
- What Napoleon tried to do after the Revolution?
- NFL scores
- Regret
- Pianist's practice pieces
- Rave review of a tapas bar?
- Heavy burden
- Paul of "The Shrink Next Door"
- Bikini top
- Some SUVs
- Welling up
- More than a few
- Sound from a contented human
- DEA agent
- "All ___ are off!"
- Iguana in a stall, say?
- Company that made the first gummy bears

DOWN

- Request
- ORD org.
- Practice, or a hint to 20-, 29- and 43-Across
- Jacket part with notch, peak and shawl styles
- Indian garment more casual than a lehenga
- "Stop right there!"
- Uber alternative?
- Love, in Lima
- Kuwaiti monarch
- Pint (brewery souvenir)
- Departed
- On the topic of
- Curling or boxing
- Exposed publicly
- Secures a boat
- code (701, for North Dakota)
- Lebanon's capital
- Charge for taking notes?
- Light that is light years away
- "Sutra"
- Thrown out
- Like some boots
- Hoppy brew, briefly
- Roofing goop
- Come to a close

ACROSS

- Flower that may be bearded
- Really into crosswords, maybe
- Student groups with lots of issues?
- Works for "Please don't go"
- Throw under the
- Draw with a stencil
- Your and my Nebraska city in the Silicon Prairie
- Deep cut
- Fortune teller's deck
- Take a wrong turn, maybe
- Nickname that might omit -vin
- Clouds of cosmic dust

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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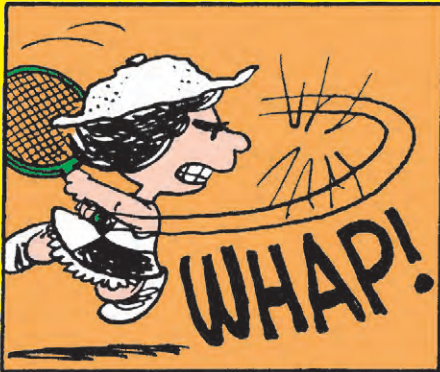
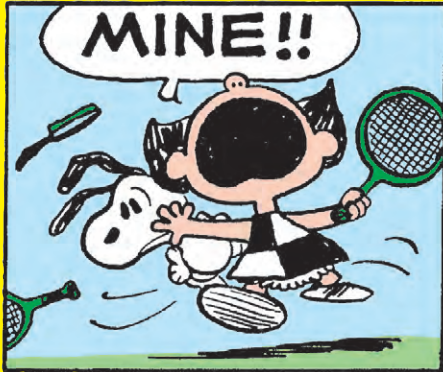
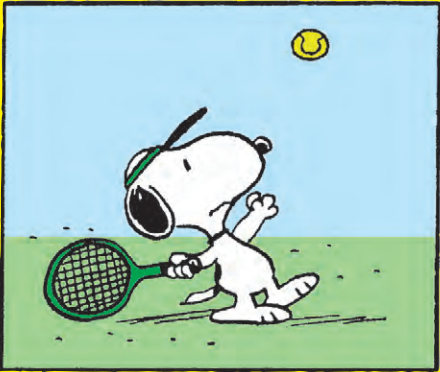
Strength Training by Rebecca Goldstein

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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



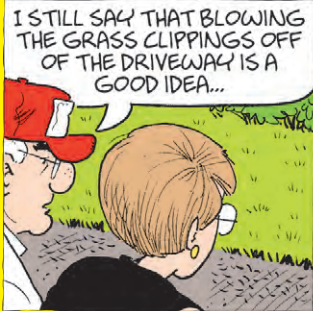
Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



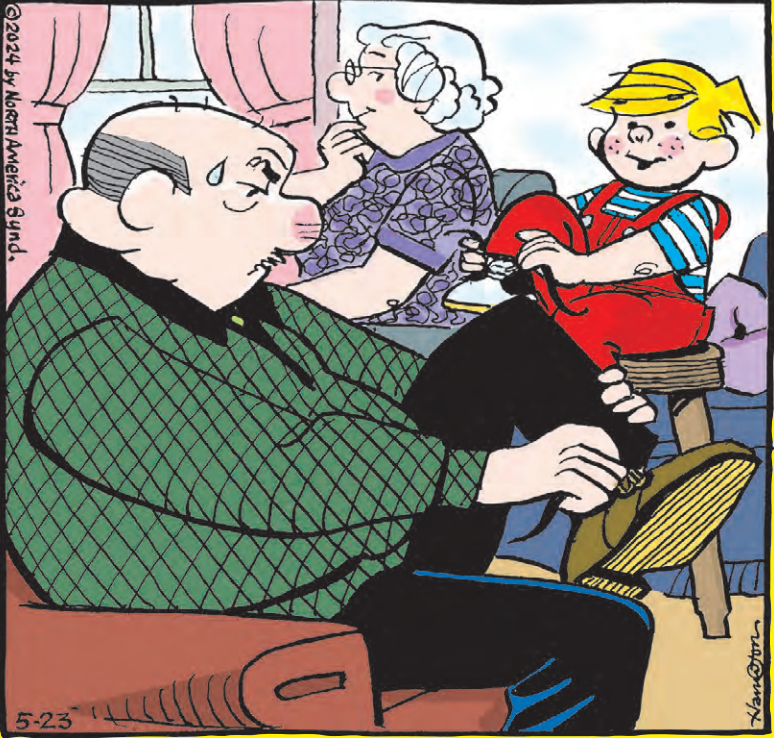
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayne



Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

John McPherson



Marmaduke

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MEMORIAL DAY



National Moment of Remembrance

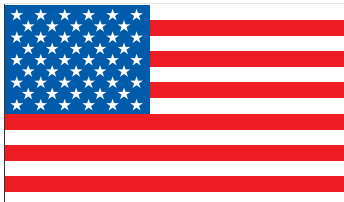
On Memorial Day weekend each year, people enjoy barbecues, sporting events, camping, weekend getaways, theme parks and concerts. But Memorial Day is really about remembering those who gave their lives defending America and other free nations in wartime.

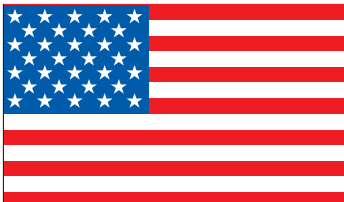
No matter where you live, at 3:00 p.m. on the last Monday

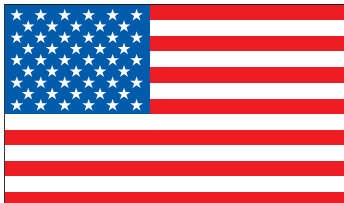
of May, you can participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. For one minute, Americans are asked to pause and think about the service men and women who died defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

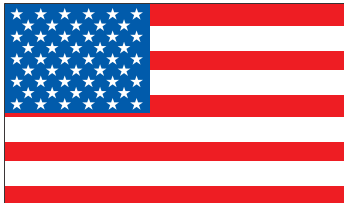
These brave men and women served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

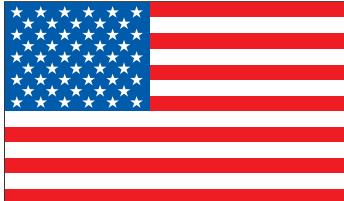
Standards Link: Civics: Students know how various American holidays reflect the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

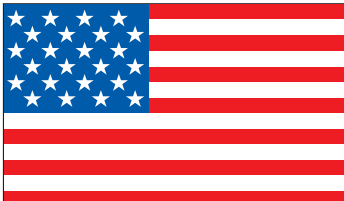
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6. 

Red, White and Blue

On Memorial Day, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts often place small flags or candles beside headstones in military cemeteries across the nation.

Look closely at these flags. Only two of them are correct depictions of today's American flag. Can you find them?

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

Color this window poster. Display it on Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY

THANK YOU AMERICANS!

HERO

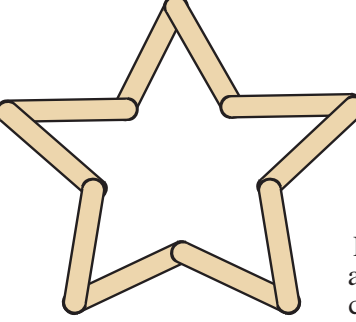
Make Patriotic Stars

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

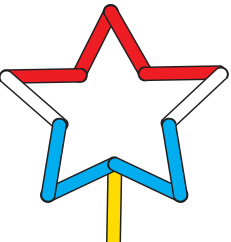
- craft sticks
- glue
- poster paint
- paintbrush



Glue two craft sticks in a "V" shape as shown. Make five of these for each star you want to make.



Glue each of the "V" shapes together to form a star.



Paint the star red, white and blue. You can glue a craft stick on the bottom and place the stars in your garden or a flower pot for a Memorial Day display.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Memorial Day Observed

Look in the newspaper for events in your town happening on Memorial Day. What special Memorial Day parade or ceremony could your family attend?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information about local events.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many stars can you find?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

MEMORIAL
MOMENT
NATIONAL
SCOUTS
PATRIOTIC
CEREMONY
BRAVE
SERVED
MINUTE
PAUSE
DEFENDING
ARMY
CORPS
LIVES
GAVE

Y	N	O	M	E	R	E	C	P	G
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A	E	G	R	L	M	C	P	I	N
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S	V	V	G	U	M	E	O	T	F
E	E	E	T	R	T	E	C	I	E
S	D	S	A	N	O	T	M	C	D

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



Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **eight spelling and grammar errors** you find. The first one is done for you.

Memorial Day

Decoration Day began following the U.S. Civil War in 1868. Flowers ~~Flourus~~ were placed on the graves of more than 20,000 soldiers from bothe the North and South buries at Arlington National Cemetery. It was a day that people set aside to decorate the graves of soldiers who had dies fighting in the Civil War.

Memorial Day became a federal holliday in 1971. Banks, schools, government offices and many businesses closed on Memorial Day so that people could take time to honor and remembers those who died fighting for America.

The National Memorial Day Purade in Washington, D.C. is held every year. It begin in 2005, and by 2009, more than 300,000 people lined the parade route.

Standards Link: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

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This week's word: **HONOR**

The verb **honor** means to respect a person or place.

The concert was held to **honor** soldiers who had died in battle.

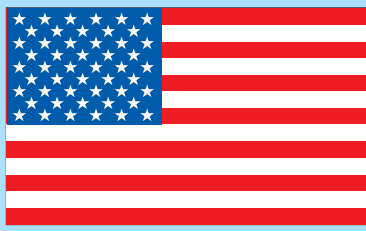
Try to use the word **honor** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Obituaries

The **obituaries** in a newspaper or on a newspaper website tell about people who have recently died. Look at today's obituaries and notice whether any of those who died had served in the military.

Standards Link: Newspaper: Understand that there are common conventions used in media.



"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

– Joseph Campbell

Write On!

A Special Memory

Write about a special memory.



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The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity tennis team finished first at the Division 2 regional competition Wednesday, May 15. Both the Blue Devils and Grosse Pointe North will head to the Division 2 state finals in Byron Center beginning Friday, May 31.

South wins regional, punches ticket with North to states

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For yet another year, the Pointes will be well-represented at the girls tennis state finals. Regional finals were held Wednesday, May 15, and saw both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North battle their way to qualifying spots at the Division 2 state finals next week, with the Blue Devils once again claiming the regional crown.

“This is my 42nd year of coaching and this was one of the most satisfying regionals,” South

girls tennis head coach Mark Sobieralski said. “Usually, you hardly ever have all of the kids, whether good things happen or bad things happen, they stay in it fighting. This team, every single time they had adversity they came through and pulled it out.”

South dominated the regional competition with a team total of 31 points while winning seven of the eight brackets. The only flight the Blue Devils did not win was No. 1 singles, which was won by North’s Laila Aslam. Aslam

defeated South’s Olivia Kowal in two sets in the final match.

South’s Charlotte Kowal took first place in No. 2 singles by defeating North’s Kristine Bonnell. In No. 3 singles, Taylor Lewis won the final match over Piper Coon from Berkley, earning revenge over an opponent to whom she lost in the regular season. Another matchup of South against North closed out singles play, with the Blue Devils’ Maddy Youngblood

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Track teams showcase strengths at regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Track and field season has nearly reached its end, but before the grand finale of the state finals, teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School competed in regionals Thursday, May 16. The boys and girls teams from all three schools were in action and saw several athletes put up strong performances and ultimately earn themselves spots at states.

South hosted more than a dozen schools, including North, in last week’s Division 1 regional for both boys and girls. The Blue Devils and Norsemen both had many results to be proud of while performing in their hometown. In the final team standings, North’s boys team finished second while South was third. The Blue Devils took second place



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Sarah Koval only three seconds behind in second at 12:46.8. Caufield also qualified as part of the 4x800 relay team that earned second place along with Calisse Budek, Savannah Spangler and Morgan Deenik.

Evelyn Wodszisz, Molly Reynolds, Adelina Parikh and Morgan Duff qualified by finishing second in the 4x400 relay. In field events, Olivia Barba placed second in discus for South to earn a trip to states. Sophomore Morgan Duff also punched her ticket to the finals with a second-place finish in the long jump.

“We love the regional meet because team depth counts most,” South girls track and field coach Steve Zaranek said. “Scoring in 16 events, many times with both of our entries, gave us what we needed to do so well. Our depth is always our strength and our girls showed up ready to perform. It was

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South’s Chloe Caufield

in the girls team points, with North also in the top five as fourth-place finishers.

In the girls competition, South athletes qualified for the state finals in five different events. Two Blue Devils qualified in the 3200, with junior Chloe Caufield finishing first with a time of 12:43.2 and fellow junior

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

South’s Sullivan looks to continue family’s golf success

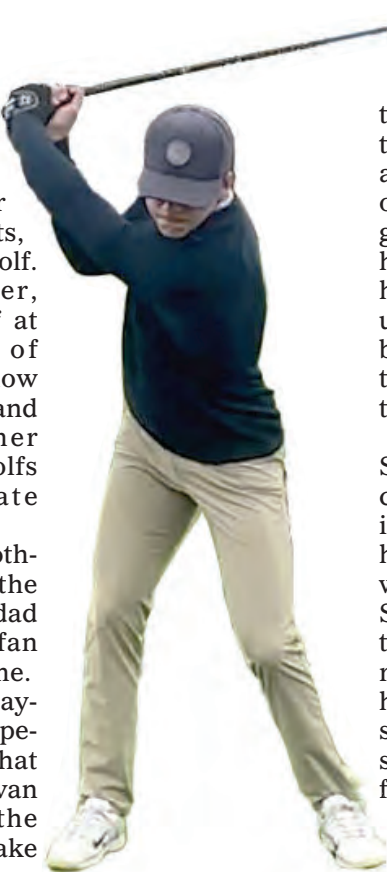
By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Just like most of his family, Grosse Pointe South senior Brennan Sullivan eats, sleeps and breathes golf. His oldest brother, Patrick, played golf at the University of Michigan and has now turned professional, and his middle brother Tommy currently golfs at Michigan State University.

Sullivan and his brothers were raised on the golf course by their dad Tom, another avid fan and player of the game.

When it comes to playing with his family, especially his brothers, that is what reminds Sullivan of why he loves the game and helps to make him better every day.

“When I go play with them, I feel like I’m the worst one and I get to look up to them and try to beat them,” Sullivan said. “Even though they



COURTESY PHOTO

South senior Brennan Sullivan is one of three brothers to have played golf for the Blue Devils.

beat me most of the time, it makes me a better player. Having them around, they have a lot of experience and they give me advice and it helps me a lot because I haven’t been in those situations that they’ve been in, but when I get there I can think of what they’ve told me.”

The chemistry that Sullivan has on the course with his brothers is like the chemistry that he has on the course with his teammates on South’s boys varsity golf team. Sullivan is currently playing through his final high school season and has put up some strong performances so far this spring, most notably shooting a 67 and leading the field in the Blue Devils’ first-place finish at the Charger Invitational in Flint on May 6.

Sullivan is one of eleven seniors on South golf’s roster this season,

and many of his teammates are people whom he has been golfing alongside with for years now. With that friendship and chemistry both on and off the course, it makes things a lot easier for Sullivan and everyone else when taking their swings.

“It takes a lot of stress off when I’m playing with them because it’s not like I’m playing in a tournament, it’s like I’m just playing with my friends,” Sullivan said. “We’re all pretty good and I think we can get to states, but we never really think about scores. We’re always just having a good time and trying to beat each other, and we’ll always have that bond through golf.”

There are a few tournaments left for Sullivan as a Blue Devil, including M H S A A regionals May 29 and potentially the state finals June 7. After that, he will play in various tournaments throughout the summer such as the Michigan Amateur and other Golf Association of Michigan events.

Sullivan’s hope is that his performance in the high school season and largely in summer tournaments will help him advance his recruitment while he searches for a potential home to play

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Brennan Sullivan

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college golf. While he is looking forward to shooting low scores in the summer, Sullivan knows that he has to savor every last round of golf he gets to play with his Blue Devil teammates.

“My main goal is just getting better because high school is almost like a pre-season for the bigger tournaments in the summer,” he said. “If I can gain some momentum from winning high

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Sullivan Swings

- Finished with lowest overall score of 67 in Charger Invitational at Flint GC on May 6
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an awesome day for our team.”

The Norsemen had two girls earn qualifying times for states during last Wednesday’s events. Senior Zofia Lutoborska finished second in the 1600 with a time of 5:34.4 to qualify. North senior Bailey Hopko took first place in the discus to earn a trip to states.

North’s boys team advanced eight athletes to states with strong showings at regionals. Sophomore Paul Stephens’ time of 2:01.1 in the 800 was good enough for first place. Senior David Rochon finished second in both the 1600 and 3200 to qualify for states in both events.

The Norsemen’s 4x800 relay team of Sam Parish, Jaden Laster, Neil Orlowski and Stephens

finished in second and advanced to states. Junior Reinaldo Williams earned a first-place finish in shot put. Two North athletes advanced to states in the discus, with Clintin Allen finishing first and Marcus Robinson in third.

South had three boys qualify for states. Junior Jack Martin took first place in the 1600 with a time of 4:36.02, a personal record. Senior Jet Miller also set a personal record in the 3200, finishing in first with a time of 10:06.9. The Blue Devils’ final state qualifier on the boys side was Conrad Squitieri, who took second place in the discus.

University Liggett’s boys and girls squads competed in regionals in Division 3 last Thursday, hosted by Clawson. The Knights finished second overall as a team in the



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Collette Peabody from Liggett qualified for the Division 3 state finals in the 200-meter dash and as part of the 4x100 relay team.

boys competition and third overall in the girls competition.

Several Knights boys athletes had qualifying finishes to make it to states. Santino Cicarella was first in the 100-meter dash at 11.2. Teammate Marvin Hartfield also qualified by finishing in third place at 11.48. Both Cicarella and Hartfield qualified in the 200-meter dash as well, finishing first and fourth respectively.

Defending state champion Jake Juip is headed back to the state finals for Liggett in the 200-meter adaptive race. Michael Darlington took second place in the 1600 to punch his ticket to states. The 4x100 relay squad of James McCullough, Hartfield, Cicarella and Jermaine Calloway Jr., moved on with a second-place finish. Jordan Stefanides

also will make his return to the state finals after taking first place in the shot put.

Five girls athletes from Liggett advanced to the Division 3 state finals with their performances at regionals. Collette Peabody finished in second place in the 200-meter dash at 27.4. Peabody also was part of the state-qualifying 4x100 relay team for Liggett. The team finished in second place and also included Aisha Manneh, Olivia Jacque and Mychala Penn. Liggett’s Kelsey Beckett earned a spot at states with a second-place finish in discus.

Liggett will compete in the Division 3 state finals at Kent City High School Saturday, June 1. North’s and South’s athletes will head to East Kentwood High School for the Division 1 state finals also June 1.



PHOTO BY ELIZA HIX

South girls varsity tennis celebrates with the regional championship trophy after winning seven out of eight possible flights at the regional tournament last Wednesday, May 15.

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winning the No. 4 singles final over Emma Dombrowski from North.

South swept doubles competition during its dominant day. Katelyn Strong and Maeve Hix won No. 1 doubles against Berkley’s team of Lauren Schneiders and Sophia Baron. Mimi Mager and Grace

Vollmer from South defeated North’s Maggie McSkimming and Aakanksha Nagori in the No. 2 doubles final.

Grace Curtis and Andia Nazarko defeated Gianna Roux and Paige Lefevre from North to give South the win in No. 3 doubles. Mia Fakih and Ella Brennan rounded out the sweep for the Blue Devils in No. 4 doubles with a win over Lily Pearson

and Riley Schneiders from Berkley.

The victory marks a third consecutive regional title for the Blue Devils. North’s team total of 20 points earned it second place and a trip to the Division 2 state finals along with the Blue Devils.

The state finals will be held Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at the Byron Center West Sports Complex in Byron Center.

Knights and Norsemen battle on softball diamond, South drops games

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Playoffs are nearly here as the varsity softball regular season is winding down. With only a few games left before postseason action, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School met for a crosstown clash, while Grosse Pointe South found itself on the wrong side of a few results over the past week.

North-Liggett

The Knights hosted the Norsemen Monday, May 20, for a non-league showdown of crosstown foes. North entered the game after losing its last contest Thursday, May 16, against Dakota 13-0, while Liggett was coming off of a double-header sweep of Almont from Friday, May 17.

Monday’s game was high-scoring and despite a late push by Liggett, North proved victorious 10-7.

North jumped out to a seven-run lead after the first three innings and led 10-2 going into the seventh. Liggett scored five times in the bottom of the seventh, but the comeback effort still fell short.

Elliott Jarvi had a pair of RBI for the Norsemen while Addie Wakefield, Addie Molitor and Eva Borowski all brought in runs with their bats as well. Louisa Dragovic led Liggett’s offense with two RBIs of her own.

North faces off against Ford II on the road at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23. The Norsemen then have a pre-district playoff game at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, taking on Detroit

Western hosted at Grosse Pointe South.

The Knights are at home at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 23, for their next game hosting Cass Tech.

Grosse Pointe South

The Blue Devils endured a rough stretch over the past week, dropping three games near the end of what has been a mostly fruitful regular season. The first loss came last Wednesday, May 15, when South fell 7-2 to Chippewa Valley. South had three hits in the game, with Lucia Gabel tallying the only RBI.

The Blue Devils traveled to Marine City Thursday, May 16, and once again suffered a losing result. While the offense was a bit more potent than it was the previous day, the Blue Devils still fell 7-3. Victoria Ostrowski, Alex Lupo and Kate Dixon brought in South’s three runs.

The team was back home Monday, May 20, hosting New Haven. South was unable to keep up in a high-scoring matchup, losing 10-7. Avery Harris had a pair of RBI with two hits in the loss.

South traveled to Port Huron Northern Wednesday, May 22, after press time. The Blue Devils stay on the road Thursday, May 23, visiting L’Anse Creuse for a game that begins at 4:30 p.m.

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Blue Devils advance, North and Liggett eliminated from boys lacrosse regional

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Boys lacrosse state playoffs began last week, with the varsity teams from Grosse

Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School all in action for the first round of the Division 2 regional bracket. The

Norsemen and Knights saw their hopes for postseason runs end early while the Blue Devils advanced to the regional semifinals.

The South faced off against De La Salle on the road Thursday, May 16, for its regional quarterfinal matchup. The Blue Devils used a strong second quarter to build up a lead and never looked back, eventually rolling to victory 12-7 over the Pilots.

Seamus Doyle began the scoring in the first quarter with an early goal to put South up 1-0. De La Salle tied the game shortly after, then Jack Smith scored his first of the day to make it 2-1 Blue Devils at the end of the opening frame.

That was the first of three consecutive goals for Smith, who scored twice to open the second quarter and extend South's lead to three. The Pilots answered with a goal of their own, but it was their last tally before halftime. With the score at 4-2, Doyle scored once again for South, followed by two more goals by Smith to put

the Blue Devils up 7-2 at halftime.

De La Salle scored back-to-back goals to begin the third quarter, cutting the deficit a bit. John Monahan scored twice in the third frame for South with Doyle adding another and after three quarters, the score was 10-6 Blue Devils.

Two more goals for South in the fourth quarter, both scored by Smith, helped cap off the five-goal win for the Blue Devils and send the team on to the

regional semifinal round.

"The kids have bought in in the last few weeks, and they never quit," South varsity boys lacrosse head coach Justin Macksoud said after the playoff victory. "...They have been hustling and in games have been flying to the ball. Nobody is more physical than them. Nobody is more aggressive than them. Nobody plays harder than these kids."

South will face off against Cranbrook in the regional semifinals Thursday, May 23. The game will be hosted at Divine Child High School in Dearborn starting at 5:30 p.m.

North and Liggett both played their regional quarterfinal matchups Thursday, May 16, as well. The Norsemen were eliminated by Cranbrook with a 20-2 loss on the road. The Knights hosted U of D Jesuit, falling 13-3.



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South's Seamus Doyle tallied three goals in the Blue Devils' playoff win over De La Salle last week.



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Luke Slanech from Liggett goes up for a ball in the Knights' playoff matchup against U of D Jesuit.

South soccer battles to draw with Utica, prepares for districts

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls soccer team entered its matchup against Utica last Wednesday, May 15, with a chance to nearly guarantee a division title in the MAC White Division. The Blue Devils hosted the Chieftains looking to create a stranglehold on the top spot in the league, but only were able to secure one point in the standings by playing to a 1-1 draw.

Both goals in the game were scored in the first 15 minutes of last Wednesday night's matchup. South took the early lead in the ninth minute when senior Lainey Morgan found the back of the net. The early advantage did not last long for the Blue Devils, as Utica



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Lainey Morgan scored the Blue Devils' lone goal in a 1-1 draw against Utica last Wednesday, May 15.

The game against Utica was South's final game of the regular season, bringing its division record in the MAC White to 6-2-4. The Blue Devils finished with 22 points in the league, being surpassed in the standings later last week by Ford II.

While coming just shy of a division title does sting a bit, South still feels confident heading into the postseason after seeing plenty of positive signs of improvement this spring.

"I'm very happy with how the girls have played this season," South varsity girls soccer head coach Chris Bolio said. "I think we're on an upward trajectory where we're making fewer mistakes defensively and putting

the ball in the back of the net more often."

After last Wednesday's game, South gets a nearly two-week break before its

Roosevelt.

With a long break between games before the start of the postseason, South is focused on staying in shape

'I think we're on an upward trajectory where we're making fewer mistakes defensively and putting the ball in the back of the net more often'

CHRIS BOLIO, SOUTH VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER HEAD COACH

next competition, which will be in the district semifinal round of the Division 1 playoffs. The Blue Devils will take on either Wyandotte Roosevelt or Lincoln Park in their first district game, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, hosted at Wyandotte

before it gets into district playoff action.

"We're training pretty hard this week going Monday through Friday and trying to make at least the end of the week as close to game form as possible to keep the rust from getting in there," Bolio said.



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Lilia Moussiaux brings in a pass while blocking off a Utica defender.

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HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Grosse Pointe News sports staff has the week’s biggest sports stories covered, along with bringing you additional hits and highlights from the exciting week that was. Here’s a look:

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LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNEY CHAMPS

The 8U Lakeside Devils baseball team took a 7-5 victory in the championship game against the 8U Red Devils from Grosse Pointe Park at Kerby Field to win the Mother’s Day Tournament Sunday, May 12, hosted by Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League. The champions include from left to right Cass Lupo and Jack Coury (front row), Jack Kowal, Finn Elley, Will Palinski, Leo Scarfone and Johnny Rizzo (kneeling) and Conor McKenzie, Carter Brown, coach Paul Palinski, coach Johnny Coury, coach Scott Lupo, Alex Brachel and Gus Harber.

The 9U Lakeside Knights defeated the 9U Lakeside Phillies at Kerby Field on Sunday, May 12, to take home the Mother’s Day Tournament title in 9U. The Knights are coached by Rich Inger, Derek Augustyn, Phil Mannino, Matt Donnellon and Ryan Cavanagh. The team’s roster includes Harrison Cavanagh, Tyler Vandenberghe, Ryan Donnellon, Boomer Inger, Nicholas Amori, Kian Kashef, George Dakmak, Kyle Dilodovico, Julian Augustyn, Cameron Mannino, Jackson Donnellon and Bennett Rubio.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BECKY AUGUSTYN

GIRLS LACROSSE

Girls lacrosse playoff action began last week, with Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School all in action last Thursday, May 16. South and North went head-to-head in the first round of the Division 1 regional tournament, with the Blue Devils coming out on top 16-5. South faced Troy in the regional quarterfinal on Wednesday, May 22, after press time.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett’s Leighton Maltby plays keep-away from a Notre Dame Prep defender during a game last Tuesday, May 14.

HOCKEY NIGHT IN DETROIT

The East Side Youth Sports Foundation (ESYSF) is hosting its annual Hockey Night in Detroit fundraiser Saturday, June 1. The fundraiser is a day of skating, dining and dancing all to support ESYSF. The day begins with a “Daytime Skate” at East Side Foundation Hockey Arena beginning at 11:30 a.m. That is followed by dinner at Watermark Bar and Grill at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will feature a silent auction, live DJ and more. All proceeds from the day will go to support ESYSF, which helps to grow the sport of

hockey on the east side of Detroit. Fundraising plays a major role in the organization being able to expand its reach and continue introducing children to hockey and supporting their love for the sport. “We can basically support a child in their hockey career from the time that they’re five until they’re 17,” ESYSF Executive Director Lisa Francis said. “Our equipment room is solely self-operated and run by our coaching directors. We try to repurpose as much as we can, and through a lot of grants we’re able to replenish that stock, but equipment is a huge need for us.” The dinner will also be when the foundation

presents its annual McSorley Scholarship, awarded annually to a former Bulldogs Hockey Club player who will soon be attending college. Tickets for Hockey Night in Detroit are available to purchase at https://esysf.networkforgood.com/events/69186-2024-hockey-night-in-detroit?utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_3319522 or scan the QR code above.



READY TO ROLL!

LITTLE LEAGUE PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Parker Hurd of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League rookie Mariners warms up before last week’s game against the Yankees. Hurd would finish the game with two hits.



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BIG THINGS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Grosse Pointe South alumni Olivia Bachert, center, helped the Syracuse University women’s rowing team be crowned ACC conference champion for the first time in program history on Saturday, May 18. Bachert is pictured with Orange teammates Georgia Kaufman, left, and Chloe Van de Meulebroecke.

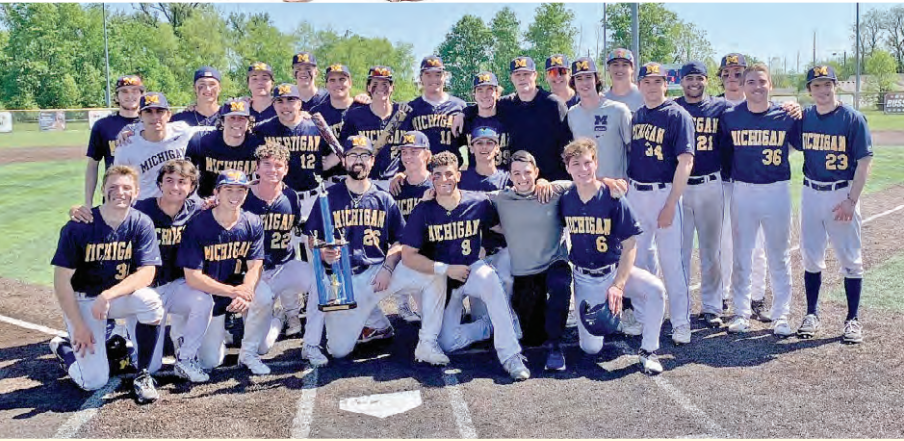


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The University of Michigan club baseball program advanced to the National Club Baseball Association Division I World Series, which begins on Friday, May 24, in Alton, Ill. The team’s roster includes four Grosse Pointers who are now Wolverines: Ryan Jones (University Liggett), Luke Deskins (Grosse Pointe North), Jake Martin (University Liggett) and Jackson Borowski (Grosse Pointe North).



COURTESY PHOTO

Sullivan led the field with a low score of 67 in South’s first-place finish at the Charger Invitational in Flint May 6.

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school events, it would help a lot for this summer, and having my friends around to do it would make it a lot easier.” Playing alongside his friends and teammates makes Sullivan feel looser on the course, and has helped to make him a mentally strong golfer. Golf is just as much of a mental sport as it is physical, and Sullivan has grown to understand that perfectly and thinks that parts of the mental aspect he has mastered have become the best part of his game as a golfer. “I have good patience,” Sullivan said. “You hit some bad shots, but there are so many shots in golf, so you just have to be patient. I get frus-

trated sometimes, but I use the frustration on the next hole to play even better.” In his final weeks as a Blue Devil and in whatever comes beyond that, Sullivan is focused on continuing to build that mental strength that all golfers need. When it comes down to it, he

knows that it ultimately could be more important than working on his swing or anything else if he hopes to follow the path that his older brothers have paved in the family’s golf legacy. “I can do swing work and chip and putt on the range, but it all comes down to the mental

game,” he said. “...I’ve been trying to grow my mental game, and playing in every tournament helps put me in those under-pressure moments. I’m trying to get in those situations where I’m in the winning circle and just feel more and more comfortable every time I play.”

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