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## GPPSS lays groundwork for millage campaign

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — While the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted last month to place two millage questions on upcoming ballots, the district now must start communicating its message to

voters.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle gave a presentation at the May 28 board meeting about what steps need to be taken in the coming weeks and months, as well as what the district cannot do.

To recap, voters will be asked to approve an operating millage of 20

mills for five years on the Aug. 6 ballot and a sinking fund millage of 3 mills for 10 years on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The board chose to place the sinking fund millage on the November ballot because there is more information to disseminate and more voter education involved.

"The operating millage is the easier of the two to explain," Tuttle said. "People understand the ramifications."

State law requires school districts to levy an operating millage of at least 18 mills in order to receive full per-pupil funding. For GPPSS, that amounts to around \$11,300 per student.

Asking for 20 mills gives the district a cushion against Headlee rollbacks, which reduces millage rates each year to ensure municipal tax revenue only grows at the rate of inflation.

If the operating millage passes, the district would collect around \$22 million the first year, close to a quarter

of its budget.

The sinking fund, approved at 1 mill in 2019 for five years, can only be used for building and site improvements.

"If you cut the roof off a school building and turned it upside down, anything that falls out

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## Budget passed, millage rate reduced in Shores

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A millage reduction and lower per-unit usage fees on water and sewer highlight the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

City council passed it unanimously after a second required public hearing Tuesday, May 21.

The total tax rate will be 17.8029 mills. That includes 13.0519 for general operating expenses, 0.6503 for debt service, 2.3334 for refuse collection and 1.7471 for pension obligations.

A mill is \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value on a property.

The millage to cover pension costs increased slightly, from 1.2 mills, as the city's actuary recommended updating mortality rate tables, according to Finance Director Dale Kranjik.

Despite that increase, the overall millage rate decreased from 18.0863.

Kranjik added one reason for the operating millage reduction is because the public safety department, which accounts for 43 percent of the city's budget, is expected to be up to full staffing soon, cutting down on overtime pay.

Total revenue is expected to be just under \$8 million, down about \$1 million from the 2023-24 fiscal year as federal COVID relief money comes to an end. Total expenditures are pegged at \$7.95 million, down from \$8.74 million last year.

Spending on street improvements is expected to increase from \$295,000 to \$537,000.

Water and sewer costs

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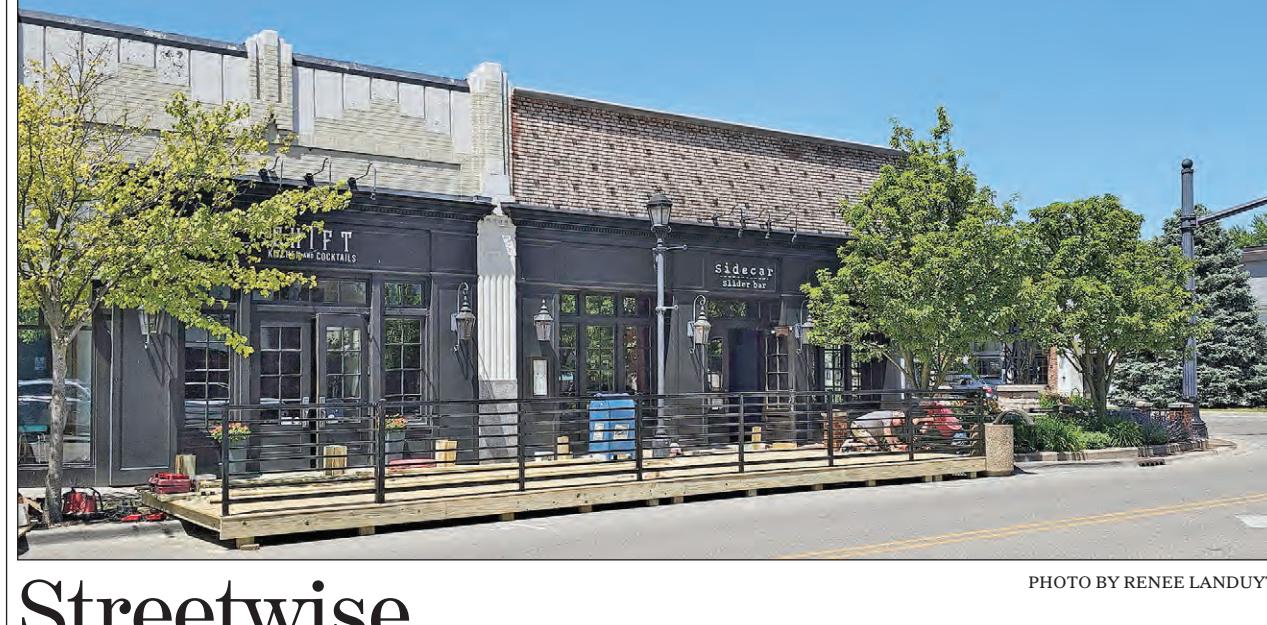


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## Streetwise

Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails, as a dual restaurant concept, soon will offer outdoor dining via an on-street dining platform being constructed along two Kercheval parking spaces at 17015 Kercheval.

## Farms nearing end of road work millage

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — As the Farms enters the fourth year of its accelerated road program — funded by a voter-approved, five-year, 2-mill tax — it also will be the final year the city collects on the millage.

"With that said, we will be coming back to city

council with a recommendation in the next month or two with a proposed extension of that millage," City Manager Shane Reeside said during May's city council meeting.

Top of the list for reconstruction this year is Newberry Place — a carryover project from last year's docket.

The plan had been to

replace only portions of the deteriorating concrete road, but it was delayed when the city's engineers recommended against the patchwork approach. Instead, the entire road will be milled and replaced with an asphalt overlay.

"It will be essentially a new street, an asphalt road, and it will ride much smoother and look

aesthetically much better than the patchwork we had originally discussed," Reeside told council.

Other roads up for repair this season in the Farms are:

◆ Lewiston from McMillan to Charlevoix;

◆ Chalfonte from Madison to Kerby;

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## Bring furry friends to Music on the Plaza series

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Music on the Plaza in The Village kicks off next Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

New this year, Canine to Five is partnering with Main Street Grosse Pointe to supply a hydration station at the event,

as well as activities prior to the concerts each Thursday evening.

"They had this great idea about a dog hydration station, so that people could bring their pets either before the event or during the event if their dogs tolerate music well,"

Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director

Cindy Willcock said, "and have some opportunities to do some pet contests for some little prizes just as a way to enhance the event and give people things to do before the concert starts."

This summer's lineup is:

◆ Thursday, June 13, Grosse Pointe North &

South Jazz Bands  
◆ Thursday, June 20, M-1 Jazz Collective  
◆ Thursday, June 27, Mainstream Drive  
◆ Thursday, July 11, Detroit Made Band  
◆ Thursday, July 18, BandWagon  
◆ Thursday, July 25,

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### Walt Fitzpatrick

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# Misses curve, sent to hospital

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Muscle cars are no match for big trees.

A London planetree on the lakeside of Jefferson near Cadieux brushed off being T-boned by a Dodge Charger Saturday evening, June 1.

The wreck at around 7 p.m. rattled leaves while, on the other side of the equation, nearly sent the 31-year-old male driver from Warren to the netherworld.

"He was knocked unconscious," Park Detective Paul Pionk said. "MedStar transported him to a hospital."

Witnesses saw the lead up.

"We have reports of the vehicle traveling east bound on Jefferson at a high rate of speed," Pionk said. "Eyewitnesses think he was going 100 mph. But that's just an estimate."

The driver floundered through the



Left, paramedics and police officers at the driver's door, ask, "Sir, can you hear us?" Below, the Dodge Charger crashed into a tree on Jefferson near Cadieux the evening of June 1.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

lefthand bend a half-block past Bishop, putting at risk everyone within range.

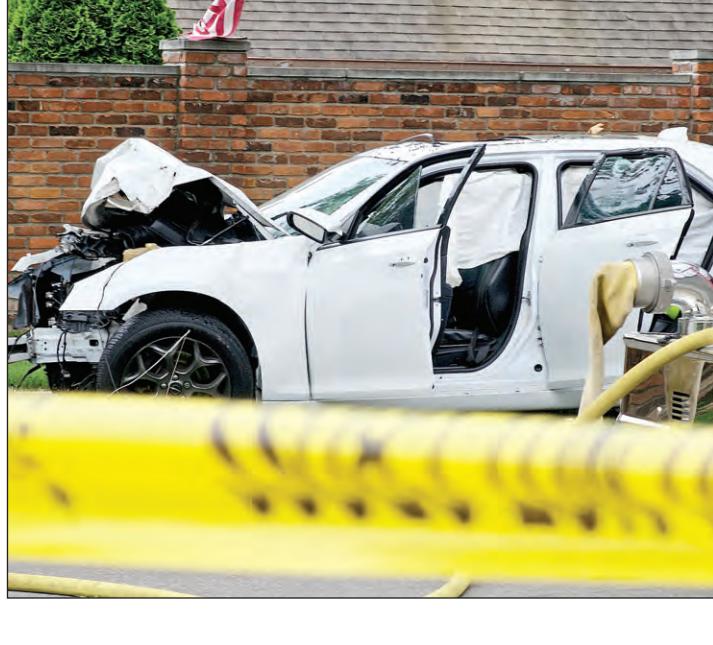
"It looks like he missed that curve and went left of center, way left of center," Pionk said. "He probably over-corrected and smashed into a

nity.

"He's not the most outstanding citizen," Pionk said. "He has more-than-numerous traffic violations."

Pionk said officers obtained a search warrant to test his blood for alcohol and drugs content.

The crash occurred a few trees up Jefferson from where two men, including a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man, died in a high-speed, single-vehicle motorcycle wreck in June 2022.



The man is familiar to members of the law enforcement commu-

nity.

Residents will see, however, an increase on their water and sewer bills for the operating fee from \$114 to \$121. Debt service for bonds sold to replace the water main

the entire length of Lakeshore will be \$65. That is expected to increase to \$105 the following year when the city starts paying principal and interest on the newer bond.

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bond would be paid off," City Manager Steve Poloni said. "So residents will see a decrease in their taxes but an increase in their bills which should be a wash."

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ter rate from the Great Lakes Water Authority and the city is negotiating with the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District for lower sewer rates.

In response to complaints that Shores residents pay much higher water and sewer bills than those in the other Pointes, Kranjik said other cities use millages to maintain their systems.

"When you look at a millage versus paying for how much you use, which is more equitable?" he asked. "It's hard to get an apples-to-apples comparison."

The new budget will have a 38 percent fund balance, far above the 20 percent recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association and the 25 percent city council set as a policy to maintain a AAA bond rating.

"I'm really proud of our team and the amount of work they put into all of this," Poloni said. "I don't think any other city can say they lowered water rates by 8 percent, sewer rates by 20 percent and their millage by 1.2 percent."

# Farms budget more than \$20M

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — "We maintain the status of being the lowest tax rate of all the Grosse Pointes, which is I think something for us to be proud of," said Lev Wood, Farms councilman and chairman of the budget and audit committee, as the 2024-25 budget was presented to council last Monday. "We do a lot with just a little bit."

In the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, Farms residents will see no change to the current property tax rate of 16.4655 mills — encompassing 11.5588 mills toward city operations, 2.5810 mills toward rubbish collection, 0.3620 mills toward city debt and a voter-approved 1.9637 mills toward road construction.

"Every dollar you pay on your tax bill at the treasurer's office here at city hall, only 33 cents of that stays with the city of Grosse Pointe Farms," Finance Director Tim Rowland reminded residents, noting 36 cents goes to the county and community colleges, while 32 cents goes to libraries and schools.

General fund revenue for fiscal year 2024-25 is expected to see a 6.1 percent increase for a total of \$20,045,390.

This encompasses an \$808,380 increase in property taxes; a \$64,880 increase in licenses and permits due to strong building permit activity; a \$12,300 decrease in fines and forfeitures due to current projections for court fines; a \$210,400 increase in charges for services, largely due to reimbursement from the Grosse Pointe Public School System for the new school resource officer at Grosse Pointe South High School — "They will reimburse 100 percent in year one and 75 percent in following years," Rowland said — and a \$20,600 increase in state-shared revenue.

"We've been very stagnant with revenue sharing from the state for a number of years," Rowland said. "Over the last 10 years, there's

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dominated both the public comment portion of the meeting and the budget presentation.

The cost of one unit of water use will decrease from \$6.57 to \$6, while

sewerage will decrease from \$10.04 to \$8.04 per unit. A unit is equal to 749 gallons.

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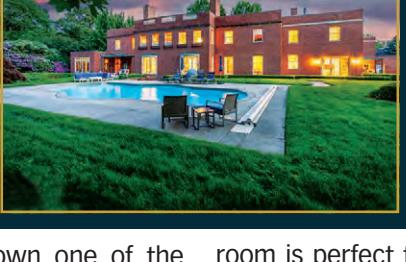
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### Planet D Nonet

"We try to find that balance, bringing back some favorites and introducing some new ones," Willcock said. "And we're so fortunate there's so many really talented musicians and bands around these parts."

The annual Sidewalk Sale-eration in The Village will take place the weekend following the final Music on the Plaza concert.

— Laurel Kraus

# Celebration for Nicholas Bojarczyk is Saturday

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The community is invited to a 25th birthday celebration for Nicholas Bojarczyk at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, on the front lawn of The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Bojarczyk, a Farms resident and Academy alumnus, was killed by a drunken driver June 24, 2022.

"He really touched a lot of people, so we want his life to have been a celebration," Bojarczyk's mother, Jennifer, said. "I don't want to memorialize my son. I want to cel-

ebrate my son and the gifts that God has given him and our family through him. So this is his birthday party."

The community gathering will feature the installation of a tribute bench overlooking Lake St. Clair — an intentional nod to Nicholas Bojarczyk's love for boating on the lake — donated by his Academy classmates, as well as the commemoration of a ginkgo tree donated by Joe Backer. St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Fr. Thomas Slowinski will bless the tree at 11 a.m., followed with remarks by Jennifer Bojarczyk.

Fittingly, it was through a science class at the Academy that Nicholas Bojarczyk discovered his love for the ginkgo tree, his mom recalled.

Upon his death, Michigan State University, from which he had just graduated, planted a ginkgo tree with a memorial plaque and sent the family a sapling of it.

"They had no idea that was his favorite," Jennifer Bojarczyk said. "And that massive storm that we had last year with all those trees (fallen), I was on the news, because I had so many trees (down). The only thing that survived was the

ginkgo sapling.

"Isn't that beautiful? So God had something going on here."

The birthday celebration also will include Nicholas Bojarczyk's favorite submarine sandwiches donated by The Sugar Bar, as well as Annie A Gourmet Belly Up Cookies, "Because Nicholas was never a cake or cupcake person," his sister, Meaghan, said. "He was straight cookies."

There is no shortage of stories highlighting Nicholas Bojarczyk's passion for life and especially, his desire to serve others.

In third grade, his love

of music led him to start a DJ company for birthday parties.

When his mom bought The Alteration Shop on Fisher, he found an Australian company that turns recycled bottles into socks made of fibers for the shop's famed sock wall.

"One of my seamstresses for her lunch would always turn on 'Days of our Lives,'" Jennifer Bojarczyk added, "and he would go to The Sugar Bar and get a sub and then walk in the back door and he'd say, 'Hey Ms. G, you want to watch some 'Days of our Lives' together?' So he made these older

ladies feel so special."

When the June 2021 flood hit his aunt's Lincoln home, "He immediately organized all these guys — they weren't getting paid — to get on Lincoln and help just house after house after house," she said. "He was just that person."

Jennifer Bojarczyk is looking forward to exchanging many more memories on Nicholas' birthday this Saturday.

"Come and share a funny story," she said. "Even the stories I should probably have never known as a mother, I want that. I love that. I really do."

## Shores welcomes new officer

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Rather than waiting for applications, the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department went looking for its newest officer.

Sean Frontiera, a 2015 graduate of Anchor Bay High School, was sworn in last week. His wife, Katy, herself a firefighter and paramedic in Fraser, pinned his badge on him.

Frontiera was working as a firefighter and paramedic for Ira Township and was recruited by Lt. Tony Spina of the Shores, who also volunteers for the township.

"Tony was very excited when Sean's

name first surfaced," Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said. "He came and did a ride along and it was a great fit from day one."

Frontiera said he was excited by the invite.

"I did the ride along and loved it," he said. "I feel super blessed to be working here."

He received his EMT and paramedic training through Tri-Hospital EMS in Port Huron before attending the fire academy at Oakland Community College. He graduated from the police academy at Macomb Community College last month.

"This is something I always wanted to do," Frontiera said. "I have an uncle who was a

police officer in Ecorse and a cousin who is a police officer in Southfield."

Aside from Ira Township, Frontiera also has experience with the Troy, Rochester and Detroit fire departments and worked for MedStar, which handles EMS ser-

vices for several of the Pointes.

"It's great that now I'm able to do all three as a public safety officer," he said. "I'm very passionate about my work and having police, fire and EMS makes Grosse Pointe Shores really special."

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- ◆ Cruisin' Through the Woods Family Fun Ride, all day.

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA regular and informational meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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◆ Calvin from Chalfonte to Webster;  
◆ the public alleys adjacent to Mack Avenue and between Moross and Calvin, as well as Manor and Moran;

◆ and Muir from McMillan to Kercheval.

"(Muir) was identified, not only because of the poor condition of the road, but it's a road that is in need of a water main replacement," Reeside said. "It's currently a four-inch main that serves the hospital, so part of this project would include an upgrade of that main."

For the totality of its planned road work, the city will spend \$2,933,740, funded with \$1,215,440 from the road millage, \$1,272,300 from Act 51 state funding, \$46,000 from interest and \$400,000 from the city's general fund.

"The road millage actually brings in about \$1.9 million," Finance Director Tim Rowland

clarified. "We're only planning on spending \$1.2 (million) of that this year (so we) have money available to do larger road work next year."

The emphasis of the accelerated road program thus far has been the city's major roads, such as Kerby, Ridge and Kercheval.

Reeside noted the city has seen around a 40 percent increase in the cost of road work from when the bond was approved — due to higher labor and material costs — and therefore the millage funds didn't stretch as far as they once would have.

"(We've made) good

headway, but there's a lot more to do," he said. "I think the focus after this initial five-year period would be more on the local roads, which frankly would allow us to do a greater quantity just because of the size of the roads and the construction methods of the major roads."

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# 'Mr. Fitz' retiring after 30 years with GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

Sept. 3 is a date Walt Fitzpatrick has circled on his calendar.

"I'm kind of worried about it," he said. "I can't remember a fall that I wasn't in school. Maybe I'll make a tee time early enough that I'll just be focused on golf that morning."

Fitzpatrick, known to students and colleagues alike as "Mr. Fitz," is retiring this month after three decades with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and nearly 40 years in educa-

tion overall.

"It's been on my mind for a couple of years," the Kerby Elementary School principal said. "It was a hard decision because I love what I do and enjoy the people I work with and the kids."

It was a visit back to his native New Jersey that convinced him.

"That was the final straw," he said. "I went back to visit my dad for his 90th birthday and decided I want to go while I was still healthy so I could enjoy the next chapter of my life."

Fitzpatrick, 64, grew up in Jersey City and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Principal Walt Fitzpatrick greets students on the last first day of school at Trombly Elementary School, at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

wanted to become a teacher.

"I had a counselor in high school who kind of talked me out of it, saying it wasn't a very lucrative career," he said. "So I was going to college part-time and finally someone told me if I really liked it, I should get a teaching degree. That taught me a lot about the need to think about what we say to people."

Fitzpatrick ended up getting that teaching degree from New Jersey City College and a master's degree from Montclair State University before teaching for nine years in the Garden State.

"I got married in 1992 and Ann, my ex-wife,

convinced me to move to Grosse Pointe," he recalled. "She grew up here so we decided to move here and start a family. I owe a lot of credit to her for pushing us to move because there are so many great opportunities."

He started teaching math at Pierce Middle School in 1994. "The district had a big buyout and something

like 130 teachers took it," he said. "They had a big hiring push, so the timing worked out."

After teaching four years at Pierce, he became assistant principal there.

"I was interim assistant principal for the first half year, so that gave me the opportunity to learn the role while working with people I knew," he said.

He became principal at

Trombly Elementary School in 2003, and has been at Kerby the last four years.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said she felt a "vibrant and positive atmosphere" when she toured Kerby after joining the district in February.

"His enthusiasm for students and learning

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COURTESY PHOTO

Walt Fitzpatrick with his children, from left, Shane, Lanie and Kelsea.

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been almost no growth, with the only jump being in 2021 due to our census increasing."

General fund expenditures, also set for \$20,045,390, include \$1,821,770 budgeted for capital improvements such as:

- ◆ \$1,081,770 for two patrol vehicles, an administrative vehicle for the public safety department, body cameras and in-car radar replacements, fire turnout gear, replacement of a public works Vactor truck used for cleaning sewers and adding to a reserve being built to fund the city's next purchase of a fire truck;

- ◆ \$495,000 for floor resurfacing and chair and table replacements in the Pier Park commu-

nity building, parking lot repairs at the dog park, the city hall improvement fund and streetscape improvements;

- ◆ \$200,000 for sidewalk repairs;
- ◆ and \$45,000 for technology, office equipment and furniture.

The budget also accounts for contributing a necessary \$1,195,000 toward the general and public safety retiree healthcare systems, as well as an additional \$300,000 split evenly between the two to increase the city's legacy cost funding levels.

Similarly, \$639,860 is budgeted for the general and public safety pension systems, as well as an additional \$605,000 to increase legacy cost funding levels.

The city's current levels for retiree healthcare and pension are significantly above what is required by the state.

When it comes to the city's debt service responsibilities, "We're paying off our 2014 Pier Park Bond this year and the following year will be the last year for the 2015 Harbor Project Refunding Bond, so those

will be coming off the books over the next two years," Rowland said.

"The 2014 Refunding Water Bond we'll be paying off this year, but the 2015 Water Improvement Bond we're paying interest only right now, so that principal payment will kick in, so we're not going to see a decrease."

Remaining in good health, the city's rainy-

day fund comes in at

\$4,993,697, or 24.9 per-

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**Grosse Pointe Shores**

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms****Night terrors**

A 36-year-old Detroit man told officers he was having a panic attack when he was reported for sleeping on the ground in front of a business at Mack and Moross at 6:02 p.m. Friday, May 24.

The man, who employees said has caused issues at the store in the past, was cited for trespassing and transported to an area hospital.

**Fake flowers**

A 45-year-old Farms woman has yet to receive a shipping notification, after paying \$300 to a man in Massachusetts Saturday, May 25, through an e-commerce marketplace for plastic flowers for her porch planter pots.

**Princess bike**

A pink Huffy Disney Princess child's bike was found in a rack at the Central branch of the

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Public Library at 10:56 p.m. Monday, May 27.

It is being held at the station.

**Landscaping**

A 30-year-old Detroit man is being sought after surveillance footage captured his vehicle exiting Lakeshore at 5:18 a.m. Friday, May 31, and doing a U-turn on the front lawn of a home — leaving track impressions — before driving away.

**Academy fire**

An electric fan motor caused a small fire in The Grosse Pointe Academy basement at 6:01 p.m. Friday, May 31. It was successfully extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher and no injuries were reported.

**Irrefutable evidence**

A package addressed to a home in the 400 block of Fisher was found in a 48-year-old Detroit woman's purse at 7:07 p.m. Sunday, June 2, after she was reported for porch pirating.

Because a crack pipe

also was found in her pocket, she was arrested both for larceny and possession of paraphernalia.

—Laurel Kraus

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods****Unlocked, keys inside**

A 2024 Ford Escape was stolen from a driveway in the 900 block of Peach Tree sometime between 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, and 12:45 p.m. the following day.

The vehicle was unlocked with the keyfob inside. It later was recovered in Detroit.

**Purse snatcher**

A Louis Vuitton purse worth \$500 was stolen from a business in the 21000 block of Mack around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30. Based on security footage, detectives are looking for a suspect they believe is a 12-year-old black female.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information

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

were stolen from the break room of a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval while the employee was working.

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

**Bad blood**

A former disgruntled employee at a local hospital was reported for making threats to a security officer and the pain management clinic at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31.

**Stolen bike**

A 20-inch Schwinn bike was stolen from an unlocked garage in the 800 block of St. Clair over Memorial Day weekend.

**Safe and sound**

Officers rescued four ducklings from the bottom of a storm drain in the 300 block of St. Clair at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 1.

Using a pike pole and a basket, they were able to reunite the ducklings with their mother.

Another family of ducklings was rescued from a drain on St. Clair Tuesday morning.

—Laurel Kraus

Report information

**Grosse Pointe Park****Four take bike**

Security video shows four unknown black male youths at 4:20 p.m. Thursday, May 30, stealing a \$1,400 Giant Stance mountain bike stored beside a garage in the 1100 block of Whittier.

**Car entered**

At 4:30 a.m. Thursday, May 30, the owner of a car spotted an unknown thief rifling through his vehicle, which was parked unlocked in the 600 block of Lakepointe.

"(The) victim called out and the suspect fled on foot," according to police. "Further inspection revealed a pair of RayBan sunglasses (worth \$100) were missing from the vehicle."

—Brad Lindberg

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

**FITZ:**

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shines through, bringing joy to everyone around him," she said. "I am deeply grateful for his dedication to public education and his significant contributions to the GP Schools and our community."

All three of Fitzpatrick's children are GPPSS graduates. Those include Kelsea, 28, Lanie, 25, and Shane, 21.

"They all had great experiences in school," Fitzpatrick said. "As a parent, you can't ask for more. They each had a different experience, but when they graduated they were well prepared as students and citizens."

Kelsea works for a public relations firm based out of Royal Oak but lives in North Carolina.

"I'm looking forward to visiting her other than during the summer when it's not so hot out," he laughed.

Lanie, a paraprofessional with the district, is working toward becoming

ing a special education teacher through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. Shane is a student at Central Michigan University studying behavioral health.

Aside from playing more golf, Fitzpatrick is looking forward to a schedule that doesn't revolve around the school year.

"For the past 40 years my schedule has been tied to the school year," he said. "I was talking to a buddy of mine and we realized that we'd be able to take a road trip to see a Big Ten football game or go see a college basketball game on a weeknight."

Fitzpatrick said what he's enjoyed most about the Pointes is the sense of community.

"Everyone looks out for each other's kids and there are great opportunities from the parks to the schools to athletics," he noted.

There is one thing, however, he won't miss.

"I definitely won't miss playground duty on cold, winter days."

## Budget passed with water rate increase

By Brad Lindberg  
*Staff Writer*

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**

— By the time a municipal budget gets to the point of adoption by a city council, the topic has roamed for months through so many committees, workshops, public hearings, regularly scheduled and special council meetings that actual passage is almost last

month's news.

And not just here.

In Chilmark, a town dating to 1642 on Martha's Vineyard with an open town meeting form of government, an overflow session of the board of selectmen last month warranted coverage in the Vineyard Gazette, mainly due to extended debate about a summer tennis program.

Only in the second to

last paragraph of a 34-paragraph account did the municipal budget get mention: "Voters also approved a \$14.4 million budget and a series of minor funding articles."

Likewise here in the Park, council members on May 13 unanimously approved a \$14,063,800 budget for fiscal year 2025, starting July 1.

Discussion was of a summary nature.

"This was a process of many months," City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

The budget projects an \$81,000 general fund surplus and a glimpse at what may come next.

"For the first time ever, we have a projected budget for the following fiscal year," Sizeland said.

"This budget now has us

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### OUR VIEW

## Let the debate begin

**N**ow that Memorial Day and high school graduations are in the rearview mirror, the unofficial start of summer is upon us. That means barbecue, boating and picnic time.

And that begs the age-old question — are hot dogs and hamburgers considered sandwiches?

Some say yes because there's a form of bread involved. Others take a more old-school approach and say no because those involve buns and sandwiches have to include regular, sliced bread. Be it lunchmeat and cheese, reuben, peanut butter and jelly, a BLT or tuna melt, as long as there are two slices of white or wheat involved, it's a sandwich.

Then there are subs, alternatively known as heroes, grinders or hoagies in other parts of the country, which have a category of their own.

Well, a judge in Fort Wayne, Ind., last month really threw a wrench into the mix when he ruled that tacos and burritos count as sandwiches as well.

Yes, you read that right — although it probably left some gasping as though they just had a spoonful of hot salsa.

No, this wasn't a foodie disagreement the likes of which you might see on Food Network. It was actually over a zoning issue.

According to The Associated Press, Allen County Superior Court Judge Craig J. Bobay ruled that tacos and burritos are "Mexican-style sandwiches."

Martin Quintana owns a shopping center and wanted to open a second location for his restaurant, The Famous Taco. The city's planning commission denied his request, saying area zoning prohibits fast food at the plaza, but does allow restaurants that sell "made-to-order" sandwiches.

The judge, however, said the zoning ordinance "does not restrict potential restaurants to only American-style cuisine sandwiches." Further, the judge said items such as "Greek gyros, Indian naan wraps or Vietnamese banh mi" also would be allowed.

Readers think the judge is full of (refried) beans.

In our recent poll, right, 91 percent were a definite "no" on calling a taco a sandwich. Another 84 percent said a hot dog doesn't qualify, but by a narrow margin 51 percent said a hamburger does. Must be because the bun comes in two pieces. Overall, 64 percent of respondents said their favorite sandwich is the traditional bread and meat.

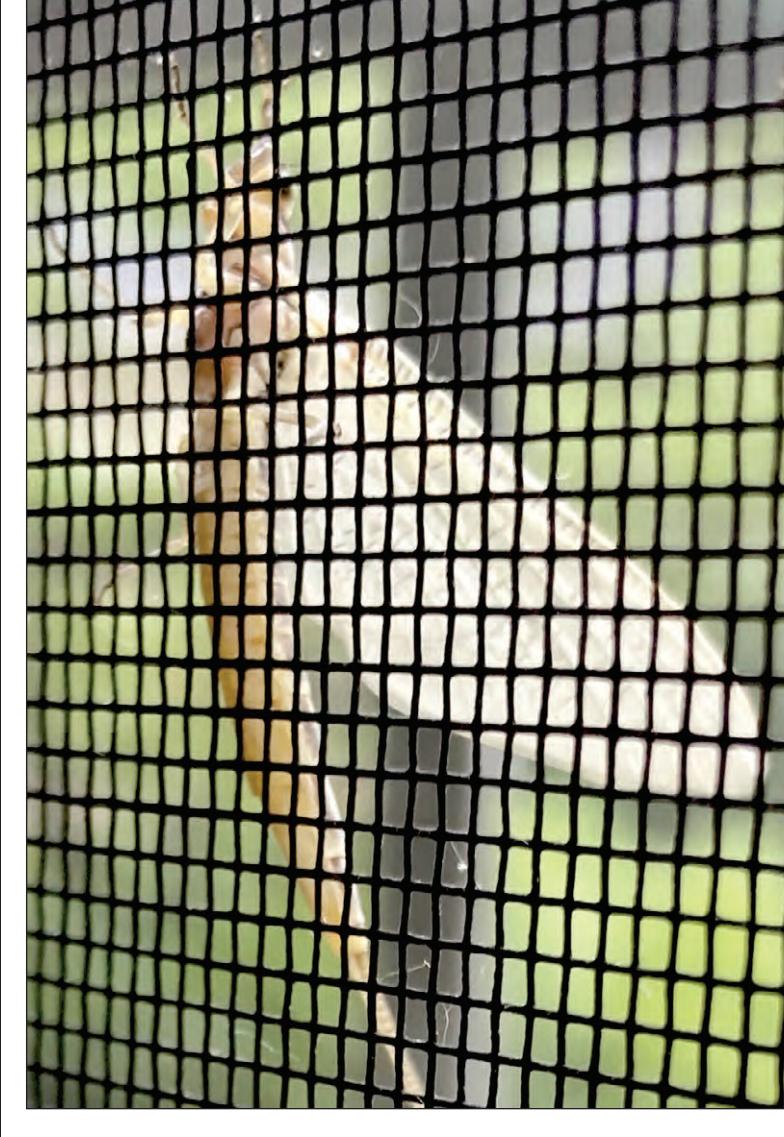
While unusual, the Fort Wayne case isn't unique.

Also according to the AP, a judge in Massachusetts ruled in 2006 that tacos and burritos are not commonly thought to be sandwiches. That case came when Panera Bread sued, saying the local municipality violated an exclusivity clause by allowing a shopping center to lease space to Qdoba. Panera argued the agreement prohibited competitors that "primarily sell sandwiches." The judge disagreed, saying the lease did not define what a sandwich is.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, however, defines burritos as a "Mexican-style sandwich-like product" in its Food Standards and Labeling Policy guidelines.

Then there is the cube rule, a website that defines food based on the location of its starch. Traditionalists will be happy to know the cube rule says a sandwich has to have its starch top and bottom. But here's the kicker — the rule considers hot dogs and slices of pie to be forms of a taco with starch on the sides and bottom.

Any way you slice it, happy grilling.



They're back!

Signs of summer include Memorial Day weekend, opening the municipal swimming pools and the arrival of fishflies. The first of what is sure to be millions of the latter spent part of its abbreviated lifespan outside the rear window of a Grosse Pointe house Saturday morning, June 1.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT By Andrea Tuttle

## Graduates are our future

**T**he Grosse Pointe Public School System is truly remarkable, distinguished by stately facilities, engaged and involved families, incredible educators, talented students, tremendous opportunities and a supportive community.

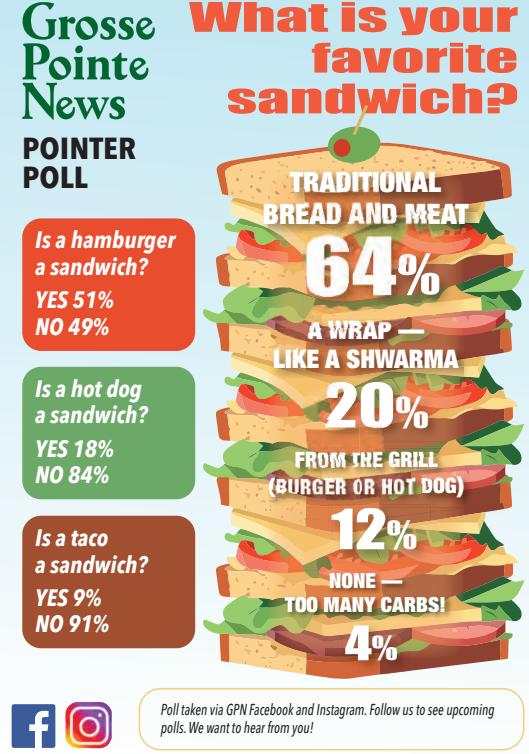
This excellence is especially evident during the final months of each school year when we honor our seniors for their achievements in the A's: arts, academics, athletics and numerous other areas of accomplishment. Our students have earned many prestigious awards throughout the year. Senior activities include the C's: honors convocations, concerts, athletic competitions, culminating events and commencement. All of this requires attention to the B: balance and being kind. Remaining balanced throughout life enhances emotional stability, builds relationships, prevents burnout and provides for an enjoyable journey.



For many of our seniors, time has flown by. They and their families can hardly believe it was just a short time ago they were walking the halls of our elementary schools with little thought about the future. This time of year is bittersweet, with culminating activities happening throughout the district. Fourth graders are graduating from elementary school, ready to spread their wings in middle school; preschoolers are showing daily growth and unbounded curiosity; eighth graders are making the leap to high school, realizing they have only four more years of educational opportunities in GPPSS. Many parents feel a mix of happiness for their children's achievements and the melancholy of seeing them grow up so quickly. The reality is that our kids must grow up and experience the world. Our schools, community and the families and friends of every student have worked tirelessly to provide each student with opportunities for success in whatever they pursue.

Our graduates are our greatest assurance of a bright future. When speaking of education, I often think about the following story.

A group of esteemed educators were seated on a plane. As the doors closed and the plane prepared for takeoff, the educators were informed that the aircraft had been designed and built by their own students. Hearing this, all the educators rushed toward the exits in a panic, except for one who remained seated, displaying remarkable confidence and calmness. Curious, the flight attendant asked the composed educator why he wasn't trying to leave the plane. He replied, "Our students designed and built this plane. I am confident



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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# What the devil on your shoulder is whispering



**A** couple months back, I dropped in Next Chapter Books at 16555 E. Warren on a whim and found the kind of golden nugget only an independently owned, used bookstore could produce: a lightly worn copy of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters," filled with underlined paragraphs and thoughtful annotations by some previous owner.

C.S. Lewis — an atheist turned Christian and the type of author I, as a fellow writer, can only call a creative genius — is a household name thanks to his incredible allegorical series "The Chronicles of Narnia," which depict Jesus Christ's ultimate sacrifice for man's sin and many other Biblical truths in the form of fairytale-like children's stories.

The English literary scholar, however, also penned a great number of novels geared toward an intellectual adult audience.

"The Screwtape Letters," published in 1942, takes place during World War II.

With each chapter formatted as a letter, the novel is a satirical

account of imagined correspondence from a demon named Screwtape, advising a young apprentice demon on how to tempt and secure the soul of an ordinary human man he's assigned to.

Depicting Hell's operations as a bureaucracy in a somewhat absurdist fashion, the novel essentially is a glimpse behind enemy lines for the modern Christian. As we used to excitedly declare in elementary school, it's Opposite Day — everything that Screwtape presents as advice is exactly what we should be guarding against.

Even God is referred to as "the Enemy," which is quite the brain-twister.

This is not a Ten Commandments type of spiritual advice book — though those have their rightful place. It instead is a guide through which to bring Satan's far more subtle ploys out into the light.

"The only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy (God)," Screwtape writes. "It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick."

My favorite and personally most convicting letter of Screwtape's is on the human concepts of entitlement and ownership — the falsehoods

that our time, our lives or even ourselves are our own.

"And all the time the joke is that the word 'Mine' in its fully possessive sense cannot be uttered by a human being about anything," he writes. "In the long run either Our Father (Satan) or the Enemy (God) will say 'Mine' of each thing that exists, and specifically of each man.

"They will find out in the end, never fear, to whom their time, their souls and their bodies really belong — certainly not to them, whatever happens."

Other themes addressed in the novel are the vital distinction between religion and relationship (with Jesus), how distraction is used as one of the devil's greatest tools in the 21st century and the hard-learned truth that feelings do not equal faith.

"He (God) wants them to learn to walk and must therefore take away His hand; and if only the will to walk is really there He is pleased even with their stumbles," states one of the most well-known quotes from the novel. "... Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys."

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

# 1949

75 years ago this week

**BEAUTIFUL SERVICE ON LAKEFRONT HONORS POINTE'S**

**WAR DEAD:** Few Pointers paused in their holiday recreation on Memorial Day long enough to remember that 122 young men from this community had given their lives in World War II. A scant crowd of 200

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to 300 attended the services at Grosse Pointe's new War Memorial Center on Lakeshore Road. The gift of this magnificent property to the people of the Pointe makes it possible for the community to have one of the finest memorial

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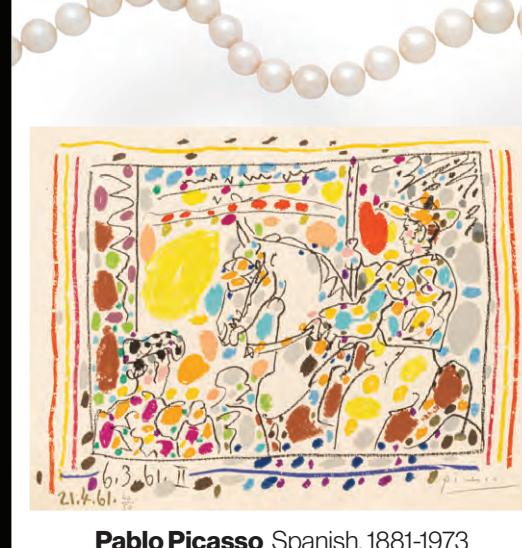
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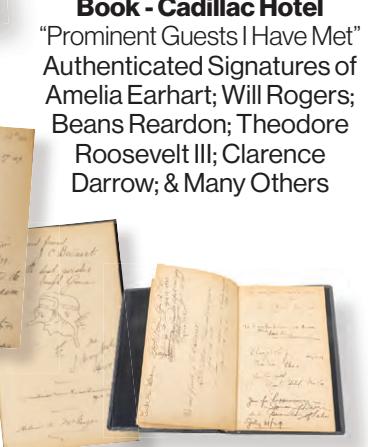
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**Book - Cadillac Hotel**  
"Prominent Guests I Have Met"  
Authenticated Signatures of Amelia Earhart; Will Rogers; Beans Reardon; Theodore Roosevelt III; Clarence Darrow; & Many Others



**Architectural Elements from the Grand Riviera Theatre**  
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## PAST:

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centers in the country. To achieve this will demand the cooperation of every resident.

**DISCLOSE COST OF OPERATING POLICE RADIO:** The cost of operating the Inter-Municipal Police Radio service for the present year of 1949, which will presumably begin on June 15 and run to April 1, will be about \$30,550. This cost, however, will contain many non-recurring items entailed in the installation of new equipment, made necessary in part by the conversion to frequency modulation made mandatory Jan. 1 by the Federal Communications Commission

**CROWNS:** Two area schools have been crowned state tennis champions after competing in the Michigan Final Tennis Tournament May 31 and June 1 in Kalamazoo. Austin received Class A honors, while University Liggett took the Class C-D crown.

**SCHOOL'S REQUEST TO ENCLOSE ICE RINK GRANTED:** The Woods Planning Commission in a narrow 4-3 vote gave University Liggett School the green light to enclose the McCann Ice Rink located on school grounds. This action was taken at a public hearing, which was attended by an estimated 50 residents, at the regular commission meeting May 28.

**WOODS GIVES APPROVAL TO PARK PLANS:** Months of intensive study on the parts of the Woods Council, the city administration, Parks and Recreation personnel and the Citizens'

Recreation Committee have climaxed in the unanimous adoption of a resolution authorizing the construction and installation of a new outdoor swimming pool complex, eight new tennis courts and other improvements at the Lake Front Park.

# 1999

25 years ago this week

**LIBRARY DISCUSSIONS EXPANSION, POSSIBLE NEW FACILITY:** The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees is looking at building expansion and new construction options to accommodate increased usage and technology at its three branches. The board discussed possibilities of expansion at the Woods and Central branches, complete reconstruction of the Central branch location

or the possibility of replacing the Central branch at a new location.

**COMMITTEE PRESENTS COMPUTE CURRICULUM:**

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools is working on a revised K-12 computer curriculum. A committee of administrators, teachers, parents and a student have met to incorporate state and national standards as well as parent input into devising the new curriculum. One of the state guidelines the committee has addressed is a new keyboarding curriculum for fifth graders which will go into effect for the 1999-2000 school year. Students will be taught the Typin's Cool method.

**FOR LEGACY OAKS CONDOS:**

Plans were revealed last week for a condominium development to be built on the former University Liggett Middle School campus on Briarcliff Road. The project hinges on city approval on a zoning change. Plans for the 13-acre site include the addition of a second building similar to the existing structure. In all, plans call for 24 condos, 12 in each building.

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OBSERVE 100 YEARS:**

A well-rooted plant can withstand almost anything — fire; flood; drought. During its 100-year history, First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit has experienced literal fire, the flood of expanding

industry, the drought of economic recession and remaining true to its identity statement. Located at 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, First CRC has had this address for 90 of its 100 years. Founded as a Detroit church, however, its roots are in the city and its reach extends far beyond the borders of the neighborhood in which it is planted.

**TUMBLING DOWN:**

The facade came down of the old Borders building that will become new St. John Hospital and Medical Center offices, along with retail components at the Kercheval front of the building. Work continues to update the building in The Village, City of Grosse Pointe.

# 2014

10 years ago this week

PLANS REVEALED

# 1974

50 years ago this week

**AUSTIN, ULS WIN STATE TENNIS**

Class of 2024 alumni and their families who will be joining the military: Nicholas Truza from North, Navy ROTC at the University of Michigan, and Troy Liu and Michael Nichols from South.

I conclude with the following — maintaining balance in life is an ongoing process that requires attention and effort but ultimately leads to a healthier, happier and more fulfilling life. My wish for all our graduates is that they live a balanced life.

#GR82BGP! (Great to be Grosse Pointe!)

— Andrea

P.S. I shared at the community luncheon that I love a good word logic puzzle or riddle, so I will work to include one in each of my writings for anyone interested. This is a good way to think!

There are three crates, one with apples, one with oranges and one with both apples and oranges mixed. Each crate is closed and labeled with one of three labels: apples, oranges, or apples and oranges. The label maker broke and labeled all of the crates incorrectly. How could you pick just one fruit from one crate to figure out what's in each crate?

Answer: Pick a fruit from the crate marked apples and oranges. If that fruit is an apple, you know that the crate should be labeled apples because all of the labels are incorrect as they are. Therefore, you know the crate marked apples must be oranges (if it were labeled apples and oranges, the oranges crate would be labeled correctly, and we know it isn't), and the one marked oranges is apples and oranges. Alternatively, if you picked an orange from the crate marked apples and oranges, you know that crate should be marked oranges, the one marked oranges must be apples and the one marked apples must be apples and oranges.

Dr. Andrea Tuttle is superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.



Ang Adamiak, executive director of Arts and Scraps, stands with Julie Baumer, president of the Lakeshore Optimist Club.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Optimist Club visit

Ang Adamiak, executive director of Arts and Scraps, presented to the Lakeshore Optimist Club in April.

Arts and Scraps is a nonprofit organization that provides reused materials and educational resources to promote sustainability and creativity in Detroit. It creates kits for teachers to provide a creative way to reinforce curriculum, particularly in the sciences, math and technology classes. The organization is present in several Brilliant Detroit locations that offer programming for children in Detroit neighborhoods.

Arts and Scraps has a

community store on Harper in Detroit. The store features products, donated by corporations and individuals, that may otherwise end up in landfills, but can be turned into creative projects by students, artists and the general public. For more information, visit artsandscraps.org.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend and hear interesting speakers. Visit gpoptimists.com for locations, dates and times each month or follow the club on Facebook at facebook.com/lake shoreoptimists

## TUTTLE:

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dent." The flight attendant asked, "So, you are confident that you taught them well?" The educator responded quietly, "I'm confident it won't fly."

Although I initially chuckled when I read this story, as an educator in Grosse Pointe I believe it is crucial to always hold our students in the highest regard. I am confident our educators in Grosse Pointe are committed to teaching with the understanding that our students will one day become the designers, pilots, architects, leaders and key contributors to the development of our nation.

I firmly believe our educators would have complete faith in the capabilities of a plane designed, built and piloted by Grosse Pointe graduates. They are destined to be innovators, providing economic stability, promoting social cohesion, ensuring health and wellness, advancing the arts, adapting to change, competing on a global scale and demonstrating compassion and kindness. These qualities epitomize what it means to be truly educated.

Education empowers us to build upon the successes of the world and make necessary changes while compassion gives us the strength to do so wisely and kindly. Look to our newest Grosse Pointe alumni to positively impact the world. Here are some highlights of this year's graduates:

- ◆ Four National Merit Finalists
- ◆ Seniors attending colleges in more than 25 states
- ◆ More than 40 seniors attending the University of Michigan
- ◆ More than 110 seniors attending Michigan State University

- ◆ More than 20 seniors entering the trades
- ◆ 578 graduates (267 from North, 311 from South)

Of special note, we have three Grosse Pointe students who will be entering the military. A heartfelt thank you to all the military men and women who have sacrificed in many ways for our country, allowing our students to receive the education they do. A special thank you to the following Grosse Pointe

## BUDGET:

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at about \$80,000 to the good. In the following year, we're almost \$50,000. The job's not done yet. This administration is going to be bringing items for revenues and expenditures as well as efficiencies we can do every day."

"We've come a long way, team," Mayor Michele Hodges told her colleagues. "The fact that we're looking ahead in multiple years is worth noting. Second only to our moral stability is financial stability. If we have that, we have everything we need."

Water-sewer rates

Council also approved a 4.5 percent increase in water and sewer rates.

Sizeland said the new fixed dollar rate for water translates into an additional \$6.83 per bimonthly bill, or \$40.98 annually.

"The flow rate unit of water a person uses costs an additional 18 cents per unit," he said.

The new rate was forecast during the council's April 29 budget workshop.

Administrators proposed at the time a 3.5 percent hike to keep the city ahead of a 3.25 percent increase to buy drinking water from the Great Lakes Water Authority. The authority also is raising sewage treatment rates by 3 per-

cent.

Elected officials supported the 4.5 percent increase to pay for water-sewer system improvements.

"No one wants to see water and sewer rates increase, but I want transparency for tax dollars," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the Infrastructure Committee. "That's what we're giving residents. People can follow the money. They can see how its being allocated."

**Budget highlights:**

- ◆ Some 73 percent of fiscal year 2025's general fund revenues come from local property taxes.

- ◆ The city's taxable value increased 6.7 percent from last year.

- ◆ The cost of public safety operations totals \$8,077,200, representing 58 percent of general fund expenses.

- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department operations represent the next highest expenditure, \$1,439,400, or 10 percent of the total.

"The city shall (levy) the general property tax upon the summer and winter tax roll in an amount equal to 18.9568 mills," according to the budget resolution.

Members of the council praised new Finance Director Ginger Moriarty for streamlining operations and making financial reports easier to understand.

"We can't say her name enough," Councilman Tim Kolar said. "The things she's done in the short time she's been here have been nothing short of amazing. She has delivered up and beyond the expectations I had."

"Budgets for businesses are easier to understand," Councilman Marty McMillan said. "When you get to a city, it's very complicated. Ginger has streamlined it to make it so much easier for us all to look at and understand."

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# North band and orchestra room named for longtime director

By Ted O'Neil  
Associate Editor

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Band and orchestra students at Grosse Pointe North High School will now be reminded of the man who built the program every time they enter Room C-101 to rehearse.

It was renamed Judson Hall during a ceremony Wednesday, May 29, prior to the school's annual band and orchestra spring concert.

Nate Judson, who passed away last October at age 91, was the first

band and orchestra teacher at North when the school opened in 1968.

"The tradition of excellence he instilled as a longtime member of the community and the district lives on today in the work ethic of everything we do," said Tom Torrento, current band director. "His hard work and dedication resulted in many educators around the state at both the K-12 level as well as the collegiate level graduating from North."

Judson was valedictorian at Ypsilanti High

School in 1950, before earning a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Michigan. He also taught in Goodrich and Taylor before moving to North, from which he retired in 1987.

"We try very hard to stay rooted in high-quality music education, but also more so in developing wonderfully gifted, talented, well-rounded humans and equipping them with all the skills they need to be successful in whatever career path they choose," Torrento added. "We are

eternally grateful to Nate for establishing our program and putting us on the map in Michigan, and are thrilled to have the daily opportunity to make music inside of Judson Hall."

Judson was one of only two people to be named both band (1970) and orchestra (1978) teacher of the year by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

A scholarship component has been added to the Nate Judson Lifetime Achievement Award, Torrento said.



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From left, Grosse Pointe North High School Band Director Tom Torrento, Orchestra Director Noah Zogas, Nate Judson's widow, Christina, and North Principal Kathryn Murray stand by the plaque of Judson Hall.

"It isn't necessarily for someone who mentors a student who will be younger students." The first scholarship winners are Charles White for band and Erion Baci for orchestra.



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## GPPSS honors retirees

The Grosse Pointe Public School System held a reception Thursday, May 30, in Grosse Pointe South High School's Cleminson Hall to honor this year's retirees. Pictured from left are Rebecca Golus, Lynne Roby, Walt Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Meara, Christine Porada, Angie Niforos, Elizabeth Gulick, JoAnne Truza, Brian Stackpoole, Linda Slinder, James Adams, Harry Campion, Joseph Spryszak, Dona Johnson Beach and Robert McIntyre. Staff members with 25 years of service to the district also were honored. The full list includes James Adams, Elizabeth Gulick, Jon Austin, Kimberly Hool, Kristin Baer, Dona Johnson Beach, Harry Campion, Teri Lucas, Sally Colby, Robert McIntyre, Tracey Corden, Linda McKinney, Michelle Davis, Angie Niforos, Maria Deskins, Patricia Perry, Dean Doss, Christine Porada, Tamara Duffield, Alma Reygaert, Kenneth Ferguson, Jennifer Schaupester, Walt Fitzpatrick, Joseph Spryszak, Robert Foster, Brian Stackpoole, Sharon Gallacher, Patricia Steinkampf, Karen Gallagher, Michael Torongo and Rebecca Golus.

## Liggett students' project selected for display at Smithsonian

A history project created by three University Liggett School students has been chosen for display at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. The project, created by sophomores Annabel Klaasen, Zaire Polk and Teresa Romanelli and titled "The Gross Points of Grosse Pointe," will be showcased at the prestigious Washington, D.C., museum in June.

The project, which recently earned state honors, was the only project selected to represent Michigan at the National History Day Exhibit Showcase. The showcase at the National Museum of American History is an opportu-

nity for students to share their historical research with a global audience.

The students' exhibit delves into the discriminatory practices of a 1940s system in Grosse Pointe, where prospective homeowners were ranked based on criteria such as race, religion, accent, swarthiness, education and relationships. The project explores the origins of this prejudiced system, its eventual abolition and its lasting impact on the diversity of the Grosse Pointes today.

"We are immensely proud of Teresa, Annabel and Zaire for their outstanding achievement," said Chris Hemler, Cynthia N.

Ford chair of history and the social studies at ULS. "Their dedication to researching and presenting this important aspect of local history exemplifies the spirit of inquiry and critical thinking we foster at our school."

The students' project was selected from a pool of entries from across the state, with only one project chosen to represent Michigan at the national level.

The National History Day event at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History will take place Thursday, June 13. The students will set up their exhibit and interact with visitors throughout the day.



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From left, Annabel Klaasen, Zaire Polk and Teresa Romanelli.

## CAMPAIGN:

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cannot be covered by the sinking fund," Tuttle explained. "Things like people and desks. What wouldn't fall out would be things like windows and doors."

Next steps include a website with FAQs about the millages and a letter from Tuttle, a social media campaign and recruiting ambassadors to

campaign in favor of passage. School employees and board members, for example, can campaign in favor of the millages on their personal time, but not during work hours or using district resources. Individuals can be recommended for a campaign committee, but should not be appointed by the district.

"It's called the Amway effect," Tuttle said. "Each person talks to 10 friends to educate them, then each of those

people contacts 10 friends." The district can share factual, objective information through a variety of channels, including in schools, except on Election Day at schools used as voting precincts.

"Absentee ballots for the August primary go out the third week of June, so we have a lot of work to do," Tuttle said.

For the sinking fund vote, the district will place informational boards at each school showing projects the current sinking fund and previous bond have accomplished.

Members of the district's Community Engagement Committee at a previous meeting said it will be important for the district to explain exactly what the money will be used for.

"I can see a lot of pushback given the declining enrollment," committee member Sierra Donaven said. "I'm not sure we can justify it by just saying we have state buildings."

### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council will be considering the following proposed six (6) Zoning Ordinance amendments for second readings at its meeting scheduled for June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

#### TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCES FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

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**50-4.34 (ADDITION) HOME-BASED BUSINESS: TO ALLOW FOR HOME OCCUPATION IN ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AS AN ACCESSORY USE WITH REGULATIONS.**

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**50-4.35 (ADDITION) ROOFTOP DINING: TO ALLOW FOR UNENCLOSED OR SEMI-ENCLOSED ROOFTOP DINING AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR FOOD-BASED BUSINESSES IN THE C COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ALONG MACK AVENUE.**

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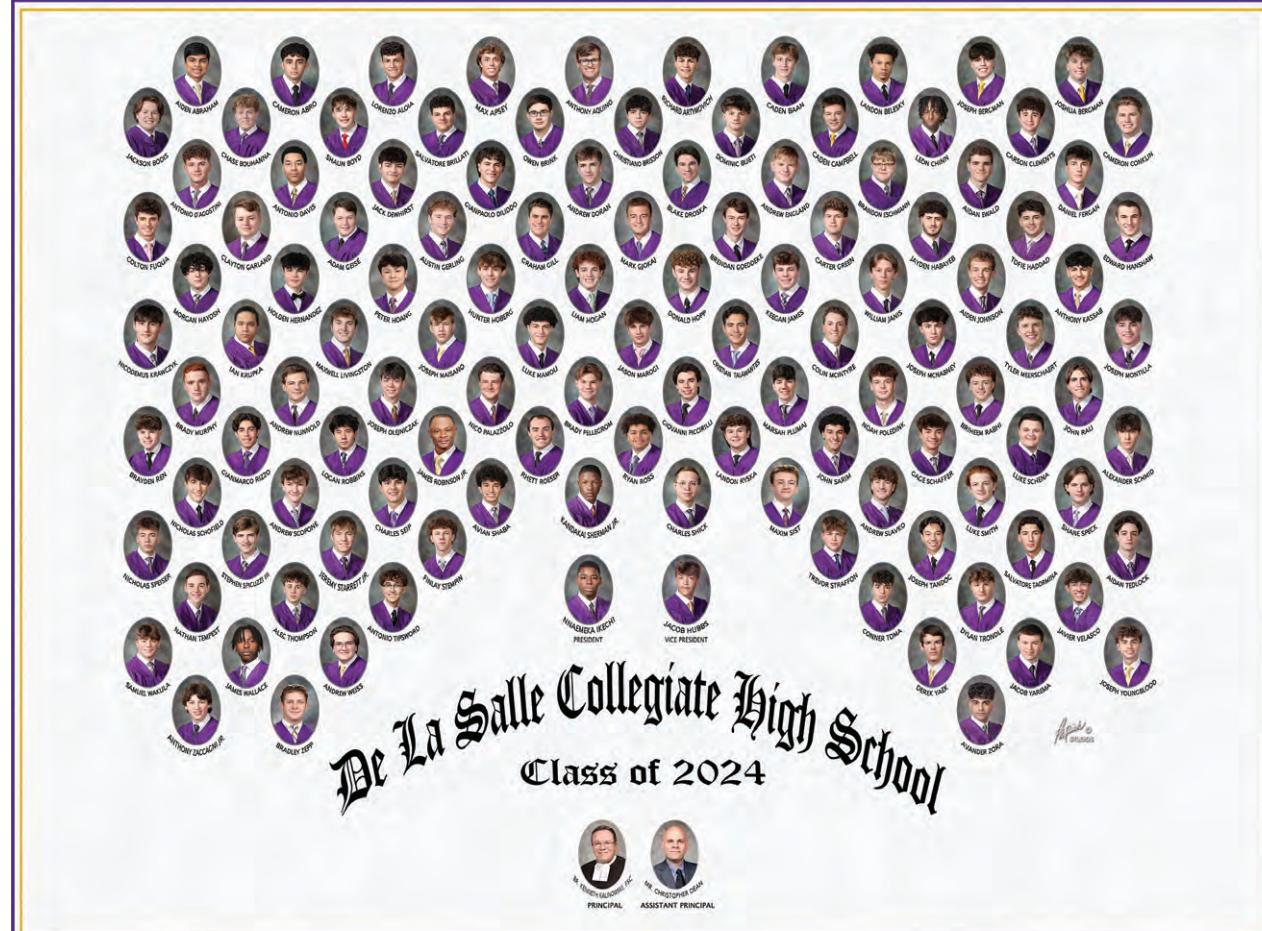
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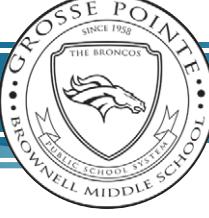
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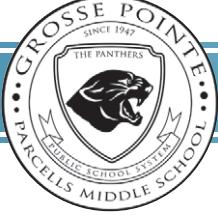
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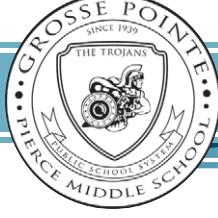
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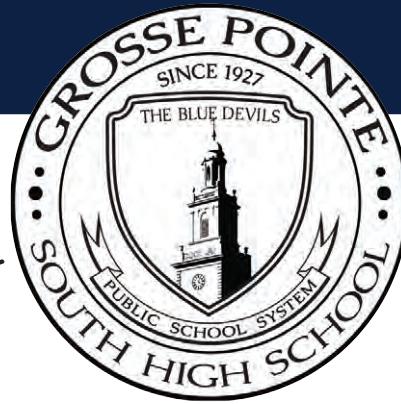
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## Making a comeback



## Park Farmers Market opening day is June 15

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

When Philip Crouse moved to Grosse Pointe Park three years ago, one of the first things he noticed was its community-oriented appeal. Coming from New York, the area's small-town charm felt personal.

"You can really impact things here, whereas in New York, that's not the case," he said. "I wanted to figure out how I could add to the experience here in the community."

Crouse's love for visiting Eastern Market and other farmers markets in the metro area prompted him to think about establishing one in the Pointes.

"I did my research and knew from friends there was one that closed in 2019," he said. "They told me about how great it was, but unfortunately it had closed. I decided at the beginning of this year, I really wanted to go for it this year."

Crouse did the research, contacted the city, became informed about the market's history and why it closed.

"They said they would support it if I could organize it independently," he said.

Crouse got the ball rolling, formed a 501(c)3 and recruited board members. Then, at its May 13 meeting, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council endorsed an agreement with market managers.

The Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market officially opens Saturday, June 15, and runs every Saturday through Sept. 14.

"I wanted to create a family-oriented farmers market that offers locally

made food and beverages available on a weekly basis," said Crouse, president of the market board. "I want it to be convenient, with 15 to 20 vendors offering high-quality things you need for your pantry on a weekly basis."

"This is not a replacement for Eastern Market," he added. "It's to supplement the Eastern Market experience or for the people who can't make it to E a s t e r n

Market. ... This is convenience. People that live in the Pointes have very busy lives. They have a lot going on. It's important to have access to locally grown food and beverages. This will create options. And you can get in easy, park easy — easy in and out is huge. There isn't something that exists like that right now."

Aside from a different location — the market will be staged in the city-owned lot behind the Corewell Health building on Kercheval at Lakepointe — its frequency differs from the previous market. It will welcome guests weekly, rather than monthly. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

"We are thrilled to have another venue to serve our fresh, healthy

"The city does a fantastic job with all they do, but having it managed and run by residents ... will serve our needs because we're running it."

The focus of the new market is food and beverages and nearly all of the vendors are locked in.

"Quality and reliability are key for us," Crouse noted. "We're not trying to be everything for everybody. We're a smaller market and can

beverages and snacks to the community and hopefully reach some people who don't know about us yet," said Rachael Schroeder, who owns Rhythm+Blue Juice Co., with her husband, Kevin Schroeder.

"We love supporting local, grassroots and health-centered causes and this fits that completely."

Rhythm+Blue will provide a selection of its signature, freshly made

anniversary June 17, will sell breads, croissants, cookies, muffins and other freshly baked goods. Owner Kevin Rentenbach was approached by Crouse to be a part of the market.

"It seemed like good exposure and business opportunities," Rentenbach said. "I'm excited to be a part of it this year."

Michael Fraley, owner of The Flower Project, initially was brought in to advise Crouse and his board about running a farmers market.

"After speaking with them, we thought it would be a great avenue for our flowers," Fraley said.

The Flower Project will supply mixed bouquets of fresh-cut flowers grown in Ferndale, potted roses and, in later weeks, fall bulbs such as tulips and daffodils.

"I think it is great and a wonderful addition to the community," Fraley said. "We are excited to be a part of it."

Also excited for what's to come is Park Councilman Tim Kolar, who sits on the market board. Like Crouse, Kolar moved to the Pointes from a big city. Unlike Crouse, Kolar experienced the old market before it closed.

"I enjoyed it when we did have it; everybody

loved when we had it, but we needed more people involved," he said. "Mayor (Michele) Hedges says it a lot: building community. It's something collectively, as a council and as city administration, we strive for. This is a great way to drive it home and connect, a great way to build community."

Kolar said the market not only will showcase Grosse Pointe Park, but also bring in surrounding neighbors.

"This is an opportunity for everybody," he noted. "This is what this community is about, what we're building in Grosse Pointe Park."

Crouse agreed. "We wanted to create an inclusive market not only for the Pointes, but for greater Detroit, too. We'll be bringing community here, which is something we're excited about."

Crouse thanked city administration, particularly City Manager Nick Sizeland and Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe, for their support of the endeavor.

More information about the Park Farmers Market may be found on its newly launched website, parkfarmersmarket.com, as well as its Facebook and Instagram pages.

A Kickstarter campaign also has launched in support of the market. Donations may be made online at tinyurl.com/ycxn2ark

"We'll experiment this summer," Crouse said. "This will be customer-led, what people want. It's something we can grow if it's sustained by the people coming. We'd love to continue to grow."



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# GPT's Ten-Minute Play Festival is June 13-15

What started as a creative experience for Grosse Pointe Theatre members 11 years ago has grown into a three-day play festival open to everyone, with play submissions from across the globe.

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents its 11th annual Take Ten Ten-Minute Play Festival June 13 to 15, in the undercroft at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at [gpt.org/playfest](http://gpt.org/playfest) or by calling (313) 881-4004.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Theatre member Mary Lou Britton of St. Clair Shores created this opportunity to encourage fellow members to try writing 10-minute plays. While many members had performed, directed or worked on productions, few had focused on writing a play.

Eleven years later, Britton and her committee received 375 play submissions from across the globe — the highest submissions in the history of the play festival. Committee members read each play to make sure it followed the criteria, included this year's theme, "What if?" and was appropriate for audiences. Once the initial screening was completed, qualified plays were sent to independent judges. The top 10 adjudicated plays will be performed at this year's festival.

"We had a terrific response this year from playwrights around the world," Britton said. "We received 375 submissions, including several from Singapore, Australia and Portugal, among others. We're not sure how so many found out about our festival, but



Above, Avra Maxwell reads a script with Steve Morrison, who last performed with Grosse Pointe Theatre in the 2004 production of "The Will Rogers Follies." Both Maxwell and Morrison will perform at this year's play festival. Left, Phillip Potter and Elizabeth Schaefer have fun reading from the script "Color Me Screwed," by playwright Nedra Pezold Roberts.

I think that writing 10-minute plays is becoming very popular. Audiences certainly seem to enjoy watching them."

For many involved, the festival offers first-time directors and actors, or those who performed years ago, a chance to revisit the magical, educational and creative process of live theater. Once the independent judges selected the top plays, a call for directors and open auditions were held.

According to Stella Woitulewicz, a Macomb Township resident who has worked on the play festival with Britton for years, there are many opportunities the festival offers.

"We welcome anyone who likes to write, act, direct or work backstage

and is willing to learn this theater craft," she said. "The play festival offers enriching experiences for those who may not have the time to commit to a main-stage production but still want to learn what's involved in this performance process. This is a great way to open the door to other performance opportunities."

Britton and Woitulewicz teach a series of playwriting workshops each year so aspiring and experienced playwrights can learn techniques and have an opportunity to share their 10-minute plays before submitting them for consideration in the play festival.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Festival committee, chaired by Britton, consists of Dominic Aldini, Meg Berger, Dante Bufalini, Erin DiSante, Pete DiSante, Patricia Ellis, Erin Getzin, Kathleen Lusk and Woitulewicz.

Due to the popularity of the play festival, this year's event will be performed on three dates: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14, with Talk Backs following the performance; and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. There will be an intermission.

This year's top 10 picks from the independent judges, who are not members of Grosse Pointe Theatre, are:

"Ghost Light," written by Gary Davis and directed by Pete DiSante; "Brad Pitt," written by Michael Long and directed by Arlene Schoenherr; "Assisted Living," written by Roger Henry and directed by Emma Jean Evans; "Sentences and Words," written by Cindy Cooper and directed by Michele Karl; "Answer the Door,"

written by Pete DiSante and directed by Erin DiSante; "Color Me Screwed," written by Nedra Pezold Roberts and directed by Dan Woitulewicz; "Bruno Saw the Doctor," written by Cary Pepper and directed by Dominic Aldini; "He/She/Us," written by Susan Kelejian and directed by Arlene Pollock; "Honestly," written by Steven Korbar and directed by Sharron Nelson Corbin and assistant director Gwen Wunder; and "Romeo and Juliet, 50 Years Later," written by Dan Borengasser and directed by Janie Burkey.

This year's emcee will be Kevin Fitzhenry. Actors include Julie Brewster, Michael Clyne, Jeffrey DeMaria, Jerry Depoorter, George Farrell, Vanessa Ferriole, William Giovan, Diana Jones Kirby, Jill Kloster, Jo LeVan, Mateo Manriquez, Avra Maxwell, Monica Quinn McCarthy, Bill McCarthy, Steve Morrison, Geoff Nathan, Amanda Nummy, Arlene Pollock, Phillip Potter, Sal Rubino and Elizabeth Schaefer.

Britton said she looks forward to continuing the play festival.

## The details

- ◆ What: Grosse Pointe Theatre's Take Ten Ten-Minute Play Festival
- ◆ When: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14, followed by Talk Back with participants; and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15.
- ◆ Where: Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ How: Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at [gpt.org/playfest](http://gpt.org/playfest), by calling (313) 881-4004 or at the door.

"We want to continue to offer plays of superior quality that will entice additional audience members to attend the festival," she said. "Very few audience members have ever experienced a whole play in 10 minutes. We want to continue to offer a variety of entertaining theater experiences, so audience members keep coming back."

Visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) for information on all of Grosse Pointe Theatre's productions and programs, as well as membership, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities. Tickets for the 2024-25 season go on sale Aug. 5.



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William Giovan reads from the 10-minute play "Ghost Light" written by Gary Davis of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. "Ghost Light" will be one of the plays performed at this year's Take Ten festival, June 13 to 15.

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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 [grossepoincartscenter.org](http://grossepoincartscenter.org).

◆ 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.

◆ Troubleshooting Workshop with Tracey Ladd, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

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

◆ Portraits in the style of Berthe Morisot with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, June 27, July 11 and July 18.

◆ Introduction to Digital Art with Chris Zientek, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 10 to 31.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

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

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 21, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

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

### Questers

The Pear Tree Questers meet at noon Friday, June 7, at Bayview Yacht Club. Members will hear the 100-year history of the Bayview-Mackinac Race. Members are welcome to bring guests for the lecture and lunch.

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## SENIOR LIVING



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# GOLDEN HEALTH

## Want to be healthier? Spend time in nature!

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Being in good health and avoiding various diseases often comes down to a combination of factors. We may already be aware of the ways that nutrition and exercise play important roles in personal well-being – but it appears that nature may provide its own medicinal benefits as well.

A number of studies have examined the potential healing components of being outdoors. The World Health Organization released a report in 2023 titled “Green and Blue Spaces and Mental Health,” which indicated that time in green spaces improves mood, mindsets and mental health. This seems to occur regardless of whether the experience was found in the countryside or in an urban area. There’s just something hardwired into the human body that makes it sync with nature.



Here are some of the ways you can utilize nature in your everyday life to create a healing effect.

**Immunity protection:** Trees and plants emit aromatic compounds called phytoncides. When inhaled, these compounds can ignite healthy biological changes similar to the concepts of aromatherapy. When people walk in forests or other green areas, they often experience changes in the blood that are associated with protection against cancer, improved immunity and lower blood pressure.

**A brain break:** When spending time outside, attention is focused on the scenery, the animals and the beauty of the environment. This may help quiet the rush of thoughts in the head that clutters the ability to relax and think freely.

**Reduce stress:** Stress is a catalyst for a number of adverse health conditions. The Mayo Clinic says stress can cause headache, muscle tension, fatigue, changes in sex drive, and a weaker immune system, among other things. Being outside in nature and away from work and home responsibilities can greatly reduce stress levels.

**Enhanced vitamin D:** The body naturally produces vitamin D from sun exposure. The National Institutes of Health says it is optimal to have sun exposure for five to 30 minutes a day, most days a week, to absorb UVB rays and effectively make vitamin D. Vitamin D is a nutrient the body needs to build and maintain strong bones. It also regu-

lates many other cellular functions in the body, and may be able to help prevent cognitive decline.

**Inspires exercise:** People may be more inclined to be physically active while outdoors. Hiking, cycling, swimming, and even strolls in the park all make being outside more attractive. Exercise promotes heart health and helps people maintain a healthy weight.

It’s important to make time for nature every day. Whether you are walking the dog or just eating lunch on a sunny park bench, being outdoors is good for more than just your mood. It promotes mental and physical well-being in ways that can be measured.. So get outside and get healthier!

**Above,** the lagoon at Ford Cove on the grounds of the Ford House offers serenity among the sights, sounds and smells of nature.

**Far left,** lilac bushes are a gift of nature few can resist. Below, a stately Ford House tree, is as tranquil as the calm waters around the Ford estate.



## Motivation is what keeps seniors moving

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Motivation can be a significant hurdle when it comes to exercise, and recent studies are a testament to that difficulty.

Global fitness brand Orangetheory®, did a recent study that showed 43 percent of respondents indicated they suffered from a lack of motivation to exercise. Lack of drive can affect people of all ages, including seniors.



However, seniors may be uniquely positioned to overcome their lack of motivation to exercise, particularly if they’re retired and have time on their hands. Seniors who aspire to ex-

ercise more frequently can consider certain strategies if or when motivation becomes an issue.

Exercising away from home can help seniors avoid what has been characterized as “basement burnout.” Home workouts can become monotonous since most people exercise alone and do not have enough room at home for the same array of equipment that’s available at a gym.

Seniors can overcome boring home workouts by joining others at an exercise facility and taking advantage of the social aspect and variety of offerings a gym has. Many clubs offer discounted rates to seniors and some even offer senior-specific fitness classes like yoga and Pilates.

By engaging with others over workouts, seniors can also try using the “buddy system, enlisting friends and family members to join them when

they exercise. Encouraging neighbors or friends to come along to for a favorite regular fitness class or daily walk can keep you both motivated. The National Institute on Turning exercise into a social activity is a great way to deepen friendships while you maintain an exercise plan.

It’s always important to track progress and celebrate successes in order to stay motivated. As exercise efforts pay increasing dividends, seniors may find it’s no longer hard to stay motivated.

Success can be measured in various ways. Some might aspire to produce healthier blood test results at the doctor’s office, while others may hope to lose a few pounds. However you define success, celebrate when you achieve your small and major fitness goals. Rewards such as a spa day, a night out at the theater or a weekend getaway can pro-

vide all the motivation you need to stay the course.

Lastly, don’t be so rigid or hard on yourself that you break your own motivation. Allow yourself, within reason, to be flexible with your routine. Mobility issues and other physical limitations may affect seniors but need not prevent you from exercising. You don’t have to hit the gym four or five days per week every week. Mix up your routine so you can still exercise even if physical limitations make traditional workout routines more challenging.

Go for nature walks on days when your body needs a break from strength-training, and check the forecast at the start of each week so you can rearrange your routine if Mother Nature makes outdoor exercise impossible on certain days. The main factor is to keep going for the long run, despite any detours.

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### JUNE 2024 FITNESS CALENDAR

Mondays:	Thursdays:
9 a.m. Yoga	9 a.m. Tai Chi Beginner Class
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga	10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
10:30 a.m. Active Fit	10:30 a.m. ENHANCE FITNESS
11:45 a.m. ENHANCE FITNESS	11:45 a.m. Strength & Balance
12:45 p.m. Body Alignment	11:45 a.m. Rosa's Fitness
2:30 p.m. Awesome Abs	Combo Class
	1 p.m. Golden and Graceful Ballet
	1 p.m. Guided Meditation
	5:30 p.m. Hustle Dance Lessons
Tuesdays:	Fridays:
9 a.m. Continuing Tai Chi	9 a.m. Yoga
10:30 a.m. ENHANCE FITNESS	10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:30 a.m. Bocce League	10:30 a.m. Active Fit
11:45 a.m. Strength & Balance	11:45 a.m. ENHANCE FITNESS
6 p.m. Ballroom Dancing	1 p.m. Golden and Graceful Ballet
	1 p.m. Guided Meditation
	5:30 p.m. Hustle Dance Lessons
Wednesdays:	For information and a complete calendar, contact THE HELM at helmlife.org.
9 a.m. Yoga	
10:15 a.m. Chair Yoga	
10:30 a.m. Active Fit	
11:45 a.m. ENHANCE FITNESS	



## Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

# Necessity is the mother

My mother came late to driving. She was born in 1908, and grew up in Cincinnati where there were abundant streetcars and buses. She roared through the '20s and weathered the Great Depression.

She and my dad married in 1938. She was 30 and was considered to be teetering on the edge of old maidhood.

They moved to Detroit

and rented an apartment. She didn't need to drive, she said. My dad drove their car to and from work at an advertising agency in Detroit five days a week. My mother stayed home and cleaned and washed and ironed and cooked. She walked to a local market every afternoon to shop for ingredients for their evening meal. Household chores were divvied up in a rather rigid,

unfair manner in the 1940s. Dad worked in an office downtown. Mom took care of everything else.

I was born. They bought a house.

I rode a bus to and from school. When I was in fourth grade, I wanted to be a Girl Scout, which meant I had to stay after school for an extra hour or two and I would need a ride home.

My mother broke down and learned to drive.

My dad started teaching her, but I remember the project quickly deteriorated into arguments, nit-picking, audible sighing, eye-rolling and, eventually, bouts of self-righteous sulking and long stretches of stony silence.

She eventually took driving lessons from a professional, passed with flying colors and obtained a

driver's license. But she was never comfortable with left turns, backing up or freeway driving.

In the 1940s, like most of their friends, my parents had one car. My father drove it to work four days a week. One day each week he took the bus or got a ride from a friend so my mother could use the car to do her weekly errands.

She did the grocery shopping, went to the cleaners, the drug store, the hardware store, the department store and the library. She scheduled doctor and dentist appointments, had lunch with her friends — did everything — all in one exhausting day.

My mother, ever the pragmatist, solved the left-turn phobia by mapping out a route to the places she needed to go and fig-

uring out how to get there by never having to back up and only making right turns.

On her day with the car, my father would back it out of our driveway and park it on the street before he left for work. My mother drove the six or seven blocks to the grocery store in a preplanned circular route. She drove back roads, one block beyond the store, then right and right again into the parking lot. She had some favorite parking slots she could pull into, going forward. If her slots were not available, she went home (again, only right turns) and went back to the store later.

We always had food in the house and as far as I know, my mother never had an accident, not even a fender-bender. And I got to be a Girl Scout.

# Healthy outcomes at The Helm

## From making connections to restoring balance, The Helm helps

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Martha Johns moved to the City of Grosse Pointe from northwest Detroit a few years back, immersing herself into the social scene was the last thing she wanted to do.

"After I found a condo ... my daughter said, 'Now get out and make friends and start doing things,'" she recalled. "I was shy about going somewhere and afraid of what to do when I got

there. I was like a kid going to the first day of school."

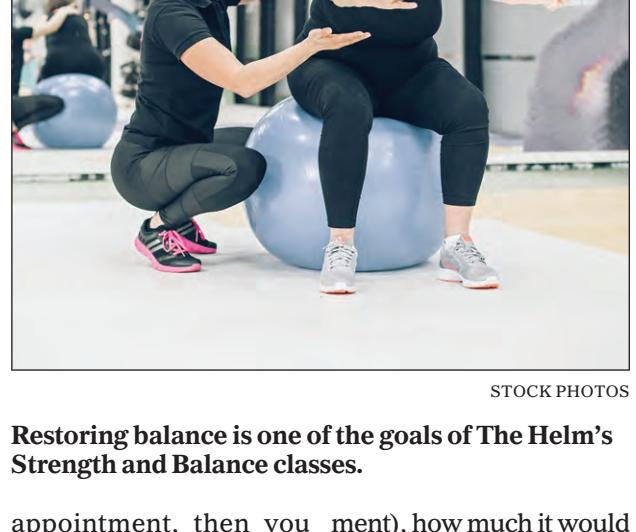
Johns was pleasantly surprised when she started going to The Helm how easy it was to make connections.

"Now I've got a lot of friends," she said. "We go on field trips, have lunch at different restaurants. There's a lot going on. And the social part — you get to be with people anytime. ... You can learn things from the speakers that come in. Some talk about personal safety,

some show you how to make good meals."

Johns faced another fear when she learned about Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS, which offers door-to-door and curb-to-curb service for seniors and disabled residents of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

"I was afraid to take the little bus," she recalled. "I have a horrible sense of direction. I don't know where anything is. ... But they pick you up at your door, take you to your



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**Restoring balance is one of the goals of The Helm's Strength and Balance classes.**

appointment, then you call when you're done and they pick you up and take you back home. That's how I get to The Helm a couple days a week. The drivers are all nice."

Next, Johns started participating in some of The Helm's exercise classes, which she said really helped her health.

"I had a knee replacement a couple years ago; they were surprised at how well I did with it and they said it was because of the exercising I did before (surgery)," she said. "Then when my knee was replaced, they brought me food and made sure I was doing good."

Good fortune also struck when, prior to surgery, Johns casually mentioned to friends at The Helm her upcoming knee replacement — and the help she'd need on the road to recovery. Someone told her about The Helm's medical closet and the variety of items available.

"I had been looking into (buying medical equip-

ment), how much it would cost," she said. "And what would I do with it if I only use it for a couple months? Different people gave me different ideas. I wrote a list of what I thought I would want and (the medical loan closet) had it. That made it so much easier."

"Just sitting at a table and saying something and someone else saying, 'This is what I did,'" she continued. "It's like networking, though not for a job at our ages, but other things that come up you don't know about. Almost anything — gardening, pets — somebody has an idea. It's a good way to share and learn."

Socialization also is important for 78-year-old Dan McCrary of Grosse Pointe Park, but his visits to The Helm have centered on another reason. They helped him get back on his feet again — literally.

A little over a year ago, McCrary began experiencing symptoms of what later was diagnosed as Guillain-Barre Syndrome when, upon returning

home from driving a fellow veteran to an appointment, he had difficulty turning off the key in his ignition.

"I didn't have the strength," he recalled. "I had to use both hands to turn it."

He went to a clinic, but initially was misdiagnosed. Two days later, he could hardly stand. His chiropractor told him to go to the hospital. After being properly diagnosed, he was admitted to an intensive neurology care center and immediately received transfusions, which he believes stopped him from being put on a ventilator.

"It paralyzed me," he said of the syndrome, a rare disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the nerves. Symptoms include weakness and, as McCrary describes it, "pins and needles in my feet, legs, hands and arms."

"For about six months, I couldn't do anything myself," he added, noting he was confined to a wheelchair. "I made it through the healthcare system and did my own healthcare in terms of not having to go into a home. I'm happy I went to The Helm."

Though he thought The Helm was solely a place to hang out socially, his caregiver took him for his first visit, during which he learned about the plethora of classes available. He started with chair yoga.

"Overall, the exercises have been a big, big benefit," McCrary said, noting he also began using PAATS. "They would pick me up for classes I wanted to attend and get me there. I really enjoy the social company, too. For the chair yoga class, we meet 15 or 20 minutes early, get a table and chit chat. I go Mondays,

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The Helm's chair yoga classes helped Dan McCrary walk again after Guillain-Barre Syndrome left him paralyzed.

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Wednesdays and Fridays and it's been an extremely big help in my recovery."

Four months ago, McCrary regained his ability to walk. Then he started taking The Helm's Strength and Balance class.

"It all helped me in my recovery," he said, "even more than the physical therapy I was in."

Though he finds it easier to get around using a wheelchair while at home, McCrary no longer needs to use one when he leaves the house. He has kept up exercising at The Helm.

"I'm doing chair yoga like never before," he said. "There are three different instructors and each one does something different. Every class I come out of, I feel that much better."

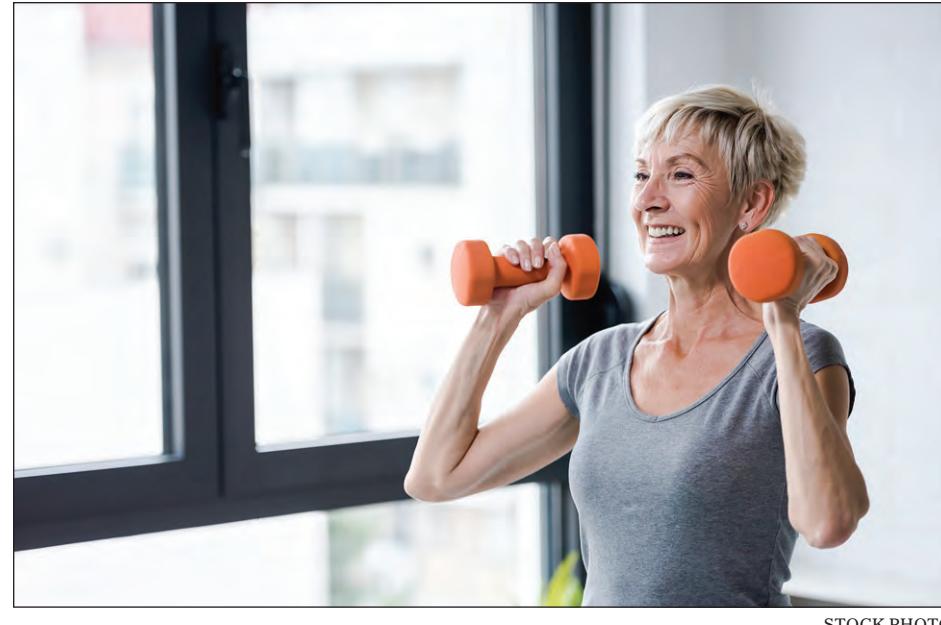
"... If you don't use your body parts, you lose all those things. If you're in bed for six months, muscles don't get used. I was in pretty good condition before I had this (Guillain-Barre Syndrome). Now I'm in a new phase of my recovery."

Exercise classes at The Helm also helped Richard Scott of Grosse Pointe Farms, whose goal wasn't to get back on both feet, rather to stand on one.

Scott is licensed with the U.S. Coast Guard to operate 100-ton vessels. The past 15 years, he has been delivering sail and power boats around the Great Lakes and between Lake St. Clair, as well as up and down the Atlantic Coast and the Bahamas.

"Every five years you have to get re-certified and pass the Coast Guard certification test, which requires hearing tests, eye tests, drug tests, medical tests," he continued. "Part of it requires me to prove my balance by standing on one foot for 10 seconds or more."

While preparing for the March exam last December, Scott noticed he was having trouble standing on one foot. His wife, Irene, who takes classes at The Helm, recommended he take a look



**Having previously taken exercise classes at The Helm helped Martha Johns quickly recovery from knee replacement surgery.**

at what is offered.

"I went four days a week in January, February and March," he said. "I explained to the instructor what I wanted to do and by March, I was able to stand on one foot

just wanted to congratulate the instructors and the whole organization. I highly recommend it."

Scott's love for boats and the water led him to stay active long into retirement. At 81, while he isn't delivering boats anymore, he likes to maintain his sea legs for other reasons.

"My wife and I are living on a boat in Georgian Bay for three months," he said, noting he has stopped taking classes at The Helm for now, but plans to resume when he's back in the Farms.

Not so for Johns, who has no plans for a hiatus from The Helm. Her daughter teases her that she "lives at the Helm," as she can be found there four days a week.

"Some days I do a couple things," she said. "Maybe I'll take an exercise class in the morning, then something else later on."

She's also fond of the book loan program.

"You bring books in to read, take a book home and bring it back when you're done," she said. "There are so many things; you've got to be able to find something."

McCrary also continues his journey with The Helm one day at a time, he said. While his syndrome is curable, he believes his age and the extent it affected his body have prolonged his progress.

"Krista had tears in her eyes when I met her," Scott said. "She was so pleased I wrote a letter. I think I'll work through it, but it will take

another three or four months of hard work," he said. "When I'm cured, when I'm without pins and needles, when it's really subsided, that's what I'm working toward, but everybody's just a little bit different. In my case, I got better from the neuropathy in my nerves, but now I'm dealing with the lymphatic system. But I have high hopes. I'm in good spirits and I'm back to work in terms of helping other veterans and helping students."

McCrary, commander of American Legion Post 303, helped coach Detroiter Wisdom Love Walker to a state title in the American Legion's annual oratorical contest. "There are always times when I would have liked things to go a little better, but I do have a positive attitude," he said. "When I first started, I knew nothing. There are not many places like The Helm."

The Helm is located at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Exercise offerings:

- ◆ Yoga — 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- ◆ Chair Yoga — 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- ◆ Active Fit — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- ◆ Tai Chi for Beginners — 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays
- ◆ Tai Chi for Intermediates — 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays
- ◆ Rosa's Fitness Combo Class — 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays
- ◆ Strength and Balance — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Cost is \$7 per class for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

## And more:

The Helm also offers a variety of social gatherings and outings, speakers and crafts to get involved in. For information about or to register for the following, call (313) 882-9600.

- ◆ Evening Speaker Series: Estate Planning for Gen X and Beyond, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, with Rob Lubera, Esq.
- ◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, Little Tony's, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Transportation is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Monday Morning Speaker Series: Travels with Peter Haley, 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, June 17.
- ◆ Field Trip to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 18. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Let's Get Artsy: Paperfolding, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 25, with instructor Linda Boyle. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Field Trip to The Rustic Root Design Co., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers, and includes lunch at Shores Inn.
- ◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 28, sponsored by Temrowski Eldercare. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for non-members.

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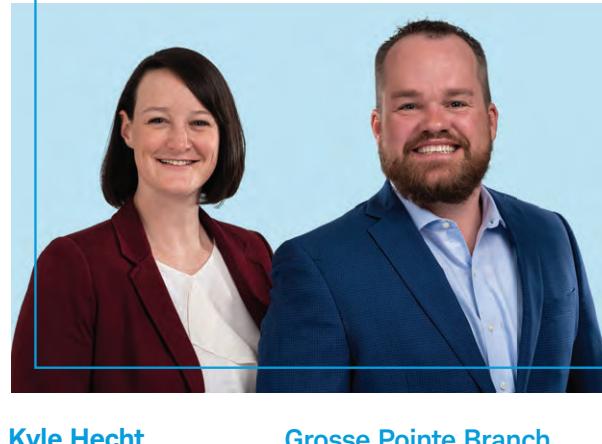
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## 6B | OBITUARIES

# OBITUARIES

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

## Stephen Worthington Smith

Stephen Worthington Smith, 91, passed away peacefully Friday, May 24, 2024. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

Stephen was born May 18, 1936, in Grosse Pointe, where he spent his childhood years. He attended high school at Taft School in Watertown, Conn., and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

He met the love of his life, Judith (nee Crawford), at Trinity College. He proposed after their third date and their love affair spanned 65 years. He and Judith moved from Grosse Pointe to La Jolla, Calif., in 1980. He eventually split his time between La Jolla and Sun Valley, Idaho, with his final residence in Las Vegas, close to family.

Stephen started his finance career at National Bank of Detroit and went on to have a successful career in equipment financing for various global ventures in high-tech, biotech and emerging growth companies.

Outside of work, Stephen was an active volunteer. From 1988 to 1994, he was a board member and eventual chairman of the board of trustees for the Scripps Whittier Institute in La Jolla. He was a board member of the Sun Valley Elkhorn Homeowners Association, chairman of the board of directors for the Arrowwood Association in Sun Valley and a sponsor of the Sun Valley Music Festival. In retirement, Stephen's passion for education was realized through the Maktaba Project in Tanzania, Africa, helping establish several libraries that brought technology and learning resources to women, children and families in rural Tanzanian villages.

Stephen had an affinity for recounting stories from the past, recalling specific dates, events, people and places with uncanny precision. He had a remarkable memory for the times and locations of fantastic meals he enjoyed, along with the wines that accompanied them.

He was an intrepid traveler with Judith by his side and easily made friends wherever he went. Stephen was a devoted fan of the Detroit Lions and enjoyed golf-

ing, fishing and playing backgammon. He cherished dinner parties with delicious food and wine as it brought people together. Throughout his life, the most important treasures to Stephen were his family and friends.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Judith; and their three children, Constance Lundy (Darryl), Stephen Smith Jr. (Eve) and Peter Smith (Celeste). He was an extremely proud grandfather of Allison and Stephen Smith III and William Lundy. They meant the world to him. He was a dear uncle to Frederick W. Campbell III and William Y. Campbell. Stephen was predeceased by his parents, Marjorie (nee Spence) and Yates Gorham Smith; his sister, Marjorie Campbell (nee Smith); infant brother, Yates Jr.; and his niece, Susan D. Campbell.

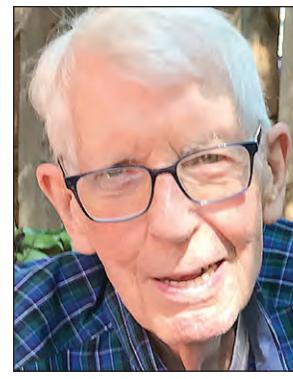
Stephen will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know him. A private celebration of life will be held for family and close friends at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of the donor's choice in Stephen's name.

His university days proved formative in another way. In Ann Arbor he met the love of his life, Beverly Fullerton. Their marriage lasted 57 years until her death in 2010.

His legal career spanned more than four decades and allowed



Stephen W. Smith



Clifford Sadler

## Clifford "Kip" Sadler

Clifford "Kip" Sadler, 93, died Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. He was a 63-year resident of Grosse Pointe Shores and longtime patent attorney at Ford Motor Co.

Kip was born June 28, 1930. In a private summary of his work life written after his 1995 retirement, he recounted how his interests in law and engineering led him to pursue a career in patent law.

He also was inspired by one of his professors at the University of Michigan, his father, Walter C. Sadler, the author of the class textbook.

His university days proved formative in another way. In Ann Arbor he met the love of his life, Beverly Fullerton. Their marriage lasted 57 years until her death in 2010.

His legal career spanned more than four decades and allowed him to cross paths with some of the auto industry's legendary figures. After graduating from U of M's law school, Mr. Sadler joined the Packard Motor Car Co., in Detroit as a patent attorney. There he worked with engineer John DeLorean, who later led the Pontiac and Chevrolet divisions for General Motors before founding his own car company.

Following Packard's merger with Studebaker Corp., Mr. Sadler became part of the legal team at defense contractor Utica-Bend Corp. He returned to the auto industry in 1959, when he moved to Ford's Office of the General Counsel. In 1981, he was named the automaker's counsel in charge of patents, trademarks and licensing.

Among the notable case work cited in Mr. Sadler's career summary was Packard's conflict with Pan American Airways over the use of the "Clipper" trademark. At Ford, he was involved in disputes

with inventor Robert Kearns over patents on intermittent windshield wipers and with racing legend Carroll Shelby over the use of the brand names "GT350" and "Cobra." Mr. Sadler also helped create Ford's trademark licensing group.

He was a former president of the Michigan Patent Law Association (now the Michigan Intellectual Property Association) and board member of the International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition. He also was a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church for many years.

Mr. Sadler counted among his regrets the fact he never served in the U.S. military. His father was an officer in both world wars. During World War II, his brother, Dan, was in the Navy V-12 program and his brother, Robert, perished in the Pacific aboard the ill-fated USS Golet submarine.

In retirement, Mr. Sadler relished traveling throughout the Great Lakes region with his family. He is survived by his two loving children, Susan, of Bloomfield Hills, and Robert, of Hacienda Heights, Calif.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 29, at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## THOMAS ANTHONY CRACCHIOLO

JANUARY 10, 1927 - MARCH 29, 2024



Thomas Anthony Cracchiolo, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, was gifted by the Lord, with a wonderfully long life of 97 years. His beloved wife of 69 years, Carol Ann, joined him in their eternal life together, just three days later. Together, Tom and Carol proudly raised four daughters: Bernadette (Hartmut), Ann (Ron), Lisa (John), and Carol (Rick). Tom was lovingly known as "Poppie" to his eight grandchildren: Izzy, Christopher, Meghan (Alp), Claire, Natalie, Thomas John (Nanouli), Emily, Thomas William (Sabrina), and his first great-grandchild, Celeste. He is survived by his brother, Raymond. Tom was predeceased by his siblings: Phyllis, Roma, Joseph, Antoinette, Lena, Sam, and Peter. He was known as a supportive and loving uncle to numerous nephews and nieces.

Tom was the youngest of nine children born to Italian immigrant parents. As a youngster he learned the importance and value of hard work, as he labored alongside his siblings to help support the family. After completing technical school, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces, and served his country in Guam. Upon his honorable discharge, Tom partnered with his brothers to co-found several corporations including Burns Automatic and Burns Cold Forge. Leveraging the combined talents of the brothers, they advanced the use of cold forging technology to manufacture tooling and industrial parts. Within years, Masco and the Burns companies would merge, and Tom and his brothers would assume other executive leadership

boards and foundations throughout his life including as the Founding Chairman of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, the President of Holy Cross Children's Services, and a Cabinet Member of the Solanus Casey Center.

Tom derived great joy from nature and God's earthly creations. He loved being outdoors, and walking in the woods identifying trees, plants, and birds. As a steward of the land, he planted many fruit trees and black walnut trees for the next generations to enjoy. He enjoyed the water and was an avid boater and fisherman. Tom shared friendly competition and laughter with his friends playing cards, and on the golf course and tennis court. He continued to play tennis and enjoy the company of his tennis buddies into his 90's!

Tom lived an exemplary life of personal integrity, hard work, humility, generosity, compassion, and humor. Many sought his wise counsel. Tom's life example, loving care, and generosity have indelibly enriched the lives of all those who have had the privilege to know him.

A joint Celebration of Life was held for Tom and Carol in a Funeral Mass on May 17, 2024 at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery.

Memorial donations to honor Tom Cracchiolo may be made to: Solanus Casey Center: thecapuchins.org; Capuchin Soup Kitchen: cskdetroit.org; East African Children's Fund: eafund.org



## CAROL ANN (BARBA) CRACCHIOLO

JULY 5, 1936 - APRIL 1, 2024



Carol Ann (Barba) Cracchiolo, a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, died peacefully in her home. She was surrounded by love, music, prayers, and laughter as she left her earthly life. She followed her beloved husband of 69 years, Thomas Anthony Cracchiolo, who had joined his Lord just three days prior. Carol was born in Grosse Pointe, to Melvin and Bernadette Barba, the eldest of three children. She was predeceased by her beloved sister, Bernadette (Bea), and her brother, Thomas.

Carol attended St. Paul's Academy and was a devout Catholic whose faith served as a compass in guiding her life, in times of both joy and sorrow. She demonstrated her Catholic values through her compassion, gratitude, and generosity toward others.

Carol was passionate about creating beauty in her home and garden for her family and friends to enjoy. She held a decorator's license for many years, which enabled her to utilize her creative talents and love of color. She had a natural gift for combining color and pattern in unconventional, yet exquisite ways, which were expressed in her decor and wardrobe. She looked forward to the holidays, adorning the house with seasonal decorations that were both elegant and whimsical. Carol demonstrated her love through her cooking and gift-giving. Inspired by her husband's culture, she became an experienced Italian cook. Carol had many hidden talents about which she was quite humble. She painted for many years, experimenting with various media and styles. She learned how to

design and create beautiful stained glass windows. Carol had a lovely singing voice. She had an enduring sense of humor, often involving antics with her sister, Bea. She also enjoyed sharing laughter with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was perpetually young at heart.

Carol volunteered her talents of event planning and design in numerous community service organizations. She was chair of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Ascension Hospital's White Christmas Ball, and created and implemented fundraising events for the University Liggett School.

She served as Secretary for the Young Women's Home Association. Carol served her church for many years as a CCD instructor, and was involved in Cursillo. She was a member of Project Hope and the Fr. Solanus Casey committee. Together with her husband, Tom, they left an impactful legacy with numerous philanthropic projects, especially those targeting the needs of women and children. In particular, they sought to alleviate food insecurity and support education and skills training.

Carol and Tom encouraged their four daughters' personal growth and academic pursuits. They took great joy in traveling internationally as a family. They exposed their

children to diverse cultures, art, history, architecture, and cuisine. Carol and Tom continued to foster their own friendships as a couple through their travels with the Nomads group.

As partners they instilled a love of nature and animals in their daughters and grandchildren. They immersed the family in the outdoors through camping trips, walking in the fields and woods, planting and harvesting gardens, tending fruit trees, raising swans, and a veritable menagerie at their beloved "Farm". Both Carol and Tom enjoyed the company of wild birds, and made sure that their numerous bird feeders were always full.

Carol is survived by her four daughters: Bernadette (Hartmut), Ann (Ron), Lisa (John), and Carol (Rick); eight grandchildren: Izzy, Christopher, Meghan (Alp), Claire, Natalie, Thomas John (Nanouli), Emily, Thomas William (Sabrina), and her first great-grandchild, Celeste. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and shared a special bond with her sister's son, Thomas.

Carol's inner and outer radiance and beauty were exemplified in her smile, laughter, zest for life, and her acts of love and generosity. She has inspired us all to carry and share her light.

A joint Celebration of Life for both Carol and Thomas was held in a Funeral Mass on May 17, 2024 at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery.

Memorial donations to honor Carol Cracchiolo may be made to: Solanus Casey Center: thecapuchins.org; Capuchin Soup Kitchen: cskdetroit.org; East African Children's Fund: eafund.org

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**William Dennison Leonard Sr.**

William Dennison Leonard Sr., 85, died Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The son of native Detroiters Barbara A. and Raymond C. Leonard, "Bill" was born Friday, May 13, 1938, in Detroit. He graduated in 1956 from Grosse Pointe High School, where he lettered in basketball and tennis. Bill went on to attend Colgate University and Wayne State University before transferring to the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor's degree in history. He then joined the U.S. Army Reserve during the Berlin crisis before returning to U of M to earn an MBA.

When he returned to U of M from the U.S. Army, Mary, his future wife, moved in next door on Hoover Street to begin her teaching career at Whitmore Lake. They were married two-and-a-half years later in Niles.

In 1963, Bill began his retailing career at the J.L. Hudson Co. In 1977, he moved to the Crowley Milner Co. In 1983, he opened his own women's clothing store, Dennison's, in the heart of The Village of Grosse Pointe. Frequently referred to by many of the store's customers as "Mr. Dennison," Bill always played along before engaging them in friendly conversation. Thanks to the loyalty and hard work of his associates, along with the support and assistance of his wife, Mary, and their two children, William Jr. and Mary, Dennison's had a wonderful 22-year run. He also opened a second Dennison's location in New Baltimore during that time.

Bill loved all sports and was an avid fan of the University of Michigan, where he was a season ticket holder for the Wolverine's football team for more than 50 years. Former U of M head coaching legend Bo Schembechler was his hero. Bill also loved to play tennis and golf, seeking out opportunities to play on some of the country's finest golf courses from coast to coast.

Bill was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. He was a past member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where he and Mary spent many winters and enjoyed spending time with extended family who lived there.

Bill loved being with his family and they spent many wonderful vacations together. He and Mary spent many hours supporting their children and grandchildren in their endeavors. They coached and sponsored their children's baseball, softball, basketball, soccer and floor hockey teams. They also tried not to miss any of their grandchildren's school concerts, dance recitals or sporting events. They attended nearly every meet or game they could for gymnastics, swimming, softball, soccer, basketball, baseball and flag football.

Bill is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary



William Leonard Sr.



Sandra Jean Tenkel



Louise Wright Hudson



Edward J. Stroble Jr.



Raymond Joseph Smith

Margaret (nee McLauchlin) Leonard; his beloved children, William Jr. (Meg) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mary Leonard Ritter (Edwin) of Winder, Ga. He also is survived by his precious grandchildren, Kathryn, William III, Elisabeth and John "Jack" Leonard, who will dearly miss their "Papa." He also is survived by his sister, Barbara Leonard Orr. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Raymond C. Leonard Jr.

A celebration of life will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation will occur from 9 to 10 a.m. before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, heart.org, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org/donate or The Helm at the Boll Life Center, helmlife.org/donate.

**Sandra Jean Tenkel**

Sandra Jean Tenkel, 81, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at home, surrounded by her loving family after a 20-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Sandy was a beacon of light and warmth to those who knew her.

She was born July 15, 1942, at Grace Hospital in Detroit, to Edwin and Zeda Mills. Growing up in Utica, she was a proud graduate of Utica High School. Her passion for service to the community led her to enroll at Central Michigan University, where she earned a degree in elementary education in 1964. Sandy furthered her studies at Wayne State University, earning a Master's of Education degree in 1969.

Sandy's life was rich with love and adventure, beginning with a chance meeting with Frank, her soulmate, in 1965, at a ski club meeting. Their love blossomed, leading to marriage in 1967.

Their son, Scott, arrived in 1970, and daughter, Lisa, in 1972. Sandy was an elementary teacher in the Warren Consolidated Schools and Grosse Pointe Public School systems nearly 30 years. Her last decade of teaching was spent in first grade at Ferry Elementary School, near her home. She was a master teacher who was devoted to her craft and beloved by her students and their families.

She retired from teaching in 2000, embracing the next chapter of her life with open arms. She dedicated her time to volunteering, enjoying her grandchildren, studying and practicing yoga, starting a book club, traveling domestically and abroad, hosting dinners and holidays for family and friends and attend-

ing performances at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit Opera Theater. She was able to fulfill her dream of experiencing spiritual pilgrimages with Fr. Bernie Owen in Italy in November 2015, and the Holy Land in June 2017. Sandy loved to helm the family sailboat and was an avid skier, enjoying many trips up north and out west with Snowmass being her favorite ski area. She played golf and walked the Ford House nature preserve with her closest friends even during her illness.

Sandy's faith was a life cornerstone, demonstrated in her commitment to serving others. A pillar of St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores, she led the earth ministry, taught religious education, hosted many church Christmas parties and was a vital part of small church and prayer groups. Sandy's volunteer work included teaching adults to read and write at the Dominican Literacy Center in Detroit along with serving the homeless and shut-ins. She also was an officer of the Delta Kappa Gamma professional teaching sorority in Grosse Pointe. An educator and lifelong learner, Sandy chose books over TV with the only exception being "60 Minutes" on Sunday and the occasional PBS program.

Sandy leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication. She will be greatly missed by her devoted husband, Frank; son, Scott (Vicki) of Rochester Hills; daughter, Lisa Rushing (John) of El Segundo, Calif.; and grandchildren, Alex, Brendan and Cameron Tenkel, and Jackson Rushing. She also is remembered by her sisters, Judy Wellhausen, Janet Parrott and Susan McMillan, and their husbands, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass with

livestream to celebrate Sandy's life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Family and friends will be received 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 14, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Sandy will be inurned at Resurrection Cemetery

in Clinton Township.

In honor of her memory, the family requests donations be made to the Dominican Literacy Center, 5555 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213, or dlcliteracy.org.

Friends are invited to share photos, memories and stories in remembrance of her remarkable life and profound impact on many.

**Louise Wright Hudson**

Louise Wright Hudson, 62, passed away Friday, April 12, 2024, at Ascension St. John Hospital.

Louise was born Feb. 27, 1962, in Detroit, to Jean Wright Hudson and Joseph L. Hudson Jr.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Pine Manor College in Newton, Mass., and worked at Sotheby's New York in client and administrative services.

Louise will be remembered for her wit and determination. Her keen observations and ability to recall childhood memories in vivid detail brought delight to family and friends.

Music played an important role in Louise's life. As a child, Louise was fond of musical scores. In later years, Louise favored the genre of Carole King, James Taylor and Patsy Cline. Louise enjoyed taking singing lessons and memorized the lyrics of her favorite songs.

Louise was especially fond of dogs. Recognizing this love, she and her great-cousin, Eloise Webber, chose a springer spaniel puppy named Daffodil to become her first pet. Louise took great pride in raising Daffy's two litters of puppies.

Louise's physicians provided Louise remarkable patience and encouragement. The Hudsons extend their thanks to Drs. Auran, Feltheimer, Flanagan, Luciano, Moskavitz, Prostak, Roland, Shapiro and Silver for the skillful

courses of treatment that underpinned Louise's safety and health in later years. The family gratefully thanks Nana Magradze for her special care throughout Louise's final years in New York City.

Louise is survived by

her sister, Jean Hudson Witmer (Richard); and brothers, Richard Webster Hudson (Kelly) and Joseph L. Hudson IV (Lydie).

Louise's memorial service will be livestreamed from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at gpmchurch.org. She will be interred at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Central Park Conservancy in New York City, centralparknyc.org/support.

**Edward J. Stroble Jr.**

Edward J. Stroble Jr., 91, passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Bloomfield Hills.

Edward was predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Catherine Stroble (née Linn).

He is survived by his three sons, Edward III (Meegan), Andrew (Jennifer) and Tom (Kristin).

He also was a loving grandfather to Patrick, Avery, Maeve,

Madeleine, Lindsey, Thomas Jr. and Tyler.

Edward was born Dec. 17, 1932, in Detroit. He lived a full and memorable life, spending most of his life in the Grosse Pointes. Edward was proud to have served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was the founder of several businesses in the metals processing industry and enjoyed the challenge of solving complex engineering problems.

He was an avid inventor, spending much of his time designing and building custom machinery operated by the companies.

Edward had many hobbies including golf, tennis and hunting. But above all, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. He particularly enjoyed time spent at his summer home at the Chicago Club in Charlevoix where he and his wife Mary would host friends and family for memorable weeks all summer long.

The family will receive friends for a memorial gathering at 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 22, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Raymond Joseph Smith**

Raymond Joseph Smith, 86, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 23, 2024.

He was born Jan. 18, 1938, to Raymond and Marie Smith. He was the co-owner of Meldrum and Smith Nursery, which operated in the community for more than 63 years.

Ray married Judy Knack Aug. 29, 1959, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. They enjoyed 53 loving years together until her passing July 29, 2011.

Ray had many interests in life. He loved the outdoors, boating and fishing. He also was a devout Catholic and an active member of St. Clare of Montefalco. His hardworking nature was evident and lives on through his children. Of all of his interests and hobbies, Ray most loved spending time with his family.

He was proud of his children, Raymond Smith (Eileen), Bonnie Ireson, Susan Cook (John), Meghan Beers (Derek) and the late Robert Smith. He adored his grandchildren, Raymond, Matthew, Olivia, Paul, Brady, Cameron and Blake. He will be missed by his loving siblings, Doris Decker (the late Jerry), Marilyn Funk (Wayne), Lawrence Smith (the late Pam) and Karen Ellis (Gary). Ray was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Adams (the late Vaughn). He will be missed by many loving friends and extended family members.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. His family will receive guests at 9:30 a.m. His ashes will be interred next to his beloved wife Judy's ashes immediately after Mass at the church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, give now.lls.org.

**MCMM Joe Serventi Memorial Charity Golf Outing is June 21**

Motor City Mitten Mission's Joe Serventi Memorial Charity Golf Outing takes place Friday, June 21, at Chandler Park Golf Course in Detroit, and spots are available for interested golfers.

The outing is named for MCMM board member Joe Serventi, who was on the board since MCMM began in 2018. He passed away in February.

"Joe was an amazing friend and supporter of MCMM and in his spirit, we promise to make this a fun and memorable event with the opportunity to help support the Motor City Mitten Mission programs along with the Shorewood

Kiwanis initiatives that are so important to our metro Detroit communities," said Gail Marlow, MCMM executive director.

MCMM currently is focusing on its street outreach program, which provides food, clothing and other basic needs, as well as connecting people with mental health services, substance abuse treatment, medical services and housing assistance.

"In spite of our important work, the Motor City Mitten Mission is at a critical time right now and needs more financial assistance than ever before," Marlow said. "Recently, we've had to cut some of our programming and with homelessness

on the rise, our services are needed more than ever."

All proceeds from the outing support MCMM programs. Cost per single golfer is \$125 and includes 18 holes with cart, brunch, dinner and a gift bag. Skins for a foursome cost \$100; 50/50 raffle tickets are \$50 each.

Dinner-only tickets are \$50 and also include entertainment and a gift bag.

"We are also still looking for sponsors and silent auction items," Marlow added.

Email [kindness@motorcitymittenmission.org](mailto:kindness@motorcitymittenmission.org) and register at [birdease.com/mcmmj](http://birdease.com/mcmmj).

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## ERC to host picnic at Patterson Park

Lakeside breezes and Patterson Park shade will welcome Eastside Republican Club members and guests gathering for the club's 22nd annual summer picnic at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 9.

"It's a great opportunity for eastsiders to meet and talk with like-minded neighbors, as well as state and local candidates and office-holders," said Eastside Republican Club chair Mike Vethacke, announcing the annual club picnic. "All are welcome, but help us plan for the food by RSVP."

Register for the event by calling or texting (313) 466-1345.

The Sunday event runs from 1 to 4 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Guest chef Max Wiener worked the grill during the club's 2023 picnic. He will serve in that role again from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 9.**

Matthew Patterson Park, 16006 Essex in Grosse Pointe Park, also known as "Three Mile Park," is a popular place to picnic on Lake St. Clair. Kids are attracted to the splash pad and playscape, while teens and parents may notice the park's putting greens, shoreline boardwalk, pickle ball, bocce ball and landscaped fountain.

The Eastside Republican Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, September to May, at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at [EastsideRepublican.Club](http://EastsideRepublican.Club) or follow the ERC on Facebook or X @ [@EastsideGOP](https://www.x.com/EastsideGOP).

## Annual Giant Garage Sale is June 14-15

Spring cleaning has brought a bounty of treasures to Assumption Cultural Center, which hosts its 14th annual Giant Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15.

Gently used items for sale include children's clothing, toys and equipment; adult clothing and accessories; sports equipment; home décor; furniture; gardening tools; bicycles; books and more.

Food and baked goods also will be available for purchase.

All proceeds benefit Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, as well as Assumption Nursery School & Toddler Center.

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 779-6111.

## Pregnancy Aid annual river cruise is June 29

Pregnancy Aid of Detroit is hosting its annual Detroit River Cruise Saturday, June 29.

Guests will board the Diamond Belle riverboat at 6:15 p.m. at the foot of Joseph Campau on Detroit's Eastside. The cruise gets underway at 6:30 p.m. from the mouth of Lake St. Clair, traveling downriver beyond the Ambassador Bridge, then returning to port around 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$65 and increase to \$75 if purchased after Friday, June 14. Dinner from Sahara Restaurant, soft drinks and desserts are included. A cash bar will sell beer, mixed drinks and wine. Tickets for raffle prizes are \$10 each and 50-50 tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. For cruise tickets or more information, contact [pregnancyaiddetroit.org](http://pregnancyaiddetroit.org).

## Fundraiser supports family's cancer battle

By Grace Cueter  
Staff Intern

From 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, is hosting a fundraiser in support of the Bremer family.

The Bremers, Adam and Erin, are committed and involved Grosse Pointe community members. Erin Bremer currently is battling stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. The fundraiser will support the Bremer family and Erin Bremer's medical treatment.

The longtime Grosse Pointers have dedicated their lives to serving the community. Erin Bremer grew up in the Pointes and attended Grosse Pointe South High School, while her dad served as a Grosse Pointe Park detective. Adam Bremer's mother and grandfather served as city managers, his mom in the City of Grosse Pointe and his grandfather in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Erin Bremer followed in her father's law enforcement footsteps and served as a dispatcher in both the Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores. Her husband has been a public safety officer in the Pointes more than 10 years and currently serves in the Park.

The impact he's had on his department became clear when the department took on the responsibility of the

June 8 fundraiser. Members of the Park department and Alicia Carlisle, owner of Cabbage Patch Saloon, worked together to plan the event and succeeded in gaining community support.

The compassion and generosity the couple has experienced is something Adam Bremer is grateful for in the midst of difficulty.

"This outpouring of support, not only from the police departments, but from the community and residents has been super nice so far," he said.

The fundraiser will include a tin-can raffle, drinks, food and community. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a hot dog and a draft beer. All proceeds from ticket sales and a portion of the bar sales go directly to the Bremer family.

Donations for the Bremer family also may be dropped off to Rob Ruggiero at the Park Public Safety Department, 15115 E. Jefferson.

The Bremers greatly appreciate the support they've received from the public safety departments, Carlisle and the community.

"It is overwhelming in a good way," Adam Bremer said. "Me and my wife are really happy with it. It is a trying time, so it is really nice to see."

For more information or to buy tickets, call (313) 821-1111.

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Sponsor and chairperson of the event is Joanne Niederoest.

## Library

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

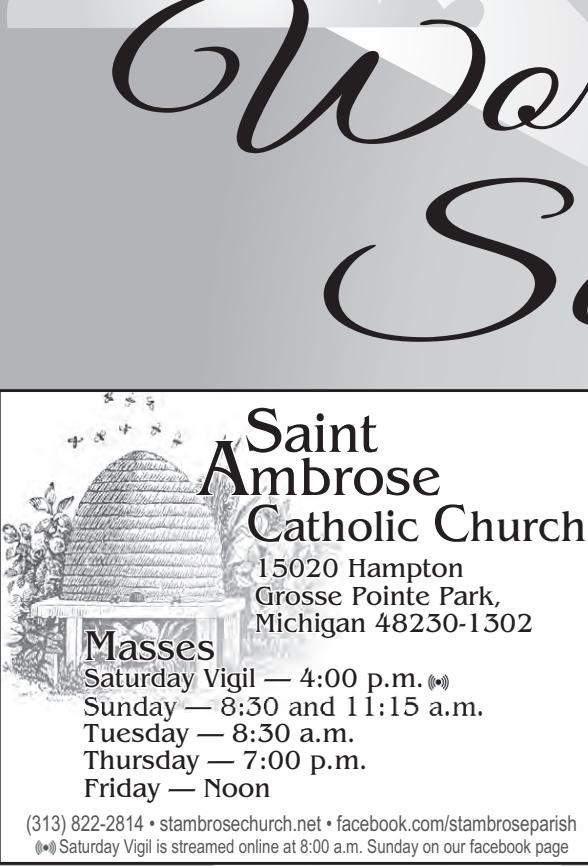
◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Hustle for Health Dance Classes, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Adventures of Drawing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Masses Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m. Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Tuesday — 8:30 a.m. Thursday — 7:00 p.m. Friday — Noon



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## Woods, 20680 Mack, Park.

◆ Cirque Amongus Summer Reading Celebration, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Hustle for Health Dance Class, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Cirque Amongus Summer Reading Celebration, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Takeover, 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

## 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](http://familycenterhelps.org) or RSVP to [maryjo@familycenterhelps.org](mailto:maryjo@familycenterhelps.org)

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

10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Woods library.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Donna Hill of Save a Voiceless Dog Rescue, or SAVEd, speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

## Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, June 13, at the pavilion at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park. Hostess Joanne Niederoest will provide a picnic lunch. Afterward, the group will hold its annual election of officers. Per club tradition, members are asked to wear hats and this year are asked to wear beach hats. After the business meeting, the group will hear a talk about Michigan wildflowers.

## Worship Service



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## EyesOn Design: Showtime

By Dick Ruzzin  
Guest Writer

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

Six weeks later on a bright, sunny and warm Sunday, we had a wonderful first show at the historic and prestigious Grosse Pointe Academy on Lakeshore. The location had been arranged by Dr. Philip Hessburg. The show scene was striking: More than 100 beautifully presented historic and classic automobiles from the past, present and future were under the trees on the shore of Lake St. Clair.

Huge trucks from GM, Ford and Chrysler unloaded the concept cars. What a sight it was as they appeared. Some cars were placed close to Lakeshore so people driving by would see them and hopefully stop and attend the show. The Academy had a huge lawn and many trees with sunlight filtering through the leaves. With a few helpers to facilitate the judging, we were able to organize all the classes into logical groups and place them in a way that best expressed their visual qualities. We were all busy as we only had a small group of volunteers to organize the layout of the field. Many car own-



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY LIGHTBODY

This Citroën won the People's Choice award during the EyesOn Design Sunday Drive, which took place during the pandemic.

ers pitched in to help. Everyone felt the excitement of helping start a new event that honored excellence in automobile design.

Stu Shuster and I had developed a set of design judging rules that were given to the judges participating in the first event. The new set of rules leveraged the professional design experience and skills the judges — all car designers —

brought with them. They would use their design knowledge and skills to evaluate the cars in the different classes and give awards to those they deemed to be outstanding. They would prove to be fair and honest, just as they must be in evaluating design work every day.

We had 102 cars for our first show, not including the concept cars from GM, Ford and Chrysler,

and in spite of having a few small glitches, the day was a great success. The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology earned more money than through any event in its history.

As suggested by Dr. Hessburg, we gave Lifetime Achievement Awards to Gordon Buehrig, an accomplished Grosse Pointe car designer who designed

the Cord 810, and to Strother MacMinn, the design chair at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif. He was the premier automotive design teacher in the world. Both designers were absolutely thrilled. Both were at the show; spending time with them was priceless for me.

Dr. Hessburg suggested since sight is enhanced by ocular

devices, the awards should be made of crystal, the same material used to improve sight. That is what we did. Special crystal was used to make unique design awards created by a glass artist in California. They were given to each class winner. Crystal awards were also given for the people's choice award and the overall show winner.

Although time was short, Dr. Hessburg suggested an event program for the first year and that it was important to formally recognize all of the local and industry sponsors. The program was quickly put together and turned out to be a terrific success. I was told if I wanted to put anything written into the program I had to submit it immediately or lose the opportunity. I then thought there could be a lot of people who might attend the show who did not know anything about automotive design or the fact the profession exists. They would not know the automotive design profession was created years earlier by Harley Earl, a Grosse Pointe resident. I immediately sat down and wrote a history called, "Automotive Design, the People and the Process." Years later it is still a valid statement and good representation of automotive design history and the creation of the automotive design profession.

See SHOW, page 2C

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Gabrielle Deschaine, LPC

## The effectiveness of therapy



Therapy is a type of relationship called a therapeutic alliance which thrives when there is reflection and connection similar to personal relationships. In order to be effective, a therapeutic alliance offers the client a sense of being seen, heard and responded to through compassionate curiosity, much like a mother does with a baby. However, this exchange happens with a stranger, not someone close to you, which often leads many to question the effectiveness of therapy. How is one supposed to find the right connection that will allow safe disclosures to happen?

Luckily, therapy isn't a one-size-fits-all endeavor. There are many modalities one can choose from which can foster connection between a therapist and oneself. Finding the right fit depends on exploring what modalities reflect and mirror the way you think, the way you process and the way you communicate. It isn't solely the practitioner we need to connect with, but the process as well.

To begin, one might consider the popular, albeit not scientifically proven, concept of left vs. right brain thinkers. The left hemisphere is commonly believed to be logical, analytic, quantitative, rational and verbal. For "left brain" thinkers, well-known Cognitive Behavioral Therapy approaches are plentiful and widely used. CBT is primarily verbal, solution-focused and structured. Interventions look like changing distorted cognitions, skill-building, journaling, role playing, homework assignments and stress reduction techniques.

On the other hand, the right hemisphere is commonly described as conceptual, holistic, intuitive, imaginative

and non-verbal. "Right brain" thinkers may resonate with approaches that engage the imaginal realm, expressive arts and the body.

Henry Corbin, a French scholar and close friend of Carl Jung, described the Imaginal Realm (*mundus imaginalis*) "as holding images, stories, dream figures, embodied imagery and movements that come to us from some dimension beyond our rational intellectual perspective." In practice, this approach looks like thinking with your body, speaking through artwork, visualization, symbolism and imagery. It's not limited by words, but instead is an

intuitive process that overrides resistance and captures the fullness of oneself by fostering self-awareness through mindfulness. Some approaches include dance/movement therapy, Internal Family Systems, Jungian and psychodynamic therapy.

Regardless of one's thinking preference, left or right brain, studies have shown the therapeutic alliance is the best predictor of success across all therapeutic modalities. Coupling a therapist and modality you feel most connected with ultimately will provide the most rewarding and beneficial therapeutic experience.

Gabrielle Deschaine, LPC, uses several modalities including dance/movement therapy and Internal Family Systems to help people of all ages repair damaged connections to their bodies, families and environment and restore balance in their lives. To learn more, visit [grow-in-motion.com](http://grow-in-motion.com)

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# GROSSE POINTE Gabby



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## I can't sleep because my partner snores



**Dear Gabby:** My husband snores almost every night, and in addition — hates air conditioning in our room.

Because the windows are then open, I am constantly awakened by what sounds like thousands of birds fiercely chirping starting before 5 a.m. I have reached my wit's end.

Is there anything I can do other than move to a different bedroom?

— Not sleeping in the City

**Dear Not Sleeping,**

Yikes, that sounds terrible. And the less sleep

you get, the more impatient you will become.

There has to be a compromise here — it sounds like your husband gets away with sawing logs in his personal sauna while you are in misery.

I would suggest that he turn the air on or you are moving out of that room. In addition, I highly recommend white or green noise turned all the way up on your iPhone or alarm clock speaker.

—Gabby

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

## Facing old wounds at high school reunion

**DEAR ANNIE:** I have my 20-year high school reunion coming up, and I'm planning to go, as it's a major milestone reunion and we've lost some people over the years. However, I will be running into some issues with it.

The biggest issue is that I am in ongoing therapy for sexual assaults that happened in high school back in the early 2000s, and the response from the school officials was quite firmly in the "boys will be boys, deal with it" era. In other words, they accused me of making up the situ-

tion the first time so I never bothered with reporting the second time, especially since both times it was by members of the football team.

One of the assaulters is in my graduating class, and he was the one I didn't report. I have to keep him blocked on social media, and an assault situation at a job by a client (I was working in a mental health care facility at the time) made me realize I needed therapy. These assaults still affect me to this day. I won't date or involve myself in romantic rela-

tionships, and the assaults severely affected my mental capacity for well-woman visits.

My one and only well-woman visit with a cancer check, in 2020, triggered the overt development of dissociative identity disorder, or DID, which at its core is extreme PTSD and is usually the result of childhood abuse. It seems I had this as a child, but it is meant to be a very covert protective device to survive trauma, and you aren't supposed to know you have it. With a lot of hard therapy work and daily

meds, I can function without the amnesia events that DID is famous for. However, it has still affected my capacity to maintain gainful employment and be a properly functioning member of society.

It would be good to see everyone again, but how do I handle seeing my assailant? A handful of classmates I trust know about the DID and what caused it. I would like to think that him now being a father to a daughter has changed his attitude, but I don't know, especially since many times assaulters don't remem-

ber that they caused issues and/or hotly deny such. I just don't know what to do even though I would like to go to prove to myself things have changed, hopefully for the better, and to lessen the hold this situation has had on me over the years. — TIMID IN NEW YORK

**DEAR TIMID:** Since you are in therapy, I don't want to interfere with any advice your therapist might give or any conclusions you reach after talking through this issue. But you are right not to expect your assailant to remember, or to admit, what he did. If you can go to the reunion with that understanding, then it might be a good choice to go. However, if you are looking for an apology, you are almost certainly correct that you won't get one.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I have a younger co-worker who I met at a work social event, and we started talking a bit about novels we are writing as a hobby. A few weeks later, he came by my cubicle to ask me more about writing, so I gave him a few resources to a local writers group. Ever since then, he keeps stopping by, often interrupting my lunchtime.

It's clear that he never has a specific question for me and will grasp at straws or ask awkward questions just to keep conversation going beyond a normal or con-

siderate time. I don't mind occasionally chatting, but these constant interruptions when I am busy or trying to take a break are grating on me.

I have tried redirecting him or just telling him I am busy, but now he is asking to get together outside of work to talk about our books.

I have no interest in this, and he clearly is not getting the message. I'm finding myself getting anxious over the looming potential of these random, unwanted visits. What should I do? I'm pretty sure he's harmless, but is it too overboard to go to HR? — UNWANTED VISITS FROM CO-WORKER

**DEAR UNWANTED:** You mentioned that he is young. Maybe this is his first job and he is treating it more like he is still in college.

You could try being direct and telling him you don't want to get together outside of work and that it's really difficult to continue your work when he keeps interrupting you.

Be clear and kind. If you don't want to do that, you don't have to, and going to HR does make sense, especially if he is making you anxious. It really depends on what path will make your work environment best for working.

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

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This Superbird was among entries to a previous EyesOn Design show.

the son of Henry Ford, who had educated himself to be a car designer.

Within a few short years the New York Times declared EyesOn Design one of the top three Concours events in the United States. A wonderful thing was happening as many people came forward from Grosse Pointe, the Big Three design studios and metropolitan Detroit, to volunteer and attend the show. The great spirit of volunteerism moved the show continuously forward, as it does even now.

Today the original concept of EyesOn Design is still maintained and strongly supported by the international design community as judges come from design studios in many parts of the world. It is that strength, appreciation and support of the design profession through EyesOn Design that is inspiring and gratifying to me. It

is a result I hoped for long ago, as before EyesOn Design, car

designers were generally excluded from participation as judges in important Concours events. By creating a show for automotive design, that omission has been reversed and designers started to be invited to judge shows across the country. The value and understanding of automobile design and the professionals who do it is clearly increasing.

The design of a car is now much more appreciated by global manufacturers and national Concours events, and that importance continues to grow.

EyesOn Design has many innovative firsts in the world of Concours. The creative spirit within the automotive design profession has made itself visible in many ways to the great credit of those involved in the annual presentation of

EyesOn Design at Ford House.

Several years after the successful beginning of EyesOn Design, I developed a continuing EyesOn Design awards program that was to take place annually at the North American International Auto Show that is still continuing.

That was done to create an international presence for EyesOn Design.

But that is another story.

*This Eyes On Design history is dedicated to Judy Dara, Carolyn Mulford, Merrie Lynn Ruzzin, Marlene Ricca, Betsy Hessburg, Jacqueline Forish, Lynn Carpenter, Pat Micallef, Mary Ann Bodendistel, Gloria Gaitley, Marilyn Moss, Mary Star Hessburg and Sozy Hessburg, as well as and especially the many others who were there in 1988 and are still there today.*



# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



We've all heard of a tackle box for fishing, but the latest craze I saw on social media is called the "Snackle Box." It's like a highly organized and separated box you can fill with your or your children's favorite snacks. There are tons of them available, but I found a set of two on Amazon for \$36.99.

The box is about the size of a sheet of letter-sized paper — around 8 by 11 inches — with eight separate compartments. It has a lid that goes on tight with little handles that pop up for easy transporting.

You really can choose

anything to add to the snackle box. I first used it on a 23-hour car trip with four kids, so I really loaded the things up with junk and snacks that would hopefully keep them quiet.

Post-road trip, I actually like to use it for myself. I like filling the compartments with hard-boiled eggs, grilled chicken, cucumbers, crackers, etc. Sort of like a deconstructed salad, it is great to keep in the work fridge or bring to your kids' activities if you are avoiding fast food.

This summer, I'm pretty pumped to load this up for trips to the park. Nothing



can replace the snack shack, but this will be the perfect supplement and make me

feel a little better about my parenting and food choices.

My favorite items (and

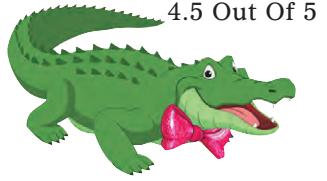
the most popular) amongst my crew are pretzels, M&Ms, nuts, beef sticks, crackers and Laughing Cow cheese. I'll just throw the snackle box in my Scout Bag (thanks, Small Favors) with an ice pack on top. Voila — easy summer livin'.

You can find the perfect snackle box for yourself on Amazon. The item I purchased was the Eanpet 2Pack Divided Veggie Tray with Lid and Handle. Reviewers of the product also say this item is great to use for condiments, bar accoutrements, LEGOs and more.

It's important to note the

instructions specifically say it is not safe to use in the dishwasher. I am giving this 4.5 alligators because it's a solid product that makes snacking easy.

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



## Grinding away

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The last two weeks of school are filled with field days, bowling trips, dentist appointments and graduations. I'm tired of looking at our calendar. My husband had to travel for work so I needed a relatively quick and flavorful dinner.

This involves a quick salsa, if you will, paired with a butter basted steak. It hit every note you could ever conceive. We all tried to describe the sauce. Is it salsa, a relish? Not sure but thumbs up all around.

I did corn on the cob to pair with a crispy baguette. Roasted garlic was such an easy and amazing addition here.

It's so easy and you can even do the night before or the morning of.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Grilled Steaks with Red Pepper and Roasted Garlic

2 NY strip steaks  
2 knobs of butter  
2 stalks of rosemary  
2 stalks of thyme  
3 whole peeled garlic cloves  
1 red bell pepper  
1 head of garlic

½ white onion

1 tbsp capers

2 tsp sherry vinegar

½ cup flat leaf parsley

Salt and pepper

Olive oil

Preheat your oven to 350. Cut the top quarter of your garlic head and wrap in aluminum foil. Leave the top part open and drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Cover and cook for 40 minutes.

While the garlic cooks, put together the sauce. Chop the red bell pepper, onion and parsley. Place in a food processor and once the garlic is done and cooled, squeeze into

the rest of the ingredients with the capers. Season with salt, sherry vinegar and pulse just a few times. Scrape into a bowl and set aside for dinner time.

I used a cast iron skillet for the steaks but a grill pan would be great as well. The reason that I'm not doing it over a grill is because I wanted to do a butter and herb baste. It's so worth it because it gives the crust an extra crunch without drying the meat out.

In a cast iron skillet or grill pan on medium to high heat, grill the steaks for five minutes on the first side. Flip them and then add the butter, herb stalks and whole garlic cloves.

Tip the pan and with a spoon begin basting all over the meat. It should just take another five minutes. Remove



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

from the pan and let steamed corn and rest for five minutes. tossed it in the leftover butter. Waste not, want

sauce over the meat. I not.



## Can it!

The first wine I ever saw in a can was a Beaujolais from France that I saw here about 50 years ago. It had no vintage date and sold for roughly \$1.

Then about 40 years went by without a can in sight that contained wine. Between about 1980 and 2020, wine was seen as an upscale beverage that wouldn't be very interesting if it were considered so mundane as to be sold in aluminum cans.

However, wine marketing people are nothing if not creative, and over the last four years or more, wine has become so interesting that it has found its way into fascinating locations where it previously never existed.

That is why Allan Green, a former winery owner in Mendocino County, decided six years ago to stage a wine competition with professional wine judges evaluating only wines in cans. And I can vouch for the fact that many of them far exceed what many people believe canned wine to be — simple.

There are nearly a dozen reasons why putting wine into cans makes a lot more sense than it does to put it in a bottle.

Green said in an interview that canned wines now go into venues that previously never had wine but where beer in cans was almost always seen. That includes major league baseball games,

pro football games, golf courses and convenience stores located near beach settings.

"It's really easy to pop a couple of canned wines into your backpack when you're camping or hiking," said Green, pointing out that bottles are not only heavier but usually require a corkscrew.

His canned wine competition will be staged in a few weeks in Mendocino County. In last year's competition, there were 230 entries from countries around the world, including South Africa and Japan.

One thing I learned while judging that competition in 2023 was that you can't take just any wine and put it in a can. The three producers of Maker Wines, Sarah Hoffman, Kendra Kawala, and Zoe Victor, said they work with several wineries from which they purchase quality wine.

They added that pre-

paring wine for a canned project calls for specialized winemaking techniques that do not apply to wines intended to go into bottles.

On his website, Allan Green has complete results of every canned wine competition he has staged.

**Wine of the Week:**  
2022 Maker Rose of Grenache, Monterey, Calif. (\$6/375 milliliters): This fresh, lively dry rose was declared best-in-show rose at last year's wine competition for wines in cans. The size is convenient, the wine is true to type and it is equivalent to \$12 for a full bottle.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# OPERATION: GLAD DAD

A blueprint to gifts that accomplish your Father's day mission

By Olivia Monette  
Special Writer

This Father's Day, celebrate the incredible dads in our community who make every day extraordinary. Whether they're coaching Little League, mastering the barbecue, or sharing life's essential lessons, dads have a unique way of making everything better. Our special section is dedicated to all the fathers who inspire, support and lead by example.

Here, you'll find a curated selection of local gifts and experiences guaranteed to show just how much we appreciate them. From the coolest outfits to thrilling adventures right in our backyard, our guide is filled with thoughtful ideas that will make this Father's Day unforgettable. Dive into these pages to discover the perfect gift for the awesome dad in your life!

## Freedom Boat Club

For dads who love the water but prefer the joys of boating without the hassles of ownership, a Freedom Boat Club membership is the ideal gift. As a member of the Freedom Boat Club, your dad can enjoy unlimited access to a diverse fleet of boats across multiple locations nationwide. Whether he's into fishing, sailing, or simply cruising with the family, the club provides the flexibility to explore different types of watercraft. The membership eliminates concerns about maintenance, storage, and other logistics that come with boat ownership, making it a carefree way to indulge in his maritime passions. This thoughtful gift not only provides endless aquatic adventures but also the freedom to create lasting memories on the water, making every outing special.



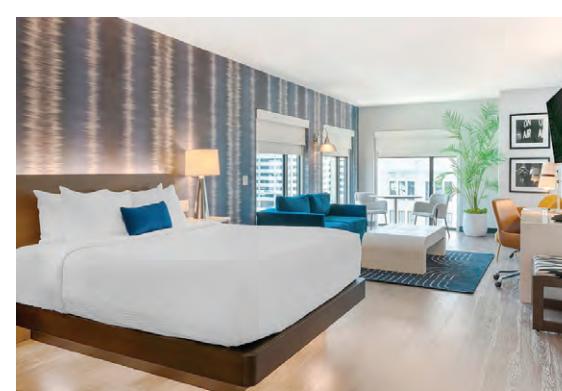
**Above left,** a nautical-themed card from Small Favors is the perfect way to present Dad with his Father's Day gift—a membership to the Freedom Boat Club. **Above right and top,** a couple of the many various boats members can access nationwide.

## Downtown Staycation: Cambria Hotel and tickets to a Detroit Tigers game

Looking for an exciting staycation? Consider booking a stay at the Cambria Hotel in Downtown Detroit! Just a short drive away, this stylish and comfortable hotel offers a prime location and modern amenities, ensuring a delightful retreat from the daily grind. Pair your stay with tickets to a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park to catch the thrill of Major League Baseball in one of the most iconic stadiums

in the country. This combination not only promises a change of scenery but also an exhilarating experience of city life and America's favorite pastime, making it a perfect getaway without the long travel times.

**Below and bottom left,** a stay at the Cambria Hotel in downtown Detroit — along with a trip to Comerica Park, below, is a gift experience Dad will always remember.



## HOT STUFF



## Hot gifts for Pop's patio

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For those considering a more lasting gesture, consider a personalized, built-in outdoor grill, left or fireplace that transforms any backyard into a gourmet outdoor kitchen or a cozy retreat, making every family gathering extra special, year round.

## HAVE A BELT



## One of a kind fathers

Everyone loves a special gift that expresses their personality or interests. So whether Dad makes a mean martini, loves his alma mater, boats, golf, hunts or is a fine connoisseur of beer, Grosse Pointe shops have something that will thrill him.

Newport GP leather and needlepoint flasks, left, are an amazing keepsake gift for unique fathers.



Smathers and Branson also make belts and keychains, left, in various styles and themes, and Newport GP has a full line of them to choose from!

Give Dad happy feet with The Royal Standard combed cotton patterned socks from Small Favors, above, featuring all Dad's favorite things.

## FUN DADS



## Dads just want to have fun!

Add some joy to his day with something fun from Small Favors. With their wide variety of great gifts from candy to coasters, Michigan-themed gifts to servingware, there's an exciting present for every father.

If your dad is the life of the party, there's the Dad Jokes card game, far left, that will get the whole family laughing together. A cheery Small Favors Father's Day card complements the fun-filled gift.

The Corkcicle can koozie, right, is ideal for the deck or boat – to keep Dad's beverages cool and refreshing all summer.

All these Small Favors delights and more are waiting to be wrapped up for special Grosse Pointe dads who deserve to be celebrated with smiles.



## WEARABLES



## Deck Dad out in styles he'll LOVE

The cool blue Fair Harbor bathing suit, left, is a great gift for prepping your papa for a great season of outdoor summer fun! He'll dig the comfy lightweight striped fabric and easy drawstring waist, from Ridge Crest Outfitters.

A sleek Mizzen + Main shirt, left, pairs nicely with shorts or pants for summer barbeques or dinner on the water.

Tell your dad he's tops with a fun hat or cap! The Patagonia hat, far left, is only one of the many toppers Ridge Crest Outfitters has to offer.



The Campus Shop brings the fun into every holiday, including Father's Day. From graphic tees to hats and more, you'll add a smile to Dad's face with a visit to Grosse Pointe's favorite happy place.

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## Accessorize your pop with the coolest sunglasses

Whether your dad is an outdoor enthusiast, a golf aficionado, or simply enjoys a well-dressed weekend, Ridge Crest Outfitters has the perfect gift. Pick up something stylish yet practical that Dad will appreciate time and again, like the fashionable Sunski sunglasses, at right.



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## FISHING CONTEST



By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

The big news this year for the 2024 annual Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic, which runs through Thursday, June 27, is the addition of two boating divisions.

There was so much interest by local boaters that the Grosse Pointe News decided to expand beyond land — so that fishermen who want to participate on their boats can join in on the fun. Boaters are eligible to win the same weekly cash prizes and raffle gifts as those on shore.

The biggest catch from each age division (split into 12 and younger, and 13 and older) who reel in fish from qualifying categories which include bass (both smallmouth and largemouth), pike, muskie and walleye — are all in line to walk away with cash each week. Prizes will be awarded based on the longest fish from each fish category. The longest fish from all fish categories gets grand prize.

Excitement is starting to build as fishers of all ages take advantage of warm weather to hit

## New divisions open the Classic to seafaring anglers

### 2024 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic

- DIVISION A (ON SHORE)** - Ages 12 & under
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- DIVISION C (BOATING)** - Ages 12 & under
- DIVISION D (BOATING)** - Ages 13 & older

**Fishing area:** Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land or boat

**Dates:** May 30 - June 27, 2024

#### Cash prizes:

- \$50 per fish category for the A & C divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.
- \$25 per fish category for the B & D divisions, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week.

ALSO weekly drawings for gift cards, gear and other prizes.

Visit [grossepointrnews.com/fishingclassic](http://grossepointrnews.com/fishingclassic) for full contest rules and details.

Grosse Pointe Woods photographer Larry Graessle scouts the lake aboard the *Dancing Queen*, above, a Jenneau 50DS owned by Roger Steyer. Boating divisions have been newly added to the 2024 Classic.

PHOTO BY  
LARRY GRAESSLE

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# The *boys* are back!

*There's nothing like a warm Michigan day on the lake for boys to be boys – and reel in some amazing outdoor fun.*



Noah Dumas, of Grosse Pointe Farms, fished this beauty out of Lake St. Clair by boat.

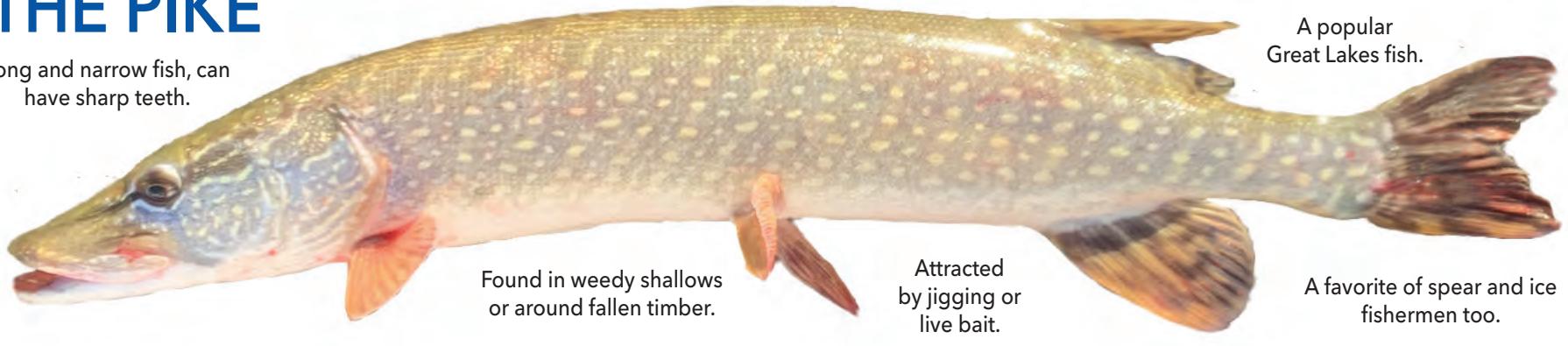


Jack Gryzenia, of Grosse Pointe Farms, exhibits his fishing skills while enjoying a perfect late spring day on the lake.

Below: A 24" pike caught by Alex Blyth, 20, of Grosse Pointe. The big fish was brought in at City Park.

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# See what's been biting this week:



In Division B — Grosse Pointe's Dean Werner, caught this incredible 21" largemouth bass, above, at City Park. Sea walls along the pier have official rulers for easy measuring of fish.



Adam Morath, of Grosse Pointe Park, is competing in the Division B competition and caught this perfect 15.25" smallmouth bass, above, at Windmill Pointe Park.



Ben Jacob, of Grosse Pointe Farms, nabbed this great 23" pike, above, at Farms Park. He also caught an 18" muskie — with both fish entered under Division B of the competition.



Sam Wakefield, 13, of Grosse Pointe Shores, caught the 17" largemouth bass shown above, at Farms Park. Wakefield is competing in Division B and also caught a 17" smallmouth bass this week.



Grosse Pointe Farms' Andrew Phillips, 14, competing in Division B, caught a 16" and a 17" largemouth bass this week at Lakefront Park. The beautiful 16-incher is shown above.



Daniel Utley, 12, of Grosse Pointe, fished the hefty 14" smallmouth bass, above, at City Park. He also snagged a 14.5" largemouth at the same location, both for Division A.



## A TALL ORDER

Logan Perry, 14, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is shown above with his impressive catch, an 18.5" pike caught off the Milk River. Perry is competing in Division B and is off to a very fine start!



Daniel Shanle's 14" largemouth bass, above, is picture-perfect! The 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident also caught two 18" largemouth bass this week at Shores Park for Division B.

*There were so many fish entered in the competition this week that we could not show them all! Be sure to check out next week's paper to see if any of these fish or some of the other entries will be the big winners.*

## FISH

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the piers and see what's nibbling.

Sponsors like Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, Lakeside Fishing, Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.'s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Wally's Frozen Custard and Chocolate Bar Cafe are especially excited to see Grosse Pointe's youngest residents and their families experience happy times together enjoying the water and family fun.

"We're delighted to be a part of the Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic again this year and join the community

in coming together to enjoy this activity and the great outdoors," said Kyle Hecht, independent branch leader and financial consultant at Charles Schwab's Grosse Pointe Independent Branch.

All of our sponsors, as well as the Grosse Pointe News, encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity by land or by boat. It's a wonderful chance to get out in the fresh air and enjoy wholesome fun along our beautiful waterways — and as an added bonus — take home some valuable prizes along with all the fantastic memories.

Keep on fishing, Pointers! We want to see YOU on the board next week.



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BASS (LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH)

MUSKIE

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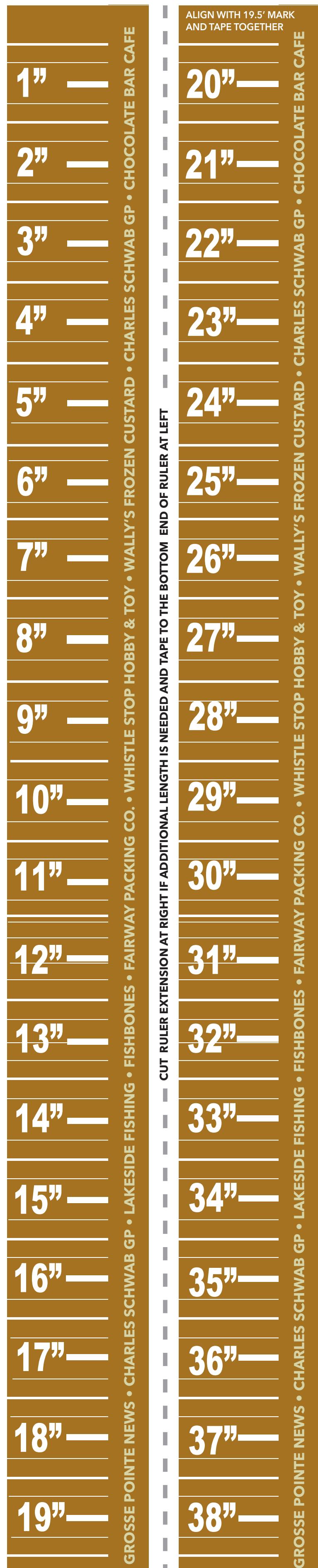
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**Left, real life daughter Clara Mathilde McGregor playing the part of the daughter and real life father Ewan McGregor playing the part of the father in the 2023 movie "Bleeding Love," directed by Emma Westenberg.**

## MOVIE REVIEW

*"Bleeding Love"*

2023 - Not Rated

1 hr 36 min

★★★☆☆

I'm a sucker for road-trip movies. So when I noticed this film on Kanopy I thought I'd give it a viewing. Why not? The timing seemed perfect because summer's almost here and it's when folks start making vacation plans.

Well, this isn't your typical, goofball buddy film, filled with lots of crazy adventures and tons of laughs. It's a pretty heady drama that'll have you hooked from the opening scene right until the end.

"Bleeding Love" is the first feature length film for director Emma Westenberg, and what a powerful debut it is. It's a father and daughter story starring the real father/daughter team of Ewan and Clara McGregor who deliver amazing performances.

The movie is a rocky road full of highs and lows, and even lower lows. It's a memorable ride that will leave you emotionally drained. But in a good way. There ultimately is a sense of catharsis by its conclusion.

The two leads don't use screen names in the film so I'll refer to them as Clara and Ewan. Clara has just been released from the hospital in her hometown of San Diego, where

she was treated for a near fatal drug overdose. Ewan picks her up in his old beater of a pickup truck and they're off to an unnamed location.

Right from the get-go things are a bit on the

screenplay, along with Ruby Caster and Vera Bulter, which adds even more authenticity and credibility to the story.

While on the road, they're forced to deal with abandonment



Clara makes a mad dash for it.



Ewan &amp; Clara getting towed.

crazy side. When Clara asks her dad to pull over so she can relieve herself, she makes a mad dash away from him into the desert. She eventually runs out of steam and when caught admits, she really didn't have a plan.

This sets the overall tone for the film. The two have been estranged since Clara was a little girl. Ewan left Clara's mother for another woman and now has a new life and family. It's been years since the two have had any real contact. I've read that this parallels the McGregors' actual lives and there was quite a bit of resentment between the two for many years. It's also been intimated that Clara has had substance-abuse issues. So the film hits pretty close to home. Clara helped write the

Ewan starts to sing and

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



he looks expectantly over at Clara, hoping she'll join in. She reluctantly begins singing and within a minute or two, they're both happily belting out the tune. It's such a joyful moment, you just don't want it to end.

Naturally, their excursion includes encounters with memorable characters. That's the hallmark of a good road-trip movie. When their truck breaks down in the middle of nowhere, a hilarious female truck driver (Kristin K. Berg) comes to their rescue. She's an absolute hoot. After their truck is fixed, one of the mechanics, a Native American, gives them a gift of a large pumpkin for the road. They also meet up with a good-hearted prostitute, who

has ambitions of moving to New York City and becoming a Broadway star. Collectively they add some much needed comic relief.

Ultimately, it turns out the real destination is to get Clara into a rehab facility. Ewan keeps this from her and when she finds out her temper gets the best of her. She questions his sincerity since he hasn't been part of her life in ages. Plus, she feels he's a hypocrite because he was an alcoholic in his younger days.

It's this revelation and showdown that propels the film to its conclusion.

I really enjoyed "Bleeding Love" for several reasons. The acting was remarkable, the script was well crafted, and the scenery was breathtaking at times. Once again, I'm puzzled why a film this good isn't better known.

Note to parents: The film is not rated but it's appropriate for older teens because of the nature of the story, drug use and language.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy with your library card. Also on Prime Video and to rent on YouTube Movies.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

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

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

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

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



Ewan lets his daughter take the wheel.



The towtruck driver (Kristin K. Berg) clowns around.



Traversing the beautiful Southwest.



Daughter &amp; dad share some quiet time.



Ewan McGregor plays the dad.

# Great Lakes Boating Festival

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



Some of the boats for sale, including a 68-foot yacht, sticking out on the left and carrying a price tag of just under \$6 million.



Hand-crafted German loungers by moinmoinnateo.com out of Franklin were a big hit among festival goers.



Catherine Zatkoff and Mike Rennell talk to Kayla Rossow of Anderson Boats about the Regal LS 36 they toured.

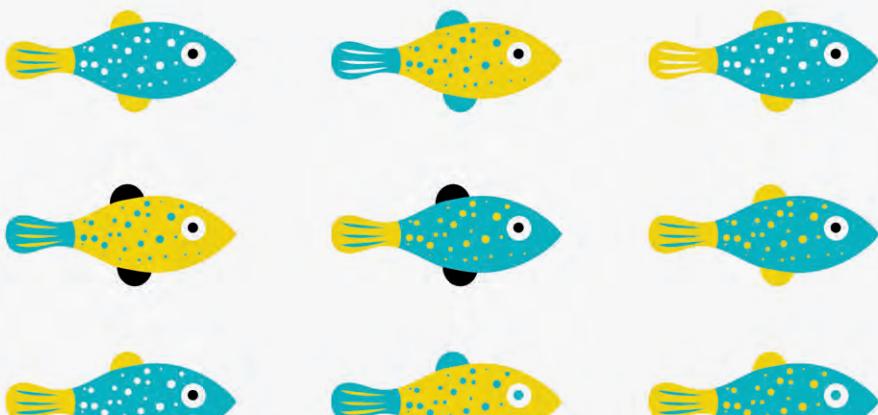


Marcus Williams, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer; Anthony Jones, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer; Howard Hillman, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; and Brian Eickel, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, talked about safety on the water and at the border at their booth.



The 35th annual Great Lakes Boating Festival took place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 18 and 19, and featured a variety of boats for sale.

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# Royal Stars

*Weekly Horoscopes*

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 6, 2024:

Others look to you to make things happen because you're energetic, imaginative and a great communicator. You have far-reaching dreams and ideals. You're never boring. This year it's time to rejuvenate yourself. Welcome a slower pace. Concentrate on your needs and the kinds of relationships that make you happy.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about how you talk to your daily contacts, including siblings, relatives and neighbors. Do people clearly understand you? Do you listen carefully to others? How confident are you in your communications? Tonight: Explore!

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The New Moon today is in your sign, which is an opportunity for you to take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself: "What kind of impression do I create on my world?" How well does your image reflect the real you? Hmm? Tonight: Patience.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The New Moon today is in your sign, which is an opportunity for you to take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself: "What kind of impression do I create on my world?" How well does your image reflect the real you? Hmm? Tonight: Competition.

### SOUTH

♦ Q 6 5  
♥ J 5  
♦ A K J 10 5  
♣ 9 3 2

### WEST

♠ 10 9 8 3  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q 8 6 4

### EAST

♦ K 4 2  
♥ A K 10 8 3  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ A 5

### SOUTH

♠ A J 7  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ K J 10 7

### The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — six of hearts.

Let's assume you get to three notrump on the bidding shown and West leads a heart. East cashes the K-A of hearts and continues with a third heart to your queen.

Superficially, your prospects look dim at this point. It seems you can make only eight tricks — even if the spade finesse you plan to take succeeds — and that East will eventually score the ace of clubs and four hearts

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The New Moon today takes place in a hidden part of your chart, which gives you a chance to see self-defeating behavior patterns. Things that we repress or refuse to acknowledge can "pop up" in other ways. Where do you undermine yourself? Tonight: Ambition.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Each month the New Moon is in a different sign, offering different opportunities for us to set intentions. Today's New Moon is your chance to think about your friends. Generally, our friends are a reflection of who we are. (Sometimes scary.) Do you admire your friends? Tonight: Explore!

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is the only New Moon taking place at the top of your chart all year, which gives you a chance to examine your attitude to authority. This is an excellent time to look at your life path and career to see where you're headed. Tonight: Check your finances.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is an excellent day to take stock of your education and your knowledge of the world around you, because today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about what you can do to learn more and expand your world.

You also might give thought to your belief systems and how they govern your life. Tonight: Listen.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Issues related to shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt will be an opportunity for you today, because this is

where the New Moon is occurring in your chart. Are you spending more than you earn? Is your debt slowly increasing? Tonight: Work.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The New Moon today is opposite your sign, which means it's the perfect opportunity for you to think about how you can improve your closest relationships. How would you finish this sentence: "Every time I'm in a relationship..."? Tonight: Socialize!

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is the perfect day to think about how much you let yourself enjoy life through play, socializing and seeing friends. This also might extend into the playful socializing of romance. Likewise, do you appreciate the beauty of art in the world around you? Tonight: Discussions.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is the perfect day to think about how much you let yourself enjoy life through play, socializing and seeing friends. This also might extend into the playful socializing of romance. Likewise, do you appreciate the beauty of art in the world around you? Tonight: Discussions.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

What can you do to improve your relations with family members? Likewise, what can you do so that you will have more enjoyment living in your home? These are the opportunities that today's New Moon presents for you. Tonight: Money ideas.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Paul Giamatti (1967), writer Patrick Rothfuss (1973), actor Jason Isaacs (1963).

## Contract Bridge

### THE PRESSURE PRINCIPAL

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

### NORTH

♦ Q 6 5  
♥ J 5  
♦ A K J 10 5  
♣ 9 3 2

### WEST

♠ 10 9 8 3  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q 8 6 4

### EAST

♦ K 4 2  
♥ A K 10 8 3  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ A 5

### SOUTH

♠ A J 7  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ K J 10 7

to put you down one.

This is not really an accurate assessment of your chances, however, as there is a way to overcome East's apparent advantage. All you have to do is to run dummy's diamonds, forcing East to make an uncomfortable discard or two.

You begin by cashing four rounds of diamonds. East discards a club on the fourth diamond and so do you. But when you lead the fifth diamond, East is in trouble. If he parts with a spade, you can make three spade tricks and the contract by leading a low spade to your jack and cashing the ace, felling East's king.

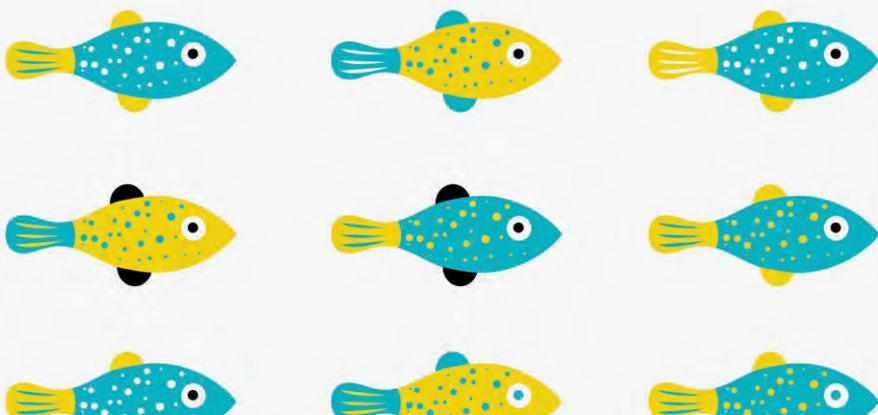
Alternatively, if East discards a heart on dummy's fifth diamond, you next lead a club toward your K-J. East scores the ace of clubs and his last heart, but he must then lead a spade to your A-J. You finesse, of course, and that gives you nine tricks.

In other words, you can make the contract even though East appears to have five invincible tricks. A defender's sure winners sometimes fade away while declarer is running a long suit, and that is precisely what happens to East in the present case. There is no way he can withstand the pressure when you run dummy's diamonds.

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by Steve Becker

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"That takes care of SECOND grade.  
How many does that leave for me to do?"

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

6/6 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

5/30 Solution

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 6, 2024

- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of "M" on a keyboard
  - 6 Amino
  - 10 Guitarist's accessory
  - 14 Begin
  - 15 Cat, in Mexico
  - 16 Tennis legend Arthur
  - 17 Something kept down in a library (In this clue's answer, note the first 2 letters + the last 3)
  - 19 Kill it, slangly
  - 20 Kyoto currency
  - 21 Pale
  - 22 Grumbles quietly
  - 24 Gucci rival
  - 26 Scot's "not"
  - 27 Cloud of superheated ash and gas following an eruption (... first 3 letters + last 3)
  - 32 Cuisine similar to Cajun
  - 34 Capital of Qatar
  - 35 Sun, in Spanish
  - 36 Round of applause
  - 37 A looooonng time
  - 38 Tropical tree
  - 39 I love, in Latin
  - 40 Ballerina's skirt
  - 42 Drawn-out attacks
- DOWN**
- 1 Folk-rock supergroup: Abbr.
  - 2 Central Plains tribe
  - 3 Primary
  - 4 Sra., in English
  - 5 Had a healthy meal
  - 6 Meeting outline
  - 7 Cleveland NBA player, briefly
  - 8 Romantic couple
  - 44 Jim Croce single of 1973 (... first 2 letters + last 3)
  - 47 Toss in \_\_\_\_\_ were the days!"
  - 49 Spot for grilling?
  - 53 Word after "area" or "throw"
  - 54 Tofu source
  - 57 Boo-boo
  - 58 What marinara and puttanesca sauce have in common (... first 3 letters + last 1)
  - 61 Instagram video
  - 62 Award quartet: Abbr.
  - 63 Court pledges
  - 64 "No ifs, or buts!"
  - 65 Beaver's creations
  - 66 Atlanta WNBA team
  - 67 Rock
  - 68 Supergroup: Abbr.
  - 69 Central Plains tribe
  - 70 Primary
  - 71 Sra., in English
  - 72 Had a healthy meal
  - 73 Meeting outline
  - 74 Cleveland NBA player, briefly
  - 75 Romantic couple
  - 9 Grab a midday meal with a friend, say
  - 10 Like lavender or lilac
  - 11 Bit of land in the ocean
  - 12 Scorch
  - 13 Custodian's collection
  - 18 Joust weapon
  - 23 Spanish appetizer
  - 24 \_\_\_\_\_ court (mall feature)
  - 25 Feeling uncertain
  - 27 Cobra's toxin
  - 28 Charged particle
  - 29 Utility bill datum
  - 30 Whac-A-
  - 31 Stately trees
  - 32 Have a conversation
  - 33 "Mr. Robot" actor Malek
  - 37 GPS guess

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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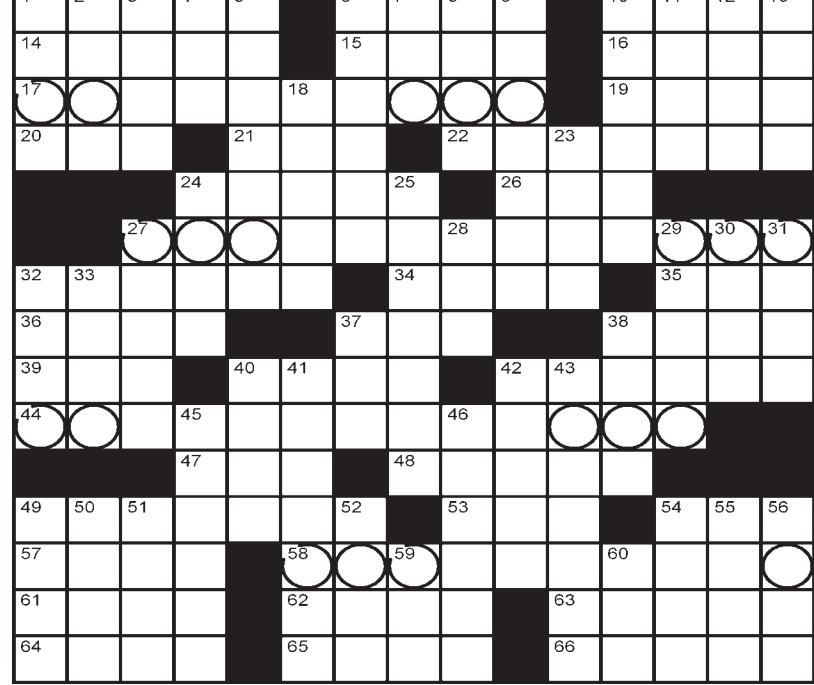
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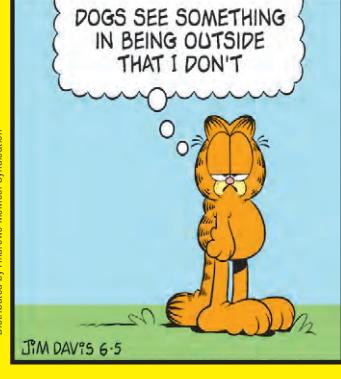
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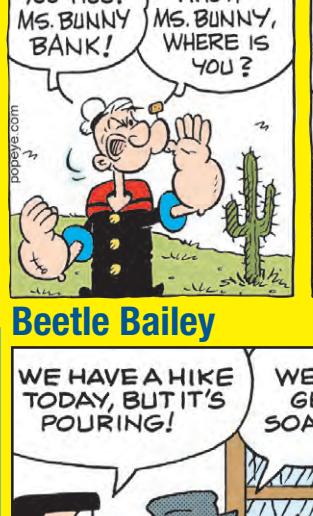
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## Garfield

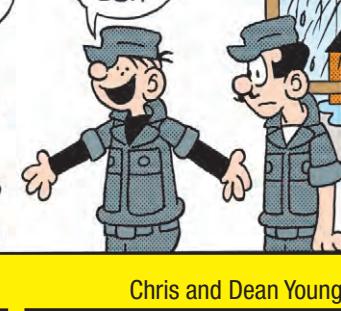


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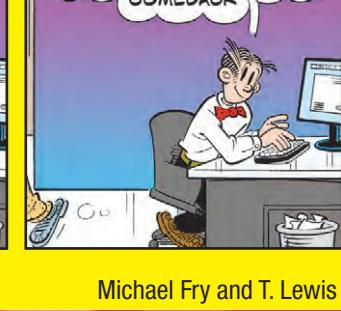
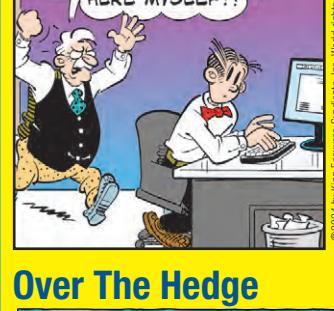


Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

## Beetle Bailey

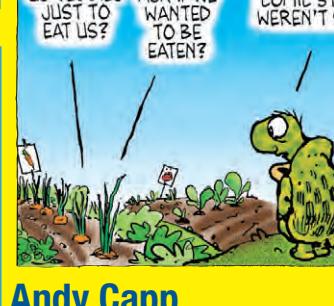


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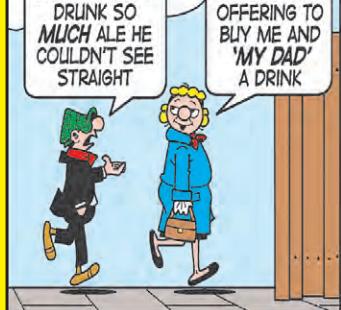
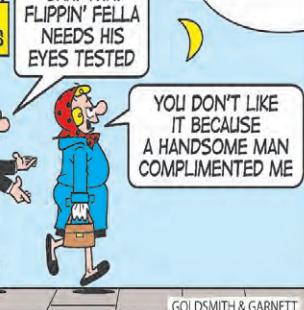
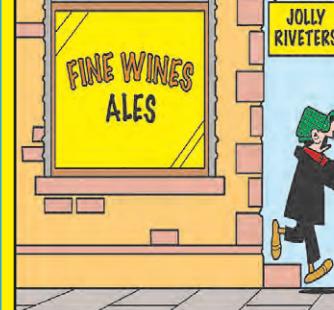
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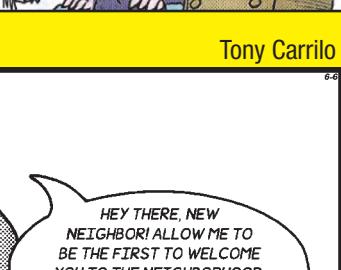
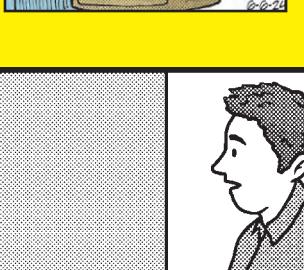
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## Ziggy



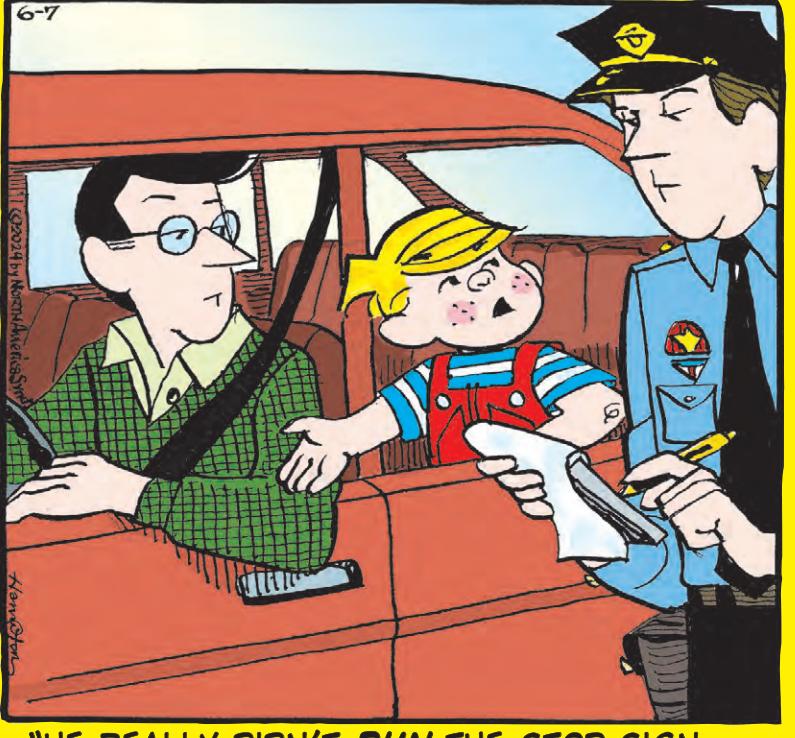
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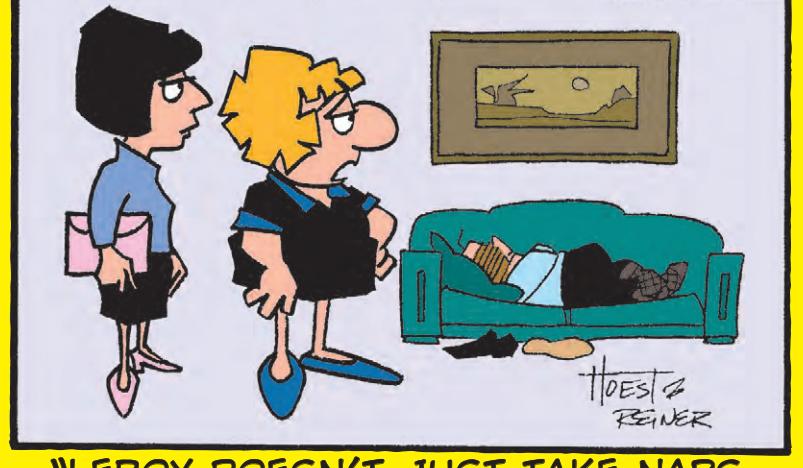
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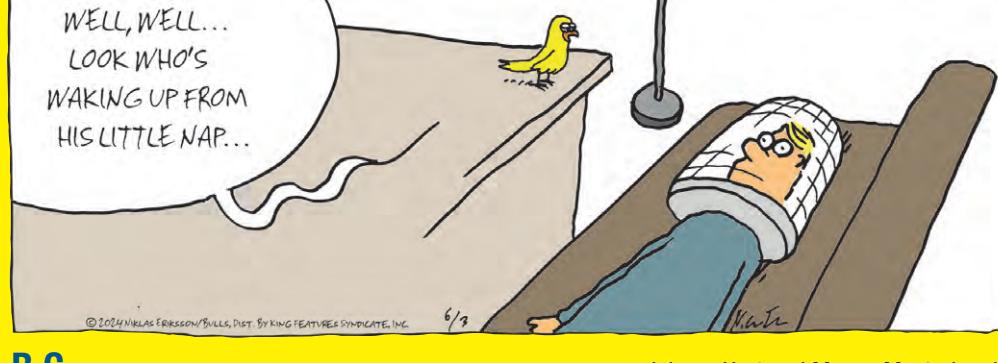
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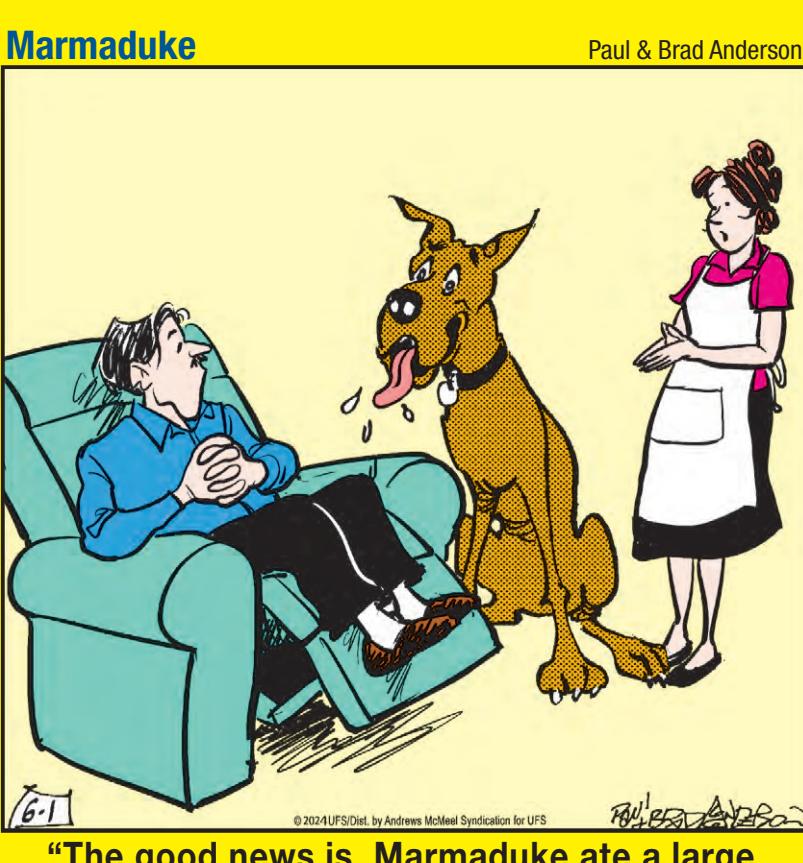
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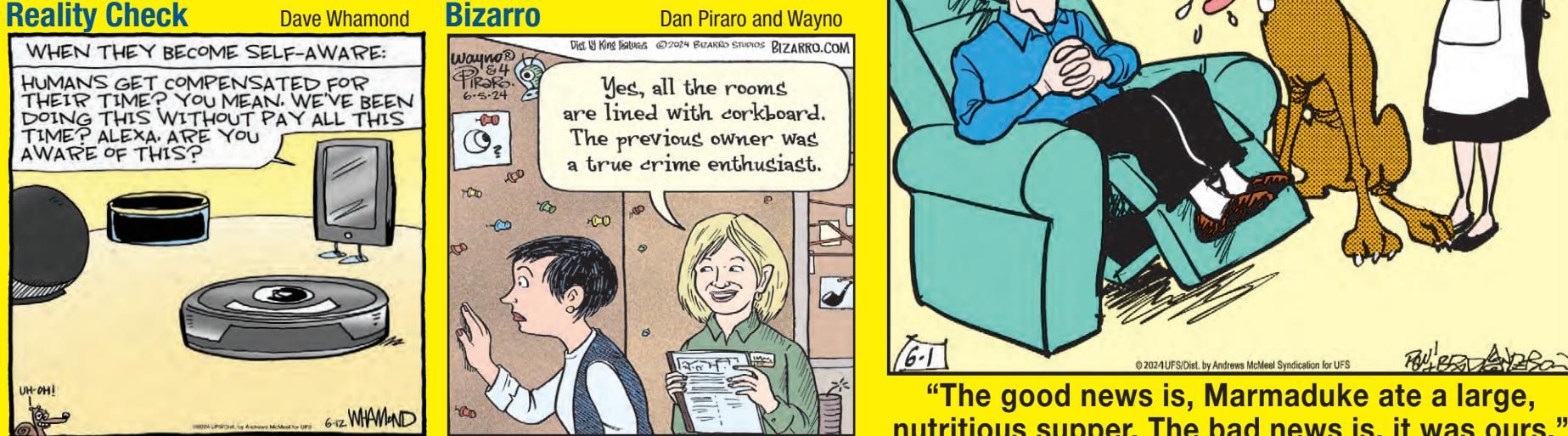

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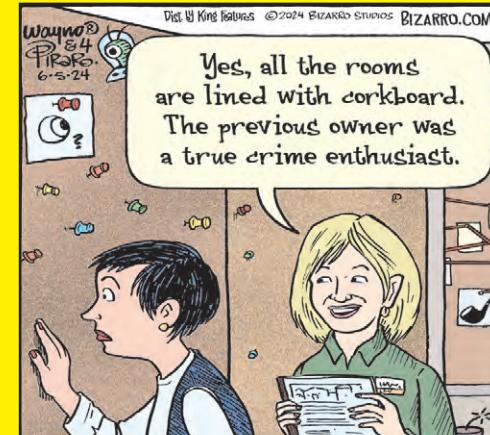
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**Reality Check**

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**Echinoderms**

**Why take a banana to the beach?** At the beach, a banana can be more than a snack. It can teach you about a group of animals called **echinoderms**!

Echinoderms are a group of animals that live on the ocean floor. Some examples of echinoderms include **sea stars (starfish)**, **sea urchins** and **sea cucumbers**.

Standards Link: Compare the diversity of life within an ecosystem.

**What's in a name?** Use the code to see what the name echinoderm means.

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**Banana and a Sea Star**

Peel a banana. Carefully split a banana peel into five fairly equal strips. Leave them connected at one end.

Lay your banana peel out flat, and you have the design of a sea star.

**Banana and a Sea Urchin**

Pull the tips of your banana peel and hold them together on both ends.

Imagine the empty spaces are filled in and that the whole thing is covered with spines.

What do you have? A sea urchin!

**Banana and a Sea Cucumber**

Turn your banana "urchin" on its side and stretch it out. You now have a banana peel sea cucumber!

**Where do echinoderms live?**

Many echinoderms live in **tide pools**. Tide pools are pools that are left behind when the ocean moves away from the shore at low tide. Each time the tide returns, the tide pools are covered with water, and new plants and animals can get it. You can visit the same tide pool and see something different each time!

**Extra! Extra!**

**The Power of Five**

Dive into your newspaper to find:

- 5 words that describe water
- 5 five-digit numbers
- 5 five-syllable words

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

**How many differences can you find between the two tide pool pictures?**

**Walking on Tube Feet**

Echinoderms don't have legs or feet. How do they move from one place to another?

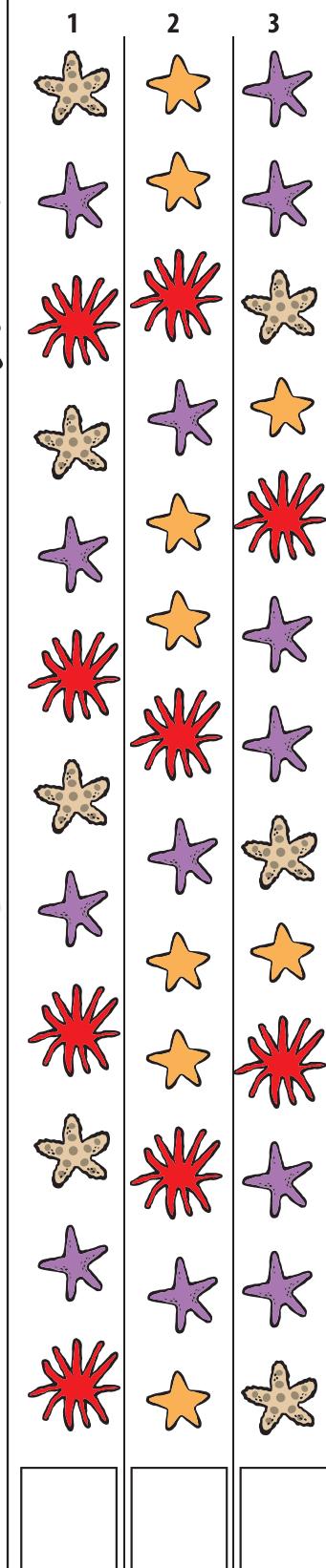
They have hundreds of tiny **tube feet** on the underside of their bodies. Tube feet are like tiny suction cups that help the echinoderms grip onto surfaces and move. They can move across the land and up and down rocky surfaces.

Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival.

## Kid Scoop Together

### Sea Star Patterns

In each column, draw the missing sea star that continues the pattern. Have an adult check your answers.



## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### What's inside a mermaid's purse?

Sometimes a strange, dark brown object washes into a tide pool. This is called a "mermaid's purse." These little pouches are actually the discarded eggcases for some familiar marine animals. Circle every other letter to see which ones.



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Standards Link: Understand the diversity of life within a habitat.

## Double Double Word Search

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

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

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

**GRIP**

The verb **grasp** means to hold or grasp firmly.

Sea stars use their tube feet to **grasp** rocky surfaces and to move.

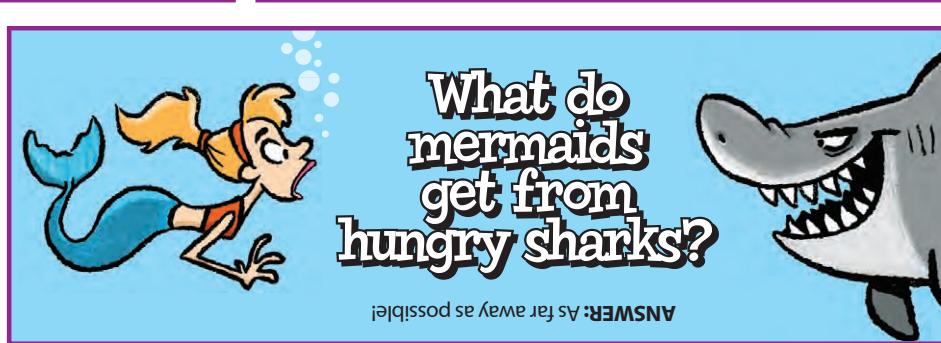
Try to use the word **grasp** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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### Is it fun to be famous?

Find a newspaper photo of someone famous. Write a sentence telling why this person is famous. Write three things that would be **good** and three things that might be **bad** about being famous like this person.

Standards Link: Use a main idea and supporting details in writing.

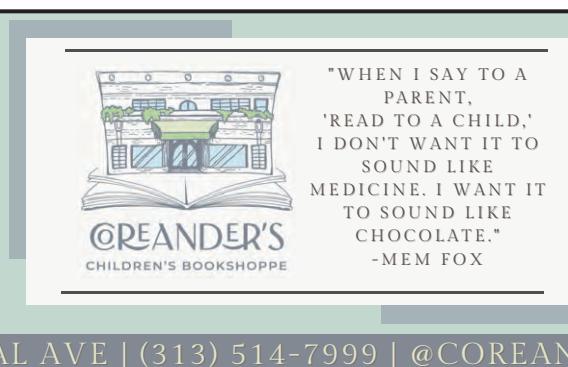
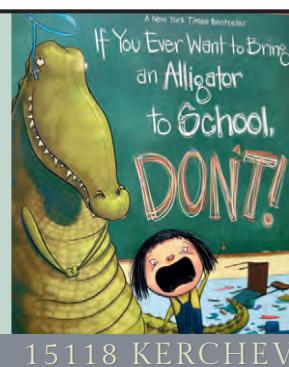


## Write On!

### What's so special about the number five?

Write your thoughts about the number five.

Standards Link: Write descriptively using a main idea and supporting details.



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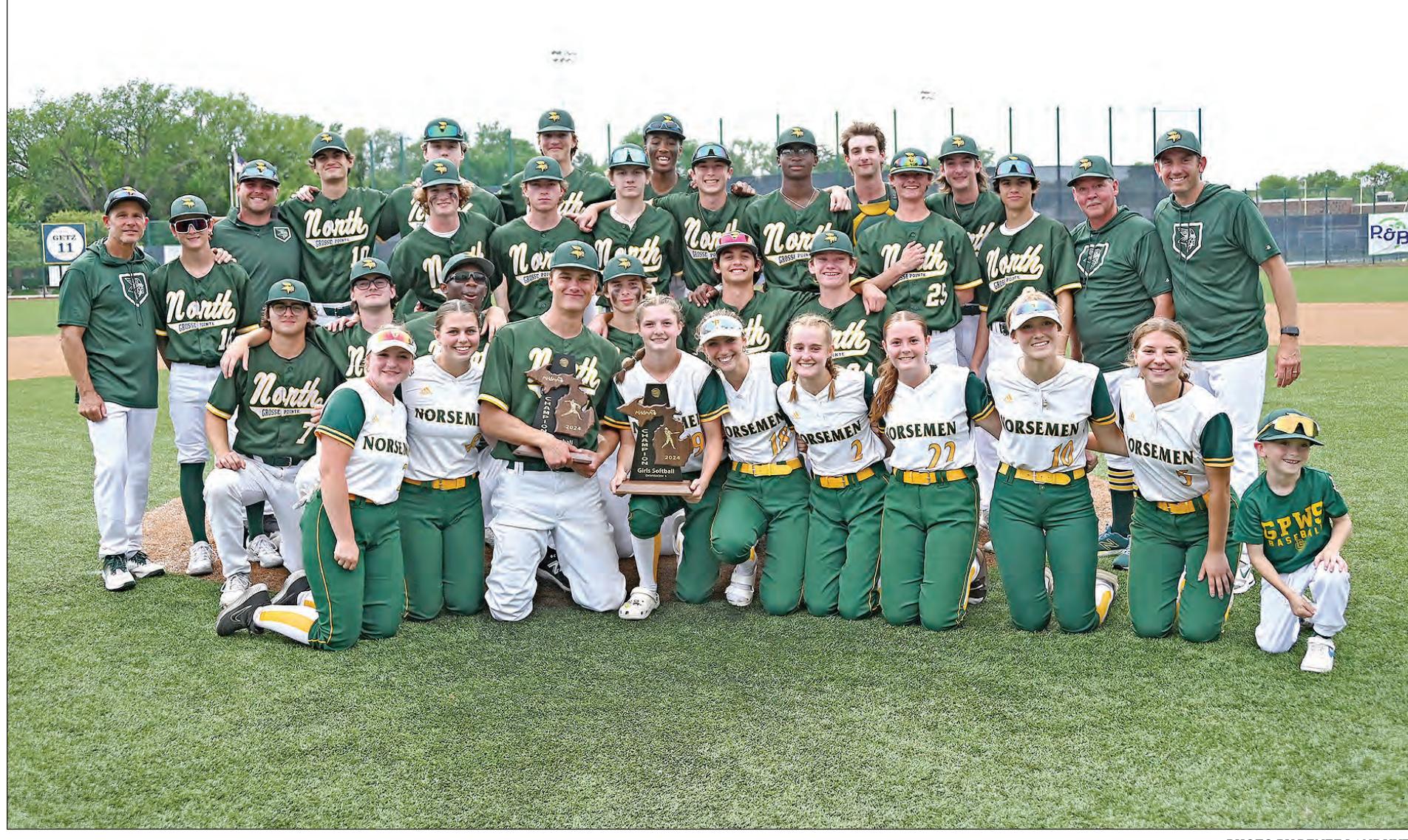


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## North reigns supreme in district championships

Grosse Pointe North's varsity softball and baseball teams celebrate with their respective trophies after both teams won Division 1 district championships Saturday, June 1. The softball team defeated Lakeview 6-5 in the district title game, while the Norsemen took down Grosse Pointe South 7-4 in the baseball district final. For full coverage of last week's baseball and softball district playoff action, see pages 3D and 4D.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Marcero reflects on years as Liggett's three-sport star

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

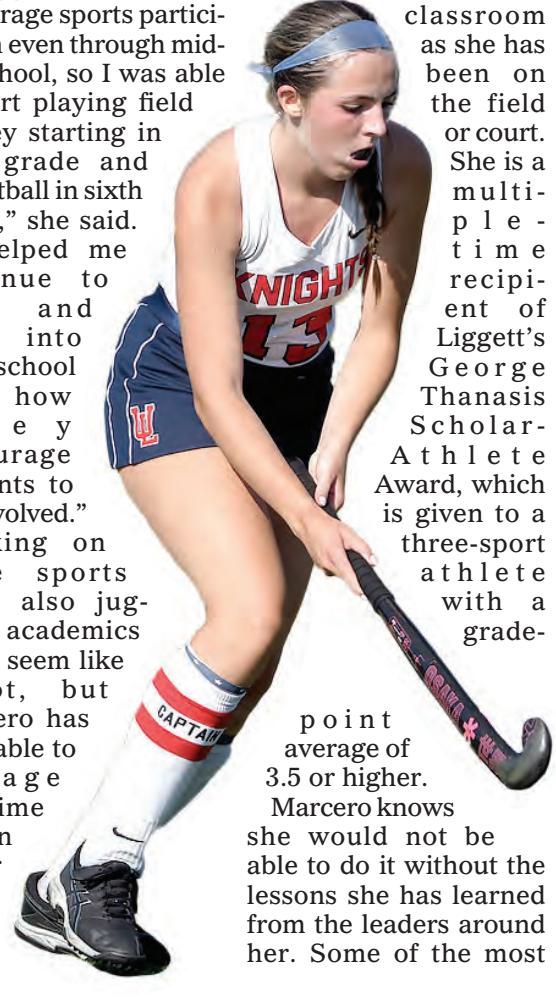
There are plenty of three-sport student-athletes out there, but it is rare to find one who manages to excel in each of the sports they play. One of those rare athletes is University Liggett School senior Hallie Marcero, who has spent her entire high school career with the varsity field hockey, girls basketball and girls lacrosse teams at Liggett and earned her share of accolades in all three sports.

This school year, Marcero received end-of-season honors in every sport she played. She was named second-team All-State in field hockey, All-Catholic by the CHSL in basketball and CHSL All-League in lacrosse. She may be a naturally gifted athlete able to excel in any sport she tries, but Marcero also thinks she would not have had as much success if it were not for the way her school encourages students to participate in multiple sports.

"I was very thankful

for Liggett because they encourage sports participation even through middle school, so I was able to start playing field hockey starting in fifth grade and basketball in sixth grade," she said. "It helped me continue to play and grow into high school with how they encourage students to get involved."

Taking on three sports while also juggling academics might seem like a lot, but Marcero has been able to manage her time in order to be a success-



point average of 3.5 or higher. Marcero knows she would not be able to do it without the lessons she has learned from the leaders around her. Some of the most

COURTESY PHOTO

Marcero spent four years with the varsity field hockey team at University Liggett, winning a state championship her freshman season and being named captain for her senior year.

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# Blue Devils recapture soccer district title, North and Liggett lose championship games

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

In 2022, Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls soccer team won its first district championship in seven years. The Blue Devils fell short of retaining their title in 2023, but were able to reclaim district supremacy this spring with a 3-0 win over Dearborn Fordson in the Division 1 district championship game Thursday, May 30.

"It's always really cool seeing the girls get excited as they did when the clock hit zero and they all ran on the field," South varsity girls soccer head coach Chris Bolio said. "What's nice is looking forward toward regionals and I think we have a legitimate shot. ... We didn't have too many doubts (in districts) and there wasn't any time in either of the games where we thought we wouldn't win."

The Blue Devils did look dominant in both district playoff wins last week. South reached last Thursday's title game

against Fordson by first defeating district host team Wyandotte Roosevelt 8-0 Tuesday, May 28.

Shutouts in both games of the district tournament proved the Blue Devils are functioning at their peak defensively as they move on to the regional round of the postseason. Bolio could feel his team was starting to play its best soccer of the year as the playoffs got underway and credits the midfield and defensive core of the squad for being the team's biggest strength right now.

"The back line is playing the best they've played all year," Bolio said. "... We're also playing really well through the middle of the field. Savannah Spangler and Lila Brundage absolutely controlled every minute of both games through the middle and, with Laney Morgan in front of them, I think we're really strong down the middle."

After press time, South moved on to the Division 1 regional semifinals

where it faced Dearborn Tuesday, June 4. The regional championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 6, hosted at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School.

## University Liggett

The Knights earned a trip to the Division 4 district final last week after defeating Bloomfield Hills Rooper 2-1 Tuesday, May 28. The district title game Thursday, May 30, saw Liggett take on Shrine Catholic, with Shrine jumping out to a first-half lead and using it to end Liggett's playoff run with a 3-1 loss.

"I thought we really gave it our all and finished with a strong 20 minutes even though we didn't get our goal until it was too late, I think, to really bother them," Liggett girls soccer head coach David Dwaihy said about the loss. "We reached another level and it's always good to finish a season playing your best. Shrine is a good team and deserving winners ... but we were pleased with how the

girls played."

Shrine took the lead in the 23rd minute of the first half on a goal by Hannah Lewless. Lewless ended with a hat-trick, scoring all three of Shrine's goals. Her second came in the 31st minute and the third was in the second half at the 50-minute mark.

Liggett's lone goal of the game was scored with just over three minutes left when junior Kerith Short was able to find the back of the net off of a free kick shot from about 40 yards away.

The loss ended the Knights' season with a record of 8-8. Liggett's team this spring had seven seniors who are graduating after spending years with the program and Dwaihy knows their influence will remain on the younger players who return next season. Of those younger players, Dwaihy was most impressed this spring by what he saw from this year's freshmen, who could be the key to the Knights having

more success in 2025.

"What really struck me was, as the season went on, their ability to adjust to the physical demands of the high school game," Dwaihy said. "... There's a pretty big gap there to account for and when I think of some of our freshmen, I thought they really stepped up to that challenge and improved a lot this season in terms of their physicality and fearlessness and that's a really promising thing to see from them as ninth graders."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Liggett's Kerith Short**  
scored the team's lone  
goal in a 3-1 loss to  
Shrine Catholic in the  
Division 4 district title  
game.

and in succession after halftime. St. Clair's first goal came in the game's 51st minute and its second just a minute later.

The back-to-back goals put North back on its heels and the Norsemen seemed unable to recover. The team did have a few chances on offense to pull closer, but ultimately was not able to find the back of the net.

While the Norsemen will not be returning to East Lansing

for another shot at the title this spring, this year's graduating class will

always have the legacy of being part of the program's first championship. What head coach Thalu Masindi believes, perhaps most importantly, is that the senior leaders of this spring's team helped lay the foundation for what North hopes will be more future success.

"They will talk about this year as a way of transition and lessons, but also they played a bigger role than just being players," Masindi said. "(The seniors) were a key part in making sure that this core of the group can start something for the future."

The Norsemen earned a trip to the district final after defeating Marysville 4-0 Wednesday, May 29, in the semifinals. After a stalemate first half in last Friday's championship, the Saints struck quickly

The Norsemen had a final record of 6-14-1 this spring.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

South varsity girls soccer defeated Dearborn Fordson last Thursday, May 30, to win the Division 1 district championship for the second time in three seasons.

## ATHLETE:

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has been able to build with teammates.

Playing three sports has helped Marcero interact and become friends with many of her Liggett classmates. The best part is those teammates and friends can be from different grade levels and backgrounds, but come together through sports.

"I have a few friends who play field hockey, basketball and lacrosse the same as I do," Marcero said. "All my teammates in all my sports have become some of my best and closest friends. The relationships that we've formed on these teams

are not only rewarding because they're with my classmates or other seniors, but they can be with sophomores or people that you don't get to see multiple times throughout the school day."

One of those close teammates the past couple of years is Marcero's younger sister, Olivia Marcero.

Olivia already has established herself as a rising star in multiple sports at Liggett as well, surpassing 100 career goals in lacrosse this spring as a sophomore.

The bonds Marcero has formed with her coaches and teammates through field hockey, basketball and lacrosse over the years will stick with her a long time,

even as she goes on to study finance at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business in the fall. As she gets ready to head off to college, Marcero is most excited to see her sister continue to succeed on the field at Liggett and will always cherish the seasons they got to spend together as teammates.

"I'm really grateful that we play the same sports because it's really nice to have that experience with her to bond over the sports we play and spend more time together," she said. "... Seeing her succeed has been really great to see and having us both work hard together and ... both of us being able to share the same experiences together."



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Hallie Marcero, right, with younger sister Olivia Marcero. The two sisters have been teammates on multiple sports including field hockey and lacrosse.

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**ATHLETE**  
**OF THE WEEK**

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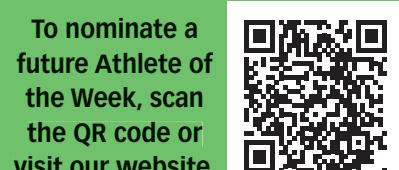
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School, Grosse Pointe Public School System, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2024-2025 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2024-2025 budget until after a public hearing. A physical copy of the proposed 2024-2025 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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# Allen's discus championship highlights track & field states

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The spring varsity track and field season concluded last weekend as athletes from the Pointes traveled to the state championships Saturday, June 1. Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South's athletes traveled to East Kentwood for the Division 1 state championships, where North's Clintin Allen emerged with a state title in discus and the athletes from University Liggett School also had strong representation at the Division 3 finals.

Allen was the only Norseman or Blue Devil to win a state champion-

ship Saturday. His throw of 177 feet, 3 inches in the discus final earned him first place by more than six feet and also was eight feet longer than his previous personal record. His teammate, Marcus Robinson, finished 20th overall with a throw of 148 feet, 3 inches. South's Conrad Squiteri managed a top-15 finish, coming in 13th at a distance of 154 feet, 4 inches.

North's Reinaldo Williams earned ninth place in the shot put, throwing 53 feet, 10 inches. On the track, North's Paul Stephens ended up 25th in the 800 with a time of 1:59.16. Jack Martin from South was 24th in the 1600 at

4:26.63. In the 3200, David Rochon from North finished 31st at 9:54.75 and South's Jet Miller was close behind in 33rd with a time of 10:24.49.

In the girls state finals, the best finish from either team was North's Bailey Hopko taking 14th in the discus with a throw going 123 feet, 6 inches. Olivia Barba from South was just behind in 15th at 122 feet, 11 inches.

In the 1600, Zofia Lutaborska from North ended up 24th at 5:29.50. South's Chloe Caulfield and Sarah Koval finished back to back at 26th and 27th, respectively, in the 3200. Caulfield, Morgan

Deenik, Savannah Spangler and Calisse Budek were 32nd in the 4x800 relay.

South's 4x400 relay team of Molly Reynolds, Evelyn Wodzisz, Morgan Duff and Adelina Parikh finished 29th. Duff also competed in the long jump, taking 23rd place with a distance of 15 feet, 11 inches.

In the Division 3 state finals, University Liggett had a state champion in 100 and 200 meter adaptive races. Senior Jake Juip took the top spot for a third year in a row in the adaptive competitions.

The next highest Knights finisher in any event was junior Santino

Cicarella, who had two top-five finishes. Cicarella made the podium with a second-place finish of 22.09 in the 200. His 10.94 time in the 100 earned him fourth place in the event. Cicarella also was part of the 4x100 relay team, along with Marvin Hartfield, Jermaine Calloway Jr. and James McCullough that finished 21st.

Liggett's Michael Darlington took 20th place in the 1600 at 4:49.29. He was 36th in the 3200 with a 10:45.01 finishing time. Jordan Stefanides ended up 24th in shot put at 44 feet, 11 inches.

The Knights girls also competed in two events



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North's Clintin Allen

during the day. Olivia Jacque, Mychala Penn, Aisha Manneh and Collette Peabody competed in the 4x100 relay, finishing 37th. Senior Kelsey Beckett was 25th in the discus.

## North beats South for baseball district title, Liggett moves on in Division 2

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The first weekend of varsity high school baseball playoffs is always an exciting time in the Pointes, especially when there is the possibility of a clash between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South for the district title. That is exactly what happened Saturday, June 1, with the Norsemen ultimately coming out victorious, while University Liggett School also claimed a district championship in Division 2.

### North-South

South played host to Saturday's district tournament action. The host team took the field in the first game of the day with the Blue Devils taking on Roseville in the semifinals. The semifinal round proved to be not much of a test for South, as the team handled the Panthers 6-0.

Joey Michelotti had two RBIs for South in the win. Andrew Dilodovico, Hunter Belanger, Jake Kozel and Lucas Ogden all brought in runs. Hayden Vinyard pitched a complete-game shutout on the mound, going seven innings with eight strikeouts and six hits allowed.

With the Blue Devils moving on to the district final, North then took the field for its semifinal matchup against Lake Shore. Like South, the Norsemen also won their semifinal game with a shutout, taking down Lake Shore 14-0.

Brennan Hill and Shane Armbruster powered North's offense with three RBIs each. Bobby Rhodes finished with a pair of RBI as well. Henry Rocho started the game and pitched two and one-third innings, allowing only one hit. Brandon Keyes took over for two and two-thirds innings and did not allow a hit.

The stage then was set for the matchup of North against South for the district title to end the afternoon. The game started with a wild first inning before settling down a bit and in the

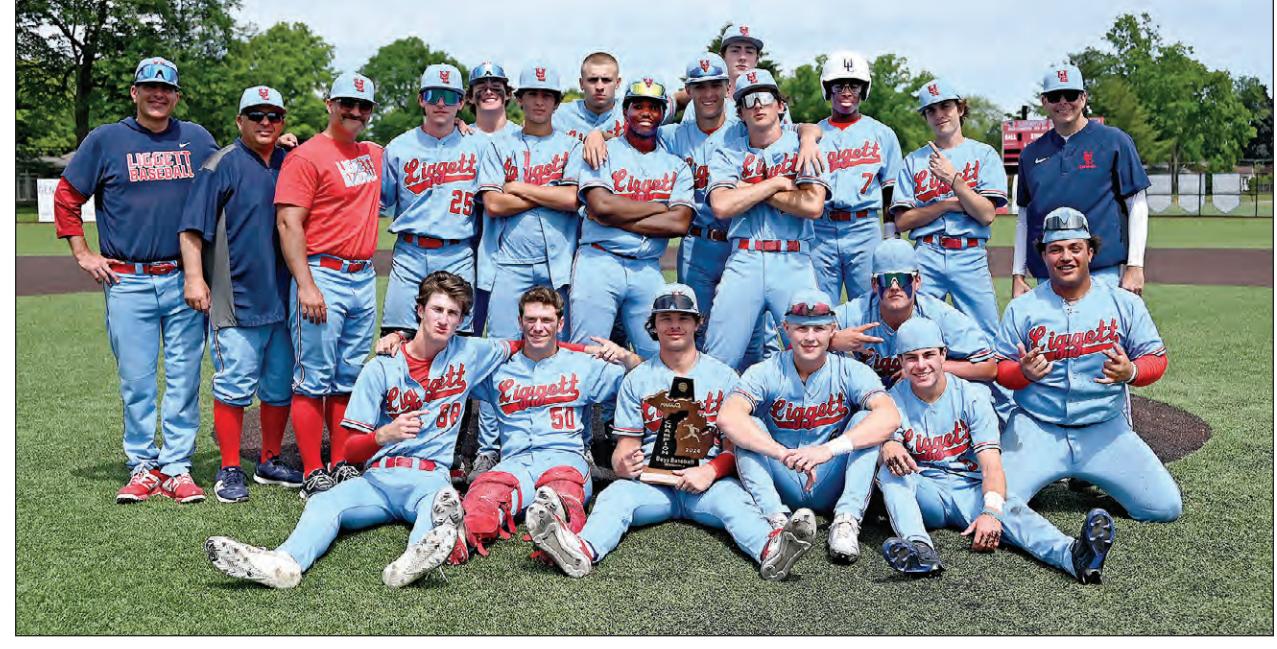


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The University Liggett varsity baseball team earned the district championship in Division 2 by defeating Harper Woods 11-1 on Saturday, June 1.

year, and I'm really proud right now," North varsity baseball head coach Kevin Shubnell said.

*I'm proud of our seniors and happy for them because this was a mission from day one last year.*

KEVIN SHUBNELL,  
NORTH VARSITY BASEBALL HEAD COACH

Rocco Cardinale made it 2-0 when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. In the next at-bat, Caleb Butler brought in two runs with a single that increased North's early lead to 4-0.

South, however, was quick to answer with a big first inning of its own. Belanger cut the deficit in half with a two-run double to kick off the Blue Devils' rally in the bottom of the first. Kozel added an RBI single so South only trailed 4-3 after the first.

In the top of the fourth, North tacked on two more runs with an RBI double by Rhodes and an RBI single from Charlie Rocho. In the

top of the fifth, Deshawn Edwards reached first on a bunt attempt that helped score the Norsemen's seventh run of the game.

Another RBI hit for Kozel in the bottom of the fifth brought South closer, but ended up being the final score of the game on either side.

North was able to close out the final innings and take back the district trophy.

Cardinale finished the final two innings on the mound for North, not allowing a run and surrendering only two hits. Brennan Hill was the Norsemen's starter, recording seven strikeouts and giving up three earned runs on nine

hits.

While it may not have been the most stellar mound performance by the future University of Michigan Wolverine, North's coaches still believe having a pitcher like Hill can be an ace in the hole when it comes to the postseason.

"He's a workhorse and he puts in so much time and effort," Shubnell said.

"Sometimes when guys get that D1 scholarship, there's a perception that they maybe don't care as much, but there's nobody on our team who cared as much about this game today. He wanted this game

See BASEBALL, page 4D



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North first baseman Bobby Rhodes makes a catch for the out just before South's Adam Czarnik reaches the base.

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George Lapastora  
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# North, Liggett earn softball district crowns

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Saturday, June 1, was a day packed with playoff softball action as the teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School all took the field in their respective district tournaments. The Norsemen emerged victorious in their Division 1 district tournament with a thrilling championship game win and the Knights cruised to a dominant district victory in Division 3.

## Division 1

Both North and South were in action last Saturday in the Division 1 district tournament, hosted by South. The day began with the Norsemen's semifinal game against Cass Tech, which ended after just three innings with North victorious 15-0.

Addie Wakefield led North's offense with three RBIs in the blowout win. Charlotte Julien and Kate Stemmler had a pair of RBI each as well. Stemmler also was one of two North pitchers who combined for a no-hitter. The sophomore had four strikeouts in two hitless innings before fellow sophomore Sofia Gualdoni stepped in and finished the no-hitter in the third inning.

Saturday's second semifinal matchup saw South taking on Lakeview. The Blue Devils had an early lead, but the game proved to be a tight one almost the entire way until a late rally by Lakeview ended the game in a 6-4 win for the Huskies.

South got an early lead in the first inning when Addie Waller hit a hard ground ball that led to a Lakeview error, allowing two runs to cross the plate. The Blue Devils' lead was cut in half in the bottom of the second

inning when Lakeview got its first run of the game. The Huskies eventually tied the game at 2-2 in the fourth.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Blue Devils reclaimed the lead with a two-run home run by senior shortstop Avery Bellish. Lakeview answered right back and tied the game at four runs apiece with a two-run homer of its own in the bottom of the inning.

The momentum for Lakeview carried over into the sixth inning as the Huskies scored two more runs that ultimately proved to be the difference. South threatened in its final effort during the seventh inning, getting a runner into scoring position, but was unable to bring her home.

The loss brought the Blue Devils' season to an end with a 27-10 record. The win for Lakeview meant a meeting later in the afternoon with the Norsemen for the district title.

It was another close

game for Lakeview, but this time the Huskies were on the losing end as North prevailed 6-5.

Lakeview got in front first 1-0 in the top of the second inning. Isabella Boedecker tied the game for North in the bottom of the second with an RBI single and North took the lead later in the inning after a Lakeview error.

Wakefield extended North's lead in the third inning with an RBI single and an RBI by Julien later in the inning made it 4-1 Norsemen at the end of the third. Lakeview added a run in the top of the fourth, but North continued to build its lead in the bottom of the fourth when a Natalie Babcock single brought in two runs.

Babcock's hit put North up 6-2, but the Huskies rallied in the late innings to turn the game into a nail-biter for Norsemen fans. Lakeview entered the top of the seventh inning down 6-4 and scored while down to its final



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT ATHLETICS

University Liggett's varsity softball team took the district championship in Division 3 last weekend in dominant fashion, out-scoring opponents 28-2 over two games on Saturday, June 1.

out to pull within a single run. With runners on first and second base and two outs, the Huskies' comeback fell just short when North's Cara Kaslatas made a difficult catch in right field for the final out.

"We did talk about it all year and if you look at our results, it doesn't look like we were as good as I believed we were, but we

kept pushing for where we're at right now, which is winning the first leg," North varsity softball head coach Ron Smith said about winning the district title. "... Our league is tough and our non-league games were against very tough teams, like South, who beat us, was a very good team. It paid off for us, though. It looked like we got beat up during the season, but I think the result was when the game came down to needing a catch or a throw, our girls toughed it out."

North's district championship win has the team moving on to the regional round of the Division 1 playoffs. The Norsemen face a tough test in the regional semifinals, where they will

face Brownstown Woodhaven Saturday, June 8.

Woodhaven holds a

32-5 record this season and has been ranked among the top teams in the state in Division 1 all spring. North will be tested, but Smith is confident in his team's abilities based on their recent performance, particularly on defense, and with the attitude and work ethic the players have.

"They've had to make a lot of plays this year defensively and we've had some new pitchers on the mound who are throwing their strikes and doing their job," Smith said. "Elliot (Jarvi) on Saturday pitched a great game. They're doing what they've been working on all year and I think, or at least I hope, they're finally believing in what I've been trying to say, which is that they're a very good team once they start believing in themselves. Nobody's tougher on them than themselves."

North takes on Woodhaven at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at Woodhaven.

## Division 3

University Liggett's varsity softball team did not seem to have much trouble with its Division 3 district tournament competition last Saturday in Clawson.

The Knights seemingly cruised to a district title, outscoring opponents 28-2 over the course of two games that day.

The first game was a 15-0 win for Liggett over Clintondale. The game lasted just four innings, with senior Victoria Nugent going all four innings on the rubber without allowing a hit. She also recorded an RBI at the plate, while Jasmine Maxwell led the Knights' offense with three RBIs. Louisa Dragovic, Constantina Bournias, Margaret Weiss and Stella Smitacz all had a pair of RBIs as well.

Liggett moved on to the district final to face Clawson, with the Knights winning 13-2. Nugent once again threw a no-hitter, but Clawson did manage to score two runs. Maxwell had another three-RBI game, with Weiss and Isabel Nihem also bringing in two runs each.

The Knights move on to the regional round in Division 3, where they are set to face Detroit Edison in the regional semifinals. That game is scheduled for noon Saturday, June 8, hosted at Algonquin Middle School in Clay Township.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Charlotte Julien stands at second base after hitting a double in last Saturday's district championship game against Lakeview.

## BASEBALL:

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badly. ... It's a mission that he's been on to achieve this."

North moved on to the regional round, where it faced De La Salle Collegiate Wednesday, June 5, after press time. The regional final in Division 1 is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, hosted at Grand Blanc High School.

## University Liggett

The Knights hosted the Division 2 district tournament Saturday and dominated on their home field on the way to hoisting the trophy. After defeating South Lake in the pre-district round Tuesday, May 28, Liggett faced Chandler Park Academy in the district semifinals to start the day Saturday. In a game that took just three innings, Liggett cruised to a 17-0 win.

## The Knights

The Knights had four players record multiple RBIs in the first win of the day. Nick Greene, Andrew Stalker, Eddie Narva and Ravi Hines brought in two runs each with their efforts at the plate. Javion Gray and Joseph Harris combined for the shutout victory on the mound, allowing only one total hit in three innings.

Liggett moved on to the afternoon's district final against Harper Woods.



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Liggett's Eddie Narva slides safely into home plate to score in the district championship game against Harper Woods last Saturday.

Woods. The Knights' bats stayed hot as they earned the district championship with an 11-1 win.

Zach Hill, Andrew Johnson and Mack Phillips were the driving forces behind Liggett's offense in the win with a pair of RBIs each. Jackson Fetter tossed five and one-third innings on the hill with nine strikeouts and one earned run with only three hits allowed.

"I think looking at the beginning of the season until now, it's played as we would've hoped," Liggett varsity baseball head coach Jay Ricci said about his team in the postseason. "The tough competition and tough league we've played all year, even though it was a struggle at times, seems to have prepared the team to play its best at the right time. ... The way they look at it, we have eight

games to win and have five left. They're definitely confident and looking ahead, they think we can win every game ahead of us."

Liggett faced Livonia Clarenceville in the regional semifinal round after press time Wednesday, June 5. The regional final in Division 2 will be held in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8.

# 'It means so much to me': Allaer grateful for hometown support despite Grand Prix result

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The days and weeks leading up to the Detroit Grand Prix brought a

warm homecoming for Grosse Pointe Woods native Nolan Allaer. On Sunday, June 2, all of the hype and anticipation was finished and it was

time for Allaer to take the track in the Indy NXT race at the Detroit Grand Prix.

While the hometown support was strong, the result of the race did not favor Allaer. He was 17th overall out of 21 drivers after making contact with another car in an incident that occurred with just three laps remaining in the race.

"About halfway through the race, I could tell that we were running with a really strong pace," Allaer said. "... I could tell that we had a pace advantage and we could make some moves. ... I was trying to set up James Roe for a move. The streets of Detroit are very tight. He makes a mistake in front of me and his car goes sideways. My engineer and I looked at the video and there was nowhere I could've gone. It makes me feel better knowing that it was impossible to avoid, but not the finish



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Allaer and his dad, Robert Allaer, share a pre-race hug before Allaer gets behind the wheel for the Indy NXT Series race at the Detroit Grand Prix on Sunday, June 2.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN MCGEE

Grosse Pointe Woods native Nolan Allaer received a customized racing helmet from the Detroit Lions and was sponsored by local Detroit area brands like National Coney Island and Faygo for last week's Detroit Grand Prix.

we want."

Allaer was not injured during the incident that took his car out of the race. Great Britain's Louis Foster ended up taking the checkered flag to win the Indy NXT

support. Especially the local organizations that have been on board like National Coney Island, the Detroit Lions and Faygo have been so good to me."

today is even more impressive. It's super exciting."

As for Allaer, the excitement of racing in his hometown has passed and he already is focused on the next race. He will travel with his HMD Motorsports team to the next leg of the Indy NXT calendar, which is the Grand Prix at Road America in Wisconsin Sunday, June 9.

The Detroit Grand Prix was just Allaer's fifth race of his Indy NXT career and he is confident he will return to the streets of Detroit to race again in the future.

"This is a great opportunity for a couple of Detroit icons to get together with racing and National Coney Island," said Dan Roma, Grosse Pointe resident and CFO of National Coney Island. "... To see the car

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# Gage to host signing for latest book with Tiger legend

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe resident and author Tom Gage is preparing to release another book for baseball fans to enjoy and is hosting a book-signing event in his hometown to celebrate its release.

Gage and his collaborator, former Detroit Tigers catcher Lance Parrish, will sign copies of their new book, "The Enchanted Season: The Detroit Tigers' Historic 1984 World Series Run and My Life as The Big Wheel," on Wednesday, June 12, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Parrish was an eight-time All-Star who spent 10 seasons in the Motor City and was one of the key pieces to the 1984 championship team.

Gage covered the Tigers for The Detroit News for more than 30 years and was a reporter for much of Parrish's tenure with the team. The two came together years later to help tell the former catcher's story.

"As a writer and an athlete, we weren't good friends, but I always found him to be very approachable," Gage said. "He was a no-nonsense guy and he did a good job of trying to remember everything from his career and his ear-

lier years. It was a joy to write the book and to work together and I can say now that we are friends."

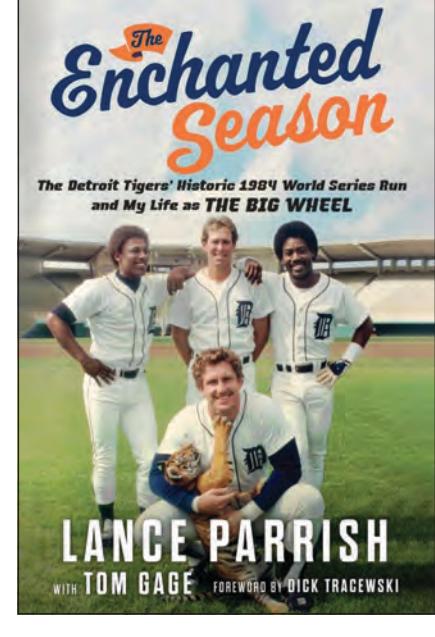
The book tells the story of the 1984 championship season, as well as Parrish's career and life before and after professional baseball. Parrish is not the first former Tiger with whom Gage has collaborated. In 2018, Gage and Mickey Lolich collaborated to write "Joy in Tigertown: A Determined Team, a Resilient City, and Our Magical Run to the 1968 World Series."

Gage and Parrish now tell the story of 1984, which they both believe truly lived up to

its billing as a special summer.

"It was a joy to work with Lance," Gage said. "... We called it the 'enchanted season' because it really was. The team started 35-5 and then the real challenge came. ... I don't think they really won the pennant with 35-5, but did it by being a tough team and proving themselves after that start."

The book signing takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. No outside materials for signing will be allowed.



## 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:

### LITTLE LEAGUE HOME RUN DERBY

Right, Julian Wade's 32 home runs helped crown him champion of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League T-Mobile Home Run Derby last weekend.

Below, from left, Connor Curtis, Brennen Whitbeck and Riley Collins were the top three finishers in the T-Mobile Home Run Derby for the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League. Whitbeck was the champion with 15 homers.



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### LITTLE LEAGUE PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Charlie Bunch, Gabe Chaptini and Brady Lamb before the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Home Run Derby. The three boys have been friends since playing at the rookie level and are now in their final Little League season.



### BOYS GOLF

Liggett's Steve McMahon, left, qualified for the Division 3 boys golf state finals as an individual after shooting a 76 at the regional tournament on Tuesday, May 28. South's Brennan Sullivan also earned an individual qualifying spot for the state finals in Division 1, with a score of 74 at regionals last week.

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### SOUTH SAILING

Grosse Pointe South's varsity sailing team finished tenth at the National Silver Championship Regatta in Annapolis, Md. last weekend. The Blue Devils qualified for the national championship after finishing fifth in the Midwest earlier this spring. "This regatta was an excellent way to close out our season," South sailing coach Christina Noland said. "The team performed well across a variety of conditions. I'm very proud of what we accomplished this spring and looking forward to the fall."

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Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to [madzima@grossepoincenews.com](mailto:madzima@grossepoincenews.com).