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## And the winners are ...

Winners, runners-up selected by judges, readers

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The winners of the third annual Grosse Pointe News “Finer Pointes” art contest have been selected.

After much deliberation, artists Joe Gall and Eric Lowry — professionally known as Camera Jesus and El Cappy, respectively — selected their favorite and a runner-up in each of two categories — photography/digital art and sneaker art.

### Photography/digital art

Gall’s winner in the photography/digital art category was Brittney Colantonio, who submit-

ted the piece, “Time with Jerry.”

“I wanted to enter the contest with a piece that was emotionally meaningful to me and that would touch people in a certain way with nostalgia,” the City of Grosse Pointe resident said.

The subject of her photograph, Jerry, is a formerly homeless man who took Colantonio on a tour through his newly acquired home. He was most eager to show her his “prized possession.”

“It was his garage,” she recalled, “and all the cool things he’d collected from the street. We were looking through old yearbooks of people we didn’t even know. It was cool to

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Clockwise from top left, Brittney Colantonio’s “Time with Jerry”; Avery Miller’s “Serendipity”; Play Staples’ “Weather Man P’s”; and Ethan Allen’s “Pointe aux Barques Aurora.”



## More school closings coming for GPPSS?

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Two competing, yet somewhat similar, suggestions for reducing costs in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for fiscal year 2023-24 and beyond are slated to be discussed at the Board of Education meeting Monday, May 22.

One is a proposed resolution by Trustee David Brumbaugh, which he asked to be given a first reading at the meeting. The second is a recommendation from Treasurer Sean Cotton that would cut \$5 million in the

upcoming budget. Both were discussed at the district’s Finance and Facilities Committee Tuesday, May 16, after press time.

Cotton included Brumbaugh’s suggestion that the district perform a strategic review over the next several months that includes exploring building consolidation, the transfer of grade levels between buildings, the reduction of low-enrollment course offerings and an analysis of student-teacher ratios at each building.

“Sometimes people don’t want to talk about

the decisions that are hard to make,” Brumbaugh said. “But they are discussions we have to have publicly and get input to do what is best for the community.”

Brumbaugh’s resolution makes reference to the administration’s \$3 million in cuts previously suggested, primarily through cutting 10 full-time equivalents from the teacher ranks. Administrators said most of those positions could be reduced through attrition, either via retirements or teachers leaving for another district or making a career change.

Cotton’s proposal would

support the reduction of 14.9 teacher FTEs, as well as eliminating one counselor at each high school and one position on the district’s communications team.

Reductions suggested by administration include one FTE at the fifth-grade level at Parcels and Pierce middle schools, 3.20 FTEs at Grosse Pointe North High School and 3.80 FTEs at Grosse Pointe South High School. Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News, would increase that to 7.2 at North and 5.7 at South.

Cotton said he was able

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COURTESY RENDERING

This design reflects the new exterior plans of eight townhomes set to be constructed, along with a 17-unit apartment complex, at 389 St. Clair.

## 389 St. Clair gets nat’l historic designation

Planned townhome facades altered

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The former Cadieux School and Grosse Pointe Public School System administration building at 389 St. Clair — soon to be repurposed into an 17-unit apartment complex — was listed on the National Register of Historic Places Friday, April 28.

Upon purchasing the building for \$1 million from the school district in August, Brian Giles, with

Condo Detroit LLC, picked up the pursuit of historic designation begun by the original developers, who defaulted on their agreement.

“It was the original schoolhouse in the City of Grosse Pointe,” Giles said of its 1906 construction, “which in and of itself is pretty significant.”

Cadieux School is the only building remaining in its original location

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## Park seeks federal COP grant

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Three main criteria are needed for the city to win federal grants that fund new police officers.

Applicants are ranked on fiscal need, level of crime in the jurisdiction and community policing

plans.

The Department of Justice has \$224.5 million to disperse among local law enforcement departments, state, tribal and territorial agencies to hire or rehire officers. Grants pay officers’ training costs plus three years’ salary and benefits.

Recipients must meet a

25 percent match and retain the officers at least 12 months after the three-year subsidy.

Park officials submitted their grant request the week of the program’s May 11 deadline.

“The purpose is to help the community fund an

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# Parking app, rate increases incoming for Hill lot

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — While rates in the municipal parking lot behind The Hill have not increased since 2014, each duration of time will

cost 50 cents more come July, in conjunction with the implementation of pay stations.

While a half-hour period will remain 50 cents and up to an hour will transition to 75 cents, up to two hours now will

be \$2.50, with the cost rising 50 cents for each additional hour and the highest charge being eight-plus hours at \$8.50.

Upon council's request when it approved replacing the gated lot system in April, the Passport

Mobile Parking app also will be incorporated for those who prefer the convenience of paying by phone.

"At the last council meeting, we were directed to do more research into a mobile

app for the (municipally owned) lot," Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller Tim Rowland said, "so we went back to Passport, which is the company that offers the mobile app that they offer in Grosse Pointe

City, and they offered to allow us to piggyback on Grosse Pointe City's system, where they essentially add the MO lot as a zone in their system and, in turn, they can offer us

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## WINNERS:

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see his face light up every time he looked at something."

Colantonio said she had hoped people would see the emotion in her work; it was easy for Gall to spot.

"I deemed the photo as an authentic capture of a genuine and unposed moment," he said. "This is a standout quality I looked for as a juror of the competition. Secondly, the use of natural light was a contributing factor to the photo's success. Natural light can add depth and warmth to an image, and can also help to convey a sense of realism and authenticity. Thirdly, the location and subject of the photo were important factors in my selection. A compelling location and strong subject can help to tell a story or convey a message. Overall, the winning photo was chosen for its ability to capture a genuine, emotionally resonant moment, while also utilizing strong lighting, location and subject matter."

Gall's runner-up in the photography/digital category was Bloomfield resident Summer Benton, who submitted the digital work, "Morning Routine." She said she was stunned when she heard Gall's comments on her piece.

"I was blown away by how on point his interpretation was," Benton said. "He put into words what I never could. I was flattered."

In Gall's words: "The character illustration in my opinion depicts an original conviction of our daily mundane reality vs.



Left, Summer Benton's "Morning Routine," and right, Steven Hauptman's "All That's Jazz Sax."



COURTESY PHOTOS

our inner potential. The wide-open third eye speaks to the struggle against conformity and the true soul within. I also loved the use of bold unnatural color and large character features giving this figure a very unique and nondescript appearance. Overall, this illustration stood out to me as not only visually striking, but also thought-provoking and inspiring."

According to the artist, "I was thinking about how, when I'm trying to be more self-aware or more aware of the world, I want to open my third eye and have a revelation, but it doesn't work because I'm forcing it. But those in-between moments — when I'm brushing my teeth or washing my hair or vacuuming my apartment — the unimportant moments can be the greatest moments for growth and awareness."

In addition to Gall's selections, Grosse Pointe News readers were invited to vote for their favorite among finalists in the photography/digital category. They selected St. Clair Shores

resident Ethan Allen, who managed to capture the Northern Lights at their peak in his photograph, "Pointe aux Barques Aurora."

"I'd seen the Northern Lights once before, but that was before I got into photography," said Allen, who started taking the hobby more seriously after getting his first real camera around five years ago. "I always wanted to get a good photo of the Northern Lights. I saw on social media people posting that there was a good possibility of seeing them ... so I immediately dropped everything."

He knew of an area far enough north, near Port Austin, to see the storm. His timing was impeccable.

"Right when I got there, they were at their peak," he said. "Ten minutes after I took the photo, they kind of faded out."

Of his Readers' Choice win, Allen said he was surprised and excited.

"I'm not a professional photographer; it's more of a hobby," he said. "I submitted it as a long shot."

"... I'm really grateful to the Grosse Pointe News for putting on this contest. It's great for photographers of any level to submit and get their work out there."

Colantonio will receive \$1,000 for her first-place win. Benton and Allen each will receive \$500 prizes.

### Sneaker art

Lowry said he felt honored to judge the sneaker art portion of the contest and called all of the submitted artwork "amazing." He selected Avery Miller's "Serendipity" for first place.

"I chose this shoe as the winner based on the concept and cleanliness of the design," Lowry said. "I felt like every part of the design complimented the entire piece of work;

the color palette in tandem with the design placement reflected meticulous planning and execution. My favorite aspects of the shoes are the inverted floral pattern on the fronts and backs, how the moon placement on the inside swoosh sits perfectly and the floating of the koi fish through the colors of the different panels."

Miller, who this week completed her high school career, began painting sneakers for fun in 2018. The graduating senior from Orchard Lake took inspiration from Grosse Pointe to paint her entry.

"When I first heard about the contest, I thought, 'I gotta make something really cool,'" she said. "Looking around the city, I saw how beautiful it is and, looking at the people who live in it, I saw a small representation of Asian heritage. I wanted to prompt that more. Every person is so important to the world in general. I wanted to show how important everyone is, so I used that heritage."

Miller said she's grateful for the opportunity to participate in the contest, which was brought to her attention by her art teacher.

"I honestly worked for this talent," she said. "It was hard to cultivate and help grow. The Lord blessed the work in my hands. I feel very encouraged and blessed."

Detroit artist Play Staples earned a nod as Lowry's runner-up in the sneaker art contest and was declared the winner of the Readers' Choice Award for "Weather Man P's."

"I'm expressing myself one canvas at a time," Staples said. "My whole objective was to connect with people. It worked out. I am so thankful to be acknowledged."

"Being an artist, I like

trying new things," he added. "I'm happy to be able to express myself."

Staples' sneaker art was inspired by summertime and his 4-year-old daughter, who helped him select the colors.

"She's a ray of sunshine in a dark room," he said.

A relatively new artist, Staples has been painting since 2016, when he caught an episode of "The Joy of Painting" with Bob Ross on TV.

"In the community where I'm from, there are not too many outlets," he said. "I'm sitting in a room and I got a lot on my mind. I was 26. I was watching (Ross) and thought, 'I'm going to try that.' I did it that night and the next day I woke up and felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders, so I kept going."

"This is one of the best things I could possibly wish for in my early career," he continued. "It's an honor. Thank you to everybody that voted for me. Expect more art from me. I hope to inspire the next young man or young lady to pursue art and express themselves."

Lowry said he was particularly taken by Staples' entry.

"I chose this shoe as the runner-up, which was a very hard decision due to both of these entries being amazing pieces of work," he said. "In my opinion, there is nothing better than a clean pair of customer Air Force 1s. My favorite part of this shoe was the color palette and the tie-dye look that was achieved. I enjoyed how the color-blocking on the shoe was used. Using the white toe box and white swoosh made this pair not overbearing and a true statement piece."

Miller will receive \$1,000 for her first-place win. Staples will receive \$500 for as runner-up

and an additional \$500 for his Readers' Choice award.

### Gretchen Valade Spirit Award

Also recognized with a prize was Royal Oak photographer Steven Hauptman, whose piece "All That's Jazz Sax" was selected as the Gretchen Valade Spirit Award winner. His entry is part of a series of photos of jazz musicians shot in black and white.

"I'm very humbled about it," he said, noting he's enjoyed photography since the 1970s and especially enjoys street photography. Though these days most of his work is done digitally and in color, Hauptman said he loves going back to his roots.

"I was brought up in the black-and-white era," he said. "I love black-and-white photography."

"... I have done some photo work for the Detroit Jazz Festival the last few years and that's where this is from," he added. "... It was a planned photograph. I decided it had a very interesting background and wanted to experiment with the settings on the camera. I wanted the instrument and the hands in focus, and I wanted the musician a little bit out of focus. I got what I wanted."

As the Gretchen Valade Spirit Award winner, Hauptman will receive \$500.

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# Civic site options presented

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Exiting city hall after a board meeting of the Downtown Development Authority during which members were wowed by concept drawings of a revamped and landscaped municipal campus, Commissioner Robert Farhat looked around the current blank asphalt parking lot and forest of parking meters.

“Blasé and boring,” he said.

Talent can be transformative. It can even make a new city hall parking lot look inviting, especially if it is more than a parking lot.

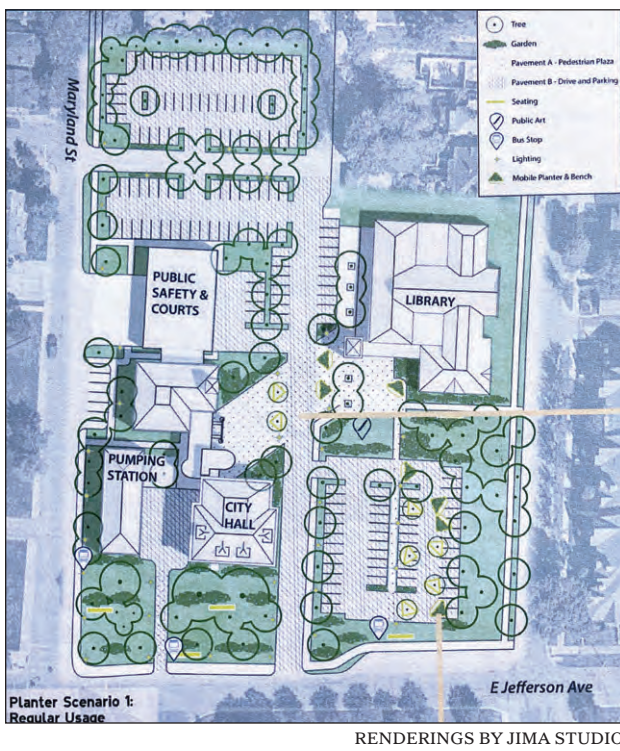
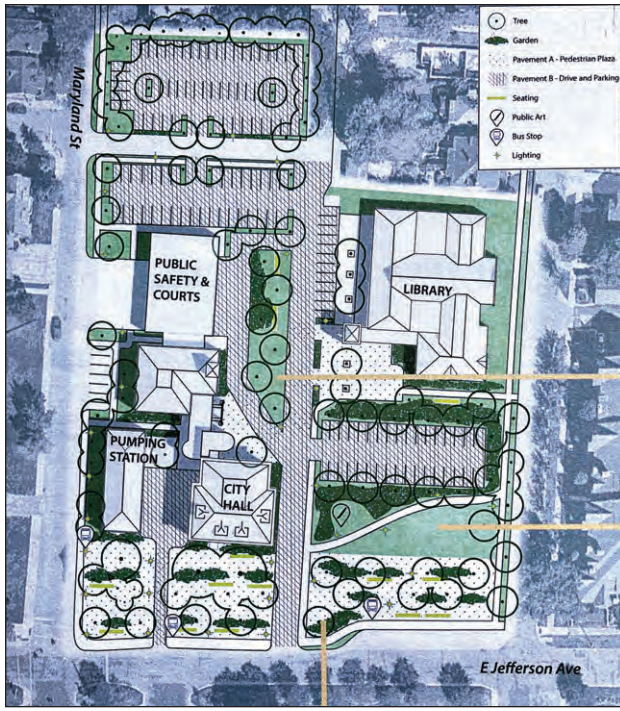
Designers from Jima Studios on May 9 presented the board two diverse ways of fulfilling a requirement to increase the number of parking spaces at city hall.

Both proposals exceeded the board’s expectations by also simplifying vehicular traffic flow, preserving greenspace for personal respite or special public events and, through landscaping and related techniques, putting the three-story municipal building’s presence on par with its standing in the community.

“I don’t want to speak for anybody,” DDA Chairman Benjamin Wixson said of the proposals, “but I think we thought it was going to be mostly a parking lot and we’d do the best we could. But that is totally different and really cool.”

“It looks like you could do it in phases, too,” Commissioner Jaime Rae Turnbull said.

“That’s what I appreciate about this,” said Nick



RENDERINGS BY JIMA STUDIO

**Top, Concept A for Grosse Pointe Park’s revised civic campus features a front plaza and smaller parking lot in front of the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, for a total of 131 total spaces on site.**

**Bottom, Concept B retains city hall’s front lawn and has a larger front parking lot for a total 159 spaces on site.**

Sizeland, DDA director and city manager. “We can take some of these elements and start budgeting them each year,

adding elements.” Jima founder Ujiji Davis Williams, with an Ivy League background in landscape architec-

ture and urban planning, and architectural designer Shandra Bernath-Plaisted beat four competitors last December to win a \$15,000 DDA contract to produce conceptual renderings of an enhanced campus and prerequisite parking spaces in what now is a vacant lot immediately east of city hall.

City officials are committed to constructing the lot in accordance with an agreement that provides partial funding from the Schaap Center for Performing Arts, itself to be built one block west of city hall.

“This is work Shandra and I are really passionate about — helping people transform spaces,” Williams said. “The big goal here is to create space where people feel welcome and invited, like they have the opportunity to linger. A lot of the work we do is to transform space into something that is inclusive and invites people to be themselves and to exchange with each other. This project fits that mold.”

## Concept A

Of their two concepts, the one winning most favor from the board starts with a tree-spotted pedestrian plaza replacing the lawn along Jefferson in front of the municipal pumping station, city hall and public library branch.

A lawn is preserved between the library plaza and forthcoming parking lot, which at 34 spaces is smaller than most board members expected. The lot is ringed with landscaping in addition to taller trees

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# DPW open house Monday, May 22

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The new public works headquarters is open for public tours 4 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 22.

A 3:45 p.m. ceremony features comments from various administrative and elected officials prior to cutting a strip of yellow caution tape to open the building.

The nearly block-long building is located at 1500 Mack between Alter and Maryland roads. Inside are offices, a fully-equipped garage in which mechanics tend all

municipal vehicles, including fire trucks; a second-story storage area and outdoor storage space.

Parking during the open house is on Jefferson and Maryland.

“The ceremony will be held outside the new office doors on the side of the building facing Alter,” according to a municipal news release. “A gate will be open allowing you to enter the yard.”

— Brad Lindberg

# Exchange plants Saturday

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The spring plant exchange is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Tompkins Activity Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

The exchange is free, open to the public, takes place rain or shine and is what it says it is — an opportunity for people to exchange plants.

“Please bring your extra plants, bulbs, seeds and houseplants to share with fellow gardeners,” according to event sponsor, the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification

Commission. “Also welcome — clean plant pots, gently used garden tools and current gardening books.”

Bring only healthy, non-invasive plants that are wrapped, potted and labeled with as much detail as possible.

“Nothing to share this year?” reads a commission notice. “Come anyway to check out other gardeners’ extras and to chat about gardening and butterflies at our Ask the Experts table.”

— Brad Lindberg

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, MAY 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

◆ Osius Park pool opens.

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park aquatic facility opens.

# GRANT:

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officer and build up capital reserves,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “When the three years is over, that officer is the city’s responsibility.”

“It’s not (a) new (program), but it comes when the Department of Justice has monies specifically for this purpose,” said Jim Bostock, Park assistant public safety director. “The way police work is now, attracting new officers, retaining officers and keeping officers — good officers — with any department is a challenge, not only at the local level, but at the state level and federal level.”

“Everybody is throwing signing bonuses and incentives to get officers to their community,” Sizeland said. “Officers now are probably not going to stay with the same department for 20 to 25 years. They’re going to hop from community to community based on which has the best benefits.”

In addition to the city meeting objective standards, the DOJ also set subordinate variables based on opinion and politics. They include “building legitimacy and trust; combating hate and domestic extremism; and police-based response to persons in crisis.”

Additional favor goes

to departments restricting officers’ use of chokeholds, unannounced raids and the agency’s possession and use of military equipment.

“Priority consideration will be provided to applicants that support Executive Order 14074,” said Chanell Jones, a program specialist for the federal government, during an online broadcast explaining the DOJ’s Cops Hiring Program.

The presidential order, signed last spring to commemorate the death two years earlier of George Floyd while restrained by police in Minneapolis, requires federal law enforcement agencies and encourages local counterparts to revise use-of-force policies.

“That grant is cyclical,” Bostock said. “When they have the money, they will allow us to pursue grants. Other grants coming down the pipeline are going to be the (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Assistance to Firefighters grants.”

“Like most grants, there’s going to be preference for communities that might be disadvantaged,” Sizeland said. “But this is another opportunity that we think is important to help the city and public safety recruit more officers.”

Recent happenings in the Park could enhance and hurt its chance of getting support.

In the city’s favor is the public safety department’s 2022 annual

report showing a 61 percent jump in major crime reported last year compared with the year prior, fueled by a 133 percent rise in burglary and 78 percent rise in auto theft.

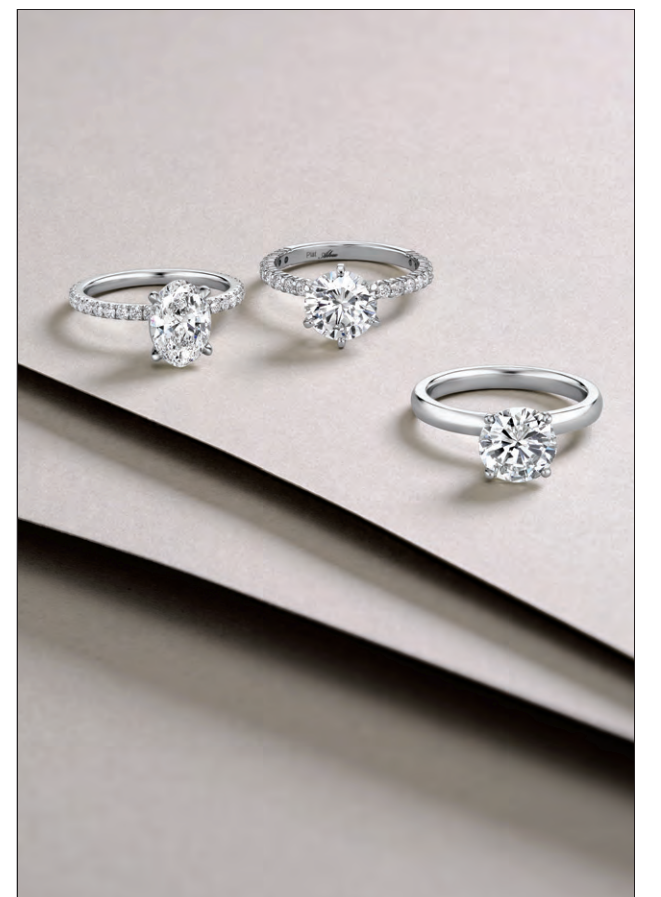
Likewise, it may not sit well with grant evaluators that Park officials wiped out a forecasted \$1.1 million deficit if revenue growth through the sale of municipal land is realized in the upcoming fiscal year 2023-24 budget, starting July.

Another requirement is for the grant to supplement, not replace, local funding.

“The grant is an opportunity to see what’s out there,” Sizeland said. “You can’t get it if you don’t try. So that’s what we’re doing.”



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## New foundation president embraces role

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

Rob Sattler isn't one to back down from a challenge. Whether it's working in Russia shortly after college, starting a business, climbing mountains or being a Lions season ticket holder, he embraces life to the fullest.

The same goes for his new role as president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. He even has a section of the group's bylaws hanging on the wall by his desk to remind him of the responsibility.

"It's pretty important to give back because we've been so blessed and so lucky," he said. "The foundation has a nice endowment, but we have very strict rules on how we spend the money and what we can spend it on."

Since 1984, the GPSIF has spent \$1.6 million in improvements and beautification efforts, with recent projects including new pickleball courts, a kayak staging area and an ADA-compliant swing in Osius Park.

"We focus on things the entire village can enjoy and benefit from," he said. "For example, we stay away from things like maintenance because that's a city council thing."

Sattler and his wife of 41 years, Elly, are lifetime members of the foundation and she has been on the city's beautification committee for a



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**Rob Sattler and his wife, Elly, are Detroit Lions season ticket holders.**

number of years.

"We were well-trained by the examples of our parents to appreciate, be thankful and give back," he said. "We call it time and treasure."

Sattler grew up in St. Clair Shores and moved to the Shores on Oxford Road when he was 9. He's the third oldest of eight children.

"We were all over the place, mostly at the park and yacht club, swimming and boating," he recalled. "Between the three girls and five boys we did track, tennis, hockey, ballet, school plays."

Sattler said his mom was relieved when the "big three," as the three oldest siblings called themselves, were able to

drive.

"She'd let us take the station wagon if we took one of the younger kids where they had to go," he laughed.

After attending Barnes, Brownell and Austin Catholic Prep, Sattler earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech in 1977, before joining LaSalle Machine Tool, a company his grandfather founded.

Within three months he was sent to Russia for 14 months to install machinery his company sold to the KAMAZ truck company.

"Some Russians hated and mistrusted us, but those who got to know us and vice versa became great friends," he said.

"They had very little, and difficult lives in our eyes, but they didn't see it that way. They were very happy and proud of their country."

Sattler earned an MBA after returning and in 1994 helped his father and a few siblings start Sattler Inc., a machine shop in Macomb County. He and Elly, who have two adult children, lived in Roseville and Troy before purchasing his grandparents' house on Fairfield in 1992.

Sattler, 67, became interested in high adventure when he was 50.

"We were with Elly's family for Christmas and my sister-in-law starts telling me about a trip she and a friend were planning," he said. "She was 40 at the time and was telling me how physically challenging it was going to be, so I kind of took that as a challenge."

The plan was to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and summit it on Valentine's Day.

"This is mid-December, so only two months out, and all of the training plans I found required six months to a year," he said. "I was already playing hockey, doing yoga and working out on an indoor rowing machine, so I was in pretty good shape and just doubled everything I was doing. We were successful."

Several of his adventures have been with Mark Raush, a friend who originally convinced him to join the foundation.

"We did Mt. Whitney,

the tallest point in the continental U.S., up and down in one day, whereas most do it in two to three days," he said. "We flew into Las Vegas and drove through Death Valley to get there, which is the lowest point, so that was pretty cool going from one extreme to the other."

His other adventures have included climbing Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helen's on consecutive days, summiting Half Dome at Yosemite, spending four days on Machu Picchu's Inca Trail, hiking rim-to-rim at the Grand Canyon in one day and a February

trip to Argentine Patagonia, as well as several one-day bike rides across Michigan.

As for being a Lions fan, Sattler said he's "had my heart broken so many times," but last season was the first in a long time his customers actually wanted to go with him to games. He attended a watch party at Ford Field the first night of the NFL draft last month and is looking forward to the team building on last year's momentum.

"It should be fun," he said. "I like the attitude of the players and the enthusiasm of the coach."



**Sattler after summiting Half Dome at Yosemite.**

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that predates the consolidation of the original five Grosse Pointe Township School Districts into Rural Architectural District No. 1 in 1921.

With the consolidation meeting state requirements to create a locally

administered high school, secondary education was implemented and the schoolhouse saw its first graduating class in 1924. Most recently, it housed the district's administrative offices until it was sold in 2021.

The historic designation could mean historic tax credits for the developer in the form of 20 percent of the cost of the

development, but also significantly regulates and restricts developmental choices.

For instance, new windows will be installed on the back of the building, but the front exterior facing St. Clair will remain largely unchanged. The developer also can't change much in the interior common areas, aside from refining the existing floors, and also must retain the doors that led to classrooms.

"Really the beauty of it is that our renovation is going to be done in such a manner that it restores the rich legacy of this project, of this building, and we're going to do everything we can to retain those historic elements," Giles said. "We're not going to be bastardizing, for lack of a better term, the building."

The developer also noted, "all systems are go," to break ground on construction later this summer and have the

apartments ready for occupancy in summer 2024.

## New facades

Since taking over the project from the prior developer, Giles largely has stuck to the originally approved site plan, but came before city council in April, to request a conditional rezoning amendment for a redesign of the exterior appearance of eight townhomes also set to be constructed on the property.

With city council members commenting the April design was "too commercial" and "kind of sterile," the architectural team agreed to return with a more satisfactory design to complement the surrounding community, which it successfully did last week.

"Rather than eight identical townhomes," the city planner's report notes, "there are now two distinct, but related

compositions, providing a warmer and more appropriately scaled building with greater variation."

While working from a contemporary angle, the new design also incorporates traditional building elements, such as red brick, bay windows, gables, limestone trim, wood-textured fiber cement siding and wood bracket details.

"I wouldn't say we're trying to get to a point where we're mimicking an older style," the architect noted. "We're just trying to take cues on what made that style a little bit more successful, so lesser shadows, more face material and also the higher amount of color versus just the repetitive picture frame."

The additionally approved minor changes include eliminating an existing storage building to provide better access to the dumpster enclosure; creating four addi-

tional parking spaces, partially thanks to the storage building removal; incorporating a series of electric vehicle charging stations at some of the parking spots; and increasing a planned six-foot fence running along the sides of the development to eight feet at the request of neighboring property owners.

"I appreciate you guys incorporating the feedback we had," Councilman Seth Krupp said. "The first design ... I liked the way it looked, but I didn't feel like it fit as well as this does."

"I think as I'm driving by this on the street, (it'll) feel like it blends with the street while still looking unique and like progress," he added, "so I think it's really well done."

Council approved the site plan changes 5-0, with council members Chris Walsh and Terence Thomas absent, in early May.

## LOT:

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a 25-cent convenience fee instead of the 45 cents they originally proposed."

For each transaction, the Farms also will be charged 30 cents, plus 2.9 percent of the transaction total.

"The fees are only for people who use the app," Rowland clarified of the 25-cent convenience charge. "Anybody can still use the pay stations

for no additional fees."

During its initial implementation, the parking app only will be an option for those parking in the municipal lot.

"But we are looking in the future to move it onto The Hill as well," Rowland noted of the street parking along Kercheval.

City council approved the parking app and municipal lot rate increases 6-0, with Councilman John Gillooly absent, during its May meeting.

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Testing luck

A 31-year-old Detroit man is suspected for 17 separate unauthorized withdrawals, totaling \$1,700, taken from a 76-year-old Farms woman's Citizens Bank account Sunday, May 7.

This is the second occurrence of fraud against the woman since her husband passed away in March.

## Hall monitor

Officers were called to a local high school at 9:07 a.m. Thursday, May 11, when a staff member reported a 51-year-old hall monitor smelled of alcohol.

The woman said she drank the night prior, but did not drink before work or at work. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.12 percent and she was issued a trespassing warning and advised she will be arrested if she returns to the school.

## Harassment

A Belanger resident reported her husband, whom she currently is divorcing, for harassing behavior Friday, May 12.

The 47-year-old Eastpointe man has sent text messages in violation of a court order and drives past the woman's house with her children in the car to monitor who is visiting.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Swapped plates

Unsure of the location or time it was taken, a 39-year-old Farms woman reported Saturday, May 13, the license plate on her 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee had been stolen and replaced with another plate.

## Garbage mouth

Officers were called to the 400 block of Manor at 3:59 p.m. Sunday, May 14, for a 63-year-old Farms woman throwing garbage cans and yelling vulgarities in a driveway.

Due to frequent welfare checks and disturbances, the woman has had 79 interactions with the Farms department.

Because of the high volume of police contacts and neighborhood disturbances, she was issued a disorderly person citation and given a court date.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Bike stolen

A thief stole an unlocked, unattended,

blue 10-speed bicycle in the 15000 block of Jefferson a few minutes before 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

"(The victim) placed his bike outside the location, unlocked, and went inside," police reported. "While inside, an unknown suspect took the bike."

Police said the bike is valued at \$200.

## Car window smashed

Police found pry marks on weather stripping around the broken driver-side rear window of a 2013 Kia Sorento parked between noon Thursday, May 11, and 7:39 a.m. the next day in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Friends and family discount

A pharmacy technician at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval delivered and/or sold a prescription of Oxycodone, which belonged to

another person, to an acquaintance at 4:45 p.m. Monday, May 8. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

## Ruckus

Officers responded to an area hospital at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, for a patient making threats toward the staff because he was unhappy with his care.

## Not a pay phone

A heavysset 35-year-old black woman stole a Google Pixel 7 demo phone and brown cell phone case from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11. An investigation is ongoing.

## DWLS warrant

After being stopped by Farms officers at Chalfonte and Bournemouth for a traffic offense at 4 p.m. Friday, May 12, a 50-year-old Detroit man was found to have a City warrant for driving while license suspended and was turned over to City officers.

## Good deed

After a Grosse Pointe man's brown leather Tumi wallet was stolen while he was at an area

hospital between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, a person returned the wallet and contents — aside from approximately \$40 in cash — to his home. The good Samaritan said he saw someone throw it from a car window near Warren and Cadieux.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report, per dispatch.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Bad deal

Two instances of people being robbed while attempting to sell items via Facebook Marketplace were reported last week.

The first occurred around noon Tuesday, May 9, when the victim met two black males near the tennis courts at Grosse Pointe North High School to sell a

hoodie and a pair of jeans for \$725. The suspects grabbed the items and ran away through school property.

The suspects are described as 17 to 19 years old, both wearing surgical masks, jeans and hoodies.

The second instance was around 3 p.m. Friday, May 12, when a woman agreed to meet a buyer at a bank parking lot on Mack to sell her laptop for \$1,000.

The suspect said he wanted to see the serial number on the computer to make sure it wasn't stolen, but instead grabbed it and fled in a vehicle. Two witnesses were able to get a picture of his car and record the license plate, which has been forwarded to detectives. The suspect was described as a black male, unknown age, with very short hair wearing shorts, a T-shirt and white sneakers.

Public Safety Director John Kosanke said he recommends anyone looking to sell items online should insist the transaction take place in the lobby of the public safety department.

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

## Rate changes in City

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Residents in the City can expect to see a 10.2 percent increase on water and sewer bills come July 1, equating to an additional \$24.45 per billing for the average homeowner.

"These increases are necessary due to the increases from Grosse Pointe Farms for the water purchase; Great Lakes Water Authority for the (sewage) disposal; as well as all the mandates we have and all the engineering work that needs to be done; and rising employee costs, healthcare costs (and) all of our operational costs," Finance Director Kim Kleinow explained. "And part of that also has to do with the debt service for the bonds that we will be issuing."

Council approved the rate change at its May meeting 5-0, with council members Chris Walsh and Terence Thomas absent.

"It's unfortunate that it's that high, but our hands are tied," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

## Fee increases

With the City completing its multi-year transition to pay stations in ungated surface lots this

past year, it now also will turn its focus to education and enforcement to ensure parkers continue to pay the fee without the encouragement of a gate.

In the new fiscal year this will take the form of a \$5 increase in parking fines, for a total of \$15, which is anticipated to bring in an additional \$42,000 in revenue.

"With the new lots that aren't gated, it's more of an honesty system and our revenues are just decreasing, because not everybody's paying for parking," Kleinow said. "(The increase will) be enough to cover the operating shortfall that we have, but it's not enough to build up the funds for future capital needs. We're hoping more enforcement and better education and the higher fine fee hopefully will deter people from not paying for parking."

Along with tennis lessons through the parks and recreation department increasing \$15 to a total of \$75 — as the current fees do not cover the rising cost of providing the service — marina well rentals also will increase by 5 percent for the 2024 boating season.

"This is to help cover the cost of the repairs due to the water level

changes that we've seen in the last few years," Kleinow explained.

A recently approved ordinance requiring a \$150 fee for vacant building registration not only is aiming to decrease the number of vacant properties, but is expected to bring in about \$1,500 in revenue next fiscal year.

In a parallel effort to discourage unused on-street dining platforms from continuing to take up parking spaces, the city will impose an annual \$150 fee per space.

While there is good news in that no recycling rate increases will be incorporated in the coming fiscal year, residents may wish to keep an eye out for a potential \$5 yard waste fee, which could be added to utility bills in the coming months to address impending deficits in the City's solid waste fund.

"It is something that we do want to address within the next six months," Kleinow said, "so that we don't have a shortfall in our solid waste fund."

## PLANS:

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proposed along the site's eastern boundary to act as a visual barrier between residences on Lakepointe.

This proposal, designated Concept A, inserts a long, roomy, landscaped traffic island between the library and public safety garage. It also preserves postal service and municipal drop-off mailboxes and reconfigures an existing rear lot into two separate lots with a single, combined access to and from Maryland Road.

Parking spaces total 131. Williams said the lot in front of the library meets minimum requirements of the city's most recent parking study.

"We preserved some of the greenspace so there's open greenspace for events or casual activities," Bernath-Plaisted said. "We also have a central plaza between the public safety building and library to create more of a central part of the campus."

"I was surprised we were able to define a sizeable greenspace," Wixsom said. "I really

like the buffer between Jefferson and the building with that boulevard deal. It gives it a kind of city vibe that you'd see in any downtown area. The front (of the property) is so unused right now. You'd be using it every day."

"There could be permeable pavers in front," Sizeland said. "I think Concept A might be the best. From Jefferson, you're seeing less of a parking lot. It's kind of tucked in and backed away and fulfills the requirements."

## Concept B

Instead of a plaza, Concept B preserves lawns and soft visual entrances to the pump station and city hall. It also differs from Concept A by providing a larger, 50-space, tree-bordered lot that takes up most of the area in front of the library.

"That lot can be used for festivals that can be centralized within the parking area," Williams said. "To soften that, we are incorporating (portable) planters that allow trees and other landscapes to be moved in when the lot isn't active, so it doesn't feel like a big asphalt pad."

Unlike Concept A, Concept B provides 13 parking spaces between the library and public safety garage. Spaces total 159. The two rear lots are the same in both concepts.

## The best of both

"We'll Frankenstein some of the merits of both (proposals) and come up with a new concept," Williams said.

She'll also research Commissioner Jim Ketcham's concern that both concepts ensure enough space for fire trucks to back out of the public safety garage should the main exit to Maryland be blocked.

An online survey linked to the municipal website on the matter ended May 1, before the concepts were presented.

"We had 250 responses," Sizeland said. "There were a lot of survey results against construction of a parking lot (in front of the library). That's dead on arrival. We have to have a parking lot there."

A final design is expected for consideration at the DDA's next meeting Aug. 8, according to Sizeland.

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### OUR VIEW

# Honoring those in blue

While Sunday marked the beginning of National Police Week, we in the Pointes prefer to celebrate, support and thank our public safety officers on a much more consistent basis.

Here are just a few examples.

As we reported in last week's Grosse Pointe News, the newly formed Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation aims to support unfunded needs of the public safety departments in all five Pointes and Harper Woods. Its mission statement is, "to enhance the capabilities of the public safety departments ... by ensuring the provision of first-class, cutting-edge law enforcement and security technology; and to provide training on security technology with the goal of providing the highest standard of public safety achievable ..."

The GPPSF already has committed to a \$235,000 grant to purchase and install two cell phone repeaters at Grosse Pointe South High School. According to Dan Jensen, the foundation's executive director and former public safety director in the Farms, thick walls and a slate roof at South render cell phones and police radios virtually useless indoors.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System received a grant from the state to help fund a resource officer in cooperation with the Woods at Grosse Pointe North High School and is hoping to find money to partner with the Farms for an officer at South. That's on top of \$5.8 million in security upgrades the district has made in recent years, working with a security consulting firm made up of former law enforcement officers, using bond money voters approved in 2018.

In April, members of the Knights of Columbus at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church dropped off pizzas, soda and water to the Farms public safety department and said they intend to do the same every few months throughout the year in our other communities.

Our team of staff writers over the past few months have written stories about the myriad awards presented by each department to officers to recognize their bravery, heroism and quick thinking during the previous year.

Several of those officers were honored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club earlier this month.

We also love printing stories when a long-time veteran retires from a department or a new hire is sworn in.

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation paid to refurbish the public safety department gym there with new equipment and has paid for new ballistic shields, sidearms and holsters. The separate Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation bought PSOs new bullet-proof vests.

Also in the Park, several residents take turns delivering food on the Christmas and New Year's holidays to officers who are away from their families.



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## National relay makes stop in Farms

Nonprofit Carry The Load made a stop at the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department Saturday, May 13, as part of its 20,000-mile, 48-state, 32-day relay intended, "to give people an active way to honor and remember our military and first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," according to a release.

Michigan is along the Midwest route that started in Minneapolis and is traveling to Dallas for Memorial Day weekend.

To register for the relay or learn more, visit [carrytheload.org/Memorial-May/](http://carrytheload.org/Memorial-May/).

Anyone who wishes to donate to funds being raised to support military, veterans, first responders and their families may do so at [carrytheload.org/donate/](http://carrytheload.org/donate/).

In the Farms, numerous residents, including nine who pledged \$25,000 each, committed \$250,000 to fund not only the purchase of new K-9 officer Rocco, but also pay for continued training, a specialized patrol vehicle, vet bills and overtime hours for the handler.

And it's not just us who support those who vow to protect and serve. They support each other, often responding with mutual aid — often for structure fires — when the need arises.

Such was the case recently when officers

from the City pitched in to help arrest squatters in an empty house in the Park while its officers dealt with a vicious attack on an 81-year-old woman.

Kudos as well to our city councils, which do all they can to provide equipment upgrades and training opportunities while stretching budgets to cover all other municipal services.

So, while National Police Week may end Saturday, we'll spend 52 weeks a year recognizing the valuable service of our public safety officers and those who support them.

## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com).

### Seek other options

To the Editor:

Note: This letter was initially addressed to Grosse Pointe school board members.

I'm writing to plead with you so that you may reconsider the proposed budget cuts to the orchestra and band instrument program. I have two sons at South right now, one is a senior (orchestra member) and one a freshman (band member). The quality of our music and sports programs, as well as the many extracurricular activities, cannot be offered through online home-schooling schemes or private strip-mall-based educational institutions and is the gem of our Grosse Pointe school system. It is also what makes our graduates' experience so exceptional.

I have an MS in industrial engineering and spent eight years in a university, but I can tell you that the most significant years of my learning experience was in high school, where we had similar opportunities. It is also what makes our community stand out and is one of the primary factors that significantly add to our property values, whether you have children or not.

There is no doubt that poorly functioning instruments will impact the quality of our band and orchestra and there's no need to expound on this further. I also understand the incredible financial pressures the board is facing with the changing demographics and the ensuing drop in enrollment. However, there must be other more palatable options such as conversion of former school properties to revenue-generating centers that will supply funds to the school system. I urge you to please reconsider these cuts, for the well-being of everyone in our communities.

ANDREW P. KOTLARZ  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Many thanks to GP's finest

To the Editor:

This week, May 14-20, as a nation we honor, commemorate and recognize the sacrifice of the women and men who not only gave their lives in the line of duty as police officers, but also those who serve and protect us today. Here in the Grosse Pointe community, we are most fortunate to have such a dedicated, honorable and caring group of public safety officers.

As acting principal at Brownell Middle School, I'm a witness to the daily work of these individuals in Grosse Pointe Farms. Each and every day, multiple times, during drop-off and pick-up, patrol cars are present to protect our students; their response time to the school, when needed, is within moments; and the school liaison is received in the hallways by students as a member of the Brownell community.

On behalf of the Brownell community, I'd like to wish all of Grosse Pointe's finest the very best this week and thank them for all they do to keep our community and kids safe.

RODGER W. HUNWICK  
Principal, Brownell Middle School

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



# Scofflaw rules the road

defendant's name is omitted from the original account due to the time lapse.

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A chronic driving offender is making a scarecrow of the law.

During a session of Park Municipal Court late morning Wednesday, Feb. 8, the female suspect stood at the defendant's podium, perched figuratively, on one arm of the scarecrow.

Perched opposite stood city prosecutor Ralph Maccarone.

Equidistant sat Judge Carl Jarboe.

"You're here today on a license suspended, revoked or denied and also some speeding violations," Jarboe told the 22-year-old misdemeanor defendant and new

mother from Detroit.

Park police had arrested her about 10 hours earlier — 12:46 a.m. — during a traffic stop at Fairfax and Barrington.

"(An) officer witnessed a vehicle driving with defective equipment," a detective said. "A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and multiple warrants for her arrest."

Jarboe said, "There's a plea agreement in the file that they would change it to driving without a license, that they would dismiss the defective equipment and you would plead guilty to driving with a license suspended."

In addition, the agreement also wiped out charges for operating an unregistered and unlicensed motor vehicle.

"There's also three 2020 cases we're dismissing without prejudice in the interest of justice and expediency of the court," Maccarone testified.

The defendant admitted guilt in exchange for the deal. Possible penalties include a \$500 fine and sentenced up to 93 days in jail.

Not that Maccarone thinks it matters to the woman.

"It's clear from her driving record that this defendant doesn't feel she needs a driver's license," Maccarone testified. "She's going to drive whether or not she has one. It doesn't really matter what she pleads to or doesn't plead to. But the 93-day misdemeanor may give the court some latitude to assist in not driving without a license."

"My client simply wants to resolve this matter and enter a plea of guilty," said Andrew Moxie, the defendant's court-appointed attorney, testifying virtually.

Jarboe asked the defendant. "How do you want to plead?"

"Guilty," she said.

"Let me take a look at your driving record," Jarboe said, considering a sentence.

He slowly turned each of her five pages of infractions.

"You have a number of outstanding violations, including three we just dismissed with the plea agreement," Jarboe told her. "They're all over town, Detroit. And you're just 22 years old. How come all this is going on?"

"I started off young," she said. "I forgot about

these tickets."

"But you continue to drive," Jarboe said. "I can't have unlicensed drivers on the road. Studies show unlicensed drivers cause accidents at a much higher disproportionate rate than licensed drivers. What's it going to take to keep you off the road?"

"Pay those tickets," she said.

"Whether you pay these tickets or not, you can't drive without a valid driver's license," Jarboe said.

She said she'd get rides from other people.

Jarboe accepted the plea. He assessed a \$500 fine plus court costs. He also ordered her not to drive unlawfully.

"If you get arrested again for driving without a driver's license, they're going to bring you back in front of me and I'm going to put you in jail for 93 days," Jarboe said. "Good luck to you."

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**UNSIGHTLY LOTS AT POINTE'S GATEWAY TO BE BEAUTIFIED:** The unsightly vacant lots along the south side of Jefferson Avenue opposite the Park Municipal Building are going to be dolled up. These lots are a part of that large subdivision lying south of Jefferson and are in a strictly residential area. The restriction still has

many years to run, reported to be well along in the '60s, and meanwhile the area lies unimproved and bids fair to remain so for years to come.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**'WELDY' OLSON SELECTED FOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:** Hockey is a family affair with Weldon "Weldy" Olson, 40, of Washington Road. He was the young-

est of nine brothers who played the game and today his three boys play on Grosse Pointe Hockey Association teams. So it isn't surprising that the man who "lives" hockey recently was honored by being selected to the nine-man 1976 United States Olympic Ice Hockey Committee. The U.S. Amateur Hockey Association made the recommendation to the Olympic Committee.

**POLICE OFFICER STOPS 'HOT' CAR:** A 27-year-old Detroit resident, when stopped by Park police officers on Saturday, demanded to know what he had done, although he was driving

while intoxicated and on a suspended operator's license — and the front end of the car was in flames.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**ROTARY SHAPES UP TOT LOT FOR SUMMER:** The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club revealed concept drawings for a "complete makeover" of the Tot Lot to honor the playscape's 25th anniversary at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe. Dino Valente, Rotary

representative, said the project should start in June and be finished in time for a grand opening during the July 4 weekend.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**ST. JOHN DENIED:** A divided city council this week denied a key element of St. John Providence Health System's \$5.4 million proposal to establish medical offices in the former Borders Books & Music building in the Village. The single-

story, 19,053-square-foot building on Kercheval has been vacant since Borders closed in bankruptcy nearly three years ago. Most council members opposed St. John's plan because it provided 1/3 less space fronting Kercheval for retail usage than required by zoning ordinances.

**NO CHALLENGE:** Palmer Heenan has tossed a well-worn hat into the political ring, filing for his 16th term as mayor of Grosse Pointe Park. First elected in 1983, Heenan, 91, filed his nominating petition with the Park city clerk by the May 14 deadline.

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# Remarkable rebound

## Howlers & Growlers making comeback after nearly closing

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Just more than a year ago, the owners of Howlers & Growlers in Grosse Pointe Park were considering permanently closing the doors of their dream-come-true establishment.

Kevin Beard and Charles Laredo struggled coming out of the pandemic after a strong debut in 2018. The cousins took steps to keep the business going — Beard even stepped into the kitchen to keep labor costs low — but they found themselves and their business in dire straits.

Beard wasn't shy about their situation; customers were aware they may have to find a new favorite burger joint or hangout spot.

Among them were David Strous and his wife, Tracy.

"My wife and I were regular customers here," David Strous said. "Kevin was talking about not being open anymore. I had a day off from my day job, so I took a shift. Then one shift turned into 20, and then I quit

my day job. I became the manager and my wife became my assistant manager. She still has her day job though."

In the year since the Strouses have come onboard, Howlers & Growlers has seen slow but steady improvement. Now open seven days a week, with a limited menu Mondays and Tuesdays, the establishment regularly hosts fundraisers and other events, live music and karaoke.

"It's kind of like it used to be before the pandemic," Strous said, noting regular community support and the return of customers who are just now coming back since the pandemic. "It's great to see and be a part of."

The Strouses settled right into their roles.

"She runs Taco Tuesdays in the kitchen, while I run the front," Strous said. "It was the one day we weren't making much money or serving the community. In the month we've been doing it, we've had big groups come in for it."

Taco Tuesdays isn't the only gimmick employed by Howlers & Growlers.

Sunday brunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Strous will "keep the bar open as late as someone's here," he said. "I want to hire another person in the kitchen so we can be open for Sunday dinner."

Monday's promotion is its Fairway burgers, thanks to a partnership with local gourmet meat market, Fairway Packing. "They provide all our meat," Strous said.

Wednesdays at Howlers & Growlers is for lovers. Music lovers, that is.

"Wednesday is about Ripe Records," he added. "If you buy a record from them and bring it in, you get \$10 off your tab. If you bring a record from home, you get \$5 off your tab. We get a small group of music and vinyl lovers in. I hope that grows."

Trivia is offered two Thursdays each month. The weeknight also is open for events, tap takeovers, euchre tournaments, live music and fundraisers.

"A tap takeover is when a local brewery comes in, like Fabiano in Petoskey, and we give them a mini-

mum of four to six tap handles," Strous said. "We give people a discount on a flight of those beers to sample."

Friday nights feature karaoke from 9 p.m. to midnight and Saturdays are open for events as well.

"We've got live music in May and I'm booking more live music in June," Strous said.

Also this month, Transient Artisan Ales launched a Buckley Reserve bourbon May 13. Howlers & Growlers is one of eight locations in Michigan to host the brewery.

Social media posts also have taken off since Strous hired in.

"When I first started, there hadn't been a Facebook or Instagram post in months," he said. "Now, every day, we post a special, an event, a new beer, at 4 p.m. when we open."

Strous is no stranger to boosting businesses. He ran a grassroots comedy club in Toledo for years before the Rocket family of businesses brought him to Grosse Pointe. Once settled, he quickly



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

**Business is looking up for Howlers & Growlers in Grosse Pointe Park, says manager David Strous.**

grew to love the community.

"We got married at Atwater, had our rehearsal dinner at Bricks," he said. "When this place was struggling, it sucked. I did not want to see that. The ownership is great. Kevin and Charlie wanted to keep it going."

"... There were times we wouldn't be able to open for (lack of) staff," he added. "Now I've hired three people who are always here. Front of house staff was two, maybe three. Now there are eight in front and four in back, plus college help is coming."

With community support and strong management, Howlers &

Growlers recently celebrated its fifth anniversary and participated in a fifth anniversary block party event for neighboring Ripe Records.

"We're doing everything we think the community wants," Strous said. "We appreciate the community support and want more of it. We're so happy to be hosting their events."

"And on a personal note, me and Tracy thank Kevin Beard and Charlie Laredo for having this place."

Howlers & Growlers is located 15222 Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, visit [howlersandgrowlers.com](http://howlersandgrowlers.com) or call (313) 469-6031.

# Award-winning restaurateurs returning home

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The former owners of The Hill

Seafood and Chop House aim to open their newest venture, Pendency's Grosse Pointe, by the end of the month at 20930 Mack.

"We're on target for

May 31," David Pendency said. "The latest would be June 5, just in case we run into anything unexpected."

Pendency and his wife,

Susan Petrocy Pendency, owned The Hill from 2000 to 2003, which was named Restaurant of the Year by both the Detroit Free Press and Hour Magazine in 2001. They recently bought the former Trattoria Serventi, which closed in April.

The couple spent more than two years researching the Pointes before deciding on a location.

"We always knew this was going to be our end-up place," said the Grosse Pointe North High School alumni. "I guess we're crazy enough to do this one more time."

Pendency said the couple got out of the restaurant business 20 years ago after starting a family.

"Our philosophy was always that Susan handled the door and I handled the floor," he said. "Hour Magazine said we were 'ever-present, watchful owners,' and that's why we were so

successful, but it's not conducive to having little ones."

They spent the last two decades overseeing country clubs in Michigan, Missouri and Maryland.

"We've been in the hospitality business our entire careers," Pendency said. "We're aiming to have a country club-like atmosphere because that's what people are attracted to."

Pendency said the concept will be similar to what they had at The Hill, with casual fare featuring steak, prime rib, seafood and what he calls, "an awesome bar."

"I still hear people refer to it as The Hill, even though the name has changed, because they remember what we established there," he added. "That brand has not died."

Pendency said The Hill was triple-turning tables on Friday and Saturday

nights before receiving the awards in 2001, and afterward reservations were six weeks out.

"Our mission is always to get the twice-a-week diner instead of once a week," he noted. "Maybe a husband and wife comes in on a weeknight for a burger and a beer, then they come back Saturday with another couple and enjoy a more elaborate meal with some wine."

Pendency's Grosse Pointe will offer bar seating for 18, with another 32 seats opposite the bar, along with a dining room and banquet room that each seat 80.

"Eventually we'll do things like showers and rehearsal dinners, but the banquet room flows nicely from the dining room for when it gets too busy," Pendency said. "We'll also add off-site catering."

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## One year in ...

Though open around one year, IRIS recently was part of a ribbon-cutting celebration with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The women's clothing and lifestyle boutique is located at 19794 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Helping women express confidence through their fashion choices is my passion," owner Jenny Buda said. "... There isn't a roadmap to style. It's about self-expression and stepping out of your comfort zone every once in a while." For more information, call (313) 821-4494 or visit [irisgrossepointe.com](http://irisgrossepointe.com).

Pictured at the ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Frank Schulte, IRIS partner Tom Buda and owner Jenny Buda, Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Chamber Board Vice Chairman Alan Lowenthal, Chamber Board Treasurer Brian Rumohr and Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.



# Teachers of the Year recognized

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Education Association honored its Teachers of the Year, one from each building in the district, during the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, May 8, to mark the start of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Each also was recognized for how many years they've been teaching and how long they've been with GPPSS and were asked to share words of wisdom with fellow teachers.

**Barnes Early Childhood Center:** Kelly Vess, Play n Say 3's and Speech-Language Therapy, 20/20. "Teaching is about rolling up your sleeves and making the world a better

place, one child at a time."

**Brownell Middle School:** Tracey Corden, social studies, 15/15. "History matters, truth matters, civility matters."

**Defer Elementary School:** Stephanie Dye, first grade, 9/7. "I am thankful to work in a school where I have coworkers who inspire me."

**Ferry Elementary School:** James Fisher, 3-4 magnet, 32/25. "You create your own opportunities. If you need a change or want to be more successful, don't be afraid or discouraged to go out and make it happen."

**Kerby Elementary School:** Ryan Boyd, special education, 13/10. "What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches."

**Maire Elementary School:** Shelly Maison,

29/29. "My advice would be to go into a profession that you love. After 30 years of teaching, I can honestly say that I still love what I do."

**Mason Elementary School:** Kari Krausmann, third grade, 29/29. "Care for your students, care for your community, always do your best and surround yourself with people that make you laugh."

**Monteith Elementary School:** Elizabeth Wang, first grade, 29/29. "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

**Grosse Pointe North High School:** Sue Speirs, AP Biology, 36/30. "Listen to others, ask questions, be present and love."

**Parcells Middle School:** Noah Zogas, orchestra director, 12/9. "Practice, practice, practice. You can achieve great things when you

put your heart into it." Also on May 8, Zogas was named orchestra teacher of the year for District XVI by the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association.

**Pierce Middle School:** Michelle Orhan, language arts/social studies, 32/26. "Push in your chair and hold the door for the person behind you. These are life skills."

**Richard Elementary School:** Ean Williams, 3-4 magnet, 4/4. "We as educators stress the importance of 'growth mindset' a lot, but I think it's important we as adults model how to be flexible, genuine, provide grace and admit when we make mistakes."

**Grosse Pointe South High School:** Harry Campion, creative writing, 29/29. "If they're not having fun, they aren't learning a thing."



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Ian DuVerney's "Stillness in Motion."

## Student's work to hang in D.C.

Grosse Pointe North High School junior Ian DuVerney will have one of his photographs on display in Washington, D.C., for an entire year after "Stillness in Motion," his entry into the U.S. Congressional Art Competition, was selected the Michigan District 13 winner.

"My art teacher recommended entering contests and shows and I found it on his page," said DuVerney, who has loved photography a long time, but only recently started taking the hobby more seriously. "I did it because I had nothing to lose, but I never thought I'd actually win."

His photo was captured using a Sony a7 III during an early April visit to downtown Detroit.

"I went with a friend of mine for fun," he said of the excursion. "It was my first street photography shoot after getting my new camera."

As for his winning shot: "I edited it to mute the darker colors and bring out the warmer ones," he explained. "It captures the balance of things and depicts that something that someone would normally pay no mind to can be beautiful if you look at it a certain way."

DuVerney has been invited to an art reception in June at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



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Grosse Pointe Education Association Teachers of the Year. From left: Kelly Vess, Stephanie Dye, James Fisher, Ryan Boyd, Kari Krausmann, Elizabeth Wang, Sue Speirs, Ean Williams and Harry Campion. Not pictured: Tracy Corden, Shelly Maison, Noah Zogas and Michelle Orhan.

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# Liggett students' artwork featured in juried exhibitions

Upper school Students at University Liggett School are or will be featured in three juried art exhibitions.

## MOCAD Annual Teen Art Exhibition

[mocatdetroit.org/the-little-things/](http://mocatdetroit.org/the-little-things/)  
Now through Sunday, May 21

This exhibition, curated by the MOCAD Teen Council, showcases the range of artistic expression by teen artists from the Detroit area.

The exhibition features "Thermal," an acrylic/mixed media on canvas board, created by Bea Reilly, ULS Class of '24.

## Grosse Pointe Artists Association Promising Artists Exhibition

[grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org)  
Now through Saturday, June 3

The seventh annual Promising Artists Exhibition includes 60 pieces by area high school students from Clinton Township, Detroit, Eastpointe, Fenton, the Grosse Pointes, Harrison Township, Warren, Wayne and Westland.

◆ Avanti Herczeg, academic advisor in the Department of Art and Art History at Wayne State University, was the juror who chose which entries to include in the exhibition.

◆ Participating Liggett students and their works are:

◆ Kelsey Beckett, Class of '24, "The Corner of My Room, If I Were a Little Mouse," mixed media sculpture

◆ Kelsey Beckett, Class of '24, "The Fairy," handmade textile costume

◆ Luci Boyle, Class of '23, "Restless," mixed media block prints on textile

◆ Luci Boyle, Class of '23, "Field of Innocence," acrylic, oil pastel and collage on canvas

◆ Natasha Khan, Class of '23, "Inside," graphite and ink on paper

◆ Angelina Randazzo, Class of '23, "A Message to Myself," needle-felted wool/mixed media on wood

◆ Angelina Randazzo, Class of '23, "People Can Be Things," acrylic on canvas board

◆ Gia Randazzo, Class of '23, "Copy & Paste," acrylic on canvas

◆ Gia Randazzo, Class of '23, "down the drain," graphite on newsprint

◆ Bea Reilly, Class of '24, "split," oil pastel on paper

◆ Bea Reilly, Class of '24, "munch," mixed media on canvas

◆ Lynne Romanelli, Class of '23, "Nature Watch," darkroom photography

◆ Lynne Romanelli, Class of '23, "Tulips," darkroom photography

◆ Gianna Salvaggio, Class of '26, "Artichoke," graphite and colored pencil on paper

◆ Fiona Sierens, Class of '25, "Light Femininity," darkroom photography

◆ Isabel Wimmer, Class of '25, "Pomegranate" graphite, colored pencil and watercolor on paper

◆ Narges Zargar, Class of '25, "Forest Green Eye," colored pencil and marker on paper

## Wayne County High School Art Exhibition

[dia.org/events/exhibitions/wayne-county-high-school-art-exhibition-2023](http://dia.org/events/exhibitions/wayne-county-high-school-art-exhibition-2023)  
Friday, June 16, to Sunday, July 16

The DIA presents the Wayne County High School Art Exhibition for the second year in a row. Students in grades 9 through 12 who attend public or private school in Wayne County are invited to submit artwork for consideration in this juried exhibition.

Approximately 70 artworks will be selected for display at the DIA. Accepted artists will be invited to an opening event and provided with a catalogue of the show.

Participating Liggett students and their work are:

◆ Luci Boyle, Class of '23, "Restless," mixed media block prints on textile

◆ Emmanuel Coates, Class of '23, "Fruits of Our Labor," acrylic on canvas

◆ Angelina Randazzo, Class of '23, "A Message to Myself," needle felted wool/mixed media on wood

◆ Angelina Randazzo, Class of '23, "People Can Be Things," acrylic on canvas board

◆ Gia Randazzo, Class of '23, "Trash for Brains," ceramic sculpture/mixed media

◆ Gia Randazzo, Class of '23, "Copy & Paste," acrylic on canvas

◆ Lynne Romanelli, Class of '23, "Pachysandras," photographic print

# Students awarded scholarships

Five University Liggett School students have been honored with the Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year.

This year's recipients are Sofie Ancona of Grosse Pointe Farms, Ella Henness of Grosse Pointe Woods, Hallie Marcero of Grosse Pointe Farms, Elle Quinlan of Grosse Pointe Woods and Alice Roth of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Ancona is a member of the hockey and soccer teams. Henness plays volleyball and soccer. Marcero is a three-sport athlete in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. Quinlan is a member of the hockey and soccer teams. Roth also is a three-sport athlete, participating in swimming, hockey and lacrosse.

Shernaz Minwalla, head of Upper School, said all five student-athletes exemplify the principles Fox Murray valued.

The Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship is



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From left, Elle Quinlan, Hallie Marcero, Alice Roth, Sofie Ancona and Ella Henness.

awarded each year to students who display integrity, humility, sense of humor, athletic achievement, academic excellence and leadership qualities. Murray, a 1917 alumna, left a lasting personal commitment to education in her endowment gift to University

Liggett School upon her death in 1987.

Since that time, the scholarship has been awarded each year to deserving students at the school. The ULS scholarship committee and scholarship trustee S. Gary Spicer Sr. select the students.

# STEM camps coming this summer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Students entering kindergarten through sixth grade have two opportunities this summer to attend a week-long STEM camp coordinated by the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Camp Invention will run June 19 to 23, at Brownell Middle School and July 17 to 21, at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

The program runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each day starts with games that encourage teamwork and spark creativity. Campers are split into two groups at lunch, with half of them outside or in the gym while the other half eats before switch-

ing. The afternoon includes activities that introduce attendees to world-changing inventors, followed by problem-solving games.

Students will learn about physics and engineering by designing a mini skate park, explore entrepreneurship by creating a pop-up business and learn the science of color to create a bubble-art banner. Take-home materials also are available.

Cost is \$260 and some camps offer leader-in-training opportunities for students entering seventh through ninth grades. See [invent.org/programs/camp-invention](http://invent.org/programs/camp-invention) for more details.

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to meet with all but one board member in coming up with his recommendations.

"This compilation is a result of those meetings," he said. "I also understand the administration has added adjustments they'll be bringing forward."

Cotton also is suggesting a reconfiguration of central office administration that would redistribute duties on the organizational chart and eliminate the positions of deputy superintendent for instructional services and director of secondary education by July 1, 2024. Such a move would reduce spending \$440,000 in fiscal year

2024-25. Another \$387,000 would be saved in that budget cycle by adjusting assistant principal-to-student ratios to 1:500.

Cutting one middle school assistant principal, suggested by administration, would save \$200,000. The board was scheduled to vote on eliminating one of two assistant principal positions at Parcels last month, but the agenda item was withdrawn at the last minute. Parcels is the only middle school of three in the district with more than one assistant principal.

Brumbaugh, meanwhile, wants the board to extend the contracts of the six executive administrators through June 30, 2025, and commit to current staffing levels for building

principals, assistant principals, counselors and central administration, pending a strategic review.

"We're trying to find ways to collaborate on a lot of complex issues," Brumbaugh said. "I don't know where everyone's mind is, but it's an important discussion and we need to be clear at the outset on what we want to accomplish."

Cotton also is looking for a reduction of eight FTE positions in the paraprofessional ranks across all grade levels. Those cuts would be based on enrollment and reduce costs \$135,000, compared to 15.5 FTE paraprofessionals suggested by administration.

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## Grammy-nominated Fleur Seule to headline fundraiser



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Proceeds from June 3 event benefit future Michael B's Cafe

Grammy-nominated Fleur Seule will perform during a "Raise the Roof" fundraiser for Michael B's Cafe on June 3.

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a growing buzz in the community about an upcoming event that is sure to knock the dust off Grosse Pointe's dancing shoes.

The third — and most spectacular — "Raise the Roof" fundraiser for Michael B's Cafe brings the party outside from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, and includes a headlining performance by Grammy-nominated Fleur Seule.

### About the night

The fundraiser — the slogan for which is "Dream with us, believe with us" — takes place in the parking lot between the Cabbage Patch Saloon and the future Michael B's site on Mack between Maryland and Lakepointe.

"It's going to be a fabulous party," said Alicia Carlisle, president of Michael B's, whose son is the cafe's namesake. "We'll have a big stage in the parking lot. We'll transform the lot into someplace magical with strings of lights coming from each building."

A trio of food trucks — Tim's Good Food Grill, iWhoa! Tacos and Aruba Freeze — will line the street, while tables and chairs will be set up in the parking lot.

"Food and drinks are included with the ticket," Carlisle said. "And Chris Fenton and Mike Dib, the former principal of Brownell (Middle School), are the emcees. If anybody has seen them in action, they'll know this is going to be a great time. They both have a wicked sense of humor and were kind enough to say they'd do it."

Trolley service will shuttle guests to the event from Park city hall at Maryland and Jefferson. Valet parking also will be available.

"Thank you to the city and to the Bank Business Association for making the trolley happen," Carlisle said. "And especially to Chief Bryan Jarrell, who's been great in helping us with logistics."

A VIP party kicks off at 6 p.m. inside the Cabbage Patch Saloon and includes cocktails



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Construction on the future Michael B's Cafe is scheduled to start this summer, with a projected opening date in 2024.

and hors d'oeuvres. The party heads outdoors at 6:30 p.m. The Full Circle Singers will perform the national anthem and other local talent will warm up the crowd for the evening's headliner.

### About the band

Manhattan's own retro jazz band, Fleur Seule will bring the glamour and swinging sounds of the Golden Age of Hollywood to life with its lively performance. From jazz to Motown to swing to ballroom, "They do it all," said Patty Sunisloe, a Michael B's board member who was instrumental in securing the group's Grosse Pointe appearance.

Her daughter, Amanda, is married to Andy Warren, who plays trumpet for and manages the band.

"They've opened for Lionel Richie and played a private event for Paris Hilton," Sunisloe said. "They've played Carnegie Hall and the Rainbow Room. They played at the premier for Brad Pitt's new movie, 'Babylon.'"

"... They're the No. 1 group in New York City," she added. "They're well-known in Los



Angeles and in Florida. They wanted to develop a reputation in the Midwest. When this opportunity came up, they said absolutely."

The five-piece band, fronted by Allyson Briggs — who fluently sings in seven languages — has been the house band of the iconic Tavern on the Green for eight years.

"I saw them at Tavern on the Green," Sunisloe said. "Everyone was swing dancing. The crowd just eats it up. ... I'm looking forward to watching people enjoy their music. I've been in the crowd; I've seen how much people absolutely love it."

Having such a big-time act come to small-town Grosse Pointe will be a unique experience, Sunisloe said.

"How special is it that you don't have to pack a bag or get

on a plane," she said. "You just come into your backyard and are entertained New York City style. How often does that happen?"

It's an experience to look forward to, not only for the community, but for the band itself. Members are "100 percent on board," with supporting Michael B's, Sunisloe said.

"They think it's wonderful," she added. "In conversations with Andy and Allyson, they want to be here to support the cause."

Added Warren, "As a band, most of the jobs we do have an impact on the people there the night we play. It's rare for us to have a kind of lasting impact that extends beyond the night. This is such a great organization and a great cause. ... It's great to be able to be involved with something that's just getting going and have an immediate impact. It's a great thing for us to be a part of."

### About the cause

Michael B's has received tremendous community support since it was formally

announced earlier this year. To date, two "Raise the Roof" fundraisers have taken place — a women's event in February and a men's event in March.

"It's been beautiful," Carlisle said. "People have come out and supported us and enjoyed themselves. ... Everybody's pitching in. It's really heartwarming. The board is incredible, too. They really believe in this."

Under the supervision of a trained chef and general manager, young adults with special needs — many graduates of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Full Circle Foundation — will help prepare coffee, doughnuts, soups, salads and sundry cafe items for breakfast and lunch hours.

"The purpose of Michael B's is to provide meaningful employment and camaraderie for our special young adults who have exhausted student programs," Carlisle said.

The two-story cafe is slated to open in fall 2024. Meanwhile, the nonprofit's board of directors is conducting a capital campaign to raise \$3 million for the project. Hence, the June 3 event.

Carlisle said plans still are on track to begin construction this summer.

"We've been meeting with the city — the city is on board; they're thrilled," she said. "The final plans are being drawn up as we speak. Everything is on schedule."

Once Michael B's opens, Carlisle said she'll have opportunities for anyone who's interested, from brewing coffee to belting out tunes during open mic night.

"Everybody has special gifts," she said. "It's not about if they can make a salad or serve up a cup of coffee. It's about making connections."

"... Also, there's no rulebook," she added. "We can do whatever we want for the people who work here. It's so exciting to see it come together. We can envision what we think it's going to be like, but once we get in there and everyone is supporting it, the people who come out will see things you can't ever imagine. That's the

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Tom and Mary Shafer are the honorary chairs of this summer's Grosse Pointe Historical Society gala, La Belle Epoch.



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# Honorary chairs have strong history with society's gala

Today, Mary and Tom Shafer are honorary chairs for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's garden party gala June 22, and Leslie Wagner is president of Grosse Pointe Historical Society. It wasn't long ago, however, when the ladies' mothers were dear friends raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for medical school scholarships in osteopathic medicine and for the cancer center at then-Mount Clemens General Hospital. Today, the daughters of these women are hard at work trying to do the same to preserve Grosse Pointe history. "We are so honored to have Tom and Mary

Shafer tapping our community to support the Grosse Pointe Historical Society," Wagner said. "As we blossom open again, after being closed for construction and then the pandemic, we are reimagining programming and structures at the society's campus, including the new history center and the Provencal-Weir House." Funds raised at the gala each year are the main source of funding for the society. That means each year enough must be raised to keep the buildings up and the lights on, pay a small staff and offer inventive programming. Large donors are welcome and needed, but these galas

do a lot of the heavy lifting — for the budget and for paying the mortgage on the new history center. Mason Ferry, head of the capital campaign and building committees, believes in having a state-of-the-art history center to preserve the artifacts of Grosse Pointe, as well as hosting public programming. He also believes the 1823 Provencal-Weir House should, after 200 years, be brought back to historical accuracy. So with the help of the Questers and other important donors, Wagner is guiding the home back to its historic roots. See GALA, page 6B

# Daddies, daughters invited to dance

The second annual Daddy Daughter Dance takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. The two-day dance is open to dads and their daughters from all five Pointes. Both evenings include a DJ, an emcee, desserts, a photo booth and more.

Tickets are \$30 each and available at: ♦ The Campus Shop, 17114 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe; and ♦ Connie's Children's Shop, 23240 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Tickets will not be sold at the door. "No one was doing a daddy-daughter dance," event organizer Michelle Rastelli said. "We did the first one last year and it

was so fun. It went well; we were sold out both nights." The dance is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, GTS, Connie's Children's Shop, TCBY, Adlhoch & Associates Realtors and Scott Adlhoch, Fresh Farms Market, The Campus Shop, Allen's Landscape Center, Village Wine Shop and Fairfax Market.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs: ♦ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced. ♦ Storytime: "This is the Nest That Robin Built," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through May 30. ♦ 10 Out of 10 Tour, 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through July 29. Explore the Ford family's home while learning about 10 artifacts. Admission fees vary. ♦ Grounds passes are available daily, 8 a.m. through sunset, now through Dec. 31. Passes cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge. ♦ Introduction to Historic Masonry, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. ♦ Native plant sale, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20. ♦ Preservation tour, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 22. Cost is \$20 for members only. ♦ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, from May to September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

♦ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. ♦ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Howlers & Growlers. ♦ Appy Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. ♦ Campaign Finance Town Hall with Voters Not Politicians, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. ♦ Teen Yoga, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. ♦ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives: ♦ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 19, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit. ♦ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods. ♦ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 26, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods. ♦ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Register at redcrossblood.org.

## The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following: ♦ Summer Fun Cake Decorating, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 19, with instructor Erika Clark. ♦ Hustle dance lessons, 10 a.m. to noon Fridays, May 19 to Aug. 4, with instructor Kevin

Smith. ♦ Field trip to the Solanus Casey Center and lunch at Sindbad's, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers. ♦ The movie "The Fabelmans" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 26. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

## Concerts

Laura Rain and the Caesars will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Cornerstone Village Bar and Grille, 17315 Mack, Cornerstone Village, Detroit. Cover charge is \$15. Call (313) 821-4998. The Smoke Jones Band will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Cornerstone Village Bar and Grille, 17315 Mack, Cornerstone Village, Detroit. Cover charge is \$15. Call (313) 821-4998.

## The Family Center

Mindful Movement & Meditation classes have been extended to include Tuesdays, May 23 and 30, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All levels are welcome to the program, which takes place 7 to 8 p.m. Space is limited. Register via email to info@familycenterweb.org or call (313) 447-1374.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. The club hosts its Grosse Pointe graduating seniors scholarship night. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

## Film screening

The documentary, "America You Kill Me," will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The film explores the rise, the fall and the legacy of gay rights warrior Jeffrey Montgomery. It was a Freep Film Festival Spirit of Detroit Award winner in 2022. Limited tickets to the screening are available. Visit fordhouse.org/events/film-screening-america-you-kill-me/

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magic part." Sunsiloe, who worked in mental health for 38 years, said projects like Michael B's hold a special place in her heart. "I want to help them shine and whatever I can do to that end, I want to see it through," she said. "And I know how much this means to Alicia and what it's going to mean to the community. What a wonderful legacy she's creating. It's very unify-

ing." Added Carlisle, "There are lots of great organizations out there with wonderful causes. The reason we did it this way is because we're a little bit different, but we're different in a really good way. Everything we do has a whole lot of fun and a whole lot of love behind it." Tickets for the June 3 event are \$175 in advance and \$225 at the door. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit

[michaelbcafe.org](http://michaelbcafe.org) or email [thecomunity-cafeproject@gmail.com](mailto:thecomunity-cafeproject@gmail.com). To see and hear Fleur Seule's flair, visit its YouTube channel or [fleurseule.com](http://fleurseule.com). Michael B's is a Michigan nonprofit corporation that has filed for IRS recognition of 501(c)(3) status and upon such recognition, which is subject to the IRS's discretion, donations will qualify as a deductible charitable contribution to the extent the law provides.



# Siddall settling in to executive director role at The Helm

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

As a youth in Frankenmuth, Krista Siddall loved being part of a small town, where she learned the importance of being active in the community and caring for others.

"We always cared for our elders," she said. "We would check on them, make sure they eat, make sure they get to their appointments."

After a year living in Grosse Pointe, she feels embedded in this community, whose small-town appeal reminds her of her childhood. The attributes she fostered then are coming into play now, as she settles in to her new role of executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center.



Krista Siddall

"All that dignity and respect has to find a home and The Helm is the home for that," she said. "It's an example of what a good senior center should look like."

In the handful of weeks since joining The Helm, things have been "really busy, but really good," Siddall said.

The timing of her April

3 start paired well with the Pointes' bustling spring schedule, allowing Siddall to meet and mingle with community leaders at the Community Luncheon in April and Mayors' Prayer Breakfast in May, as well as with The Hill Association and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm also trying to meet with donors each week and popping in on programs here in the building and on different committees that meet here," she said. "It's been a lot of fun interacting with different parts of the organization."

Siddall, a recipient of the Spirit of the Detroit Award in 2018, joins The Helm after serving as director of operations and programming at Kids' Health Connections

in Detroit. Before that, she was a program manager for Fit Kids 360 and has experience in marketing, public relations and programming.

"I worked with children — health and wellness, fitness and education," she said. "I felt the impact on children's lives with the work I was doing. It's that same impact here with seniors — the health and wellness, friendship and support that our seniors need. There are a lot of parallels. ... The mission is similar, but the audience is what changed."

Siddall has enjoyed getting to know the seniors who visit The Helm. Everyone has been kind and welcoming, she said; one woman even brought her a gift.

"She was so kind and

so thankful for the fact they have this great community center that offers them so many things they need," Siddall said.

She also is enjoying getting to know the staff, who she complimented on their teamwork.

"The staff is so strong," she said. "They're intelligent, but also compassionate. They're such an empathetic and fantastic staff. ... And they're hardworking. We hosted 200 programs last month."

## Goals galore

Since she joined The Helm, Siddall already has helped secure a grant for equipment and supplies — "an early win," she said — and is anxious to hear about other grants for which she's applied. Stabilizing fund-

ing sources is among her many goals.

"We know there's going to be growth in the elder population," she said. "We want to be around in the community as a support service for years to come. We need to be able to grow as the population grows. We're looking at grant options for the type of work we offer here."

"... So much of our funding comes through fundraising, which is a beautiful thing — people are so generous — but from a business standpoint, it's like a table with three legs holding it up," she added. "It's not stable; the table can fall. I want it to be strong and firm. I want sustainable income coming in to fund

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# Selfridge Military Air Museum announces 'A Salute to Vietnam Vets'

The Selfridge Military Air Museum in Harrison Township invites the public to salute the men and women who served in Vietnam during a special event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21.

"A Salute to Vietnam Vets" offers a glimpse into what it was like serving during the conflict. Exhibits include "A Vietnam Veterans Tribute," featuring the Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. Also, Vietnam-era equipment will be displayed in the exhibit "Historic Military Impressions," as will a

Vietnam-era equipment will be on display during "A Salute to Vietnam Vets" at Selfridge Military Air Museum.

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collection of U.S. military vehicles from that era.

Guests to the museum also are invited to take a walking tour of the Air Park, featuring more

than 30 historic military aircraft and displays.

On Saturday, National Coney Island will provide coney dogs. On Sunday, Mission BBQ will serve up pulled

pork and brisket sliders.

With thousands of exhibits, interactive learning demonstrations and a collection of aircraft and historical

displays, the Selfridge Military Air Museum is one of Macomb County's hidden gems. With 105 years in service as one of the nation's oldest continually operating military airfields, Selfridge is steeped in history that chronicles not only Michigan's legacy of flight, but also the nation's history.

With roots beginning in 1917, on land leased to the government by Packard Motor Car Company President and auto innovator Henry B. Joy of Grosse Pointe, Selfridge is a prominent landmark in the story of

the country's aviation pioneers, including Billy Mitchell, Charles Lindbergh, Jimmy Doolittle, Carl A. Spaatz, Curtis LeMay and many more.

Base access and museum admission are required. Vietnam veterans receive free admission to the museum this weekend; other veterans receive reduced-price admission. Active service men and women are admitted free of charge.

For more details, including requirements for base access, visit selfridgeairmuseum.org.

# Rhythm Walk for Therapy Ranch made possible with United Way for Southeastern Michigan grant

Therapy Ranch recently announced a grant received from United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Funding will support the creation of a "Rhythm Walk" or "Therapy Walk" at Therapy Ranch's facility at Prainito Stables in Ray Township. This round of funding was led by Therapy Ranch founder, Lindsay Drouillard of Grosse Pointe Park.

"We are excited to implement the 'Rhythm Walk' to help clients find inner calm and give our thanks to Prainito Stables," Drouillard said. "This would not be possible without the grant from United Way for Southeastern Michigan."

Therapy Ranch clients will be able to start their visit to the farm on the Rhythm Walk. The trail of the Rhythm Walk will circle the barn area and pastures, beginning at the parking area and ending in the therapy area, keeping horses in the visual field at all times. Beginning a session this way will allow clients to feel and start their self-regulation patterns.

The Rhythm Walk will be implemented through the efforts of more than 30 local volunteers. Funding will facilitate:

- ◆ adding stones to muddy walkways,
- ◆ purchasing rope and wood to make a swing for clients to enjoy and

◆ designing and building an art installation — a working mural clients may add to on their journey of healing.

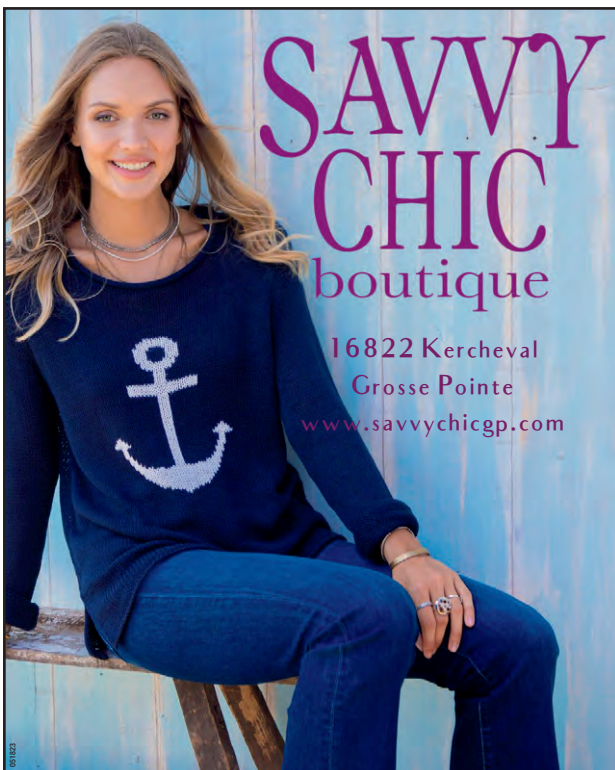
Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, or EAP, is a mental health intervention that uses horses as partners in care. EAP works to decrease symptoms of anxiety and depression while increasing feelings of connection with self. At Therapy Ranch, horses are incorporated into mental health sessions so clients may learn to connect with themselves and others.

Since 2019, Therapy Ranch has helped youth and adults through their

personal journey of transformation. This work is possible because of generous donors and support from grants like this one from United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Therapy Ranch is a 501(c)3 providing EAP to youth and adults who may have depression, anxiety or trauma. Therapy Ranch provides scholarships to children who otherwise would not be able to receive mental health services. Since 2019, it has helped youth and adults through their personal journey of transformation.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Carol L. Harper

Carol L. Harper, 79, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died Tuesday, May 9, 2023, after a short battle with cancer.

Carol was born Dec. 28, 1943, in Detroit, to Gorton M. and Agnes (nee Hoare) Evans, both now deceased. She attended Ferris State University. She had been a resident of Bonita Springs the past three years after moving from Aurora, Ohio.

In 1966, she married the love of her life, Ronald G. Harper, in Grosse Pointe. They lived there until moving to Hudson, Ohio, in 1978.

Carol loved playing golf and even made two holes-in-one in her lifetime. She also was an avid tennis player until she lost sight in one of her eyes due to melanoma. When she was not on the golf course or tennis courts, she enjoyed cooking. She attended Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, Fla.

Carol is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Ronald G. Harper of Bonita Springs; her sons, Ronald G. Harper Jr. (Jean) of Hartland and Scott E. Harper (Linda) of Cincinnati; brother, Gorton "Buck" Evans Jr. (Vicki) of Bonita Springs; and seven grandchildren, Grace, Emme, Charlotte, Ronald III, Alison, Noelle and Lily.

She was predeceased by her parents and her granddaughter, Regan Harper.

Services for Carol are being planned and will be announced at a later date.

Sign her guest registry or leave online condolences at [shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://shikanyfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

## Susan Maxon Liebold

Susan Maxon Liebold passed away Sunday, April 16, 2023, two months to the day after her husband went to heaven. Sue battled multiple sclerosis for many years. She was a lifetime resident of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores.

Sue was born June 21, 1942, to Yvonne and George Maxon. She married her beloved husband, Chuck, Aug. 22, 1964.

She attended Grosse Pointe High School — "The High" — where she met lifelong friends. She went on to earn an associate degree from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated and amazing wife, mother of two, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend to many.

She loved long walks and aerobic dancing before MS put a stop to her physical strength. Regardless, she kept moving forward as best she could. She was an avid bridge player and loved many card games, including "Garbage," which she played with her grandchildren from the time they learned to

play until this past Christmas. She also had a passion for gardening for many years.

Although her family is deeply broken hearted by the loss of Susan, they take solace in knowing she isn't in pain and has been reunited with her loving husband.

Susan is survived by her children, Kurt Liebold (Lisa Handlen) and Liz Liebold Pappas; and grandchildren, Grace, Ava and Nick Pappas, Sophia Liebold, Felicia Pewarchie and Kirsten Handlen.

A memorial service for both Chuck and Sue Liebold will occur at a later date.

## Pamela Ann Scanlon

Pamela Ann Scanlon, 77, passed away unexpectedly Monday, May 1, 2023, at home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Her family is deeply saddened by her sudden death.

Pam was born Dec. 29, 1945, in Harper Woods, to Elizabeth and Gilbert Fradeneck. As the family grew, they moved to Grosse Pointe Park. Pam and her seven younger siblings attended St. Ambrose grade school and high school, where Pam met the love of her life, Timothy Scanlon.

Pam and Tim welcomed two children into their home: Mollie Scanlon and Patrick John Scanlon. Pam and Tim were hardworking people and in 1976, purchased a cottage on Grand Lake. They spent many cherished good times at the lake with family and friends.

Pam was employed at Detroit Tap and Tool during the '70s and '80s, working alongside her sister, Sandy. Many lunches were spent shopping at the local TJMaxx and other discount stores. Later in life, Pam also worked for the City of Grosse Pointe. She did many jobs for the city and took pride working alongside the police and fire departments.

After Tim's retirement from Detroit Edison, Pam took up volunteering for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. In the last few years, Pam enjoyed doing genealogy and sharing this with her family.

Even though she had many interests, her biggest love was being a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was everyone's biggest cheerleader and never spoke an ill word. Her faith and family helped her after Tim passed away in fall 2022.

Pam was predeceased by her husband, Tim; and siblings, Sandra Harville (Jemar), Timothy (Kay) and William (Rosie). She is survived by her siblings, Susan Fradeneck, Kevin (Carole), Mary Liz DuCharme (Peter) and Robert (Pam); children, Mollie Scanlon Donaldson and Patrick John Scanlon (Deanna); and grandchildren, Bridget, Timothy and Maureen.

Pam will be remembered during a memorial

Mass Monday, May 22, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Friends and family will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the back of the church with Mass at 11 a.m.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Parish Choir, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

## Richard C. Diener

Richard C. Diener, 94, died peacefully Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Charlotte, N.C.

Richard was born Dec. 14, 1927, in Detroit, to Clarence Diener and Victoria Zoltowski. "Uncle Rich" loved his kids and their spouses, as well as his grandchildren and myriad nieces, nephews and greats. He enjoyed playing golf and watching Notre Dame football. After serving in the U.S. Army European Theatre Signal Corps, he worked in industrial engineering at Chrysler Corp., for 50 years before retiring to Charlotte.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert and Bud Diener; wife, Monica Costello; and son, Daniel Diener. He is survived by his children, Mark, Maura, Sheila, Lawrence and Daniel; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

His inurnment takes place at 10 a.m. Friday, May 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial contributions may be made to the Levine & Dickson Hospice House, 3211 Bishops Way Lane, Ste. 1000, Charlotte, NC 28205.

## Nancy Lynn Piggins

Nancy Lynn (nee Macdona) Piggins, 74, of Tekonsha, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023, with her children by her side.

Nancy was born Nov. 9, 1948, in New York, N.Y., to Harding H. Macdona and Evelyn "Evie" Burghart-Macdona. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1966, then went to Ferris State University where she earned an associate degree.

After college, Nancy worked for several advertising firms throughout her career as a writer, including Young & Rubicam in Detroit and Campbell-Ewald. Some of her writing talents were seen in advertisements for Chevrolet, the U. S. Navy and U.S. Postal Service, to name a few. Nancy retired from Campbell-Ewald as vice president/creative director and continued to do freelance writing in her spare time.

Nancy was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority at Ferris State University. She enjoyed traveling — especially by train — gardening, her cats, attending any and all of the events her



Carol L. Harper



Susan Maxon Liebold



Pamela Ann Scanlon



Richard C. Diener



Nancy Lynn Piggins



Mary Christine Asker

grandchildren participated in and spending time with her family and many wonderful friends.

Nancy is survived by her children, Libby Dietz (Brian) and Danford Piggins (Alicia); grandchildren, Grace Cormany-Piggins, Mason Piggins, Hayden Melton, Mallory Melton, Matthew Melton, Nicholas Dietz and Faith Dietz; twin brother, Harding H. Macdona Jr.; sister, Patti Bower-Clarke; and very special nephew, Michael Macdona.

She was predeceased by her parents and special niece, Katie Adams-Langley.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a later date with details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of South-Central Michigan, 2500 Watkins Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015, [hsscm.org/?page\\_id=42](http://hsscm.org/?page_id=42).

Arrangements were entrusted to Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services in Marshall. Visit [kempffuneralhome.com](http://kempffuneralhome.com) to view the online obituary, sign the online guestbook or leave the family condolences.

## Mary Christine "Chris" Asker

Mary Christine "Chris" Asker, 80, died Sunday, May 7, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Chris was born April 16, 1943, in Detroit, to Joseph and Anna (nee Ward) Meier, both now deceased.

A native of Grosse Pointe, Chris graduated from St. Paul High School in 1961. She went on to obtain a bachelor's degree with a focus in music from Sienna Heights University in 1965. After graduation, she became an elementary teacher at St. Ambrose School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Chris married Isam Asker in 1968, and welcomed a son, David, in 1972. After David was born, Chris made the transition to homemaker to raise her family. She lived in Grosse Pointe Farms throughout her life and was an active member and volunteer of her parish, St. Lucy Catholic Church.

Chris was the loving wife of 55 years to Isam Asker; dear mother of David Asker (Denise); beloved grandmother of Joshua Asker and

Elizabeth Asker; and the cherished sister of Sue Schrage, Diane DeYorker, Dorothy Taylor, Tom Meier, the late Joanne Taylor, the late Joseph Meier and the late Michael Meier.

A gathering will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 26, until the time of her Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. A private inurnment will take place at the St. Paul on the Lake columbarium in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301, or [bit.ly/41eQ6xg](http://bit.ly/41eQ6xg).

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

## Brigid Eileen Douglas Crantz

Brigid Eileen Douglas Crantz, 72, a loving and most beloved family member, passed away Friday, May 12, 2023.

Brigid was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Chicago, to Carlyle and Barbara Douglas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Wayne State University and served as a supervisor for the Michigan Department of Human Services for 41 years. On Nov. 19, 1977, she married Per Christer Wilhelm Crantz. They raised one daughter who they loved dearly, Brianna Siobhan Crantz.

Brigid had a passion for family life and traveling the world with her husband and daughter. Some of the countries they visited included Sweden, Israel, India, Italy, Brazil and many countries in Western and Eastern Europe. She enjoyed reading, great restaurants and matters of social concern. She was known for her kind and loving heart, generosity, sensitivity, empathy, quick wit, lively opinions and sense of humor. Family members treasured celebrating Thanksgivings and Christmases at Brigid and Chris' home. She always provided support, opened her home and heart and maintained interest in all of her family members. She enthusiastically welcomed new spouses of family members and new children, and delighted in the expansion of her treasured family. Friends, family members and co-



Brigid E. Douglas Crantz

orkers frequently sought her advice, which she always provided wholeheartedly and without judgment.

Upon retirement, Brigid devoted herself to supporting Brianna and son-in-law, Vince, by providing loving support and care for her two precious grandsons, Ari and Gavin. She and Chris delighted in being a part of their ongoing development and her grandchildren loved spending time with her. Ari and Gavin were the lights of Brigid's life.

Even through her valiant battle with cancer, Brigid maintained her passion for travel and new experiences. Though her physical capacities were diminishing and mobility was compromised, she recently traveled to Costa Rica and Aruba between chemotherapy treatments. Her drive to live fully and enjoy her life remains an example to her entire family who mourn her passing and aim to carry on her legacy and the many qualities she demonstrated throughout her life.

Brigid was predeceased by her father, Carlyle Douglas, and mother, Barbara Tinker Douglas; sister, Linda Douglas Jones; and brother, Colin Carlyle Douglas. She is survived by her husband, Per Christer Wilhelm Crantz; daughter, Brianna Siobhan Crantz; son-in-law, Vince Costanzo; grandsons, Ari and Gavin; brother, David Douglas; sister-in-law, Kim Douglas; and several nieces, nephews and family members.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A Zoom link will be provided on the funeral home's website for those who cannot attend in person. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, [bit.ly/3MtwmBS](http://bit.ly/3MtwmBS).



# Verheyden, Parting Stone pair up for business venture

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

“Shark Tank” fans may already be familiar with a new service offered by Charles Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Parting Stone, a New Mexico-based start-up, appeared on the ABC show April 7, and secured a deal with a pair of Sharks. Rather than receiving ashes, Parting Stone converts cremated remains into stone-like objects that can be touched, held and shared — a unique option offered locally through Verheyden.

“(Parting Stone) is a company that our casket supplier started to work with,” Verheyden Funeral Services Manager Brooke Hassig explained. “The option was brought to us to get involved. (Vice President and General Manager) Adrianna Schnell and I really wanted to do it. We saw it as an opportunity to get onboard before anyone else.”

“Charles Verheyden Funeral Homes partnered with us early on because they recognized the value this would

bring to grieving families in the community,” Parting Stone founder Justin Crowe said. “They helped us prove that people wanted an alternative to ash.

“It’s a profound healing opportunity for everyone in the family to hold their loved one again, but the look and feel of cremated remains makes that experience deeply uncomfortable,” he added. “We developed a new form of solidified remains that resemble stones to help families feel a connection with their departed loved ones.”

The process is simple. Verheyden facilitates the cremation, then mails the remains to Parting Stone in New Mexico.

“They go through the stone-making process,” Hassig said. “They refine them; they remove any contaminants like staples or screws. Then they add a binder to the cremated remains, which makes it into a clay-like substance. The stones are hand-formed and then go through a solidification process. They’re put in a kiln, heated and formed into stone.”

The result is anywhere



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**Rather than receiving ashes, Parting Stone converts cremated remains into stone-like objects that can be touched, held and shared — a unique option offered locally through Verheyden.**

from 60 to 80 stones with a unique appearance.

“Some might have minor holes in them, some might have a fossil-like appearance,” Hassig said. “Some are different colors, too, depending on how the cremated remains react in the kiln. Each reacts differently.”

Once solidified, the stones are cleaned, polished and returned to Verheyden, who then can literally put them back in the hands of their loved ones.

“They don’t break down,” Hassig said. “If you put them in water, they’ll grow algae like a

real stone. If you put them in the garden, they will not break down. ... They look just like stones would. This is definitely a cleaner, nicer, prettier process.”

The entire process takes six to eight weeks, Hassig said, and the funeral home receives updates from Parting Stone through each step.

Since December, Verheyden has offered the option and a dozen or so families have participated.

“The feedback has been great,” Hassig said. “People are super pleased with it. Families are

keeping them close to them. Some people are using them like worry stones. I’ve not had anyone say they were unhappy with it. They offer a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

“... We’re excited about it,” she continued. “Families are coming back to us, saying their loved one’s ashes have been sitting in a closet for nine or 10 years and now they’re thinking about turning the cremated remains into stone.”

Parting Stone will accept a person’s whole or partial cremated remains. Cost for an adult through Verheyden is \$1,695, and includes

mailing to and from New Mexico, as well as the entire process.

“We think the price is fair,” Hassig said. “On their website it costs \$2,495, so there is a discount going through the funeral home.”

Though a few funeral homes on the west side offer the option, “Verheyden is the only one in this area that I know of,” Hassig said. “When they were on ‘Shark Tank’ a month ago, they said only 6 percent of funeral homes in the U.S. and Canada have it, so this really is a niche market.”

For more information, visit [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).



**Verheyden began offering the option in December and has been met with positive reviews from families.**

# Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast all about prayer

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

JT Mestdagh, who goes by the nickname “Jester,” told a few jokes during his keynote address at the 37th annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast, but was serious about the importance of prayer in his life.

In talking about his myriad medical problems at birth and growing up — he underwent 16 surgeries by age 16 — Mestdagh laughed that his parents would attest to the fact that, “a colostomy bag is

a lot easier to change than a diaper,” but that he was blessed to have them as his first “prayer warriors.”

“A warrior is someone who would go into battle to fight for what they love,” he said. “That’s what my parents did for me and as their prayer lives grew, I saw them exercise their faith more and more.”

The author, motivational speaker and philanthropist also recounted the night in elementary school he accepted Jesus Christ into his life at



**Guest speaker JT Mestdagh, Bryant, Kindle and Tomkowiak.**

Spring Hill Camp in northern Michigan.

“I went back to my cabin and wrote it down in my journal,” he recalled. “Having dyslexia, I knew the words were misspelled but I still wanted to capture it. That was a pivotal moment for me and my prayers have been answered in my life in so many ways.”

Also during elementary school, Mestdagh said he remembers laying on the kitchen floor, telling his parents, “I just want to be able to read and write like every other kid.”

He said his family’s

prayers were answered when they found a pro-

gram to help him overcome the disability, eventually leading to graduation from high school and college.

“My grandfather used to quote St. Augustine and say, ‘Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you,’” he said. “I’ve carried that with me ever since.”

Mestdagh closed by talking about the importance of praying for others.

“Prayer is the least we can do for someone and the most we can do for someone,” he said.

The Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of praying for local, state and national leaders. It rotates among the five Pointes and Harper Woods.

More than 200 people attended the sold-out event Thursday, May 4, at the County Club of Detroit.



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**Hundreds of community leaders attended the breakfast.**



**Mayors on the dais, from left, Louis Therios, Grosse Pointe Farms; Art Bryant, Grosse Pointe Woods; Valerie Kindle, Harper Woods; Sheila Tomkowiak, City of Grosse Pointe; Michele Hodges, Grosse Pointe Park; and Ted Kedzierski, Grosse Pointe Shores.**

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Following in the footsteps of their mothers, who teamed up on many fundraising efforts, gala co-chair Mary Shafer, left, and Grosse Pointe Historical Society President Dr. Leslie Wagner are working together to make this year's garden party gala a success.

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## GALA:

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As the Shafers know, this takes funding. Historically, Mary Shafer has been the society's most successful gala chairperson.

"Having her back as honorary chair is a way to honor her and Tom's hard work and success, but also continue to use her expertise in fundraising," Wagner said.

Added Shafer, "Tom and I are happy to serve as the honorary chairs of the 2023 GPHS summer gala. The society is where our abundant history is showcased for our community to enjoy, to learn, to participate and to feel a sense of pride from the rich history we share. As honorary chairs, we look forward to being present at the Wilkinsons' beautiful lakeside home and celebrating years of Grosse Pointe history."

Longtime family friend of Shafer's father, Dr. Jack Lighton, and Wagner's father, Dr. Carl Pesta, is Dr. Clark Okulski, a prime mover in the Pointes and consistent sponsor of all things happening with the historical society.

"We can always count on Clark Okulski and other ongoing donors to support our endeavors," said Vice President of Administration Stuart

Grigg, who guides the new history center. "Still, we look to the community. We were of the mind, 'If we build it, they will come.' We hope as many people as possible can join us for our gala. In the long run, we hope major donors will step forward to endow the work of preserving the history of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas. We are an all-volunteer board doing the work and we need our community if we are to do right by all the history worth preserving."

"Everyone who comes to the Grosse Pointes loves it," Wagner added, "and we need to band together to preserve the memories for the next generation."

The 2023 gala consists of:

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Mary & Patrick Mansfield

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Dr. Leslie Wagner  
Dr. Carl Pesta

**About the party**

The gala recalls the period from 1871 to 1914, an epoch filled with optimism, elegance and progress. Guests are invited to wear period outfits to "La Belle Epoch," which is set at a lakeside home on a private brick-paved street. Designed by architect Robert O. Derrick in 1928, the home was purchased in 1940 by the Emory Ford Sr. family. Ford was the grandson of the founder of the Libby Owens Ford Glass Company. The house was modified in 1940 by architect Hugh T. Keyes, who embraced the owners' glass-making heritage. Unique features include artistic glass and mirror installations, including a stair bannister with plate-glass balusters.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Benefits include publicity, event recognition, tickets to the gala and tickets to a sponsor-only reception at 6 p.m.

Contact Patti Timmins at [development@gp-historical.org](mailto:development@gp-historical.org) or (313) 319-7146 for information.

Learn more about the house featured in this summer's gala in the June 1 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.



Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lighton escort their daughter, Mary Lighton Shafer, at her wedding, driven by Dr. Carl Pesta in his Packard.

## 'American Pickers' to film in Michigan

The American Pickers are returning to Michigan and plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the area in July.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to dis-



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"American Pickers" stars Danielle Colby and Mike Wolfe.

cover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The professionals at "American Pickers" continue to take the pandemic seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, they'll continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear memorable stories. "American Pickers" is

looking for leads and would love to explore local hidden treasures. Anyone who has a unique item, a story to tell and is ready to sell, "American Pickers" wants to hear about it. However, the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums or anything open to the public.

Those interested should send their name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to [americpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americpickers@cinetflix.com) or call (646) 493-2184.



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## On the run

Above, participants in the 20th annual Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 2023 Arbor Day run. Left, Michael Ruprecht, 16, left, won the 2023 Arbor Day run May 6. His father, Lech Ruprecht, 48, right, placed second in the men's division, while his mother, Beata Ruprecht, finished top in the women's division. Not pictured are third-place men's division winner John Anfdembridge and women's second-place winner Sue Schucken.

## HELM:

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what we're doing currently and in the years to come."

Just before Siddall took the reins, representatives from The Helm approached all five Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods city councils to pitch support for a senior services millage, which initially received a cool reception. The request has been withdrawn for now.

"There are 72 counties in Michigan, out of 80, that have a millage supporting senior services," she said. "When I interviewed here, I asked, 'Why don't you have a millage supporting the senior center?' Since 62 percent of our operating budget is generated from community fundraisers, I want to make sure we aren't completely reliant on that as we continue to grow. That's not sustainable."

"We're looking at the best way to move forward," she said. "We are creating the interlocal agreement. ... We are looking at a millage and we'd like to put it in front of voters. It's essential for seniors to have services they need and for us to provide them. A millage is one way we can do that."

"On the flip side, if we

don't have sustainable funding for senior services, we'll see the community faced with an increase in medical emergencies, more ambulance runs, more isolation among seniors, increased depression. We need to make sure these vital, essential services are available."

Providing more evidence-based programming that will help reduce ER visits and decrease isolation and depression is one way Siddall would like to see The Helm expand. Other ways include re-introducing evening hours, offering programming throughout the community and offering more programs in Harper Woods, "to serve and meet those residents where they're at," she said. "There's a lot of opportunity for innovative growth, which is exciting. We've got a great model."

For that she credited The Helm's board of directors, as well as her predecessor, Peggy Hayes, who retired in February after five years at The Helm.

"Peggy did a beautiful job of getting The Helm to the place where it is today," Siddall said. "And the board is one of the reasons I took the job. They're very hands-on. Their depth of knowledge is incredible. They pro-

vide tremendous support to the operation in many ways."

Siddall's plans for expanding also reach beyond the building and into the community, as she hopes to create partnerships with other organizations. She'd like to offer more intergenerational programming, for example.

"I'd like to have programs where we partner to collaborate on projects instead of doing silo work," she added. "I'm excited to meet people and see what ways we can serve the community together."

"... Also on my agenda from an executive director standpoint is really getting the story out on what we do here. When I got here, I found out that there's so much more going on than I (thought). ... I want to focus on getting us out in the community so people really understand what we do."

One of her favorite parts of the job so far is basking in the role The Helm plays in so many lives. Amidst the heavy load of grant applications and other paperwork, an uplifting escape is just a staircase away.

"No matter what I'm working on, I can go down and ... hear the laughter, see them flourishing," she said. "That makes it all worth it."

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## All that jazz! Concert June 3 at Grosse Pointe Unitarian

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor



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Olivia Van Gooor, left, and Caitly Gyorgy, above, team up for a night of jazz standards and original works June 3, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Jazz standards and original pieces will make up the set list when Olivia Van Gooor and Caitly Gyorgy team up for a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The show marks the first time the duo will perform together, though they've been connected since 2020, around the time Van Gooor committed to a full-time freelance jazz vocalist career.

"I found her music on Spotify," Van Gooor said of Gyorgy, who sings in the standard vocal jazz style. "I emailed her and asked if her music was for sale. She responded

and said, 'Just take it.' So I started doing her songs in my repertoire. She was 21 at the time. Now she's 24 and I'm 25. We connected right before she skyrocketed to jazz fame."

Gyorgy is a two-time Juno Award winner, picking up Vocal Jazz Album of the Year wins in 2022 and '23. Now signed to a record label in Brooklyn, the Canadian songstress has yet to perform much in the States.

"That's the reason we decided on this date," Van Gooor said. "She emailed me and said, 'I have family in Detroit. Do you want to do a show together?' I thought, 'I can't not do this.'"

Van Gooor decided to

produce the show herself and through a network of industry connections, found a perfect location.

"The church was recommended through other musicians," she said. "I visited it and I loved the vibe. It's perfect, intimate, so I rented it out."

She also found a mix of local musicians to back her and Gyorgy. Pianist Scott Gwinnell, bassist Samuel Chase Harris and drummer Dave Zwolinski will join them onstage for the event, which is sponsored by the Greater Detroit Jazz Society.

"I'm so excited about it," Van Gooor said. "We're doing a mix of her originals and songs from her most recent album. Most of them are duets. We're

also doing some of my originals; I have a new album coming out this year. There will also be some jazz standards, so some of it people will be familiar with. Overall, it will be very traditional jazz, swing, vocal jazz and bebop. It's going to be super fun — very swing music oriented."

Van Gooor, a Royal Oak resident, has been singing professionally for five years, but played a variety of instruments in high school. She was urged to audition for the school jazz band, which introduced her to the style.

She said it comes natural to her to be flexible and improvise, which made jazz a perfect fit. Those talents also are another reason Van Gooor

is looking forward to performing with Gyorgy for the first time.

"That's the beauty of the music; we can just perform" without ever having met, she said. "I do so many gigs in Detroit where I don't know who I'm going to play with. That's the beauty of jazz, how easy you can communicate with other musicians. With standards, there's already this language that you know."

Van Gooor has a plan for the day she meets Gyorgy.

"That day I will pick her up from her family's house, then we'll go into the studio and record a single," she said, specifying they'll record "I Feel Pretty" from "West Side

Story." "Then we'll go off to the show."

"This is an amazing opportunity," she added, "especially because she's only doing a couple of U.S. dates this year. It's an intimate and rare opportunity. I'm really excited."

General admission tickets are \$25. VIP front-row tickets, which include an afterglow and meet-and-greet, are \$40. Tickets may be purchased at eventbrite.com.

"This show is for anyone, from students to the older crowd that loves jazz music," Van Gooor said. "Anyone — from diehard jazz fans to any type of music lovers and people who like to support Detroit musicians — is welcome."

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Henry Ford Health

## Emergency room or urgent care?

Some important decisions can be confusing. In the case of certain health issues, the important point is to act — go to the emergency department or the urgent care facility, or simply follow your healthcare provider's specific instructions.

"People experiencing emergency situations risk much more by staying at home than by coming into the emergency room," said Usamah Mossallam, M.D., an emergency medicine doctor with Henry Ford Health. "I worry about people with stroke, heart attacks, heart failure, kidney disease and uncontrolled diabetes."

Chest pain may be a heart attack and could result in heart failure or death. High blood sugar due to diabetes could cause a coma, kidney failure, nerve damage or blindness. People having a stroke require life-saving immediate treatment. A 10-minute delay may result in 100 days for recovery. For a 60-minute delay, recovery may take two years. Worse, a stroke may lead to a heart attack or death.

Here's when to go to the emergency room or a nearby urgent care.

#### Emergency Room

Call 911 or immediately go to the emergency room for these symptoms:

- ◆ Unconsciousness
- ◆ Weakness in the face, arms or legs

- ◆ Confused or slurred speech
- ◆ Loss of vision
- ◆ Inability to walk
- ◆ Severe shortness of breath or inability to breathe
- ◆ Severe chest or abdominal pain
- ◆ Seizures
- ◆ Persistent vomiting
- ◆ Sudden unexplained headache

#### Urgent Care

Call your healthcare provider or visit an urgent care center for mild symptoms, such as a cough, runny nose, allergies, skin rash, urinary tract infection or flu symptoms. If an urgent care visit isn't necessary, your provider may suggest a video visit.

"When in doubt, go to the emergency room," Mossallam said. "Stroke teams, neurologists, cardiologists, trauma and orthopedic surgeons — and other doctors — are ready and equipped to treat any emergency."

To find a Henry Ford Health GoHealth urgent care location near you visit bit.ly/42BaLgi.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Widow facing empty nest syndrome

**Dear Gabby:** My youngest daughter is graduating from college this spring and moving away. Since my husband passed away, it will be the first time I'll truly be alone. I can't even think of what to do with my time.

I haven't really had a job since my 20s and spent my life raising my three children. I don't think I have a passion for anything in the way of sports or typical hobbies. What's a gal to do?

Sincerely,  
— Lost in the Woods

**Dear Lost,**  
Congratulations on successfully raising three children! Life changes are always stressful and the fact that you dedicated a large portion of your life to your children and husband would certainly leave anyone feeling a little out to sea.

A wonderful perk of our little community is that there is no shortage of things to do. If you peruse the events and check out the newspaper, you will see there are so many opportunities for you to try some-

thing new. From singing to creating art to endless volunteering needs, there is sure to be something you will take a shine to.

And if you prefer something more steady, Grosse Pointe and the surrounding areas also have a lot of businesses hiring for all types of jobs. Do you like to ride your bike? Grosse Pointe Peddlers have a weekly ride. Like to learn? Try a class at The War Memorial to spark some joy. Been wanting to get in shape? So many fit-

ness studios around town would love to help you get started.

Try to think of it as a fresh start — a new beginning to a new chapter in your life. Try to do something new, no matter how small, every day. Keep exploring and don't stop until you find what makes you pop out of bed in the morning excited for the day.

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## Fiance's sister is center of the family's attention

**DEAR ABBY:** I am marrying the most amazing man next year. We have been together for six years. I have always gotten along with his family and know they will be great in-laws. However, as time has gone by, I've noticed that they cater more and more to my fiance's older sister. She's nearly 30, but she acts like she's 13.

When she has an argument with her spouse, she calls my fiance and makes it sound so dramatic that he drops everything and runs to her rescue. Invariably, it turns out to not be as bad as she was saying.

She also talks so badly about her spouse to her parents that I feel embarrassed for him. If she's sick or home alone (her husband travels for work), she sleeps at her parents' house with her infant son instead of staying in her own home, which is a town away.

Her family does EVERYTHING for her — things that a capable adult should do for herself. Many times, my fiance and I have been on a date or spending time with each other, and then his sister calls and he leaves me to cater to her. It hurts my feelings when he does this.

I know family is important, and I'm not saying he shouldn't help his sister. I have talked with him about this on multi-

ple occasions, but he doesn't seem to understand or isn't interested in talking about it. Am I being unreasonable? Is there anything I can or should do to feel other-wise about it? How do I cope with my feelings about this? — ANNOYED IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR ANNOYED:** What concerns me about your letter isn't that your fiance goes running to his sister's side when he gets one of her "emergency calls." What troubles me is that when you tell him something bothers you, he "isn't interested in talking about it."

If Sissy and her husband feel it's safer for her to spend nights with her parents when he travels and the parents welcome her, I see no reason why you should be critical of her for it.

However, that your fiance would cut short a date or some other activity you are involved in together strikes me as over the top if it isn't a true emergency.

As I see it, you can either accept this as part of their family dynamic, or rethink marrying into that family, because they are not going to change -- and once the parents pass on, Sissy may need her brother more than ever.

**DEAR ABBY:** I dated a guy long distance for

eight months. Whenever he was in my state for work, I'd go see him.

Two months ago, he suddenly ghosted me! Two days prior to that, everything was fine. We texted and had a wonderful phone conversation. I'm at a loss.

At first I was sad about it, but now I'm angry. I want answers, which I know I probably won't get. What do you think happened? — LEFT HANGING IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR ABBY:** Long-Distance Guy may have met another woman and ghosted you because he wasn't man enough to be upfront about it. Another possibility is that he was never available in the first place. This is why long-distance relationships can be risky unless you know the person well, and why it's a safer bet to focus on someone local.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'd like some advice about a family situation that has been going on for the entire 34 years of my marriage. My husband is not kind to my now-grown sons. He gives me the silent treatment for weeks over small disagreements. My eldest son visited us for my 75th birthday and, after receiving my spouse's cold shoulder, he informed me he won't be visiting again because

of my husband's rude behavior.

I'm looking for a part-time job so I can pay off some bills and move out. I asked years ago that we put the house up for sale, divide the funds and go our separate ways. He said he'd burn down the house before he would allow me to get a penny from the sale.

I want to keep things calm, but I want to leave in another year with some proceeds from the sale of the house. We no longer sleep together and we talk less to avoid disagreements. I don't even want to cook for him, but I do it to avoid his negative reactions. What can I do? — REACHED MY LIMIT IN CALIFORNIA.

**DEAR REACHED:** Quietly consult an attorney and discuss the fact that you are in a very long, unhappy and emotionally abusive marriage. Tell the attorney your husband has threatened to burn down the home you share (that's arson) if it must be sold so you can have the half of the community property to which you are entitled.

The attorney can guide you in gathering information such as bank account numbers, credit information and investments, if there are any, so your husband will be less able to hide financial assets.

If you fear your husband might become violent, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) for help formulating a safe exit plan, and follow the instructions you are given. It's never too late to seek peace and happiness in your life, and I wish you luck.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son married a woman who has isolated him from his family and friends. We were an incredibly close family until he married her. They have a 5-year-old daughter who has

no longer has anything to do with her. I know it breaks her heart that her brother and niece are no longer in her life. A friend suggested I write a journal to hopefully show my granddaughter someday so she will know we always loved and missed her and her dad. I worry about my son no longer having his family and friends in his life, but I'm not sure what to do. — HEARTBROKEN IN OREGON

**DEAR HEARTBROKEN:** Your idea of keeping a journal is a good one. But don't write in it hoping it will be seen by your granddaughter. Do it for yourself so you have an outlet into which you can pour the pain and frustration you are feeling. If you can't be with your grandchild, consider exploring opportunities in your community to mentor needy children, which can be rewarding not only for the children, but also for yourself.

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

Alix Earle, a recent graduate of the University of Miami, has become a TikTok sensation this past year for her relatable "get ready with me" videos, where she talks to her viewers while doing her makeup.

One of the go-to products she uses in every video is the Drunk Elephant Anti-Pollution D-Bronzi Sunshine drops, which always leave her looking flawless. As fans clamored to try the product for themselves, it quickly sold out everywhere.

I always wanted to test out the hype for myself, but just never got around to purchasing the drops. However, when I saw them sitting on my friend's desk, I jumped at the chance to try them out.

The key: mix them with your moisturizer BEFORE applying them to your skin to achieve a natural-looking glow. Skipping this step can result in a harsh, unnatural look that doesn't blend well. This also allows you to customize how many drops you want to mix in, depending on

the natural tan of your skin.

Once applied, I was thrilled with the results. The drops gave my skin a glowing, bronzed finish without looking oily or heavy. It served as the perfect base for my makeup routine, evening out my skin tone while still feeling lightweight.

In recent years, there has

been a rising trend toward natural and minimalistic looks in beauty, often referred to as the "no-makeup" look. A key element of this trend is achieving a clean, fresh-faced appearance with subtle enhancements. These Drunk Elephant drops are a perfect product for those wanting to achieve this

natural bronze and glowy look.

While the drops aren't super cheap, at a price of \$38 per bottle, I believe they're worth the investment (considering I just bought some for myself).

Depending on how many drops you use in your routine, you can get a decent amount of usage out of them. Although, I am curious to explore some cheaper alternatives and compare their effectiveness.

All in all, the Drunk Elephant D-Bronzi Sunshine drops are a

must-have for anyone looking to achieve a natural, summery glow. We give this product four out of five alligators because, while it's a bit pricey, it really works!

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

4 Out Of 5





# A luxury vegetable

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The artichoke for me is the single most luxurious vegetable ever. The reason is that it doesn't feel like a vegetable when you eat it. They are too good.

The leaves dipped in butter and scraped off with your teeth takes you to an almost spiritual place. Pair with a great glass of wine and then roll your eyes and sit back because they are that good.

Look for bulbous, fat and tightly packed artichokes because they will be the freshest. Trim the tops and spikey parts and simmer for one hour.

I decided to stuff them this week. I simmered them for an hour first then stuffed

them with fresh bread crumbs, lots of parmesan, and lemon. Instead of butter, I went with a giant drizzle of olive oil. Baked with lemon on top and paired with the perfect glass of wine, life doesn't get much better. Enjoy this one because they are in season.

Cheers, Mombeau

## Stuffed Artichokes

4 artichokes

2 lemons

### Stuffing

1 cup fresh bread crumbs

1 cup good parmesan

Zest of 2 lemons

1 tsp salt

Parsley for garnish

6 tbsps olive oil

Cut the stem and prickly parts of the leaves. Use the two lemons, cut in half to rub it so it doesn't brown.

Fill a stock pot with about 3 inches of water and the squeezed lemons. Simmer for about an hour or until the leaves are tender.

Meanwhile, put the stuffing together in a medium sized bowl and pour over the olive oil. Combine and let sit to the side.

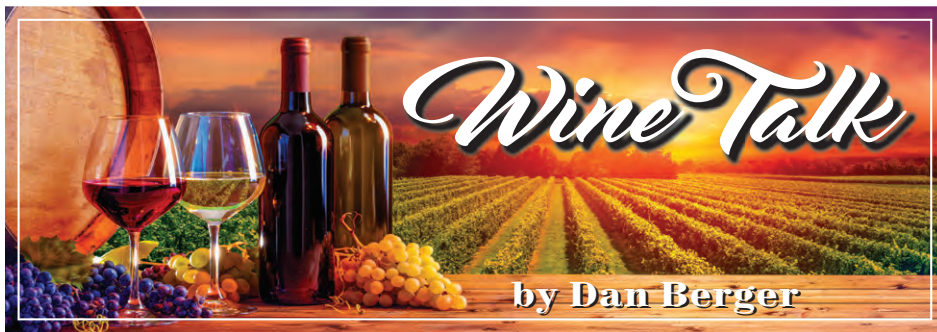
When the artichokes are tender, remove from the pot and top them with the stuffing. Try to fill every leaf with the stuffing.

Bake at 375 for 20 mins with a lemon slice on each one. (I used the lemon from the pot). Garnish with fresh parsley.

You can serve it with butter to dip, but we didn't and loved every scrape!



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



## Dry sherry

For most people, wine is simple: They drink anything that pleases them.

But if you think of it as relating to the time of year, it can be linked to the four distinct seasons we all live through.

Spring is about renewal; I think of it as sauvignon blanc weather. Spring is when last year's sauvignon blanc is released as a fresh-as-a-daisy offering.

Summer heat calls for a cooling rose. Fall and its briskness is for lighter reds like Beaujolais and zinfandel. Heavier reds take center stage as winter's cold approaches. Diverse styles for different weather patterns.

While it's still cold, we focus on heavier reds, which warm us. But now is when my thoughts often turn to another area of our cellar that probably doesn't exist in many other wine cellars: a rack of 40 bottles of great old sheries I have collected since the mid-1970s.

For my abiding interest in sherry, which warms my soul, I thank brilliant Sacramento wine merchant Darrell Corti, a grocery and wine maven who may know more about esoteric wine and food than any man alive.

It was Corti who helped me keep sherry in mind in the '70s when that historic wine was on death's door. Today, several brands are still available here, but it may take a search to find some of the better examples.

Sherry, the real stuff that comes from Spain, is an anglicized version of Jerez (pronounced in Spain as heh-reth), from Jerez de la Frontera, the warm Andalusian town where sherry is king.

Sherry has been made for centuries. It was referenced by Shakespeare (Falstaff loved "sack," a reference to sherry). And Edgar Allen Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado" was about a barrel of sherry.

Today, sherry remains



a small section in fine wine shops. Most brands are sound, worthy offerings and will do the job with your meals or at bedtimes (as a charming soporific). Special bottlings often are available in specialty shops, usually where one member of the staff understands sherry — and the others think of him or her as a bit daft.

The driest and crispest of all sherries is called fino, a wine made like few others. Fino sherries are bone dry and delicate, and although all sherries are fortified with a tiny bit of brandy to bring their alcohol up to about

18%, the best fino sherries are lighter than that, about 15 percent.

La Ina from Pedro Domecq and Tio Pepe from Gonzales Byass are the most popular brands. Buy the youngest bottle available. Tio Pepe is widely available and is excellent.

For a treat, try to find Hidalgo's superb La Gitana, which is technically not a sherry, but a Manzanilla, made near Jerez the same way as fino. It's usually lighter and more delicate.

Fino sherry can also work brilliantly with toasted almonds and sauteed mushrooms as an aperitif, or with other tapas.

Not every vat that starts out to be fino develops fino character. Those that don't will be made into Amontillado, a sort of halfway house to the real thing, oloroso.

The medium weight of a fine Amontillado can be engaging. Williams and Humbert's slightly sweet Dry Sack is an acceptable version. It is generally slightly nuttier and softer than I prefer.

One of my favorite sherries, especially with soup, is the next style of wine, called dry oloroso (or oloroso seco). They are a perfect match for creamed soup. They're not sweet, but higher

alcohol levels combined with their maturity make them superb with cheeses after a meal.

The faint bitterness of a great oloroso combined with their walnutty smell and taste make them sensational with toasted walnuts and cured olives, served as an appetizer. (Canned olives usually don't work.)

Even the best sherries rarely cost more than \$400; most very good ones are about \$20.

**Wine of the Week:**  
Nonvintage A.R.

Valdespino, fino sherry "Inocente," Single Vineyard (\$24) — The slightly mineral, sea-salty personality of this excellent and most complex fino also displays hints of yeast, nuts and citrus peel. It is completely dry and best with olives and nuts or served with lighter-weight soups.

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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Sherry comes in so many different styles and there is an ideal one to pair with every dish. The classic pairing goes like this: If it swims — fino. If it flies — amontillado. If it runs — oloroso.

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Left top, Naomi Watts as Rose Mary and Woody Harrelson as Rex in the 2017 movie "The Glass Castle," directed by Destin Daniel Cretton.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "The Glass Castle"  
 2017 - Rated PG-13  
 2 hr 7 min  
 ★★★★★

"The Glass Castle" is based on the 2005 memoir penned by Jeannette Walls. It could have been another of those tiresome films about a dysfunctional clan. However, with fine per-

formances by the leads, Woody Harrelson, Brie Larson, Naomi Watts and Ella Anderson, it becomes a moving and intimate portrait of a loving, supportive, and at times, destructive family.

The film is directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, who brought you the charming "Short Term 12" which also stars Brie Larson. If you haven't seen this delightful film, I highly recommend it. It's where I first discovered the amazing talents of Ms. Larson.

This film opens with Jeannette (Larson) din-



Jeannette and Rex looking at stars.

ing with her fiancé David (Max Greenfield) and a couple of potential clients. While discussing their backgrounds, Jeannette lies about her upbringing. Then on the cab ride back to their posh apartment, she spots her parents Rex (Harrelson) and Rose (Watts) dumpster diving for food. Unfortunately,



Chandler Head as youngest Jeannette.



The Watts clan.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



they notice her as well.

Through a series of flashbacks, we discover her, let's just say, "unique" upbringing. Rex is a mad genius and he shares with his four children, mainly his teenage daughter Jeannette, played wonderfully by Ella Anderson, his plans for a dream house made of glass.

She looks up to her father, and they spend quite a few tender moments together. But he turns out to be a bit on the manic side. The family lives in what could loosely be called a fixer-upper. And while Rex seems to be gainfully employed, he loses job after job, which necessitates the family to pack up in the middle of the night and move on to a new location. Usually, another ramshackle abode.

There's a wonderful scene where Rex and Jeannette are out in the middle of nowhere, laying on the ground and taking in the starry sky. He has his young daughter pick out a star and he tells her that it's her special possession for life. It's just one of the many touching points in the film. However, for every sweet encounter, there are two or three times as many torturous moments.

Rex is a raving alcoholic, and spends what little money the family has on booze. He goes on benders where he rants and raves, and the whole family is terrified of him.

His drinking not only frightens his wife and children, but it leads to them going without food for several days.

Rose, while afraid of her husband, is also the perfect example of an enabler. But the two of them truly love each other through thick and

thin. She emboldens him on his various schemes, and he encourages her in her artistic endeavors.

Overall, "The Glass Castle" is a well-crafted film I really enjoyed. Sure there were many cringe-worthy moments in it, but the actors did an excellent job of telling this remarkable story.

Woody Harrelson's character made you want to punch the screen one moment, and then pat him on the back a few minutes later.

There were times when I thought, how could

★★ 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.



Brie Larson as Jeannette.

those kids suffer through all that and still turn out fairly normal? I've heard the movie doesn't hold a candle to the book, so I'll definitely put it on my reading list. If you enjoy this movie, be sure to check out "Captain Fantastic" which is another trip down Dysfunctional Family Lane. It was made the year before "The Glass Castle" and I reviewed it in this column a while back. Excellent film!

Currently streaming on Netflix and Pluto TV and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

★★★★ So 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.

## Mother's Day Tea

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The preschool program at Christ Church Grosse Pointe hosted a Mother's Day Tea on Friday, May 12, for the program's 2 and 3 year olds and their mothers, grandmothers and special people. Brunch-type treats were served, preschoolers sang three songs and each received a flower to take home.



Katie Lucido and her daughter, Sylvia, pose by a sign the preschoolers helped make.

Motria Sedirko, her 3-year-old granddaughter, Greta, and daughter, Martha Sedirko.



Violet Hobson turned into a teapot while singing "I'm a Little Teapot."



A group of moms and grandmothers with their little ones.



Apolonia Chrobak and her mom, Christina Chrobak.



# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

- » **Tai Chi for Health**  
Ford House, 6:30 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Nonfiction Book Club**  
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

- » **Ali Bey**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6 & 8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval.

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

- » **Fern Michaels/James Patterson Monthly Book Discussion**  
Ewald Branch, 11 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Native Plant Sale**  
Ford House, 1 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.

- » **Laura Rain and the Caesars**  
Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 8-11 p.m.  
17315 Mack Ave..

- » **Perennial Plant Exchange**  
Salter Memorial Park,  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
19430 Harper.

## MONDAY, MAY 22

- » **4th Monday Book Discussion Group**  
Ewald Branch,  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

- » **Blues Jam**  
The Cadieux Cafe,  
8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd..

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

- » **In Cold Mug Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 7-9 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

- » **Mystery Book Discussion**  
Woods Branch,  
7-8 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

## Read, Rhyme & Play

- Ewald Branch,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- » **An Evening of Red, White & Blue Gala**  
The War Memorial,  
6-10:30 p.m.  
32 Lakeshore Dr.

# Royal Stars

## Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 18, 2023:** You are grounded, practical and clear-headed. You have your own code for behavior, which guides your decision-making process. This is a lovely year to socialize and enjoy life! Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends might reappear to renew relationships.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
This is an excellent day to make financial plans, especially about home improvements or redecorating projects that require money. Trust in your ability to find the money to do what you want, because wealth will come your way this year. Tonight: Discussions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Discussions with older people, especially in a group situation, will benefit you today. Someone might have advice. Or they might tell you a story or share their experiences, which in turn, will cause you to refine your own goals. Today your dealings with others are warm and supportive. Tonight: Ideas!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Financial discussions will go well today, especially if you're talking to bosses, people in authority or perhaps a parent. It looks like you've done your homework and you've got your ducks in a row. Although you might be spending money, you will attract money to you as well. Tonight: Research.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
This is an excellent day for an important discussion with a friend or a member of a group about practical plans for the future. These plans might even impact your career. Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you. A friend might help you shop for wardrobe bargains. Tonight: Socialize.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Use the fact that you make a great impression on others now for an important discussion with someone. This might relate to wills, inheritances or how to deal with shared property, insurance matters or the wealth of your partner. Meanwhile, a sly flirtation might become public. Tonight: Impress someone.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
This is the perfect day to make travel plans or plans related to publishing or a media project. It's also an excellent day for legal or medical matters. You'll enjoy exploring things that are out of the norm or different. You're curious about fresh possibilities. A friend will be supportive. Tonight: Study.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today you have a stronger than usual focus on shared property, wills, estates, inheritances, taxes and debt. Someone older might have advice for you. (Possibly, you are the older person giving advice.) Someone younger might develop a crush on you today. Tonight: Check your finances.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Discussions with spouses, partners and close friends will be productive today. Nevertheless, you have to be prepared to cooperate and be accommodating. Trust that things will flow smoothly and people will help you. Travel

plans are possible. Tonight: Learn.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today you're confident, upbeat and ready to work, which is why this will be a productive day for you. Because you're focused, you won't overlook details. Look for ways to increase your budget or get help from a third party, including a bank or a financial institution. Practical help also might be forthcoming. Tonight: Work.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
This is a playful, fun-loving day! If you're involved in creative projects, teamwork will help you achieve your aims. You will also enjoy involvement with children's activities, as well as sports events and certainly anything to do with the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. Tonight: Play!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Family discussions, especially about practical, long-term plans for the future will be productive today. These plans might relate to home repairs or home improvements. They also might involve a parent or an older family member. Meanwhile, co-workers are friendly and ready to help you. Tonight: Decisions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
You have the right mindset today to make future plans or to study and learn something new. Possibly, you will teach or write. Whatever the case, work with others to achieve your objectives, especially if you are involved with kids. Get involved! Tonight: Share ideas.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer, actor George Strait (1952), actress, comedian Tina Fey (1970), actor Chow Yun-Fat (1955).

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

# Contract Bridge

## THE ART OF CARD-READING

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

### NORTH

- ♠ 8 5 3
- ♥ K 10 9
- ♦ K J 10 9
- ♣ 6 5 2

### WEST

- ♠ K 6
- ♥ J 4
- ♦ Q 8 7 2
- ♣ A K 9 8 4

### EAST

- ♠ J 10 9
- ♥ 7 5 3 2
- ♦ 6 4 3
- ♣ Q J 10

### SOUTH

- ♠ A Q 7 4 2
- ♥ A Q 8 6
- ♦ A 5
- ♣ 7 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Opening lead — king of clubs.			

Assume you get to four spades on the bidding shown, and West leads three rounds of clubs. You ruff the third club, lead a diamond to dummy's king and return a trump, finessing the queen. This loses to the king, and you later lose another trump trick to go down one.

If by any chance you played the hand this way, you played it incorrectly. You could have made the contract by leading the ace and a low spade instead of

taking a finesse. West would win with the king, and, whatever he returned, you would pick up East's last spade with your queen and make the contract.

It could be argued that this line of play is easy enough if you see all 52 cards. But the fact is that the hand should be played this way without that advantage.

The reason lies in the bidding. In Standard American methods, a player holding six or more points must respond to his partner's opening bid of one of a suit. This is because the opener could have as many as 20 points, and occasionally even more.

In the present case, there is no reason to think that East violated that rule when he passed West's opening bid. So, after East shows up with the Q-J-10 of clubs on the first three plays, South should assume that East does not have the king of spades.

Once it is granted that West has the king of spades, it can't be right to finesse the queen. Nothing can be gained, and much can be lost, by doing so.

Declarer should reason that if West has three (or more) spades to the king, the contract cannot be made. He should therefore play for his one and only chance, namely, that West was dealt the doubleton king of spades.

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by Steve Becker

## Find the 10 objects that are hidden in the picture









# Comics

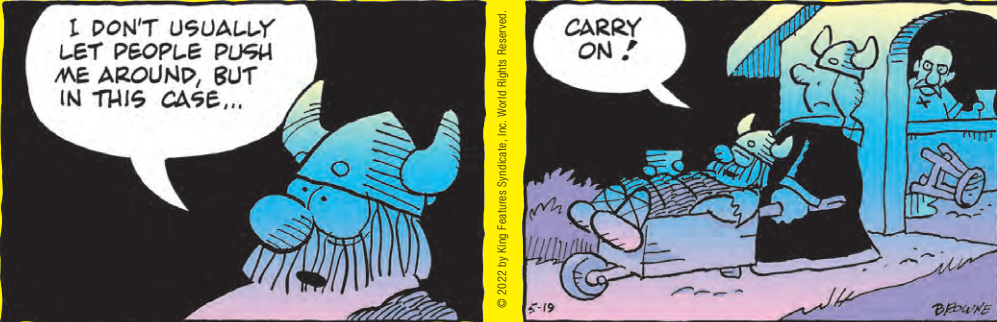
## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



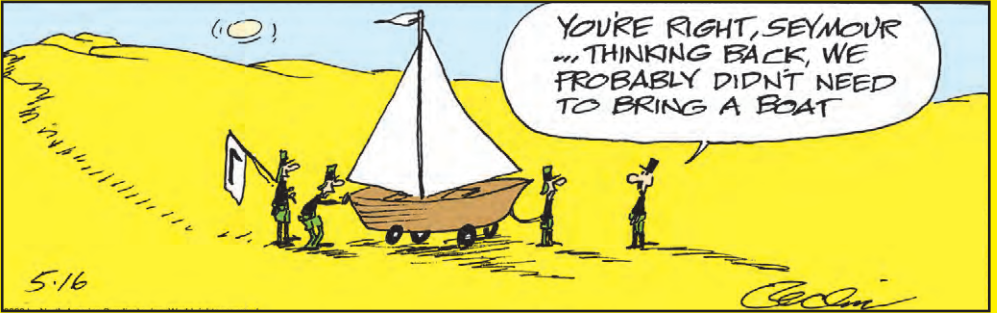
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



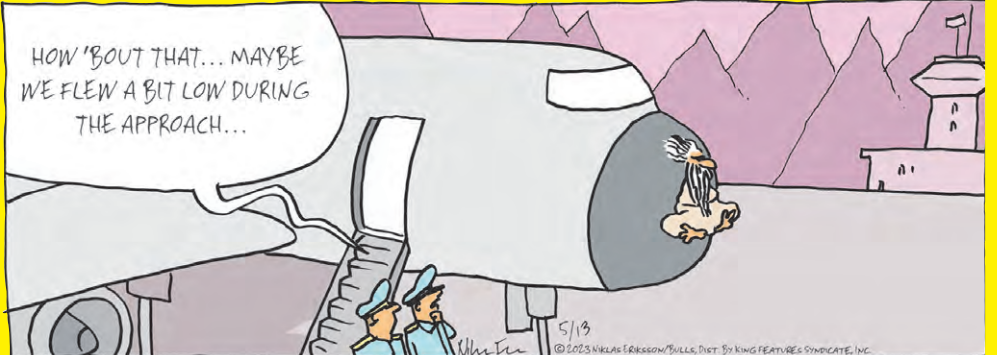
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Mike Peters



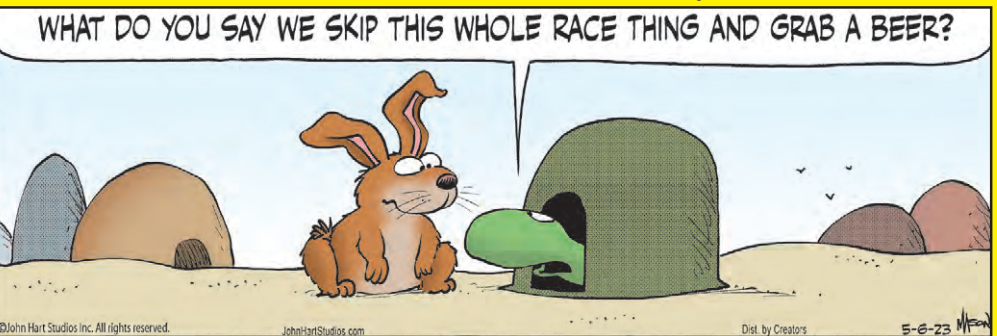
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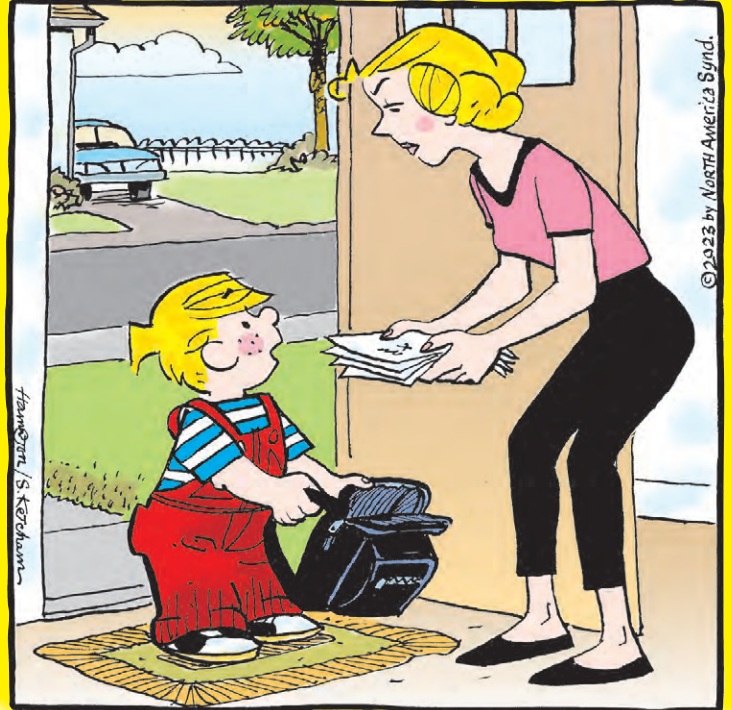
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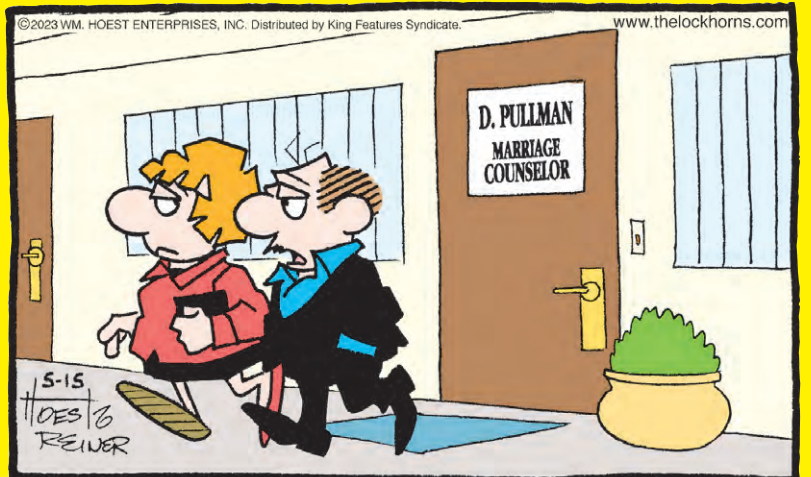
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"I SAVED ALL THE TEACHER'S NOTES, SO YOU ONLY HAVE TO COPE WITH ONE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN."

## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"NO, I DON'T THINK HE WAS BEING COMPLIMENTARY WHEN HE SAID WE WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER"

## Close To Home

John McPherson



"Yeah, I don't think we're going to get on this elevator anytime soon."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"You think I'd learn by now not to refill the coffee and leave two donuts on the table."



Do the math to discover which emblem represents each branch of the U.S. military.

- 25 = Department of the Air Force
- 32 = United States Coast Guard
- 27 = Department of the Navy
- 35 = Department of the Army
- 29 = United States Marine Corps

# Observing Memorial Day

Complete the crossword puzzle. Then circle those words in this article.

Memorial Day was called Decoration Day when it started as a day to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

After the Civil War, people across America started a tradition of setting one day a year aside to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

On May 30, 1868, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. After the speech, thousands of people who came to hear him decorated the graves of more than 20,000 Union and

Confederate soldiers buried there.

After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to remember those who had died in all American wars.

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Today a flag is placed on each grave at Arlington National Cemetery. The president or the vice president gives a speech and lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

**Across**

- 3. a talk given to an audience
- 10. monument to the dead
- 11. a long established custom
- 12. for special or future use

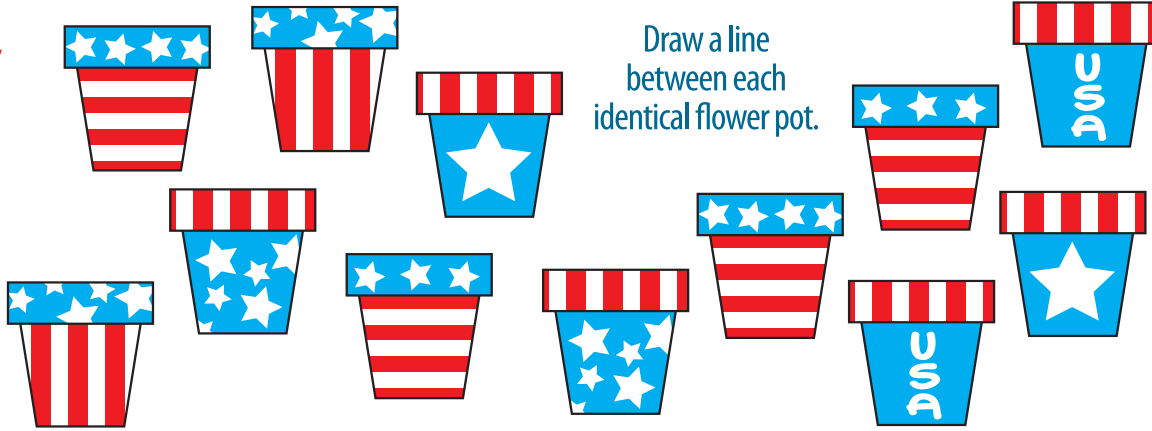
**Down**

- 1. final resting places
- 2. to retain an idea in the memory
- 4. ground where dead are buried
- 5. someone who serves in the military
- 6. the first day of the working week
- 7. to make something more attractive
- 8. great respect and admiration
- 9. a day set aside sometimes to commemorate something

How many stars can you find on this page?

## Patriotic Pottery

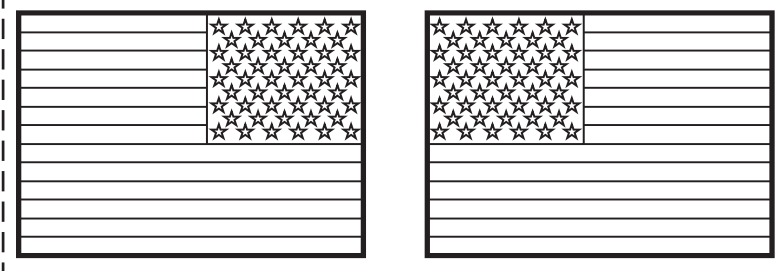
A GREAT CLASSROOM CRAFT: Paint terra-cotta flower pots, coffee cans, jars and other containers in stars and stripes. Then, plant some flowers in them and deliver them to a local veterans hospital or to neighbors who have lost a family member serving our country.



Draw a line between each identical flower pot.

## American Flag Pencil

1. Color the two flags at right.
2. Cut along the dotted line.
3. Fold the little flag around the top of your pencil and use glue to fasten the folded flag.



## Extra! Extra! Symbols of Our Country

Look through today's newspaper for symbols that represent our country. How many can you find?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Paper poppies are made by unemployed and disabled veterans and sold to raise money for veterans and their widows, widowers and orphans. Look at each row of poppies. Draw the one that should come next to continue each pattern.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- OBSERVING
- MEMORIAL
- CEMETERY
- RESTING
- RESPECT
- GRAVES
- FLOWER
- SYMBOL
- SERVES
- HONOR
- FLAGS
- TOMB
- LOST
- CANS

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

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Where is your ad?

What categories of ads (other than classified) appear in only one section of the newspaper? Chart the ad categories and sections. Why do you think this is? If you were advertising toys, in what section would you place your ad?

Standards Link: Students identify the different kinds of advertising in a newspaper and use categories to organize data.

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## Blue Devils boys lax edges Dakota in thrilling MAC tournament final

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

This spring saw the return of the MAC Red boys lacrosse league tournament and it certainly came back with a bang. Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse played its way into the final against Dakota last Friday, May 12, after defeating Romeo in the semifinals two days before. What ensued in the championship game

was a back-and-forth thriller that ended with the Blue Devils hanging on in the end to win the MAC Red title in a 9-8 victory over the Cougars.

South jumped out to a quick lead when senior Griffin Adams scored his first goal of the night in the game's opening minute. While the first goal of the game was quick, the 1-0 lead for South held another eight minutes or so until Dakota tied it up. Two more

goals for the Cougars followed in the final minute of the first quarter to end the opening 12 minutes at 3-1 in favor of Dakota.

While the end of the opening frame made it look as though the momentum was firmly in Dakota's favor, the second quarter was all Blue Devils. Adams scored his second of the night part-way through the second

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

The South boys track and field team clinched the MAC Red division title by defeating Dakota in a dual meet last week.

## Undefeated South boys track are MAC Red kings

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last week was a huge one for both the boys and girls track and field programs at Grosse Pointe South. For the undefeated boys, a late-season dual meet victory over Dakota sealed the MAC Red division title for the Blue Devils, who followed that highlight by winning the Marysville Invitational over the weekend. The girls team finished first at the same event.

The Blue Devils' boys team, who are 5-0 on the season and 4-0 in the MAC Red, secured the division crown last Tuesday, May 9, by finishing first in ten of 15 events, with senior captain Logan Detweiler taking a victory in the 3200 and fellow captain Brendan Downey winning both the 800 and 1600.

South was also helped in its push for the MAC Red by sprint victories in the 100 and 200 by Baxter Russell. In the

field events, South dominated with Donovan Moody winning the shot put and Sam Morandini finishing first in both long jump and high jump. Luc Michaud's top finish in the pole vault earned the Blue Devils another first place finish in the field.

On Friday, May 12, both boys and girls teams traveled to the Marysville Invitational, with both of South's teams taking first place in the boys

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South freshman Jack Smith carries the ball past a Dakota defender during last Friday's MAC Red Tournament championship.

# Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

One of the things that makes softball unique, especially at the high school level, is the noise. Dugouts get louder and louder as the game goes on, chanting and cheering on their teammates. Games at Grosse Pointe South are no different and oftentimes one of the loudest players leading those cheers is senior captain Katie Steiner.

"I'm kind of notoriously known for my energy, especially in the dugout and at bat," Steiner said. "We've been trying to implement this year a lot of team support and staying energetic throughout the game. We've been doing a great job of that and it's much more fun to play when you're with a team that's full of so much energy."

Steiner has brought energy to the game since she first stepped on the softball diamond. She began playing the sport when she was around 7 years old and took up playing travel softball for Stealers Fastpitch in St. Clair Shores a couple years later.

Since she entered high school, Steiner has been part of the softball program at South and has worked her way up to being a varsity captain and starting outfielder her senior year. This season also has come

off spot," she said. "Shannon Dame was our leadoff hitter last year, but she got injured and now I've taken over that spot. It's a big role to fill, but really fun to set the tone and be the leader and let everyone else

ting average with 12 RBI and nine stolen bases so far this season.

It all comes back to the energy she brings to every game and practice. That played a major role in the team's decision to name her a captain this season, an opportunity Steiner has enjoyed, taking the leadership role as a senior in helping mentor younger players on what is a relatively young South softball team this year. While she has enjoyed the opportunity, it also has shown the coaches who made her captain they picked the right player for the role.

"Katie is the epitome of what you want in a captain," South softball head coach Bill Flemind said. "She leads by example, she works hard all the time and she plays until the last out."

Steiner's ability to lead by example goes beyond what people might see in games. It extends to practices and even into the classroom, as the Blue Devils' captain has a 4.0 GPA and will be heading to Michigan State University after graduation.

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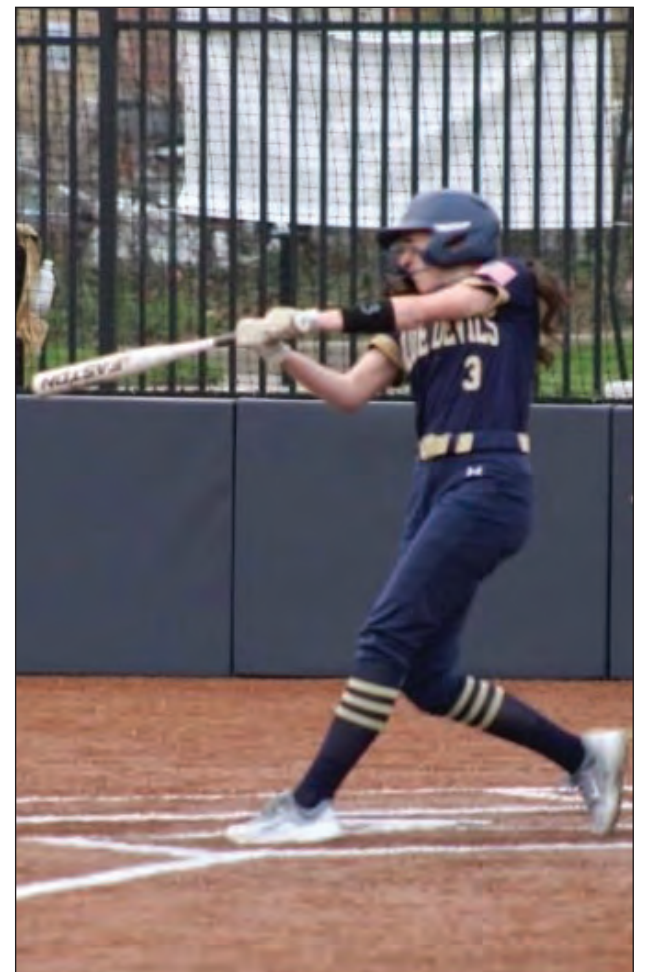


PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL FLEMING

South senior Katie Steiner has taken over the role of leadoff hitter for the Blue Devils for much of the spring so far.



**Katie Steiner**  
School: Grosse Pointe South  
Sport: Softball

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with an opportunity for Steiner to really show off just how much of a spark she can be to the team by spending much of this spring providing excitement while batting from the leadoff spot.

"I never really anticipated being in the lead-

know what to look for."

Even though it was a somewhat unexpected role, being in the leadoff spot almost feels like home for Steiner with the way she approaches the game. Not to mention she has used that spot to tally a .330 bat-

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## 2D | SPORTS

# North repeats in MAC White, South and ULS get ready for league title pushes

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Baseball season is rolling into the final weeks of the regular season before playoffs begin. This is the time of year teams begin clinching division titles, like Grosse Pointe North did for a second year in a row. It also is the point in the season where teams like Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School make that final push for league titles of their own and make sure their teams are in top shape as crunch time approaches.

## North

Some key division wins over the last week helped the Norsemen clinch the MAC White division title a second year in a row. A few more wins after that continued North's strong run by winning eight of the team's first 11 games in May.

North took the first two games of last week's series against the Saints 11-4 and 4-0 Monday and Wednesday. Last Thursday, May 11, the Norsemen took the finale 7-0 on the road at St. Clair. Adam Ayrault finished with three RBI and Bobby Rhodes brought in two as well. On the mound, Brennan Hill and Drew Hill combined to get the win and allowed just one combined hit while striking out a total of 17 batters.

North went out of the division over the week-

end for matchups with Detroit Edison and Notre Dame Prep. The first game was a 12-1 loss to Edison, during which Jordan Arsenau brought in the Norsemen's lone run of the game in the first inning.

After losing the first game of the day, North bounced back and took a win over ND Prep 7-2. Charlie Rocho had a huge day at the plate, bringing in three runs on two hits for North. Henry Rocho started on the mound and allowed just one hit and two runs in four innings, with Ben Dragich pitching three shutout innings of relief.

Another division matchup in the MAC White Monday, May 15, allowed the Norsemen to clinch the league title. The win came in a blow-out 13-1 over Utica during which North was firing on all cylinders.

Shane Armbruster and Rocco Cardinale tallied three RBI each in a monster day for the Norsemen offense, with both players hitting home runs on the day. Nick Jarackas went all seven innings on the mound and got the win while allowing just one run on six hits with seven strikeouts.

The Norsemen resume their series with Utica Wednesday, May 17, after press time and conclude the series Thursday, May 18, at Utica. The team returns home for three games over the weekend against Hartland Friday, May 19,

and against Detroit Western and Mount Pleasant the next day.

## ULS

The Knights had a busy stretch last week with some Catholic League doubleheaders. The results may not have been what Liggett had hoped for in those doubleheaders, but this team is no stranger to facing the ups and downs of a tough schedule.

Up first was a doubleheader with Detroit Catholic Central on the road last Wednesday, May 10. Liggett won Game 1 of the day 7-2, with Oliver Service leading the charge against the Shamrocks with four RBI. Reggie Sharpe and Joey Randazzo brought in runs with their bats as well, and Sharpe got the victory on the mound, striking out eight batters through seven innings.

Liggett ended up splitting the doubleheader, losing Game 2 Wednesday 3-2. Sharpe and Jarren Purify each had an RBI, but it was not enough as the Knights' bats were not as potent as they were a couple of hours earlier. Solid pitching from Preston Barr and Jackson Fetter was not enough to help Liggett pull it out in a close game.

Next up was a Saturday doubleheader with Brother Rice May 13. Hosting the Warriors, the Knights ended up dropping both games, losing Game 1 5-4 after blowing

a lead in the late innings.

Liggett went down 1-0 to Rice early in the first game, but used a big fourth inning to come back. An RBI single by Sharpe tied the game at one each and Liggett went on to score twice more in the inning to take a 3-1 lead. The Knights extended it even further the next inning with a solo home run by Purify, but that was the end of the team's offense for that game and the day. In the top of the sixth, Liggett surrendered four runs that took the team's three-run lead into a deficit and ended up deciding the game.

Game 2 of the doubleheader was one the Knights would like to forget. In one of its final league games of the season before CHSL playoffs, Liggett fell to the Warriors 9-0 in a game that saw the team tally just two hits.

With CHSL playoffs coming up later this week and the beginning of state playoffs a couple weeks away, the Knights do not seem bothered by what some might see as a lackluster week. Liggett knows if they stick to the core fundamentals, there should be no problem getting back to the win column during crunch time.

"We're just getting sharp and fine-tuning some things offensively and defensively," Liggett baseball coach Dan Cimini said. "Our mindset is no errors, throw



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Brennan Hill brought in four runs with his bat over the past week while helping the Norsemen to clinch the MAC White division title for a second consecutive year.

strikes and put the ball in play. If we do those things consistently and effectively, we'll be right there with anybody that we play."

The Knights face Orchard Lake St. Mary's Friday, May 19, at Comerica Park in the opening round of the CHSL playoffs.

## South

Last week also was busy for the Blue Devils and also saw the team end up with more games

in the loss column than it hoped.

The week began with a three-game MAC Red series against Dakota. South won one game of the series: the middle game Thursday, May 11.

The Blue Devils were victorious at home that day over the Cougars 6-5 in the second game of the series. Ben Frakes had two RBI to help lead South's offense in the win, while Wells Graham

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

The University Liggett boys golf team celebrates with their medals and trophy after taking the top spot in the Husky-Shorian Invitational in St. Clair Shores last week.

## Knights get narrow win at Husky-Shorian Invitational

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys golf team was firing on all cylinders, some might say, in its most recent performance. The Knights, along with Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North,

made the short trip to the St. Clair Shores Country Club last Friday, May 12,

for the 10th Annual Husky-Shorian Invitational hosted by the schools from St. Clair Shores. Liggett shot its way to a narrow victory by one stroke thanks to several of its team members playing their best golf of the spring so far.

The Knights finished the day with an overall team score of 305, finishing one stroke better

than second-place Seaholm and three ahead of Romeo, who ended up in third. Steve McMahon led the way for Liggett as the sophomore shot the team's low round of 72.

Fellow sophomore Charlie Cooksey was close behind with a score of 74. Seniors Leo Pampalona and Zach Sliwinski shot 77 and 82, respectively, while junior Tommy Ugval rounded out the group at 83. Those rounds for all five players represented their best results of the season thus far.

Grosse Pointe South South ended up 12th place out of the 17 teams at the event. Seniors Will Jordan and Luke Faulkner tied for the team's best score both with 82 for the day. Some of South's team was in St. Clair Shores while the rest were playing at the Derby at the Polo Fields on the same day. There, the Blue Devils finished fifth out of 16 teams, with Evan Brown leading the team with a low score of 74.

Back in St. Clair Shores, North finished in 15th overall. Senior Nicholas Fleming shot an 82, while fellow senior Sam Latiff shot an 86 to highlight the Norsemen's lowest scores of the tournament.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 - BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

On May 8, 2023, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park enacted an Ordinance to Amend the City Code, to become effective May 28, 2023, which Ordinance provides for amendments to Chapter 7 - "Building and Building Regulations" of the City Code. Said amendments include but are not limited to the adopting of the State Construction Code and provisions for its enforcement; establishment of a Building Code Board of Appeals; adoption of the current version of the International Property Maintenance Code and penalties for violation; the codification of Ordinance 231 - Demolition of Large Structures in City of Grosse Pointe Park; modification of Gutter and Downspout appeal process; amending the penalties for violations of Chapter 7 to generally be civil infractions; and other amendments throughout to the numbering of the sections, along with edits for readability and clarity.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

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# Glenn takes over ULS football with plans to build a winner on and off the field

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Kevin Glenn's accomplishments on the field speak for themselves, with 18 years of playing pro football in the CFL, being a Catholic League Hall of Famer and more. The next step, naturally, was going from under center to on the sidelines, as Glenn was announced last week as the new head varsity football coach at University Liggett School.

As he stood on the Knights logo in the center of the field where he will begin coaching this fall, Glenn detailed the vision he and Athletic Director Leython Williams have for the Liggett football program and what made it such an attractive challenge for the 18-year pro football veteran.

"First was the opportunity and second was the people involved," Glenn said. "... The conversations I've had with Leython, they've been on point. Sometimes it's felt like looking in a mirror when you talk about the trajectory of where we want to take the program, not only on the field but in the building, and the type of students we want to attract. And it's a challenge. At the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Kevin Glenn, who played 18 years of professional football in the Canadian Football League, has been named the new head football coach at University Liggett.**

end of the day, we want to turn Liggett into a powerhouse in the state of Michigan."

Glenn, a Detroit native, is a well-known name across the lake in Canada for his 18 seasons playing quarterback in the Canadian Football League. His career began in 2001, with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and concluded in 2018, with the Edmonton Eskimos. In 2007, Glenn led the league in passing yards, was an All-Star and was named MVP of the CFL's

East Division.

Before the CFL, Glenn played high school football at St. Martin de Porres in Detroit and was a four-year starter at Illinois State University. With the Redbirds, he set numerous school records and led the team to back-to-back NCAA FCS Playoff appearances in 1998 and 1999. With an extensive resume on the field, the connections Glenn has made over the years and reputation of hard work he has built for himself are things he hopes will translate into

success for Liggett football.

"The relationships you build being around the staff I'm going to put together will invite or intrigue any student-athlete," he said. "We have to do our due diligence as coaches to get these guys prepared. ... We want to bring some football excitement around here."

While this is Glenn's first time taking the helm as a head coach, he is no coaching rookie. Glenn spent the last three seasons as the offensive

coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Detroit Catholic Central, one of the most successful high school football programs in the state the past few decades.

"The tradition they've built at (Catholic Central) is very high and it keeps the kids drawn in to what you're trying to do and as they get older they understand the whole tradition and that carries over," Glenn said. "I learned a lot with that. My alma mater is closed now so I never got the chance to go back there and reap the benefits of an alumni coming back, but I learned a lot at Catholic Central about the different athletes who come out of high school now."

His past experience at Catholic Central and his future with Liggett have given Glenn the opportunity to do something he has always wanted, which is to be involved in the Catholic League. Glenn is a soon-to-be CHSL Hall of Famer — his induction is coming later this summer — for his efforts on the field at St. Martin de Porres and he hopes one day to be recognized by the hall of fame yet again as a coach.

Being familiar with the league, Glenn knows that wins in the CHSL

rarely come easily. However, he is chomping at the bit for his chance to lead the Knights into battle in those hard-fought Catholic League games.

"It's surreal at the end of the day and it's exciting," he said. "It was another reason for choosing this job. In the Catholic League, all teams are competitive; it doesn't matter what level you're at."

Glenn already has some ideas of what the Liggett football team will look like on the field once the fall season rolls around, but is hesitant, as is any football coach, to give away secrets as to what his schemes might look like. What he does want everyone to know, however, is that they can expect to see a team ready to fight for every yard, every week.

"We will be different from Catholic Central so they can't go watch that film and know what we're going to do," Glenn said. "Our guys will be disciplined and they're going to play hard. They're going to be coached well at the end of the day with technique and being able to run to the ball because effort is a lot of the game. ... You're going to see a very intense football team."

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and girls overall competitions.

South's girls team scored 159.5 points overall, more than 30 points better than second-place Port Huron Northern. Senior Claire Zurowcik had a dominant day by being part of four first place finishes. Zurowick won the 400 dash and was part of three sprint relay teams that all took first place.

"Claire has been so solid in her performances all season long," South girls track and

field coach Steve Zaranek said. "Her consistency is amazing and her willingness to give to her team is highlighted by the fact she is willing to run any of the events, ranging from the 100 dash to the 3200 run to all four relays."

The rest of the day was highlighted by several high finishes by the South girls. Olivia Barba and Malvina Lubanski finished second and third in the discus. The 3200 relay team of Morgan Deenik, Kelly Gavagan, Savannah Spangler and Ella Pazuchowski took second in that event, while Pazuchowski was

also second in the 800 with a personal best time of 2:30.

The boys team for South was first with a team total of 130 overall points. Russell won both the 100 and 200 meter races, while Downey finished second in the 800 and 1600. Russell, Morandini, Ben Braithwaite and Onction Zape made up the 4x200 relay team that also took second.

In the field, Morandini finished first in the long jump and second in the high jump. Michaud was second in the pole vault while Jacob Page took third in shot put.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

**South's girls track and field team finished first overall at the Marysville Invitational last week.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

**Members from the South boys track and field team celebrate after clinching the MAC Red division title by defeating Dakota in a dual meet last week.**



### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting

Monday May 8, 2023

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absence: Beth Konrad-Wilberding.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2023.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance request for 42 Hendrie Lane.

Council held a Public Hearing and approved the Tax Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2024.

Council approved Water and Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year Ending 2024.

Council approved Recycling Rates for Fiscal Year Ending 2024.

Council approved a request from Administration for a municipal parking app and M.O. Lot rate changes.

Council approved a Fire Response Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement.

Council approved a Resolution approving the designation of the Pier Park Community Building as the polling location for Combined Precinct 1,2,4 and Combined Precinct 3,5 for the November 7, 2023 City Election.

Council approved the following items on the Consent Agenda.

- Consideration of a request to approve April 2023 invoices.
- Consideration of a request to approve End of Summer Bash fireworks permit.
- Consideration of a request from Administration to approve an agreement with the Country Club of Detroit regarding the sale of water.
- Consideration of a recommendation of Council Appointments to the Retirement System Boards.
- Approval of legal invoices.
- Consideration of a Resolution Recognizing Grosse Pointe Pride Day and LGBTQ+ Month.
- Consideration of a Resolution Recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Council approved a request to purchase Picnic Tables for Pier Park.

Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2023.

Council held public comment.

Council entered Closed Session and adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:39 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk.**

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Joey McEvoy stands on deck while his teammates watch the game intently from the dugout in a matchup against Dakota last Thursday, May 11.

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also had a strong day batting in the leadoff spot with three hits.

Cliff Grabowski got the win on the mound, pitching five innings and striking out seven Dakota hitters. As the regular season enters its final stretch, South coach Dan Griesbaum believes Grabowski's solid work on the bump has been one of the biggest surprises of the season so far.

"He's 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the league and has really come on as a pitcher," Griesbaum said. "We expected him to throw maybe a bit in relief before the season started, but now he's turned into a starter and done extremely well.

He's been a lifesaver. When our hitting has been in a funk, we're able to stay in games and win games."

South traveled to Dakota the next day to close out the series and suffered a close 4-3 loss. Grabowski, Hunter Belanger and Ben Domzalski accounted for the team's three RBI on Friday.

For the weekend, the Blue Devils played twice Saturday and took two more losses, this time in non-MAC games. The first was a close, defensive battle at home against Notre Dame Prep that ended with South unable to find the scoreboard in the 1-0 loss.

ND Prep's only run of the game came in the fourth inning, while Frakes took the mound for South and pitched a

complete game with just the one blemish. He allowed the single run in seven innings while allowing just two hits and striking out five.

The offense picked up a bit for the Blue Devils later in the day when they welcomed Detroit Edison. The five runs South was able to score were better than the zero it scored earlier, but were not enough to edge out Edison, who took the win 9-5. Hayden Vinyard had a pair of RBI for South in the loss. Connor Stafford, Gabrowski and Jack Kendall had RBI as well and Joey Michelotti tallied three hits in three at-bats.

South has another MAC Red series this week against Eisenhower, with home games Tuesday, May 16, and Friday, May 19.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's Raymond Plieth moves the ball across midfield in a 5-3 win for North over Eisenhower last Wednesday, May 10, in the consolation round of the MAC Red lacrosse tournament.

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to bring South within one. Then freshman Jack Smith tied the game a few moments later. One more tally for Adams completed his first-half hat trick and sent the game into halftime with the Blue Devils holding a 4-3 lead.

The lead did not last long, however, as Dakota scored twice in the opening minutes of the third quarter to go back up by one. Another Dakota goal with about two minutes to go in the third made it a 6-4 game, but South refused to go down easy. Will Henry answered to bring the Blue Devils back to within one and Harry Wright added another to even things at 6-6 and

ensure an exciting finish as the game entered the final quarter.

The late push by South in the third quarter helped the team carry momentum into the final frame. Jack Hanigan put the Blue Devils on top again with his first goal of the night early in the fourth, but Dakota managed to tie the game soon after.

Wright had a chance to become a hero for South in the final quarter and took advantage of it, scoring the goal to put the Blue Devils ahead 8-7 with around seven minutes to go. Wright's goal ended up being the game-winner, with Adams scoring another moments later to strengthen South's lead to 9-7.

With just under four minutes left, Dakota

scored to cut the lead down to one. In the final moments, South's defense had some of its biggest clutch plays of the season to hold off the Cougars final push and secure the win.

"We've been in tight games all year, we know what we have to do and the message is 'can we go out there and do it?'" South boys lacrosse coach Justin Macksoud said. "We've been punched in the face sometimes but we get right back up and punch back."

The victory for South improved the team's overall record this year to 11-4. The Blue Devils can call themselves MAC Red champions, winning the league tournament while also winning a share of the regular season division title.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUSTIN MACKSOU

The Blue Devils celebrate together after defeating Dakota 9-8 in the MAC Red lacrosse tournament final.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present, except for Tom Jenny

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 17, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on March 16, 2023, the Beautification Commission meeting held on March 20, 2023, Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on April 20, 2023, Cannabis Subcommittee meetings held on April 20, Planning Commission meeting held on April 26, 2023, and the Cannabis Subcommittee meetings held on April 27, 2023.
- 2) To open the Public Hearing on the levying of a 19.5 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127253 through 127348 in the amount of \$692,910.13 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$7,974.07 for the professional services provided on the marijuana zoning amendments, the Poupard redevelopment project and the updated Master Plan project. (3) . approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs and for stump grinding at several locations. (4) . approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system. (5) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,147.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (6) approve payment to CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$14,013.20 for actuarial services.
- 2) to direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 19.5 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire (9.75 mills for police and 9.75 for fire).
- 3) to designate the acting City Manager as the authorized project representative on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Project Plan and further to adopt the attached resolution "Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative."
- 4) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the Technical and Professional Officeworkers of Michigan (TPOAM) DPW Unit that outlines the new job classifications for Public Works employees, and further authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 5) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the new Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Patrol Officers, Dispatchers and Detectives Unit covering the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, and further to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 6) to approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Heather Toutant for the position of Director of Public Works, effective the next full pay period following Council approval and further to authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 7) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$353,263.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain.
- 8) to adopt the Resolution in Support of Declaring the First Friday in June, June 2, 2023 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor  
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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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# Norsemen, Blue Devils in tight MAC races; Liggett stays unbeaten in May

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Report

All three softball teams around town added some valuable tallies to the win column last week. Both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South have continued to put themselves in positions to compete for titles in their respective MAC divisions, while the University Liggett Knights kept their win streak alive while dominating the competition.

## North

North's softball team is firmly in the mix of the top four teams in the MAC Red division all fighting for the league title as the regular season starts to wind down. The Norsemen racked up a couple of wins last week to help them in that fight before getting the weekend off and a bit of rest before the final weeks leading up to the playoffs.

The first victory of last week came Tuesday, May 9, in a dominant 10-0 outing at L'Anse Creuse North. Sophomore pitcher Elliot Jarvi got her first varsity win of her career pitching four shutout innings and allowing just three hits, with senior Sarah McCloskey finishing the shutout in the final couple of innings.

At the plate, Cameron Beers led the charge for the Norsemen with three RBI, including a two-run home run. Natalie Babcock also had a pair of RBI going

two for four at the dish.

That was followed up Wednesday by a makeup game with Ford II on the road. Things didn't go as well as the day before for North, as the Falcons took a 4-2 win. Cara Kalastas and Addison Molitor drove in the Norsemen's two runs in the loss.

North continued its run of road games Thursday, May 17, to close out the week. This time it was back in the win column for the Norsemen in a low-scoring 2-1 battle with Romeo.

All three total runs in the game were scored the first inning. North's runs were scored by Addison Molitor, who crossed home plate after Kaitlyn Barr hit into an error, and Sophia Borowski, who was able to come home after an error by the Ford first baseman.

A pitcher's duel ensued after that, with Barr getting the win for North. She struck out eight batters and went seven innings while allowing seven hits.

"Our main focus is getting back out there and getting our hitting going again to be stronger so it can get us through the next few weeks and lead us into the playoffs," North softball coach Ron Smith said.

The Norsemen hosted Anchor Bay Wednesday, May 17, after press time and visit Dakota Thursday, May 18.

## South

The Blue Devils find

themselves a game behind the lead in the MAC Blue division and seem primed to make a move toward the top in the final stretch of the season. South used a dominant non-league win last week to propel itself to a crucial MAC Blue win Monday.

That non-league victory came Wednesday, May 10, against Detroit Renaissance. South was on the road but did not lose a step as it needed just three innings to win 15-0. Lucia Gabel, Avery Bellish, Kate Dixon and Bella Dodson all had multiple RBI for South as the team put together 11 total hits. Viviana Ostrowski was the winning pitcher, tossing all three shutout innings and allowing just a single hit.

South then got a bit of rest before getting back on the diamond Monday, May 15, for a road showdown at Port Huron. Facing one of the weaker teams in the MAC Blue, the Blue Devils took advantage and helped themselves inch closer to a possible division title by winning 5-2.

Ostrowski led the way for South this time at the plate as the freshman had two RBI on two hits. Alex Lupo was the starting and winning pitcher this time around, going all seven innings and striking out eight batters.

On Thursday, May 18, South returns home to face another MAC Blue foe as they take on Marine City.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Sasha Deimel and the Liggett Knights softball team are undefeated so far in the month of May.

## ULS

The Knights have been rolling as of late and have not lost a game in the month of May. Everything has been going right for Liggett recently and it continued last week with some huge victories.

Last Thursday, May 11, Liggett completely dominated in a 25-1 win over Lincoln King. Constantina Bournias and Jasmin Maxwell both had three RBI in the blowout victory. The combined pitching

efforts of Sasha Demiel and Isabel Standish allowed just two total hits.

The Knights kept the momentum rolling the next day into a CHSL doubleheader at home against Bishop Foley. Game 1 was a 5-1 win for Liggett, with Deimel bringing in three runs on two hits. Victoria Nugent got the win on the bump tossing all seven innings while allowing a single run and striking out a whopping 15 hitters.

In Game 2, Liggett finished off the sweep with another huge win, this time 16-1. Five different Knights hitters had multiple RBI, with Nugent tallying four on her own and the team totalling 17 hits at the plate. Nugent also got another win on the mound and racked up eight more strikeouts.

This coming week, the Knights head on the road to face Renaissance Friday, May 19, before beginning CHSL playoffs Tuesday, May 23.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

## Knights down Norsemen

University Liggett junior Brynn Collins, pictured above, had three goals for the Knights in the team's 14-8 win over Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse last Thursday, May 11. Sisters Livy and Hallie Marcero had three goals each for Liggett as well. Allie Roth and Fiona Sierens scored a pair of goals apiece. Liggett went on to defeat Oxford 11-6 Monday.

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Christopher M. Hardenbrook,  
City Clerk

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## ATHLETE:

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tion this spring to study communicative sciences and disorders.

While she knows her hard work on and off the field has gotten her this far, Steiner also knows this likely is her last season playing com-

petitively on the softball diamond. The feeling will be bittersweet at the end, like it is for most high school athletes concluding their senior years. Steiner hopes the imprint she can leave behind with South's softball program will reflect the one word she would use to describe how she approaches everything

in life.

"Dedicated," Steiner said. "I've always tried to put 110 percent forward and try to set the tone, so that's what everyone else is doing as well."

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- Indian Village, Detroit
- 1366 Whittier, GPP
- 21800 Marter Rd, SCS
- 37 Edgemere, GPF
- 19994 E. William Ct, GPW
- 20936 Anita St HW

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## 8D | THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

# QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The high school spring sports season is in full swing, and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:

### NORTH GIRLS SOCCER

The Norsemen girls soccer team's game on Friday, May 12 against Dakota ended in a scoreless draw. North found itself in another draw Monday with a 1-1 tie against L'Anse Creuse North.

### SOUTH GIRLS SOCCER

Grosse Pointe South girls soccer defeated Farmington 2-0 on Friday, May 12, in a non-league matchup. The Blue Devils then faced Henry Ford II in a tightly contested MAC White battle on Monday, May 15. The Falcons defeated South 2-1 to clinch the MAC White division.

### SOUTH GIRLS TENNIS

South girls tennis earned three wins on Saturday, May 13, in a quad match. The Blue Devils swept both Henry Ford II and Fraser 9-0 each and defeated Royal Oak 6-3.

### LIGGETT GIRLS SOCCER

University Liggett girls soccer hosted Lutheran North on Monday, May 15, and earned a dominant 5-0 win, the team's fifth consecutive victory.

### NORTH GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

On Tuesday, May 9, the team lost to Anchor Bay 84-53, despite some season best performances. Sophomore Lillian Deskins won the 1600, 800, and 3200 with personal best times in the 1600 and 800. On Saturday, May 13, the team traveled to the Dakota Invitational, a non-scoring event designed to give last minute big meet experience before championship week. Deskins won the 1600, while the 3200 meter relay team of Zofia Lutoborska, Nicolina Gusmano, Emily Francis and Emma Babcock finished second.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to [mleonard@grossepointenews.com](mailto:mleonard@grossepointenews.com).

# Little League excitement sweeps the community



PHOTO BY KRISTIN MANN

Mariners players Charlie Mann and Ian Pohlman wear big smiles in the dugout after a fun game of ball against the Blue Jays.

By Clare Ramsdell  
Intern

Little League in the Pointes is in full swing! Sunny days, green grass and lots of cheering abound this season --- as well as some fantastic baseball. This week's focus is the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores and Grosse Pointe Park opening day parade and games.

Be sure to send in your best team or player highlights to [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com) and you might see your favorite ball player in print!



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Mariners players of the Grosse Pointe Park division bask in the post-game glow following their game against the Blue Jays on April 29.



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE BUTLER

Brooks Butler, of the Brewers in the Grosse Pointe Park division, gears up to take a swing for his team.



PHOTO BY KENNY HELMER

Longhorns player Henry Helmer takes a rip at the ball during their win over the Wolverines in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Collegiate Division last Wednesday, May 10.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN PERLIN

Young athletes Ben Perlin, left, of the Royals, and Connor Smith, right, of the Mariners, light up Vernier Park with their smiles after a fun-filled game of tee ball on May 11.



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE BUTLER

Coaches Kevin Butler and Coach Zach Bowersox, from left to right in the front row, lead the Brewers team with pride and joy at the Grosse Pointe Park Little League parade celebration.

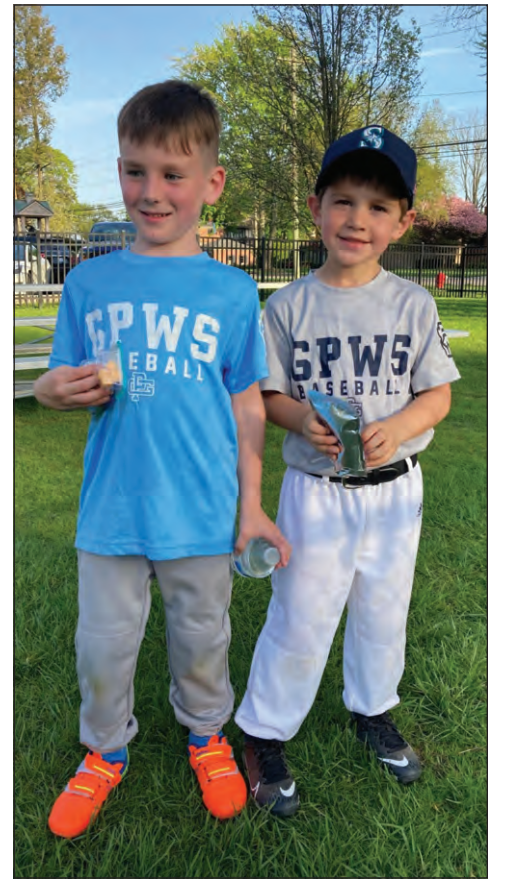


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From left to right, Padres teammates Charlie Mann, Matthew Nyenhuis, Henry Simaika, Carson Miller, and Margaret Czykowski show their team pride from the back of their truck during the Grosse Pointe Park Little League parade.



Ball players, fans and moms all enjoyed a weekend of baseball at the annual Grosse Pointe News Mother's Day Tournament. This year, moms were treated with flowers, candles, and more, thanks to local support from Nathan Steiner of Guaranteed Rate, Grosse Pointe News and realtor Cathy Harber. Here, local teams enjoy the weekend festivities of baseball, food trucks and friendship.

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